



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 19-06-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) With reference to the vacancy in the office of the Deputy Speaker of State Legislative Assemblies, consider the following statements:

1. Article 178 of the Indian Constitution mandates the election of both the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker as soon as possible.
2. The Lok Sabha has also had the office of the Deputy Speaker vacant for a period exceeding that of Jharkhand.

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

Explanation:



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- **Statement 1 is correct:** The passage directly quotes, "Article 178 of the Indian Constitution requires Assemblies to choose two members as the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker as soon as possible."
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The passage states that Jharkhand has not elected a Deputy Speaker for over 20 years, while the Lok Sabha has not had one since June 2019 (approximately 5 years). Therefore, Jharkhand's vacancy period is significantly longer.

2) The 2006 Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, under which prior environmental clearance is mandatory for certain projects, was issued under the provisions of which Act?

- a. The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
- b. The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
- c. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- d. The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010

Answer : c

Explanation: The text explicitly states, "2006 Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 had imposed certain restrictions..."

3) What was a key recommendation of the Malegam Committee (2013) regarding the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) surplus transfers?

- a. To maintain a fixed percentage of surplus for the Asset Development Fund (ADF).
- b. To decrease surplus transfers to encourage greater financial autonomy for the RBI.

- c. To increase surplus transfers to support the government's fiscal deficit reduction efforts.
- d. To align India's surplus transfer policy with the global practice observed in the US and UK.

Answer : c

Explanation: The text explicitly mentions, "In 2013, the Malegam Committee recommended increasing surplus transfers to support fiscal deficit reduction efforts."

4. Consider the following statements regarding the Supreme Court's advisory jurisdiction under Article 143 of the Constitution of India:

1. The President is obligated to seek the Supreme Court's opinion on any question of law or fact of public importance.
2. The opinion rendered by the Supreme Court under its advisory jurisdiction is binding on the President.
3. A bench of at least five judges of the Supreme Court hears any reference made under Article 14

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

Explanation:



- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The President *may* refer a question, indicating it is discretionary, not obligatory.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The advice given by the Supreme Court under Article 143 is explicitly stated as "not binding on the President."
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Article 145(3) requires that any reference under Article 143 be heard by at least five judges.

5. The concept of advisory jurisdiction for the head of state in India has its origins in which of the following?

- a. The Government of India Act, 1919
- b. The Indian Independence Act, 1947
- c. The Government of India Act, 1935
- d. The Constitution of independent India as drafted by the Constituent Assembly

Answer : c

Explanation: The text explicitly states, "The concept of advisory jurisdiction in India arose from the Government of India Act, 1935," and further details Section 213 of that Act.