



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 20-03-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

- 1) The **Autonomous district councils (ADC)** are the features of which one of the following?
- Sixth schedule areas
 - Fifth schedule areas
 - Left wing Extremist areas
 - Dense forest containing areas

Answer : a

Explanation

- The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution contains provisions for the administration of tribal areas in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram.
- It allows these states for the creation of Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) and Regional Councils to provide legislative, executive, judicial, and financial powers.
- These councils promote decentralized governance and protect the autonomy of the tribes.
- Currently, there are 10 such autonomous councils within the four states mentioned.
- These councils have the authority to manage land, forests, water, village administration, and more.

- 2) What is "**Vela carli**" recently seen in news?

- Crab
- Fish
- Porpoise
- Marine mammal

Answer : a

Explanation

- **a is correct** - "Vela carli" recently seen in the news is a crab. It is an endemic freshwater crab found only in the forests and streams of the Central Western Ghats.
- It was discovered from the tree holes in the forests of the Silent Valley National Park.
- The dual-sex condition (both male and female at the same time) was observed in three crabs found here.
- The bodies of the crabs displayed male reproductive structures, while other parts showcased female features, including gonopores.

- 3) Consider the following statements about **Padma Awards**

1. They were instituted in 1954, they are announced on the eve of Republic Day (January 26)
2. These awards consists of two tiers.

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** - They were instituted in 1954, they are announced on the eve of Republic Day (January 26)
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - These awards consist of **three tiers**, not two:
 - **Padma Vibhushan**: For exceptional and distinguished service (second-highest civilian award).
 - **Padma Bhushan**: For distinguished service of a high order (third-highest civilian award).
 - **Padma Shri**: They were instituted in 1954, they are announced on the eve of Republic Day (January 26).

4) With reference to **Green Credits Programme (GCP)**, consider the following statements

1. It is a Central Sector Programme launched in 2023 and the stakeholders includes individuals, local bodies and industries.
2. The programme is mandatory in nature.
3. It is notified under Environmental protection act 1986.

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** - The Green Credit Programme (GCP) was introduced by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in 2023.
- It is designed to incentivize environmental actions, with ICFRE (Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education) acting as the administrator for individuals, industries, and local bodies
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - The GCP is designed as a **voluntary, market-based mechanism** aimed at encouraging environmental actions, rather than a mandatory obligation.
- **Statement 3 is correct** - The rules for the program were issued by the central government under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

5) Which of the following are the west flowing rivers in India?

1. Sabarmati
2. Sharavati
3. Periyar
4. Zuari

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. Only one
- b. Only two

- c. All three
- d. All four

Answer : d

Explanation

- **All the given four are west flowing rivers.**
- **Sabarmati:** Originates in the Aravalli Range of Rajasthan and flows through Gujarat into the Gulf of Khambhat (Arabian Sea).
- **Sharavati:** Originates in the Shimoga district of Karnataka and flows west to join the Arabian Sea; it is famous for the Jog Falls.
- **Periyar:** The longest river in Kerala, it originates in the Western Ghats and flows westwards before draining into the Arabian Sea.
- **Zuari:** One of the two major rivers in Goa (alongside the Mandovi), it originates in the Western Ghats and flows westwards into the Arabian Sea.

