



## Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 19-02-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements

1. Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs that causes inflammation of air sacs.
2. Nitric oxide naturally produced by the human body.
3. Nitric Oxide can be used in therapy for drug-resistant Pneumonia.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

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

Answer : c

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** - **Pneumonia** is an *infection of the lungs that causes inflammation of air sacs* (alveoli) and accumulation of fluid or pus in the lungs.
- It can range from mild to severe and may be life-threatening, and can affect one or both lungs.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - **Nitric oxide (NO)** is a gaseous molecule naturally synthesized in the human body by various cells (using the enzyme nitric oxide synthase).
- It act as a signaling molecule for functions like vasodilation and immune response.
- **Statement 3 is correct** - High-dose inhaled nitric oxide is being utilized as a therapeutic intervention for drug-resistant pneumonia due to its antimicrobial properties.
- It has ability to improve oxygenation by dilating pulmonary blood vessels.

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2) Consider the following puppetry traditions

1. Kathputli - Rajasthan
2. Ravanachhaya - Odisha
3. Tolu Bommalatta - Andhra Pradesh

Which of the above are correctly matched?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1, 2, 3
- d. 3 only

Answer : c

### Explanation

- **All 1, 2, 3 are correctly matched.**
- **Kathputli** is the famous string puppetry of **Rajasthan**, known for its wooden dolls and vibrant costumes.
- **Ravanachhaya** is a unique shadow puppetry form from **Odisha**, characterized by non-jointed puppets made of deer skin.
- **Tolu Bommalatta** (or Tholu Bommalata) is the traditional shadow puppet theatre of **Andhra Pradesh**, featuring large, colorful leather puppets.
- Recently, the Department of Posts released 8 commemorative postage stamps on "[Puppets of India](#)" to celebrate India's traditional puppetry heritage.

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3) The Cabinet approved India's first underwater twin-tube road-rail tunnel in which one of the following states?

- Assam
- West Bengal
- Maharashtra
- Uttar Pradesh

Answer : a

#### Explanation

- On February 14, 2026, the Union Cabinet approved the construction of India's [first underwater twin-tube road-rail tunnel](#) beneath the *Brahmaputra River in Assam*.
- The project *connects Gohpur (NH-15) and Numaligarh (NH-715) in Assam*.
- It features a 15.79-kilometre twin-tube structure. One tube will facilitate a four-lane highway, while the other will integrate railway infrastructure.
- It is expected to reduce the current travel distance between the two points from 240 km to just 34 km, slashing travel time from roughly six hours to 20 minutes.

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4) Which of the following agencies have launched National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme?

- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- Both a and b
- None of the above

Answer : c

#### Explanation

- **Option c is correct answer - NAMASTE Scheme** aims to ensure safety and dignity of sanitation workers.
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in convergence with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs have launched NAMASTE scheme.
- The objective of the scheme is to formalize and rehabilitate the persons engaged in hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks.

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5) India's first "musical path" introduced in which one of the following?

- a. Srinagar
- b. Mumbai
- c. Chennai
- d. Delhi

Answer : b

**Explanation**

- **Option b is correct** - India's first "musical path" introduced on Mumbai's Coastal Road; rumble strips play "Jai Ho" when vehicles drive at a set speed.
- Specially designed rumble strips embedded in the northbound carriageway. At 60-80 kmph, friction produces sound waves forming the tune.
- This is 1<sup>st</sup> in India, 5th globally. Similar paths exist in Hungary, Japan, South Korea, and UAE.

