



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 22-01-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to the AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) in India

1. The RAM is a key tool to support Member States in their implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI.
2. It is an initiative of UNESCO and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

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 : c

AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) in India

A two-day stakeholder consultation on AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) in India was recently conducted by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and UNESCO.

- The RAM is a key tool to support Member States in their implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI.
- RAM includes a range of quantitative and qualitative questions designed to gather information about different dimensions related to a country's AI ecosystem:
 - Including the legal and regulatory, social and cultural, economic, scientific and educational, and technological and infrastructural dimensions.
- The implementation of the RAM is adapted to the unique circumstances and characteristics of the country, as well as the budget available for the project.
- RAM in India is an initiative of UNESCO and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) with Ikigai Law as the implementing partner.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Kalaripayattu

1. It is an ancient martial art indigenous to Kerala.
2. It is the oldest and most scientific of all martial arts in the world.
3. Indian Kalarippayattu Federation (IKF) was established in the year 1995 and was recognized as National Federation in 2015.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

d. None of the above

Answer : c

Kalaripayattu

- Kalaripayattu is an Indian martial art and fighting style.
- It is an ancient martial art indigenous to Kerala, a small state in the southern tip of India, during the 11th -12th century CE.
- It is mentioned in the Vadakkan Pattukal ballads written about the Chekavar from the Malabar region of Kerala.
- Kalaripayattu is the oldest and most scientific of all martial arts in the world.

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3) Consider the following statements:

1. The Punjab Riyasat Praja Mandal was formed then with Sewa Singh as its president.
2. The Praja Mandal movement focuses to protect the civil liberties of the masses, protest against oppressive taxes and seek reforms in the peasants' conditions.

Which of the statements given above is/are *incorrect*?

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

Answer : d



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Praja Mandal Movement

- The Praja Mandal movement was a part of the Indian independence movement that took place in the 1920s.
- It was a *popular movement in the princely states of India* that fought against the British administration and feudal rulers for basic rights and freedoms.
- **Objectives** - To protect the civil liberties of the masses.
- To protest against oppressive taxes.
- To seek reforms in the peasants' conditions.
- To open educational institutions.
- To have a responsible government.
- **Coverage** - It spread over 600 princely states of British India.
- **Important leaders** - Kharak Singh and Master Tara Singh.
- **Significance** - Now part of the Malwa region, with some parts in Haryana, these areas are politically active even today and were hotbeds of the recent farmers' agitations.
- **Punjab Riyasat Praja Mandal** - Was presided the Sewa Singh Thikriwala.
- It was largely run by Akali leaders.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Bluetongue (BT)

1. Bluetongue (BT) is a non-contagious, viral disease affecting domestic and wild ruminants.
2. The BT virus is transmitted through contact with animals, wool or consumption of milk.
3. There is no public health risk associated with BT and Vaccination is the most effective and practical measure to minimize losses related to the disease.

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

Bluetongue (BT)

- Bluetongue (BT) is a non-contagious, viral disease affecting domestic and wild ruminants (primarily sheep and including cattle, goats, buffalo, antelope, deer, elk and camels).
- **Symptoms** - Blue discolouration of the tongue, fever, facial swelling and excessive salivation.
- **Transmission** - By insects, particularly biting midges of the ***Culicoides species***.
- Vectors are infected with BT virus after ingesting blood from infected animals.
- *Without the vector, the disease cannot spread from animal to animal.*
- BT virus transmission can occur *throughout the year*, particularly during rainy periods.
- Cattle often have a higher infection rate than sheep.
- **The BT virus is not transmitted through contact with animals, wool or consumption of milk. (Statement 2 is incorrect)**
- **Public health risk** - There is **no public health risk associated with BT**.
- **Geographical distribution** - It is present in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and several islands in the tropics and subtropics.
- **Prevention - Vaccination is used as the most effective** and practical measure to minimize losses related to the disease.
- It can potentially interrupt the cycle from infected animal to vector along with insect control measures.

5) Pariksha Pe Charcha, sometimes seen in the news recently, is an initiative of?

- a. Ministry of Education
- b. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- c. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- d. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer : a

Pariksha Pe Charcha

- It is a nationwide movement to transform exam-related stress into a festival of learning and celebration.
- **Organized annually by** - Department of School Education & Literacy under the **Ministry of Education**.
- **Role** - It reinforces its message of resilience, positivity, and joy in learning, ensuring that education is celebrated as a journey rather than a pressure-driven task.
- **2025 Edition** - It concluded with a record-breaking over 3.5 crore participation from students, teachers and parents.