



### Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 20-08-2026

Assertion (A): India launched its first ever Guide to Grasslands and Other Open Natural Ecosystems (ONEs) at UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Reason (R): The guide contains specialized thematic sections focusing on pastoralism, fire ecology, and soil carbon sequestration.

- a. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true, but R is false
- d. A is false, but R is true

Answer: c

Explanation: The guide was indeed launched at COP17 and maps diverse ONEs, but the article did not mention specialized thematic sections on pastoralism, fire ecology, or soil carbon sequestration.

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

Answer : c



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2) COP17 of the UNCCD in Ulaanbaatar focused on:

- a. Finalising a legally binding global drought protocol left unresolved at COP16.
- b. Negotiating a new convention independent of UNCCD.
- c. Drafting a biodiversity framework to replace KMGBF.
- d. Establishing a new trade mechanism for desert minerals.

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

Answer : a

COP17's priority was to accelerate land restoration pledges and address the unresolved global drought protocol after COP16 in Riyadh.

3) With reference to India's buffalo meat exports, consider the following statements:

- 1. India is the world's third largest bovine meat exporter after Brazil and Australia.
- 2. Buffalo meat (carabeef) exports crossed \$5 billion for the first time in 2025?26.

3. India permits export of cattle beef alongside buffalo meat.

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 : a

Explanation: India is the 3rd largest bovine meat exporter (1),

Exports crossed \$5 billion in 2025?26 (2).

Export of cattle beef is not permitted (3 incorrect).

4) Eri silk, for which a Centre of Excellence was inaugurated in Meghalaya, is unique because:

- a. It is reeled from cocoons after killing the silkworm.
- b. It is known as “peace silk” since the moth leaves the cocoon naturally.
- c. It is shiny like mulberry silk.
- d. It is produced only in Karnataka.

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

Answer : b



Eri silk is called “peace silk” or “ahimsa silk” as the moth leaves the cocoon naturally; yarn is spun, not reeled.

5) Lithium exploitation in the Sahel region is significant because:

- a. It is entirely state-controlled with no insurgent involvement.
- b. Armed groups like Boko Haram and ISWAP exploit weak governance to fund insurgency.
- c. Sahel has no lithium deposits.
- d. It is confined only to Nigeria and excludes Mali.

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

Answer : b

Armed groups exploit weak regulation and informal mining in Nigeria, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Chad, linking lithium extraction to insurgency financing.