



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 01-03-2021 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) With respect to *Maritime India Summit 2021*, consider the following statements:

1. The Summit aims to visualize a roadmap for India's Maritime sector and to propel India to the forefront of the Global Maritime Sector.
2. It is being organized by the Indian Navy under the aegis of the Andaman and Nicobar Command with Denmark as partner country.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate 'Maritime India Summit 2021' on 2nd March via video conferencing.

Maritime India Summit 2021

- The Maritime India Summit 2021 is being organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on a virtual platform www.maritimeindiasummit.in from 2nd March to 4th March 2021.
- The Summit will visualize a roadmap for India's Maritime sector for next decade and will work to propel India to the forefront of the Global Maritime Sector. Eminent speakers from several countries are expected to attend the Summit and explore the potential business opportunities and investments in Indian Maritime domain. Denmark is the partner country for the three-day summit.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *PSLV-C51 Mission*

1. PSLV-C51 successfully launched the Amazonia-1 satellite which is an optical earth observation satellite from Brazil.
2. It is the first dedicated commercial mission of NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

PSLV-C51 Mission

- India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C51 successfully launched Amazonia-1 along with 18 co-passenger satellites recently from Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota.
- Amazonia-1, which became the first Brazilian satellite to be launched from India, is an optical earth observation satellite of National Institute for Space Research (INPE).
- It is the first dedicated PSLV commercial mission by New Space India Limited (NSIL) - commercial arm of Department of Space.
- The 18 co-passenger satellites onboard PSLV-C51 includes four from IN-SPACe and fourteen from NSIL.
- PSLV-C51 is the 53rd flight of PSLV and 3rd flight of PSLV in 'DL' configuration (with 2 strap-on motors).
- This was the 78th launch vehicle mission from SDSC SHAR, Sriharikota.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Bir Chilarai*

1. He is a renowned warrior and general of the Koch royal dynasty of Assam.
2. He is the son of Maharaja Viswa Singha, the founder of Kuch royal dynasty and younger brother of King Nara Narayan of the Kamata Kingdom.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

Bir Chilarai



- He is a renowned warrior and general of Koch Royal Dynasty of Assam.
- He is the younger brother of Maharaja Nara Narayan of the Kamata Kingdom and played a key role in the expansion of the empire of his brother.
- Bir Chilarai is the son of Maharaja Viswa Singha, the founder of Kuch royal dynasty.
- The birth anniversary of this general is celebrated every year as Bir Chilarai Divas.
- Since 2005, the Assam government is conferring Bir Chilarai Award to honour bravery of individuals.

4) *Channapatna Toys* are a particular form of wooden toys manufactured in?

- a. Karnataka
- b. Tamil Nadu
- c. West Bengal
- d. Andhra Pradesh

Answer : a

- Channapatna Toys are a particular form of wooden toys and dolls that are manufactured in the town of Channapatna in the Ramanagara district of Karnataka state, India.

5) AOs is one of the major tribes of?

- a. Odisha
- b. Nagaland
- c. Lakshadweep
- d. Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Answer : b

khujli ghar

- It is a traditional form of punishment in Nagaland.
- Social offenders or violators of Naga customary laws have over the ages dreaded a cramped, triangular cage made from the logs of an indigenous tree that irritates the skin.
- The dread is more of humiliation or loss of face within the community or clan than of spending at least a day scratching furiously without any space to move.
- Such itchy cages are referred to as *khujli ghar* in Nagamese.
- But each Naga community has its own name.
- The Aos, one of the major tribes of Nagaland, call it Shi-ki that means flesh-house.
- A few villages where traditional practices are very strong still prescribe this form of punishment, a deterrent for offenders of various shades, including robbers and drug addicts.

6) Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct with respect to *Flexible Inflation Target (FTI)*

1. The Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 was amended to provide a statutory basis for a FTI framework.
2. India has adopted FTI mandate of 6 (+/-2) percent and Wholesale Price Index was chosen as a key indicator.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer : a



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Flexible Inflation Target

- Inflation Targeting is a central banking policy that revolves around adjusting monetary policy to achieve a specified annual rate of inflation.
- Flexible inflation targeting is adopted when the central bank is to some extent also concerned about other things, for instance, the stability of interest rates, exchange rates, output and employment.
- In India Flexible Inflation Target (FIT) was adopted in 2016, which has put India on par with other nations in terms of flexible inflation targeting.
- India adopted a flexible inflation targeting mandate of 4 (+/-2) percent and headline consumer price inflation was chosen as a key indicator.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its Currency and Finance (RCF) report for the year 2020-21 has said that the current inflation target band (4% +/-2%) is appropriate for next 5 years.

7) Consider the following statements with respect to *Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)*

1. Bt cotton is the only Genetically Modified (GM) crop that is allowed in India.
2. The task of regulating GMO levels in imported consumables is done by Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC).

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are *incorrect*?

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

Answer : b

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)

- In India, the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) is the apex body that allows for commercial release of GM crops.
- The task of regulating GMO levels in imported consumables was initially with the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC).
- Its role was diluted with the enactment of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and FSSAI was asked to take over approvals of imported goods.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in a recent order has set 1% threshold for Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) in food crops imported into India.
- Earlier in August 2020, FSSAI had issued the order that 24 food crops the country imports would need a 'non-GM-origin-cum-GM-free certificate' issued by a competent authority.

8) Which of the following statements are correct with respect to *Saras Aajeevika Mela*

1. It is a programme to transform rural India in general and the lives of rural women in particular.
2. It is an initiative of ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer : a



Saras Aajeevika Mela

- Recently, the Union Ministry for Rural Development inaugurated Saras Aajeevika Mela 2021.
- It aims to bring the rural women Self Help Groups (SHGs) under one platform so that they can showcase their skills, sell their products, and help them build linkages with bulk buyers.
- It is an initiative by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) organised by the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).
- CAPART is an autonomous body set up by the Ministry of Rural Development to interface between the government and Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) that seek to improve the quality of life in India's rural areas.

9) Which of the following ministry has launched "*E-Daakhil portal*"?

- a. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- b. Ministry of Home Affairs
- c. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- d. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

Answer : d

E-Daakhil portal

- Recently, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution has provided that 'E-Daakhil portal' is now operational in 15 States/Union Territories.
- It is a consumer grievance redressal platform developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 has provision for e-filing of consumer complaints in the

Consumer Commissions and online payment of the fees for filing a complaint.

- The E-filing was launched by National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission (NCDRC) in September 2020.

National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission (NCDRC)

- It is a quasi-judicial commission in India which was set up in 1988 under the Consumer Protection Act of 1986.
- It is headed by a sitting or retired judge of the Supreme Court of India.
- It shall have jurisdiction to entertain a complaint valued more than one crore.
- It shall also have Appellate and Revisional jurisdiction from the orders of State Commissions or the District fora as the case may be.

10) Which of the following statements are correct with respect to *Vajrayana Buddhism*

1. It is often referred to simply as "Tibetan Buddhism" or "Tantric Buddhism".
2. The practitioner of the Vajrayana Buddhism takes his or her innate Buddha nature as the means of practice.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer : c

Vajrayana Buddhism



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- It is also known as "Thunderbolt Vehicle", a form of Buddhism that developed in India in the 5th century C.E.
- It is generally accepted that Vajrayana Buddhism emerged out of the Mahayana in India.
- Vajrayana ritual and devotion employs mantras (esoteric verbal formulas), mandalas (diagrams and paintings used in visualization practices), and a complex array of other rituals.
- Recently, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has unearthed a Buddhist monastery in a village situated in a hilly area of Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand.
- The researchers have excavated 10 stone statues of deity Tara and the Buddha in Burhani village near Juljul Pahar of Sitagarhi Hills.
- The researchers provided that the presence of statues of deity Tara shows possible proliferation of Vajrayana form of Buddhism in this region.