



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 19-08-2026

1) With reference to Fiji's HIV outbreak (2026), consider the following statements:

1. Adult HIV prevalence in Fiji has reached 1.6%.
2. Only one-third of people living with HIV in Fiji know their status.
3. Lenacapavir, a long-acting injectable prevention drug, is being introduced through the Global Fund.

Which of the above are correct?

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

Answer : d

Fiji's HIV prevalence is 1.6%, only one-third know their status, and Lenacapavir is being introduced via the Global Fund.

2) The unusual cosmic object MoM?BH?1, discovered in the early universe, is best described as:

- a. A massive star powered by nuclear fusion.
- b. A supermassive black hole encased in dense hydrogen gas.
- c. A dust-rich galaxy obscured by cosmic dust.
- d. A neutron star surrounded by heavy elements.

- a. a
- b. b
- c. c
- d. d

Answer : b

MoM?BH?1 is a supermassive black hole (100,000–1 million solar masses) wrapped in dense hydrogen gas, explaining JWST's "little red dots."

3) The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court declared the Porunai (Tamirabharani) River a legal person by:

- a. Directly conferring legal personhood under Article 21.
- b. Declaring the river a deity, thereby granting juristic personality.
- c. Passing a constitutional amendment in the State Assembly.
- d. Recognising it as a natural resource under the Wildlife Protection Act.

- a. a
- b. b

c. c

d. d

Answer : b

To align with Supreme Court precedents, the Court declared the river a deity, a category with juristic personality, thereby granting legal rights.

4) The Draft SHANTI Rules (2026) introduced which of the following reforms in India's nuclear energy sector?

1. Private companies can build, own, and operate nuclear power plants.
2. Government retains monopoly over uranium enrichment and spent fuel management.
3. Operator liability is now capacity-linked rather than a flat limit.

Which of the above are correct?

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

Answer : d

SHANTI Rules open nuclear energy to private participation (1),

Retain government monopoly over sensitive activities (2),

Introduce a sliding liability scale (3).

5) With reference to the Gaj Gaurav Awards, consider the following statements:

1. Instituted in 2022 by MoEFCC during 30 years of Project Elephant.
2. Conferred annually on World Elephant Day (August 12).
3. Awardees include mahouts, forest staff, and indigenous communities working in elephant conservation.

Which of the above are correct?

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

Answer : d

Instituted in 2022 by MoEFCC, conferred annually on World Elephant Day, and honours frontline staff, mahouts, and communities for elephant conservation.