



## Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 22-01-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements

1. INS Sagardhwani is a specialised marine acoustic research vessel.
2. It was designed and built by Goa Ship yard ltd.

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 : a

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** - INS Sagardhwani is a specialised marine acoustic research vessel.
- It aims to serve as a key platform for ocean observations and marine research for more than 3 decades, contributing significantly to India's maritime scientific capabilities.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - It was designed by NPOL and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) and commissioned in July 1994.

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2) The **Sagar Maitri V** is a flagship collaborative initiative of the Indian Navy and?

- a. Indian Army
- b. DRDO
- c. Ministry of External Affairs
- d. Ministry of Jal Shakti

Answer : b

### Explanation

- **Option b is the correct answer.**
- **Sagar Maitri** is a flagship collaborative initiative of the Indian Navy and DRDO.
- Under this programme, INS Sagardhwani will retrace the historic routes of INS Kistna, which participated in the International Indian Ocean Expedition during 1962-65.
- It aims to promote closer cooperation in socio-economic aspects and greater scientific interaction, especially in ocean research, among IOR countries.

3) The Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) is located at?

- a. Goa

- b. Kochi
- c. Mumbai
- d. Visakhapatnam

Answer : b

### Explanation

- **Option b is the correct answer.**
- Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) is situated in **Kochi**, is a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Its objective is to engage in the development of Sound Navigation And Ranging (SONAR) and allied technologies.
- Its areas of R&D includes Signal processing, electronics, engineering systems, transducers, materials, and oceanography.

Consider the following statements

1. Clean Toilet Picture Challenge is an initiative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. Its objective is to encourage National Highway users to actively report unclean toilet facilities at the toll plazas along National Highways.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

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



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Answer : b

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - Clean Toilet Picture Challenge is launched by NHAI, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
  - It is open to All National Highway commuters.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - Its objective is to encourage National Highway users to actively report unclean toilet facilities at the toll plazas along National Highways.
- Uploading clear, geo-tagged, and time-stamped photographs of unclean toilets through the latest version of the Rajmargyatra mobile application.
- A reward of **Rs.1,000** (Rupees One Thousand only) in the form of a FASTag recharge credited to the linked vehicle registration number (VRN).

5) The Orobanche Aegyptiaca a parasitic weed that has inflicted damage to which one of the following crops?

- a. Rice
- b. Jowar
- c. Mustard
- d. Jute

Answer : c

### Explanation

- **Option c is correct** - **Orobanche Aegyptiaca** a parasitic weed that has inflicted damage in major

**mustard**-growing areas of Rajasthan and Haryana.

- It comes under the category Holoparasite, does not photosynthesize and is completely dependent on host-provided nutrition.
- It connects to the host's roots, drains essential resources, resulting in stunted development and plant wilting.
- Seed Longevity i.e one shoot produces 40-45 flowers; the resulting seeds persist in soil for as long as 20 years.



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