



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 18 -05- 2026

Q1. The award "Royal Order of the Polar Star, Degree Commander Grand Cross" was recently in the news. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding its significance for India?

1. The current Prime Minister of India is the first Asian leader to be conferred with this honor.
2. This award marks the 50th international accolade received by the Prime Minister of India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

Correct Answer: A (1 only)

- **Explanation: Statement 1 is correct;** the PM is the first Asian leader to receive it.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect;** the text specifies it marks his 31st international accolade, not the 50th.

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Q2. Consider the following pairs of traditional community conservation practices/festivals and their respective states:

1. Panzath Nag Festival — Jammu & Kashmir
2. Jonbeel Mela (Community Fishing) — Assam
3. Sacred Groves (Sacred forests protected by local communities) — Present across various states of India

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- a. Only one pair
- b. Only two pairs
- c. All three pairs
- d. None of the pairs

Answer : c

Correct Answer: C (All three pairs)

- **Explanation:** All pairs are correctly matched. Panzath Nag belongs to J&K. Jonbeel Mela is a famous historical community gathering in Assam involving community fishing. Sacred Groves are traditional community-protected forest patches spread extensively across India.
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Q3. Which Indian state is widely celebrated as the "Amur Falcon Capital of the World" due to the massive congregation of these birds during their autumn migration?

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

Answer : a

- **Answer:** A (Nagaland)
- **Explanation:** Nagaland is globally recognized as the "Amur Falcon Capital of the World" due to the spectacular congregation of millions of these raptors around the Doyang Reservoir during their autumn migration.
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Q4. The names 'Apapang' and 'Alang', which were recently mentioned in the news, are associated with which of the following?

- a. Newly discovered endemic plant species in the Western Ghats
- b. Satellite-tagged individual Amur Falcons tracking trans-hemispheric migration
- c. Indigenous community-managed water reservoirs in South India
- d. Glacial lakes under flash-flood threat in the Himalayan region

Answer : b

- **Answer:** B (Trans-hemispheric raptor migration routes)
- **Explanation:** The Amur Falcon (*Falco amurensis*) is globally renowned for undergoing one of the longest trans-hemispheric migratory routes among all birds of prey (raptors), moving between the Northern Hemisphere (breeding) and the Southern Hemisphere (wintering).

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Q5. Consider the following pairs of archaeological sites and the specific river systems they are geographically associated with:

1. Adichanallur — Thamirabarani River
2. Korkai — Thamirabarani River
3. Keeladi — Vaigai River

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- a. Only one pair
- b. Only two pairs
- c. All three pairs
- d. None of the pairs

Answer : c

Answer: C

Solution:

- **Pair 1 is correctly matched:** Adichanallur is situated on the lower banks of the Thamirabarani River in Thoothukudi district.
- **Pair 2 is correctly matched:** Korkai is situated near the mouth where the Thamirabarani River meets the Gulf of Mannar.
- **Pair 3 is correctly matched:** Keeladi, another highly significant Sangam-era urban settlement excavated by the TNSDA, is located in the Sivaganga district along the **Vaigai River** valley.

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