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Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 30-01-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Which one of the following trees is known as "**Wood of the gods**"?

- a. Mahogany
- b. Ebony
- c. Sandalwood
- d. Deodar

Answer : d

Explanation

- **Option d is the correct answer** - **Deodar tree** name is derived from the Sanskrit term devadaru (deva means god, daru means wood), signifying its sacred status in India.
- They are majestic, high-altitude evergreen coniferous ecosystems, known as the "**wood of the gods**".
- They thrive in temperate climates, often found in dense, pure stands or mixed with oak and fir.

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2) Consider the following statements

1. AI innovation, cyber resilience, and frontier technologies are focus areas of Industrial Revolution 4.0.
2. Andhra Pradesh has been selected as one of five new World Economic Forum (WEF) centers for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0).

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 : c

Explanation

- **Industry 4.0** refers to the current era of rapid technological advancement characterised by the blurring of lines between the physical, digital, and biological worlds.
- **Statement 1 is correct** - IR 4.0 focus areas includes AI innovation, the energy transition, cyber resilience, and frontier technologies.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - India's Centre established in Partnership with the Andhra Pradesh government, as **the Centre for Energy and Cyber Resilience**.
- Besides Andhra Pradesh, the other new centres will be in France, the U.K., and the UAE.

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3) Which of the following Indian states is the first to declare its own state microbe?

- a. Kerala
- b. Himachal Pradesh
- c. Haryana
- d. Odisha

Answer : a

Explanation

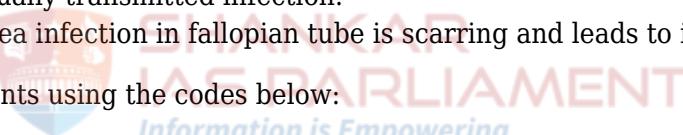
- **Option a is correct - Kerala** is *the first state in India to officially declare its own state microbe*, which is ***Bacillus subtilis***.
- The initiative aims to promote public awareness about the immense benefits of microbes beyond just causing diseases.
- It highlights their roles in health, agriculture, and environmental balance.
- **Himachal Pradesh** was *the first state declared as India's first carbon-neutral state*, not the first to declare a state microbe.

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4) Consider the following statements

1. Gonorrhoea is a sexually transmitted infection.
2. In women Gonorrhoea infection in fallopian tube is scarring and leads to infertility.

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 : c

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** - Gonorrhoea is a sexually transmitted infection. It is primarily transmitted through unprotected vaginal, oral, or anal sex.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - In Men, Burning urination, pus-like discharge, itching/tenderness at the penis tip, sometimes blood in urine are the symptoms.
- In women, if untreated, it results in fallopian tube scarring leading to infertility or ectopic pregnancy.

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5) What is **Strobilanthes riteshii** recently seen in news?

- a. Flowering plant species
- b. Crustacean
- c. Pig species
- d. Bird

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option a is correct** - Recently, researchers from the Botanical Survey of India formally recorded a ***new flowering plant species*** from Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Strobilanthes riteshiiis** discovered at Chayangtajo in East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh. They are known for their striking flowers and mass-flowering cycles.
- It grows along roadsides on open hill slopes, often near small waterfalls and streams within evergreen forest patches.
- It is endemic to the Eastern Himalayan region of Arunachal Pradesh, with only about 25 mature individuals recorded so far.

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