



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 16-02-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Which one of the following is the nodal ministry for **BharatNet program**?

- Ministry of Communications
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- Ministry of Science and Technology
- Ministry of Rural Development

Answer : a

Explanation

- **BharatNet** is the *world's largest rural broadband connectivity program*.
- It aimed at connecting all ~2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats across India with high-speed fiber-optic network to bridge the digital divide.
- The nodal ministry of the scheme is **Ministry of Communications**. It is funded by *Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)*.

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With reference to **AgriStack**, consider the following statements

1. It is a centralised Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) platform for the agriculture sector.
2. It is a Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare's initiative.
3. Under this initiative, AgriStack data can be used as a "safe space" for startups to test new apps and solutions.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

- 1 and 2
- 2 and 3
- 3 only
- 1, 2, 3

Answer : d

Explanation

- **Statements 1 and 2 are correct** - The AgriStack scheme is India's Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare's initiative to create a unified digital platform.
- It integrates farmer data, land records, and government services for efficient, data-driven agriculture.
- **Statement 3 is correct** - **AgriStack Sandbox** i.e. a "safe space" for startups to test new apps and solutions using AgriStack data.

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3) The **Sangtam community** is one of major tribes of which one of the following states?

- a. Assam
- b. Arunachal Pradesh
- c. Tripura
- d. Nagaland

Answer : d

Explanation

- **Option d is correct** - The Sangtam (or Sangtam Naga) are one of the 16 major Naga **tribes of Nagaland**.
- They primarily inhabits the Kiphire District and Tuensang district in eastern Nagaland.
- They are known for their distinct cultural identity, deeply rooted in their ancestral lands bordering Myanmar.
- The Sangtam community in Nagaland has resolved to protect pangolins, recently.
- Pangolins are the heavily trafficked mammal, strengthening community-led conservation along the India-Myanmar border.

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4) With reference to **Pangolins**, consider the following statements

1. They are nocturnal in nature and roll into a protective ball when threatened.
2. They are the only mammals wholly covered in keratin scales.
3. All species of Pangolins are found in India.

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 correct** - Pangolins are nocturnal in nature, burrowing and insectivorous; roll into a protective ball when threatened.
- These animals are insectivores; they have no teeth, so they use their sticky tongues to pick up food.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - They are the only mammals wholly covered in keratin scales, and they use those scales to protect themselves from predators in the wild.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** - *India is home to only two species*
 - The Indian Pangolin is found across the subcontinent.
 - The Chinese Pangolin in the Northeast Region.

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5) Consider the following statements

1. National Bamboo Mission 2025 is a centrally sponsored scheme and Ministry of Agriculture and

Farmers Welfare is acting as its nodal agency.

2. India is among the top 3 bamboo exporters worldwide.

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** - National Bamboo Mission 2025 is a centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) Promotes bamboo plantations on non-forest lands such as farms, homesteads, community lands, and canal borders.
- It aims to expand bamboo cultivation, strengthen industry linkages, and reduce import dependence. The *Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare* is acting as its nodal agency.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - *India is among the top 3 bamboo exporters worldwide*, alongside China and Vietnam, generating millions in revenue.

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