



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 18-08-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

The **Indopalpares pardus**, **Palpares contrarius**, **Stenares harpyia** recently seen news are classified as?

- a. Insects
- b. Hazardous chemicals
- c. Vaccines
- d. Plants

Answer : a

Explanation

- These are recently discovered three **antlion species** from the tribe Palparini for the *first time in Kerala, Western Ghats region*.
- Belongs to the insect order Neuroptera.
- These are **dry-zone species** at present discovered in humid forest ecosystems.
- Diet - **Prey on ants**.
- Lifespan - Restricted to just a month for reproduction before they perish.
- To know more in detail, click [here](#)

Consider the following statements with reference to SEVA BHOJ YOJANA scheme

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme, launched by Ministry of Culture.
2. It aims to reimburse Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Central Government's share of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) as financial assistance, paid on purchase of specific raw food items.
3. It will be applicable only to charitable/ religious institutions that fulfill the eligibility criteria.

Choose the correct statements using the code given below:

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

Answer : d

Explanation

- **All the statements (a), (b), (c) are correct.**
- **Additional information** - Criteria for financial assistance based on the following requirements
- Registration under Income Tax Act, 1961 or Companies Act or Companies

Act, 1956 or Societies Registration Act, 1860, for charitable/religious purposes.

- Institutions in existence preceding 3 years before applying for assistance.
- The institutions shall serve free food to at least 5000 people in a calendar month and not receiving any financial assistance from the Government for free food, self- certificate.
- To know more, click [here](#)

3) Which of the following is the nodal ministry for Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme?

- a. Ministry of Culture
- b. Ministry of Tourism
- c. Ministry of Home affairs
- d. Ministry of rural Development

Answer : b

Explanation

- **Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme**
- It is a Central Sector Scheme by the **Ministry of Tourism**, Launched in 2014 -2015.

The scheme focuses on developing and identifying pilgrimage sites across India to enrich the religious tourism experience.

Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists :

List I (wildlife sanctuary)	List II (State)
P. Jahangarh W.S	1. Madhya pradesh
Q. Eturnagaram W.S	2. Telangana
R. Sagreshwar W.S	3. Gujarat
S. Barda W.S	4. Maharashtra

Choose the correct code:

- a. P-1, Q-2, R-4, S-3
- b. P-3, Q-4, R-1, S-2
- c. P-3, Q-1, R-4, S-2
- d. P-2, Q-4, R-1, S-3

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Jahangarh Wildlife Sanctuary** - Madhya Pradesh
- **Eturunagaram Wildlife Sanctuary** - Telangana - 1 lakh trees uprooted due to wind damage.
- **Sagreshwar Wildlife Sanctuary** - Maharashtra - Significant deer population growth.
- **Barda Wildlife Sanctuary** - Gujarat - Jungle Safari (Phase-1) launched near Kapurdi.

5) Which of the following does National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) located at?

- a. Mumbai
- b. Chennai

c. Hyderabad

d. Delhi

Answer : c

Explanation

- **National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB)** is located at Hyderabad , in the state of Telangana.
- It is under the Ministry of Science & Technology, with focus on regenerative medicine and cellular therapies for livestock.
- To store and preserve high-quality stem cells from various animal species.
- It will advance research in disease modelling, tissue engineering, and reproductive biotechnology.



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