

Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 19-01-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Wavex, a dedicated startup accelerator platform, is initiated by which one of the following?

- a. Ministry of Education
- b. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- c. Ministry of Science and technology
- d. Ministry of MSME

Answer : b

Explanation

- **Option b is the correct answer.**
- **Wavex** is the dedicated startup accelerator platform. It is initiated by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
- It aims to nurture innovations in media, entertainment, and language technology.
- To empower next-gen innovators through hackathons, mentorship, and national platform integration.
- The contests initiated are Bhasha Setu and Kalaa Setu.

Consider the following statements

1. A Goldilocks economy phase is characterized by balanced growth and recession.
2. Goldilocks economy creates favourable conditions for investment, particularly in equities.
3. It is typically short-lived.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

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

Answer : b

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - A **Goldilocks economy phase** refers to an optimal economic state characterized by balanced growth, low inflation, and full employment, while avoiding both overheating and recession.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - With stable interest rates and modest inflation,
 - Goldilocks economy creates favourable conditions for investment, particularly in equities, as companies tend to experience sustained growth.
- **Statement 3 is correct** - It is typically short-lived because of the inevitability of business cycles.
- Sustaining such conditions demands prudent monetary and fiscal policy management.

3) Live Events Development Cell (LEDC) is introduced by which one of the following?

- a. Ministry of Education
- b. Ministry of MSME
- c. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- d. Ministry of Science and technology

Answer : c

Explanation

- The **Live Events Development Cell (LEDC)** acts as a single-window facilitator for the sector, bringing together representatives from Central and State governments, industry associations, music rights societies, and major event companies.
- LEDC was introduced by the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** in July 2025.
- Its goal is to achieve the full economic and cultural potential of concerts and live events in the country.
- It aims to facilitate the expansion of the “concert economy”, boosting employment and tourism in the country.
- In 2024, the organised live events market was valued at Rs.20,861 crore, **reflecting a 15% growth rate** that surpasses several traditional media segments.
- With an expected CAGR of 18%, the sector is positioned to establish India as a leading global live entertainment destination by 2030.

4) What does the **W Ursae Majoris (W UMa)** best describes?

- a. It is a satellite project by Japan to the moon.
- b. Stars are short-period, dumbbell-shaped binaries in which the two stars are in contact.
- c. It is a laboratory studying Magnetic wave pattern located in Canada.
- d. Israeli new defense drone system.

Answer : b

Explanation

- **Option b is the correct answer.**
- A study of W Ursae Majoris-type contact binaries, which are closely orbiting stellar twins, provides new insights into binary star evolution and their eventual fate.
- **W Ursae Majoris (W UMa)** stars are short-period, dumbbell-shaped binaries in which the two stars are in contact.
- The stars are so close that they share a single outer atmosphere while orbiting each other.
- These stars serve as "natural laboratories" by enabling precise measurement of fundamental parameters such as
 - Mass, radius, and temperature, which are essential for testing theories of stellar evolution.

5) What is **Beni greenlet** recently seen in news?

- a. Bird species
- b. Antelope
- c. Fish
- d. Snake

Answer : a

Explanation

- The Beni greenlet is a newly confirmed bird species, characterised by its small size and greenish-grey plumage.
- The species has a small body with predominantly greenish-grey upperparts, a paler grey to whitish belly and throat, short, rounded wings, and a relatively short tail.
- It has dark eyes with a faint or indistinct eye-ring.
- It inhabits tropical moist lowland forests of northern Bolivia, primarily occupying the canopy and forest edges.

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