

Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 27-06-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

- 1) With reference to India's foreign exchange market in FY25, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The net forex sales in FY25 amounted to \$34.51 billion.
 - 2. It is the second highest since the global financial crisis in FY09.
 - 3. The weakening of the Indian rupee in the second half of FY25 contributed significantly to the high forex sales.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: d

India's foreign exchange market in FY25

- At the end of FY25 (March 2025), India's total foreign exchange reserves stood at just under \$625 billion.
- For the FY25 with net **forex sales of \$34.51 billion**.
- This was the **second-highest net annual sale** since FY09 (**\$34.92 billion**) during the global financial crisis.
- It marks only the **seventh time in 30 years** that RBI sold more than it bought.
- This is mainly due to weakening rupee in second half of FY25 which dropped to **all-time low of Rs 87.95/USD** in February 2025.

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- 2) Sagar Bhavan, inaugurated at the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) in Goa, is primarily related to,
 - a. Archiving and processing polar samples, such as ice cores and sediment samples.
 - b. Developing satellite technology for ocean monitoring.
 - c. Conducting deep-sea mining operations in the Indian Ocean.
 - d. Training personnel for Arctic and Antarctic expeditions.

Answer: a

Sagar Bhavan

• It is a storage facility dedicated to archiving and processing polar

samples.

- It supports cryosphere and oceanographic research.
- It enables high-precision analysis of polar and deep-sea samples.
- It enhances India's capacity in,
 - Climate change research
 - Sea-level monitoring
 - Marine and polar geochemistry

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- 3) With reference to India's Gross Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in FY24, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Singapore and Mauritius were among the top two contributors to India's FDI inflows.
 - 2. The USA was the smallest contributor among the top five countries for FDI in FY24.

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

Top countries contributing to India's Gross FDI

- Singapore
- Mauritius
- UAE
- Netherlands
- USA

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4) The net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India fell by 96% to \$0.4 billion in FY25. Which of the following is the primary reason for this significant decline?

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- a. Decrease in gross FDI inflows due to global economic slowdown.
- b. High repatriation of \$51.5 billion by foreign investors, the highest in a decade.
- c. Reduction in India's outward FDI by Indian companies.
- d. Decline in investments from Singapore and Mauritius.

Answer: b

Reason for fall in net FDI Fall

- **Highest Repatriation** \$51.5 billion repatriated in 2024–25 which is the *highest in last decade*.
- **Rise in OFDI** Indian firms invested \$29.2 billion abroad which is a 75% increase from previous year.
- Pandemic Trend Net FDI has been consistently declining declined post-

pandemic.

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- 5) With reference to the 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog held in May 2025, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The theme of the meeting was "Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat
 - 2. The meeting aimed to prepare state-wise vision documents aligned with national priorities but tailored to local contexts.

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

10th Governing Council Meet (May 2025)

- Venue Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- Theme "Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat @2047"
- Objectives:
 - To prepare state wise long-term, inclusive vision documents that align with national priorities but tailored to local contexts.
 - To ensure **grassroots transformation** for people-centric development.
 - To review and implement the recommendations from the 4th National Conference of Chief Secretaries.

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