



## Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 11-09-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) **Exercise Zapad** is a joint military exercise between which of the following countries?

- a. India and USA
- b. India and Russia
- c. India and Thailand
- d. India and Uzbekistan

Answer : b

### Explanation

- **Option 1 is incorrect** - *India and USA conducted **Yudh Abhyas** operation.*
- It is an annual, large-scale joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the United States Army that began in 2004.
- The recent one is currently taking place in Alaska from September 1-14, 2025
- **Option 2 is correct** - ***Exercise Zapad*** is a multilateral joint military exercise between *India and Russia*.
- Its objectives include enhancing military cooperation, improving interoperability, and providing a platform for participating armies.
- To exchange tactics, techniques and procedures in the domains of conventional warfare and counter-terrorism operations.
- It is scheduled to be conducted from 10 to 16 September 2025.
- **Option 3 is incorrect** - ***Exercise MAITREE***, instituted in 2006, is one of the important joint training exercises between *India and Thailand*.
- The current edition further reinforces the bilateral defence cooperation and reflects the shared commitment of both Armies towards peace, stability and security in the region.
- **Option 4 is incorrect** - The 6th edition of *India- Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise DUSTLIK-VI* commenced at Foreign Training Node, Aundh (Pune).
- This joint exercise will enable both sides to share best practices in Tactics, Techniques and Procedures of conducting Joint Sub Conventional operations.

2) **Lankhong Puja** is celebrated by Tiwa community from which of the following states?

- a. Assam
- b. Ladakh
- c. Odisha
- d. Himachal Pradesh

Answer : a

### Explanation

- **Option a is correct answer - Lankhong Puja** is a socio-religious festival event of Tiwa community of **Assam**
- to invoke blessings for a prosperous Rabi crop season and ensure good agricultural yield.
- **Tiwa community** are important group of Assam, *belonging to the Mongoloid ethnic group*.
- They reside mainly in Nagaon, Morigaon, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Titabor (Assam), *as well as parts of Meghalaya and Tripura*.

3) **Plasmodium falciparum parasite** causes which of the following disease in humans?

- Cholera
- Malaria
- Dengue
- Rabies

Answer : b

- **Option B is correct answer** - Plasmodium parasite is a *single-celled parasitic protozoan* that *causes malaria* by infecting the red blood cells of humans and other vertebrates, including mammals, birds, and reptiles.
- It is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected female Anopheles mosquito, the parasite multiplies inside red blood cells.
- Eventually causing red blood cells to rupture, which leads to the symptoms of malaria.
- Recently union government has granted licences to five Indian firms to manufacture and commercialise **AdFalcivax**.
- AdFalcivax is *India's 1st indigenous recombinant chimeric multi-stage malaria vaccine* designed to block infection and transmission of plasmodium falciparum.
- It aims to prevent infection in individuals and minimise community transmission of malaria, by targeting the parasite before it enters the bloodstream.

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4) Consider the following statements

- India has 5<sup>th</sup> largest coal reserves in the world.
- Coal accounts for more than 70% of the India's energy needs.
- India's coal demand is significantly met through imports.

Choose the correct statements using the code given below:

- 1 and 2
- 2 and 3
- 1 only
- 1, 2, 3

Answer : c

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct but statement 2 is incorrect** - India has the **world's 5th largest coal reserves** to contribute to the country's energy security and *it accounts for 55% of the country's energy needs* (not more than 70%).
- India's energy mix is diverse, but dominated by coal, which fuels a significant portion of the country's electricity generation.
- **Public-sector Coal India Limited (CIL)** remained the largest contributor, *accounting for approximately 76% of total coal production on a year-to-date basis*.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - **Most coal demand is met domestically**, imports mainly consist of essential coking coal and high-grade non-coking coal due to limited domestic reserves.

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5) With reference to National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), consider the following statements

1. NIRF launched in 2015 by Ministry of Education.
2. The framework outlines a methodology to rank Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) across the country.
3. The role of NIRF includes benchmarking quality in higher education, Informed Policy and Planning, Promoting Research & Innovation etc.

Choose the correct statements using the code given below:

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. All three
- d. None

Answer : c

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 and 2 are correct** - The **NIRF** was launched in September 2015 by the Ministry of Education.
- The framework was introduced to foster healthy competition among Indian universities and institutions by providing a common methodology for ranking them annually.
- **Statement 3 is correct** - Objectives of the NIRF includes to provide transparency, accountability in rankings and promote excellence in higher education institutions.
- To encourage institutions to compete and improve the quality of education by driving improvements in teaching, learning, and research.
- To help students to make informed choices regarding higher education institutions.
- The ranking framework evaluates institutions on five parameters
  - Teaching, Learning and Resources
  - Research and Professional Practices
  - Graduation Outcomes
  - Outreach and Inclusivity
  - Perception.

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