



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 18-09-2026

1. With reference to the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), consider the following statements:

1. It was established in 1943 as a non-official, non-political organisation.
2. It was declared an institution of national importance by an Act of Parliament in 2001.
3. The Vice-President of India is the ex-officio President of the ICWA.
4. It functions under the Ministry of External Affairs as an attached office of the Government of India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1, 2 and 3 only
- c. 2, 3 and 4 only
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer : b

- **Statement 1 - Correct:** The **Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)** was established in **1943** as a non-official, non-political organisation dedicated to the study of international relations and world affairs.
- **Statement 2 - Correct:** The ICWA was declared an **institution of national importance by an Act of Parliament in 2001**, but the relevant legislation is the **ICWA Act, 2001**.
- **Statement 3 - Correct:** The **Vice-President of India** serves as the **ex-officio President** of the ICWA.
- **Statement 4 - Incorrect:** ICWA is **not an attached office of the Ministry of External Affairs**. It is an autonomous institution of national importance, although it works closely with the Ministry of External Affairs and other institutions on foreign-policy and international-relations issues.

2. With reference to the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), consider the following statements:

1. The NAPCC was launched in 2008 to address the challenges posed by climate change in India.
2. It originally comprised eight National Missions focusing on different aspects of climate change.
3. The National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency aims to promote energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
4. The National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture is primarily concerned with increasing India's forest and tree cover.

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- b. 1, 2 and 3 only
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Answer : b

- **Statement 1 - Correct:** The **National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC)** was launched by the Government of India in **2008** to create an overarching framework for addressing climate change.
- **Statement 2 - Correct:** The NAPCC comprises **eight National Missions**, covering areas such as solar energy, energy efficiency, sustainable habitat, water, Himalayan ecosystems, forestry, sustainable agriculture and strategic knowledge.
- **Statement 3 - Correct:** The **National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency (NMEEE)** seeks to strengthen energy efficiency through market-based mechanisms and other measures, thereby contributing to reduced energy consumption and emissions.
- **Statement 4 - Incorrect:** Increasing forest and tree cover is the primary focus of the **National Mission for a Green India (GIM)**. The **National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)** focuses on making Indian agriculture more resilient and sustainable in the context of climate change.

3. With reference to the Global Combat Air Programme (GCAP), recently associated with the development of the 'Tempest' fighter aircraft, consider the following statements:

1. GCAP is a trilateral programme involving the United Kingdom, Italy and Japan.
2. The programme aims to develop a next-generation combat aircraft incorporating advanced technologies.
3. India is a founding partner in the GCAP.
4. The UK's BAE Systems, Italy's Leonardo and Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries are associated with the programme.

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- b. 2, 3 and 4 only
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Answer : c

- **Statement 1 - Correct:** The **Global Combat Air Programme (GCAP)** is a joint initiative of the **United Kingdom, Italy and Japan** to develop a next-generation combat aircraft.
- **Statement 2 - Correct:** GCAP seeks to develop an advanced combat-air system incorporating technologies such as **advanced sensors, networking, artificial intelligence and next-generation weapons capabilities**.
- **Statement 3 - Incorrect:** **India is not a founding partner of GCAP**. The programme was established by the UK, Italy and Japan.
- **Statement 4 - Correct:** Major industrial partners include **BAE Systems (UK), Leonardo (Italy), and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (Japan)**.

4. With reference to the cheetah reintroduction programme in India, consider the following statements:

1. Project Cheetah was launched in 2022 with the translocation of cheetahs from Namibia to India.
2. Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh is the primary site for the cheetah reintroduction programme.
3. India's cheetah population in 2026 includes both cheetahs born in India and those translocated from African countries.
4. The Asiatic cheetah was the subspecies historically found in India and is the subspecies being reintroduced under Project Cheetah.

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Answer : d

- **Statement 1 - Correct: Project Cheetah** was formally launched in **September 2022**, with the first batch of cheetahs brought from **Namibia** to India.
- **Statement 2 - Correct: Kuno National Park (Madhya Pradesh)** is the principal site for the reintroduction programme. Other landscapes are also being considered/developed to establish additional populations.
- **Statement 3 - Correct:** India's cheetah population comprises **translocated African cheetahs as well as cubs born in India** as part of the breeding and population-establishment effort.
- **Statement 4 - Incorrect:** The cheetahs being reintroduced are **African cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*)**, primarily sourced from Namibia and South Africa. The **Asiatic cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus venaticus*)**, which historically occurred in India, is now restricted mainly to **Iran**.

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