



### Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 06-03-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements about **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)**

1. The CITES is an international legally binding agreement aimed to prevent the extinction of wild fauna and flora due to international trade.
2. Its secretariat is administered by UNDP (United Nations Development Programme).

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** - CITES is an international agreement between governments that is legally binding on its Parties.
- Its primary aim is to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival or lead to their extinction.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect** - The CITES Secretariat is administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

2) The **Earth hour**, and **Debt to nature swap** are the campaigns launched by?

- a. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- b. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- c. Greenpeace International
- d. Conservation International

Answer : b

#### Explanation

- **Option b is correct** - Both campaigns are the initiatives of **World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF)**
- **Earth Hour**: This is the famous "lights off" event held annually on the last Saturday of March.
- It started as a symbolic event in Sydney, Australia, in 2007, organized by WWF and its partners to raise awareness about climate change.
- **Debt-to-Nature Swap**: This concept was first conceived by Thomas Lovejoy (who was then the Vice President of WWF) in 1984.
- It is a deal where a portion of a developing nation's foreign debt is forgiven in exchange for local

investments in environmental conservation measures.

3) The **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve** is located in the state of?

- a. Assam
- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. Uttar Pradesh
- d. Bihar

Answer : c

### Explanation

- The **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve** located at the Pilibhit district, Uttar Pradesh, Lies along the Indo-Nepal border.
- It is part of the Terai Arc Landscape in the upper Gangetic Plain.
- It is established in 2008, under Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- It is approved by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) responsible for tiger conservation in India.

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4) Consider the following statements about Holi festival

1. The festival symbolizes the victory of good over evil, love, forgiveness, unity, and new beginnings.
2. Deepavali and Holi are included in UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of India.

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** - Holi, the festival of colours, was celebrated across India and globally.
- Holi celebrated on the Purnima (full moon) of the Hindu month of Phalguna (February-March).
- The festival represents or symbolizes the victory of good over evil, love, forgiveness, unity, and new beginnings.
- Marks the seasonal transition from winter to spring and the beginning of a new harvest cycle.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - The **Holi is not included** in UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of India. The list includes the following
  - **2025: Deepavali**
  - 2024: Nawrouz
  - 2023: Garba of Gujarat
  - 2021: Durga Puja in Kolkata
  - 2017: Kumbh Mela
  - 2016: Yoga
  - 2014: Traditional brass and copper craft of utensil making among the Thatheras of Jandiala Guru, Punjab, India
  - 2013: Sankirtana, ritual singing, drumming and dancing of Manipur

- 2012: Buddhist chanting of Ladakh: recitation of sacred Buddhist texts in the trans-Himalayan Ladakh region, Jammu and Kashmir, India
- 2010: Chhau dance
- 2010: Kalbelia folk songs and dances of Rajasthan
- 2010: Mudiyettu, ritual theatre and dance drama of Kerala
- 2009: Ramman, religious festival and ritual theatre of the Garhwal Himalayas, India
- 2008: Kutiyattam, Sanskrit theatre
- 2008: Tradition of Vedic chanting

2008: Ramlila, the traditional performance of the Ramayana.

5) Consider the following statements

1. The State Election Commission (SEC) is not subordinate to the Election Commission of India (ECI).
2. The SEC is appointed by the President, and can only be removed in a manner similar to a Supreme Court Judge.

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

- **State Election Commission (SEC)** established under Articles 243K and 243ZA, responsible for conducting elections for local bodies (Panchayats and Municipalities).
- **Election Commission of India (ECI)** established under Article 324, responsible for elections to Parliament, State Legislatures, and the offices of President and Vice-President.
- The SEC is appointed by the Governor, and the Commissioner can only be removed in a manner similar to a High Court Judge. **So statement 1 is correct, 2 is incorrect.**

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