



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 20-07-2026

1) With reference to the Laudankia Vine Snake, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is an endemic snake species found in India, with its distribution extending from the Eastern Ghats through central India to eastern Rajasthan.
2. It is a highly venomous species inhabiting tropical rainforests posing a serious threat to humans.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

Explanation



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- **Statement 1 is correct** - The Laudankia Vine Snake (*Ahaetulla laudankia*) is endemic to India, occurring from the Eastern Ghats through central India to eastern Rajasthan.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - It inhabits dry deciduous forests, scrublands, hill slopes, and other natural green habitats, not tropical rainforests.
- It is only mildly venomous, with venom effective mainly against small prey and not dangerous to humans.

2) What is Likweli recently seen in news?

- a. Snake
- b. Plant
- c. Monkey
- d. Fish

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Option c is correct** - Recently, scientists have identified and confirmed the Likweli (*Colobus congoensis*) as a newly discovered species of African colobus monkey.
- It is one of the most exciting recent discoveries in modern primatology, and is only the fifth new species of African monkey to be identified in the last 75 years.

3) With reference to Semicon 2.0, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. Semicon 2.0 is an expansion of the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) aimed at developing a complete semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem in India.

2. Under Semicon 2.0, the first semiconductor fabrication (fab) plant is scheduled to commence operations only after 2032.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** – Semicon 2.0 is an expansion of the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) with the objective of creating a comprehensive semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem and positioning India.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – The first semiconductor fabrication (fab) plant is scheduled for 2028, not after 2032.

4) With reference to the Ultra-sensitive Wearable Ammonia Sensor, recently developed in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. It has been developed by the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology.
- 2. The self-powered version of the sensor derives energy from a flexible piezoelectric nanogenerator and can be integrated into wearable textiles.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** – The sensor was developed by the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- **Statement 2 is correct** – The self-powered prototype uses a flexible piezoelectric nanogenerator to harvest energy from human movement and can be incorporated into wearable devices and electronic textiles.

5) The case Sabitri Dey @ Swasthi Dey vs Union of India, recently seen in the news, is primarily related to?

- a. Citizenship determination
- b. Electoral reforms
- c. Judicial appointments
- d. Environmental clearance

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option a is correct** - The Supreme Court, in *Sabitri Dey @ Swasthi Dey vs Union of India* (2026), held that citizenship and foreigner status must be determined only through a fair, lawful, and reasoned judicial process, setting aside ex parte declarations made without due process.

