

Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 03-01-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) The **Tankai method** is refers to which of the following?

- a. It is an ancient weaving method of textiles.
- b. It is a ship building technique.
- c. It is method of selecting members of village assembly through lottery.
- d. It is hunting strategy used by tribes of central India.

Answer : b

Explanation

- **Option b is the correct answer.**
- The primary name for the **ancient ship stitching technique**, especially in India, is the **Tankai method**, also known as the stitched shipbuilding method or sewn boat technique.
- The wooden planks are sewn together with coir rope, sealed with resin, and don't use nails, creating flexible, durable hulls, prominent in Indian maritime history.
- The Indian Navy's **INSV Kaundinya** has gone aboard on a journey from Porbandar in Gujarat to Muscat in Oman to test India's ancient seafaring traditions.
- **INSV Kaundinya is a stitched sail ship built using techniques believed to have been used in India during the 5th century CE.**

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2) Consider the following statements about PRAGATI platform

1. It was launched in 2015 and aims to address common man grievances and simultaneously monitor important projects.
2. It was designed solely by the Prime Minister Office (PMO) and the Prime Minister personally reviews progress monthly.
3. It operates as a three-tier system, comprising the Prime Minister's Office, Union cabinet, and State Chief Secretaries.

Select the *incorrect* statements using the codes below:

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

Answer : b

Explanation

- PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation), a multi-purpose & multi-modal

platform to fast-track projects, resolve public grievances, and strengthen cooperative federalism.

- **Statement 1 is correct** - It was launched in **2015** aims to address the common man's grievances & simultaneously monitor and review important programmes and projects of the Central and State Governments.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - It is designed by the Prime Minister Office (PMO) team with the help of the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** - It operates as a **three-tier system**, comprising the Prime Minister's Office, Union Government Secretaries, and State Chief Secretaries.

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3) Consider the following statements

1. PM-POSHAN is a central sector scheme with ministry of Education is acting as its nodal agency.
2. It aims to improve the nutritional status of children studying in class I-VIII in government schools only, but not in government-aided schools.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : d

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - PM POSHAN (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme For Holistic Nourishment), a **centrally sponsored scheme** to improve the nutritional status of children studying in classes **I-VIII** in eligible schools.
- It is also known as **Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman**. The **ministry of Education** is its nodal agency.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - the eligibility criteria include - the person should be
 - Citizen of India.
 - Studying in **Class I-VIII in Govt. or Govt.-aided schools**.
 - In some states include pre-primary children are included in attached schools.
- The Scheme is implemented **across the country**, covering all the eligible children without any discrimination of gender and social class.

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4) Which of the following are the concrete applications of Microrobots

1. Medical applications
2. Spacecraft inspections
3. Environmental Monitoring

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Microrobot** is a *dust-grain-sized robot* with integrated onboard electronics, representing an advancement toward practical robot swarms.
- In manufacturing the chip fabrication techniques are employed, which enable scalable mass production.
- The robot is **powered by solar cells** and can be reprogrammed using light signals transmitted by LEDs.
- **1 is correct** - In **Medical Applications**, the Microrobots enable targeted drug delivery, microsurgery, biopsy, and diagnostics like blood glucose monitoring in vivo and in vitro.
- **3 is correct** - In **environmental Monitoring**, color-changing microrobots detect pollutants, pH, and temperature in water, supporting remediation and real-time sensing.
- **2 is incorrect** - In **spacecraft Inspections**, While conceptual space uses exist, *no widespread concrete implementations* for inspections appear in current research, unlike medical and environmental fields.

5) What is the objective of **Kimberly process** recently seen in news?

- a. To impose tax on high energy intensive products entering European Union.
- b. It is a process of issuing licenses for preventing illicit coal mining in African region.
- c. To prevent the trade in conflict diamonds.
- d. Imposing international trade restrictions on specialized Timber variety.

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Option c is the correct answer.**
- The **Kimberley Process** is an international initiative primarily associated with preventing the trade of "*conflict diamonds*" (also known as "blood diamonds").
- Its main goal is *to stem the flow of rough diamonds used by rebel movements or their allies to finance conflicts that undermine legitimate governments*.
- It operates through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), an international certification system that imposes stringent requirements on member countries to certify shipments of rough diamonds as "conflict-free".
- It is a **tripartite initiative** involving *governments, the international diamond industry, and civil society organizations*.