



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 18-02-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1. Consider the following statements regarding Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary (KWS):

1. It is located in the Upper Gangetic Plain of Uttar Pradesh.
2. It is home to a number of endangered species, including the Bengal florican and Gangetic dolphin.
3. It shares the international border with Bhutan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 2 only
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 3 only
- d. 1 and 3 only

Answer : b

Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary (KWS):

- KWS is a protected area in the **Upper Gangetic plain of Uttar Pradesh which was established under the 'Project Tiger' initiative in 1987.** **Statement 1 is correct.**
- Katarniaghat is **located in the Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh, whereby it shares an international border with Nepal.** **Statement 3 is not correct.**
- The Katarniaghat Forest provides strategic connectivity between tiger habitats of Dudhwa and Kishanpur in India and the Bardia National Park in Nepal.
- It is home to a number of **endangered species including gharial, tiger, rhino, Gangetic dolphin, swamp deer, hispid hare, Bengal florican, and the white-backed and long-billed vultures.** **Statement 2 is correct.**
- Its fragile Terai ecosystem comprises a mosaic of sal and teak forests, lush grasslands, numerous swamps and wetlands.

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2. Consider the following statements:

1. Green bonds are debt instruments that are used to raise funds for projects to reduce emissions or enhance climate resilience.
2. The RBI oversees the allocation of proceeds from Sovereign Green Bonds in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

Sovereign Green Bonds :

- Green bonds are **debt instruments issued by governments, corporations, and multilateral banks to raise funds for projects that reduce emissions or enhance climate resilience.** Statement 1 is correct.
- In India, the framework for Sovereign Green Bonds was issued by the government in November 2022, aiming to mobilize resources for green infrastructure and reduce the economy's carbon intensity.
- The **Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) under the Ministry of Finance** (not RBI) is **responsible for overseeing the allocation of proceeds** from Sovereign Green Bonds. Statement 2 is not correct.

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3. Consider the following pairs:

| Species | IUCN Conservation Status |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Gharial | Endangered |
| 2. Bengal Florican | Critically Endangered |
| 3. Swamp Deer | Vulnerable |
| 4. Gangetic Dolphin | Endangered |

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched ?

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. Only three
- d. All four

Answer : c

Species and their IUCN Conservation Status:

- The Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*), also known as fish-eating crocodile, is a crocodilian in the family Gavialidae and among the longest of all living crocodilians. It is listed as **Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.** Pair 1 is not correct.
- The Bengal florican (*Houbaropsis bengalensis*), also called the Bengal bustard, is a bustard species native to the Indian subcontinent, Cambodia, and Vietnam. It is listed **as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.** Pair 2 is correct.
- The Barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), also known as the swamp deer, is a deer species distributed in the Indian subcontinent. **It is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.** Pair 3 is correct.
- The Gangetic dolphin, also known as the Ganges river dolphin, is an **endangered species living in the Ganges** and related rivers of India, Nepal, and Bangladesh. Pair 4 is correct.

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4. Which of the following statements about Exercise Komodo is **not** correct ?

- a. It is a Multilateral naval exercise conducted by India.
- b. It enhances regional security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.
- c. The Indian Navy has participated in this exercise.
- d. It supports India's SAGAR initiative.

Answer : a

Exercise Komodo :

- It is a **multilateral naval exercise conducted by Indonesia**. **Option (a) is not correct.**
- It focuses on **maritime interoperability, disaster relief, humanitarian assistance and regional security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region**.
- From India, **INS Mumbai & the P8I aircraft of Indian Navy** had participated in the Exercise.
- This Exercise **reaffirmed India's commitment to** engage with the regional Navies to maintain **Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)**.

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5. Consider the following statements regarding "Nanha Sa Dil" that was recently in news:

1. It is a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative by Coal India Limited (CIL).
2. It aims to provide life-saving surgeries for children suffering from Congenital Heart Disease (CHD).

Which of the statements given above is /are **not** correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : d

Nanha Sa Dil:

- Nanha Sa Dil is a unique Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative by Coal India Limited (CIL) in collaboration with the Sri Sathya Sai Health & Education Trust (SSSHet). **Statement 1 is correct.**
- The initiative aims to provide life-saving surgeries for children suffering from Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) and focuses on early diagnosis, screening, and treatment of CHD in communities that often lack resources for specialized healthcare. **Statement 2 is correct.**
- Since its launch on March 7, 2024, the Nanha Sa Dil project has already saved over 250 children through CHD surgeries.
- Now, CIL is expanding the initiative to include beneficiaries across multiple states through its subsidiaries, including CCL, NCL, and SECL

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