



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 23-09-2026

1. Consider the following pairs:

Exercise	Countries involved / Feature
1. Nomadic Elephant	India - Mongolia
2. Yudh Abhyas	India - United States
3. Dharma Guardian	India - Japan
4. Maitree	India - Thailand

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. Only three
- d. All four

Answer : d

1. Nomadic Elephant — Correct

It is an **annual bilateral military exercise between the Indian Army and the Mongolian Armed Forces**, conducted alternately in India and Mongolia. The **18th edition (2026)** commenced at **Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand**, on 21 September 2026, with **45 personnel from each side**.

2. Yudh Abhyas — Correct

It is a major **India-United States Army exercise**, aimed at enhancing interoperability and operational cooperation between the two armies.

3. Dharma Guardian — Correct

It is a **bilateral military exercise between India and Japan**, focusing on strengthening interoperability and military cooperation.

4. Maitree — correct

Exercise Maitree is conducted between **India and Thailand**, so the pair as stated is actually **correct**.

Therefore, all four pairs are correctly matched.

2. With reference to the 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar 2026' campaign, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a nationwide campaign focused on coastal cleanliness and marine litter management.
- 2. The campaign is spearheaded by the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

3. The 2026 edition is the **fifth edition** of the campaign.
4. The campaign is conducted only through government agencies and excludes citizen participation.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer : a

Statement 1 - Correct

Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar is a nationwide coastal-cleanup and ocean-conservation campaign aimed at addressing **marine litter and promoting cleaner and safer coastal environments**.

Statement 2 - Correct

The campaign is spearheaded by the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)**. The **National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR)** coordinates the campaign.

Statement 3 - Correct

The **2026 edition is the 5th edition**, titled **Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar 5.0**. It was launched on **1 September 2026**.

Statement 4 - Incorrect

The campaign follows a **Jan Bhagidari** approach, involving **citizens, students, youth, coastal communities, NGOs and volunteers**, rather than being restricted to government agencies

With reference to the International Day of Peace, consider the following statements:

1. It is observed annually on **21 September**.
2. The day was established by the **United Nations General Assembly**.
3. Since 2001, it has been designated as a day of **global ceasefire and non-violence**.
4. The 2026 theme is **"Invest in Peace - For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day."**

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 : d

Statement 1 - Correct

The **International Day of Peace is observed every year on 21 September**. The date was fixed by the UN General Assembly through Resolution **55/282 (2001)**.

Statement 2 - Correct

The observance originated with **UN General Assembly Resolution 36/67 of 1981**, which

proclaimed an International Day of Peace.

Statement 3 - Correct

In **2001**, the UN General Assembly decided that the International Day of Peace would be observed as a **day of global ceasefire and non-violence**, inviting nations and peoples to cease hostilities for the duration of the day.

Statement 4 - Correct

The **2026 theme** is “**Invest in Peace - For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day.**” It emphasises peacebuilding through local action, dialogue, sustainable development, human rights and cooperation.

4.Consider the following statements regarding the Inter-State Council:

1. It is a constitutional body established under Article 263 of the Constitution of India.
2. The President may establish such a Council if it appears that public interest would be served by its establishment.
3. The Council is chaired by the Prime Minister and includes Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories having legislative assemblies.
4. The Inter-State Council is a permanent body and its recommendations are binding on the Union and State Governments.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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



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Answer : b

- **Statement 1 - Correct:** The Inter-State Council is a **constitutional body** provided for under **Article 263** of the Constitution.
- **Statement 2 - Correct:** Article 263 empowers the **President** to establish an Inter-State Council when it appears that public interest would be served by its establishment.
- **Statement 3 - Correct:** The Inter-State Council is chaired by the **Prime Minister**. Its composition includes the Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories having legislative assemblies, along with other Union Ministers as specified.
- **Statement 4 - Incorrect:** The Inter-State Council is **not a permanent constitutional body** in the sense of being automatically constituted by the Constitution, and its recommendations are **advisory/non-binding**.

5.Consider the following statements regarding the Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) recently proposed in India:

1. Asia's first dedicated Telecom Manufacturing Zone is being established at **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**.
2. The Zone is being developed through cooperation between the **Department of Telecommunications and the Government of Madhya Pradesh**.
3. The TMZ is intended to integrate manufacturing, R&D, testing and certification facilities across the telecom value chain.
4. The initiative is exclusively focused on manufacturing mobile handsets and does not cover optical fibre or 5G/6G technologies.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer : b

- **Statement 1 - Correct:** Gwalior in **Madhya Pradesh** is being developed as the site of Asia's first dedicated Telecom Manufacturing Zone. The first phase covers about **170 acres**.
- **Statement 2 - Correct:** The initiative is a collaboration between the **Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, and the Government of Madhya Pradesh**. Their MoU was signed in July 2026.
- **Statement 3 - Correct:** The TMZ is envisaged as an integrated ecosystem covering **manufacturing, R&D, common testing laboratories and certification facilities**. It is also intended to support technologies such as 5G/6G.
- **Statement 4 - Incorrect:** The TMZ is **not limited to mobile handsets**. Its proposed ecosystem covers telecom equipment and components including **routers, antennas, optical fibre and advanced semiconductor technologies**, besides next-generation telecom technologies



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