



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 16-03-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements about PM-Viswakarma scheme

1. It is a central sector scheme to support traditional artisans and craftspeople of rural and urban India.
2. The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises is the nodal agency of the scheme.

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** - [PM Vishwakarma scheme](#) is a central sector scheme to support traditional artisans and craftspeople (Vishwakarmas) of rural and urban India.
- It was launched in 2023 with duration of 5 years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28).
- **Statement 2 is correct** - Nodal Ministry of the scheme is **Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises**.
- This covers 18 trades including carpenters, potters, blacksmiths, goldsmiths, tailors, barbers, and sculptors.
- The scheme is conjointly implemented by the following Ministries/Departments:
 - Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME).
 - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
 - Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance (MoF).

2) Which one of the following is the nodal agency of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme?

- a. Ministry of Science and Technology
- b. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- c. Ministry of Fertilizers and Chemicals
- d. Ministry of Rural Development

Answer : b

Explanation

- **Option b is correct** - The nodal agency (implementing ministry) of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme is the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.
- The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) under the Ministry of Agriculture and

Farmers Welfare handles the scheme, working with state and union territory governments to transfer funds directly to farmers' bank accounts.

- Its objective is to provide income support to all landholding farmer families in the country to supplement their financial needs for agriculture and allied activities.
- The scheme was launched on February 24, 2019, by the Prime Minister.

3) With reference to Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme consider the following statements

1. Ministry of Home Affairs is acting as the nodal agency of the scheme.
2. The scheme covers all 8 states of the North Eastern Region (NER).

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 : b

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - *The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER)* is the nodal agency, not the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - PM-DevINE covers *all 8 states* of the North Eastern Region (NER): Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura
- It is a *central sector scheme*.

4) The Operation Olivia is conducted by?

- a. Indian Navy
- b. CITES
- c. TRAFFIC
- d. WTO

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option a is correct** - **Operation Olivia** is conducted by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). Launched in the early 1980s.
- This annual initiative, running from November to May, protects endangered Olive Ridley turtles during their breeding and nesting season along the Odisha coast,
 - particularly near the Gahirmatha and Rushikulya river mouth.

5) The **Joha Rice** is associated with which one of the following states?

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

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option a is correct** - [Joha Rice](#) is associated with the state of Assam.
- It is an indigenous aromatic rice variety from Assam that received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2017.
- It is known for its mild floral fragrance, soft texture, and rich taste, commonly grown in the winter (Sali) crop season.
- Primarily cultivated in the Brahmaputra Valley of Assam.

