



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 26 -05- 2026

1) The term “**Ecocide**”, in the news, is best described as which of the following?

- The deliberate environmental destruction by a country as a means of war.
- Unexpected environmental phenomenon associated with extinction of fauna due to invasive alien species.
- Drastic decrease of all demand in the economy with slight changes in the interest rates fixed by the central banks.
- The institutional set up of a corporate company falsely claiming the insurance of an event which didn't happen.

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option a is the correct answer - *Ecocide*** literally translates to "killing the environment."
- Ecocide refers to the very worst harms caused to the environment by human actions, usually on a major industrial scale or affecting a huge area.
- A recent report by Lebanon accused Israel's military of committing "ecocide" during its 2023-24 invasion of southern Lebanon — reshaping both its "physical and ecological landscape".

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2) Consider the following statements

1. A person who is not an MLA can become the chief minister, provided which he should be elected as a MLA within twelve months.
2. If any question arises whether a matter requires the Governor's discretion, his decision is final and cannot be called in question.
3. Unlike the president, the governor has constitutional discretion.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

- 1 and 2
- 3 only
- 2 and 3
- 2 only

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - While a person who is not a member of the state legislature can be appointed as the Chief Minister, they must be elected to either house of the state legislature within six months, not twelve months.
- If they fail to do so, they cease to be the Chief Minister (Article 164(4)).
- **Statement 2 is correct** - According to article 163(2) of the constitution, if any question arises

whether a matter falls within the Governor's discretion or not, the decision of the Governor is final.

- The validity of anything done by the Governor cannot be called into question on the ground that he ought or ought not to have acted in his discretion.
- **Statement 3 is correct** - The constitution of India explicitly grants constitutional discretion to the Governor in certain matters (reserving a bill for the consideration of the President under Article 200).
- Conversely, the President of India does not possess explicit constitutional discretion. His discretionary powers are purely situational
- These include appointing a Prime Minister when no party has a clear majority, or dismissing the Council of Ministers when it loses the confidence of the Lok Sabha.

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3) The India's First AI Elephant Research Centre is located in which one of the following states?

- a. Assam
- b. Karnataka
- c. Kerala
- d. Jharkhand

Answer : d

Explanation

- **Option d is correct** - India's first AI-powered Human-Elephant Conflict Research Centre is being established in the **Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Jharkhand.**
- It was located on the Chhotanagpur Plateau, this pioneering facility spans 15-20 acres within the reserve.
- Its primary goal is to mitigate human-elephant conflicts using advanced machine learning to track migration routes and decode elephant vocalizations for early warning alerts in nearby villages.

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4) What is the term "Sanghmitra" recently seen in news?

- a. Vessel
- b. UAV
- c. Missile
- d. Tank

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option a is correct** - **Sanghmitra** is a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) launched at GRSE, Kolkata.
- It was part of - 11 NGOPVs being built indigenously at Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) and GRSE.
- It was named after the daughter of King Ashoka and designed for Surveillance, defence, search & rescue, offshore asset protection, HADR, and anti-piracy missions.

5) Consider the following

1. Sasthamkotta Lake: Kerala
2. Thol Lake: Gujarat

3. Nanda lake: Bihar

Which of the above matches are incorrect?

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

Answer : c

Explanation

- **1 is correct** - *Sasthamkotta Lake* is the largest fresh water lake in Kerala and was designated as a Ramsar site in 2002.
- **2 is correct** - *Thol Lake* is a shallow freshwater lake surrounded by a wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat, designated as a Ramsar site in 2021.
- **3 is incorrect** - Nanda Lake is Goa's very first designated Ramsar site, located in the Curchorem region.

