



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 30-09-2026

1. Consider the following statements regarding the Chabahar-Zahedan Railway:

1. It is a railway connectivity project in **Iran** linking the port of Chabahar with Zahedan.
2. India and Iran signed an MoU for the project in **2016** involving IRCON and Iran's CDTIC.
3. The project is intended to strengthen connectivity between **Chabahar Port, Afghanistan and Central Asia**.
4. Chabahar is located on Iran's **Persian Gulf coast**.

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:** The Chabahar-Zahedan railway is planned to connect **Chabahar Port in southeastern Iran with Zahedan**, an important rail junction in Iran.
- **Statement 2 - Correct:** An MoU between **IRCON (India) and Iran's CDTIC** for construction of the railway was signed during the Indian Prime Minister's visit to Iran in **May 2016**.
- **Statement 3 - Correct:** The railway is significant for improving connectivity from **Chabahar to Afghanistan and Central Asia**. India has also supported integrating Chabahar into broader regional connectivity frameworks such as the **INSTC**.
- **Statement 4 - Incorrect:** Chabahar is situated on Iran's **Gulf of Oman coast**, not the Persian Gulf.

2. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise KAZIND-2026:

1. It is a **joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan**.
2. The 9th edition of the exercise is being conducted in **Oskemen, Kazakhstan**.
3. It focuses primarily on **joint counter-terrorism operations** in semi-urban and mountainous terrain.
4. The exercise includes the integrated use of **Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and Counter-UAS capabilities**.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer : d

- **Statement 1 - Correct:** KAZIND is a **bilateral military exercise between India and Kazakhstan**.
- **Statement 2 - Correct:** The **9th edition of KAZIND-2026** is being conducted at **Oskemen, Kazakhstan**, from **28 September to 11 October 2026**.
- **Statement 3 - Correct:** The exercise focuses on **joint counter-terrorism operations** in a sub-conventional environment, particularly in **semi-urban and mountainous terrain**.
- **Statement 4 - Correct:** Training includes **air mobility** and integrated employment of **UAS and Counter-UAS systems**, along with raids, cordon-and-search operations and special heliborne operations.

3.Consider the following statements regarding the Global Automotive Research Centre (GARC):

1. GARC is located at **Oragadam, Tamil Nadu**, near Chennai.
2. It was established under the **National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRiP)**.
3. GARC is an authorised testing agency under **Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules**.
4. It is exclusively meant for testing **electric vehicles**.

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:** GARC is located at **Oragadam in Tamil Nadu**, in the southern automotive hub near Chennai.
- **Statement 2 - Correct:** GARC was established under **NATRiP**, a Government of India initiative for automotive testing, homologation and R&D infrastructure.
- **Statement 3 - Correct:** GARC is an authorised testing agency under **Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR)** for type approval and homologation testing.
- **Statement 4 - Incorrect:** GARC is **not exclusively an EV testing centre**. It provides testing, R&D, homologation and certification facilities covering vehicles and components, including powertrain, emissions, safety, fatigue, EMC and electric vehicles.

4.Consider the following statements regarding the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958:

1. The Act empowers the Central Government, Governor of a State, or Administrator of a Union Territory to declare an area as a **“disturbed area”** under certain conditions.
2. Under Section 4, specified members of the armed forces can use force, including lethal force in prescribed circumstances, in a disturbed area.
3. A person arrested under the Act must be handed over to the nearest police station with the least possible delay.
4. The Act itself automatically declares an entire State as a disturbed area for a fixed period of six months.

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:** Under **Section 3**, the Central Government, Governor of a State, or

Administrator of a UT can declare the whole or part of the relevant area as a disturbed area if conditions warrant the use of armed forces in aid of civil power.

- **Statement 2 - Correct: Section 4** provides specified armed-forces personnel with special powers in disturbed areas, including the power to use force, even to the causing of death, in circumstances specified by the Act.
- **Statement 3 - Correct: Section 5** requires arrested persons to be handed over to the officer in charge of the nearest police station with the **least possible delay**.
- **Statement 4 - Incorrect:** AFSPA does **not automatically** declare an entire State disturbed for six months. A disturbed-area declaration is made through a notification under **Section 3**; its geographical extent and duration depend on the relevant notification.

5. Consider the following statements regarding the “Group of Friends on Safety & Security of Shipping & Seafarers”:

1. It was jointly launched by **India and Liberia** on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in 2026.
2. India and Liberia serve as **co-chairs** of the group.
3. It aims to strengthen international cooperation for the safety and security of **commercial shipping and seafarers**.
4. It is a formal treaty-based organisation established as a specialised agency of the United Nations.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer : a

- **Statement 1 - Correct:** India and Liberia jointly launched the **Group of Friends on Safety & Security of Shipping & Seafarers** during the high-level week of the **UN General Assembly in New York** in September 2026.
- **Statement 2 - Correct:** **India and Liberia are the co-chairs** of the initiative.
- **Statement 3 - Correct:** The group focuses on maritime trade, protection of seafarers, and strengthening cooperation against threats to commercial shipping, including attacks and other maritime-security challenges.
- **Statement 4 - Incorrect:** It is an **inclusive, voluntary and action-oriented Group of Friends**, not a treaty-based UN specialised agency. It works alongside existing international frameworks, including those associated with the **International Maritime Organization (IMO)** and **International Labour Organization (ILO)**.