



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 20-12-2024 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI)

1. It is a Statutory Authority that was set up to safeguard the educational rights of the minorities enshrined in Article 30(1) of the Constitution.
2. It is a quasi-judicial body and has been endowed with the powers of a Civil Court.
3. The term 'minority' is defined in the constitution of India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. All three
- d. None of the above

Answer : b

National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI)

- National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) is a Statutory Authority that was set up under the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act, 2004.
- The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) Act has been enacted to safeguard the educational rights of the minorities enshrined in **Article 30(1) of the Constitution**.
- The Commission is a **quasi-judicial body** and has been endowed with the **powers of a Civil Court** for the purpose of discharging its functions under the Act.
- It also serves as an *appellate authority* in respect of disputes pertaining to Minority Status/ No Objection Certificate (NOC).
- **The term 'minority' is not defined in the constitution of India. (Statement 3 is incorrect)**

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2) Moldova, a landlocked country, sometimes seen in the news, is situated at which of the following continent?

- a. Europe
- b. Asia
- c. South America
- d. Africa

Answer : a

Moldova

Moldova recently joined the International Solar Alliance.

- Moldova is a **landlocked country** lying in the north-eastern corner of the Balkan region of **Europe**.
- Its **capital city is Chişinău**, located in the south-central part of the country.
- Formerly known as Bessarabia, this region was an integral part of the Romanian principality of Moldavia until 1812.
- **Moldova is the 104th country to join the International Solar Alliance.**
- **International Solar Alliance** – Is a collaborative initiative *between India and France* aimed at uniting efforts to combat climate change by implementing solar energy solutions.
- **ISA Assembly** is the apex decision making body of it.
- It was *conceptualized on the side lines of COP21 in Paris in 2015*.
- Following a 2020 amendment to its Framework Agreement, all UN member states are now eligible to join the Alliance.
- As of December 2024, there are *104 members in the ISA*.
- Around 90+ countries having ratified to become full members.
- Its mission is to unlock USD 1 trillion in solar investments by 2030 while reducing technology and financing costs.

3) Climate Country and Development Reports (CCDR), sometimes seen in the news recently, is an initiative of?

- a. World Bank
- b. World Economic Forum
- c. United Nations Development Programme
- d. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Answer : a

Climate Country and Development Reports (CCDR)

- Country Climate and Development Reports (CCDRs) are a core diagnostic that integrates climate change and development.
- It is an **initiative by the World Bank**.
- CCDR help countries prioritize the most impactful actions that can reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and boost adaptation and resilience, while delivering on broader development goals.
- CCDRs build on data and rigorous research and identify main pathways to reduce GHG emissions and climate vulnerabilities, including the costs and challenges as well as benefits and opportunities from doing so.
- The reports suggest concrete, priority actions to support the low-carbon, resilient transition.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Namo Didi Drone Scheme

1. It is a centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It is a part of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY - NRLM).
3. It is launched under the aegis of Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

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

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

d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : a

Namo Drone Didi

- **Aim** – To provide *drones to selected Women SHGs* for rental services to farmers for agriculture purposes like application of liquid fertilizers and pesticides.
- **Target** – To provide *15,000 drones* during the period 2024-25 to 2025-26 and during the financial year 2024-25, it has been targeted to distribute drones to 3090 SHGs in the 1st phase.
- It is a **central sector scheme** aiming to empower women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by equipping them with drone technology to provide agricultural services.
- **Launched in** – 2023
- **Nodal Ministry** – **Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.**
- **Umbrella scheme** – Namu Drone Didi is part of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-**National Rural Livelihood Mission** (DAY - NRLM).

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5) LF India, sometimes seen in the news recently, is associated with?

- a. A new initiative designed to promote open source development and adoption across India.
- b. A scheme designed to fund Indian start-ups, academia and R&D institutions.
- c. To enable affordable broadband and mobile services across India.
- d. To develop advanced semiconductor solutions for LEO satellite components.

Answer : a



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LF India

- LF India is a new initiative designed to promote open source development and adoption across India.
- LF India aims to *foster collaboration among developers, enterprises, government organizations*, and intergovernmental organizations (IGOs).
- It was **launched by the Linux Foundation**, a global leader in open source innovation.
- LF India will serve as a “*sandbox for innovation*,” accelerating the incubation of new open source software (OSS) projects.
- The initiative plans to *engage regional start-ups and IGOs*, while providing training, hosting local events, and supporting community meetups to empower India’s growing pool of talented developers.
- India’s robust digital public infrastructure, largely built on open source technologies, and a thriving deep-tech start-up ecosystem make it an ideal location for this initiative.
- LF India is set to build on these strengths, advancing the region’s contributions to transformative global technologies.