



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 03-10-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following with reference to Swachh Shehar Jodi (SSJ) initiative

1. It is a urban waste management mentorship initiative.
2. It is launched by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
3. Selection of mentor & mentee cities will be done based on recommendation of a select committee of the initiative.

Select the correct statements using the code given below:

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

Answer : b

Explanation



- **Statements 1 and 2 are correct** - It is a urban waste management mentorship initiative and launched by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**).
- It is implemented under **Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-U)**.
- The program pairs high-performing "mentor" cities with lower-ranked "mentee" cities to facilitate knowledge sharing and replicate best practices.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** - Selection of mentor & mentee cities under this initiative will be based on their performance in the Swachh Survekshan (SS) rankings.
- Both mentor and mentee cities may utilize the Capacity Building (CB) Funds allocated to each State/UT as part of SBM-U 2.0.

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2) Pallikaranai Marshland located at which of the following states?

- a. Tamil Nadu
- b. Andhra Pradesh
- c. Karnataka
- d. Kerala

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option a is correct** - **Pallikaranai Marshland** is a freshwater marsh and partly saline wetland and located at **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**.
- It is one of the 94 wetlands identified under the National Wetland Conservation and Management

Programme (NWCMP).

- In 2022, this marsh was recognized as a Ramsar Site.
- It has a diverse habitat including large and deep reservoirs with several inlets and surrounding irrigated agricultural fields, which provide good nesting and foraging habitats for birds.
- *It serves as an aquatic buffer of the flood-prone Chennai* and Chengalpattu districts.
- Recently, the southern bench of the National Green Tribunal has ordered a halt in all construction activity within 1 km of the Pallikaranai Marshland.

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3) Which of the following India's elements is not in the **UNESCO's Representative Intangible Cultural Heritage List**?

- a. Garba
- b. Ramlila
- c. Bharatanatyam
- d. Kalbelia dance

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Bharatanatyam is not in the list** - Although a classical Indian dance form with immense cultural importance, Bharatanatyam has not been inscribed on UNESCO's Representative Intangible Cultural Heritage List to date.
- **Ramlila** - It is the traditional theatrical enactment of the Ramayana and has been a part of the UNESCO list since 2008, recognized for its rich cultural heritage.
- **Kalbelia dance** - This dance of the Kalbelia community of Rajasthan was included in the UNESCO list in 2010, highlighting its unique folk tradition and cultural value.
- **Garba** - It is a traditional folk dance from Gujarat and was inscribed in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List in 2023 for its cultural significance.

UNESCO's Representative List

Currently, India has **15 elements** on UNESCO's Representative Intangible Cultural Heritage List.

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| 1. Kutiyattam | 9. Traditional brass and copper craft of utensil making |
| 2. Tradition of Vedic Chanting | 10. Yoga |
| 3. Ramlila | 11. Kumbh Mela |
| 4. Ramman | 12. Durga Puja |
| 5. Chhau dance | 13. Garba |
| 6. Kalbelia dance | 14. Navroz; and |
| 7. Mudi yettu | 15. Sankirtana, the ritual singing of Manipur. |
| 8. Buddhist chanting of Ladakh | |

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4) Consider the following statements about Chhath Mahaparva

1. It is, a 4-day festival that comes after Diwali, dedicated to Sun god and goddess Chhati maiya.
2. The festival is primarily observed in Bihar, Jharkhand, eastern Uttar Pradesh, and parts of West Bengal in India.
3. Nature worship is part of the festival.

Select the correct statements using the code:

- a. Only one

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

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Statements 1 and 2 are correct** - Chhath Mahaparva is a 4-day festival that comes after Diwali and dedicated to Sun god and goddess Chhati maiya.
- The festival is primarily observed in Bihar, Jharkhand, eastern Uttar Pradesh, and parts of West Bengal and by diaspora communities across the world.
- The rituals include fasting, bathing in rivers or ponds, and making offerings to the setting and rising sun on the banks of water bodies.
- **Statement 3 is correct** - One thing that distinguishes Chhath from other festivals is that instead of idol or image worship, Chhath is about worshipping the elements of nature.
- The Union **Ministry of Culture** *has initiated the process to nominate Chhath Mahaparva, in the UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list.*

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5) **Postal ballots** are provided for which of the following persons?

1. Persons aged above 70
2. Armed forces
3. Persons with disabilities
4. Essential service personnel (railways, media, etc.)

Select the correct code:

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. Only three
- d. All four

Answer : c

Explanation

- Recently, The Election Commission *rejected the Opposition's demand to count the postal ballots before the EVM counting.*
- Current system allows postal ballots counted after EVM counting at counting centers.
- Postal ballots has legal basis *under Rule 54A, Conduct of Elections Rules 1961.*
- These service is provided to - Armed forces, government employees on election duty,
 - Essential service personnel (railways, media, etc.),
 - **Senior citizens 85+**,
 - Persons with disabilities.

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