

### Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 18-04-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

- 1) Tuti Island is strategically located at the confluence of which two rivers?
  - a. Atbara River and Main Nile
  - b. Blue Nile and White Nile
  - c. Bahr el-Ghazal and White Nile
  - d. Sobat River and Blue Nile

Answer: b

#### **Tuti Island**

- Located in Khartoum, Sudan, at the confluence of the Blue Nile and White Nile rivers.
- **Historical significance** As one of Khartoum's oldest settlements, Tuti Island is deeply rooted in history. The Mahas community, who settled there in the 15th century, consider it a vital symbol of their indigenous identity.
- In recent times, Tuti Island has suffered immense devastation due to Sundanese Civil war which erupted on April 15, 2023.

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- 2) Consider the following statements regarding the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)
  - 1. The East corridor of IMEC connects India to the Gulf region.
  - 2. The Northern corridor facilitates connectivity between India and Europe directly.

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

# **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)**

- It is an initiative to *enhance India's maritime security* and facilitate quicker transportation of goods between Europe and Asia.
- Launched on G20 Summit in Delhi in September 2023.
- Aim To integrate India, Europe, and the Middle-East through UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and the European Union.

• Northern corridor - <u>Connects the Gulf to Europe</u>, not India to Europe directly, the East corridor links India to the Gulf, which then connects to Europe via the Northern corridor.

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- 3) Consider the following statements regarding Urdu
  - 1. Urdu is an 8th Schedule language under the Indian Constitution.
  - 2. Article 345 permits state legislatures to adopt Urdu as an official language of the state.

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

## Urdu Language

- Origin of Urdu Urdu is an *Indo-Aryan language* emerged around the 12<sup>th</sup> century in Northern India.
- Constitutional Status In India, it is an  $\underline{8}^{th}$  Schedule language and it has been adopted as the second official language by several states.
- Article 345 of the Constitution of India states that a state's legislature can adopt one or more languages or Hindi as the official language of the state.

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- 4) Consider the following statements regarding the India Justice Report 2025
  - 1. No State or Union Territory has achieved its reserved quotas for women in the police force.
  - 2. The report was initiated by Tata Trusts with support from civil society organizations and data partners.

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

# **India Justice Report, 2025**

- It is India's only *ranking of States/UTs on the delivery of justice* released annually.
- Initiated by Tata Trusts and supported by several civil society organizations and data partners.
- Reserved quota gap Not a single State/UT meets their own reserved

# quotas for women in police force

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- 5) Consider the following statements regarding exoplanet K2-18 b
  - 1. K2-18 b is located in our solar system and has an atmosphere with potential biosignatures like dimethyl sulphide (DMS).
  - 2. The absence of ammonia in its atmosphere supports the hypothesis of a water ocean beneath a hydrogen-rich atmosphere.

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: b

#### K2-18 b Planet

- It is an <u>exoplanet</u> (orbits a <u>star outside of our own solar system</u>) found in a habitable zone, a distance where liquid water, a key ingredient for life, can exist on a planetary surface.
- Discovered by Kepler Space Telescope in 2009.
- Constellation Leo.
- Location It orbits the red dwarf star K2-18, located approximately 124 light-years away from Earth. ation is Empowering
- The absence of ammonia in its atmosphere supports the hypothesis of a water ocean beneath a hydrogen-rich atmosphere.

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