



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 24-01-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to INCOIS

1. It is recognised as a top Tsunami Service Provider by World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).
2. It received the Geospatial World Excellence in Maritime Services Award in 2024
3. It is based in Chennai.

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

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

Answer : b

INCOIS - Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services

- **Established in** - 1999, at **Hyderabad**, Telangana.
- It is integral to India's disaster management strategy, specializing in early alerts for ocean-related hazards.
- **Activities** - It provides tsunami alerts, high-wave, cyclone, and storm surge forecasts, helping to safeguard coastal areas and maritime operations.
- It assisted during the 2013 Phailin and 2014 Hudhud cyclone
- It is recognised by **UNESCO as a top Tsunami Service Provider**.
- It received the **Geospatial World Excellence in Maritime Services Award in 2024** and the Disaster Risk Reduction Excellence Award in 2021.

2) Which of the following statements regarding Diamond Imprest Authorization (DIA) Scheme is/are correct?

1. It is an initiative of Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
2. It aims to reduce the costs associated with importing and handling diamonds for exporters.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

Answer : b

Diamond Imprest Authorization (DIA) Scheme

- It was introduced by the Department of Commerce under the **Ministry of Commerce &**

Industry.

- It will come into effect on April 1, 2025.
- It aims to keep investments and jobs within the country, helping small and medium diamond exporters (MSMEs) compete globally.
- It seeks to simplify and **reduce the costs associated with importing and handling diamonds for exporters**, further positioning India as a key player in the international diamond market.

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3) Search and Rescue Aided Tool (SARAT) used by Navy is developed by which of the following organisation?

- a. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- b. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- c. Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)
- d. Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)

Answer : d

Developments of INCOIS

- **Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC)** - It provides tsunami alerts within 10 minutes, serving India and 28 Indian Ocean countries.
- **Search and Rescue Aided Tool (SARAT)** - To assist the Indian Coast Guard, Navy and Coastal Security Police, in locating individuals or objects lost at sea.
- **SynOPS visualization platform** - It integrates real-time data to strengthen response coordination during extreme events.

4)The scientific name for this species is *Crocota crocuta*. They can be found in various habitats, including grasslands, woodlands, savannas, and semi-arid regions. They are recognized for their scavenging behavior. The IUCN classifies this species as being of least concern regarding their population status. Which Fauna does the statement above refers to?

- a. Brown Hyena
- b. Spotted Hyena
- c. Egyptian vulture
- d. Red-headed vulture

Answer : b

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IUCN Status of other species

- Status of the Striped Hyenas - Near Threatened
- Status of Brown hyena - Near Threatened
- Status of Aardwolf - Least Concern

5) Consider the following statements, With reference to blue tongue disease.

1. The disease is transmitted through the bite of bats.
2. Bluetongue is a viral disease that can spread from animals to humans.

3. World Health organization has classifies bluetongue as a notifiable disease.

How many of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. Only One
- b. Only two
- c. All Three
- d. None of the above

Answer : d

Blue tongue disease

- The disease is **spread by *Culicoides* midge bites**, which first acquire the virus from infected animals.
- Bluetongue is **not contagious** between animals & not transmitted to humans.
- It is classified as a notifiable disease by the **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)**.

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