



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

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

- It is an ancient weaving method of textiles.
- It is a ship building technique.
- It is method of selecting members of village assembly through lottery.
- 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

- It was launched in 2015 and aims to address common man grievances and simultaneously monitor important projects.
- It was designed solely by the Prime Minister Office (PMO) and the Prime Minister personally reviews progress monthly.
- 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:

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- 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.