



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 01-10-2026

1. 'Gadgil Committee Report' and 'Kasturirangan Committee Report', sometimes seen in the news, are related to:

- a. Constitutional reforms
- b. Ganga Action Plan
- c. Linking of rivers
- d. Protection of Western Ghats

Answer : d

Explanation

- **Option D is correct:** Both the Gadgil Committee and Kasturirangan Committee were constituted to recommend measures for the conservation and sustainable development of the Western Ghats.
- **Gadgil Committee (2011)** - Recommended declaring the entire Western Ghats an Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA), divided into three zones based on ecological sensitivity.
- **Kasturirangan Committee (2013)** - Proposed a more restricted approach, recommending that about 37% of the Western Ghats—primarily the natural landscape—be declared an ESA.

2. Which of the following ancient South Indian ports is most closely associated with Chola maritime activity and the Kaveri delta?

- a. Korkai
- b. Puhar
- c. Muziris
- d. Tondi

Answer : b

Explanation

- **Option B is correct** - Puhar, also known as Kaveripattinam, was an important ancient port located at the mouth of the Kaveri River in present-day Tamil Nadu and closely associated with Chola maritime activity.
- Served as a major centre of maritime trade and overseas contacts.
- Mentioned prominently in Sangam literature, especially Pattinappalai and Silappadikaram.
- It facilitated trade with regions across the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia.
- **Korkai** - Primarily associated with the Pandyas and pearl fisheries.
- **Muziris** - Major port of the Chera region, associated with Roman trade.
- **Tondi** - Associated mainly with the Chera maritime network.

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Bagh Cave Paintings

2. Apatani Cultural Landscape
3. Ginnorgarh Fort
4. Udaigiri Caves

Which of the statements given above is/are recently added to the UNESCO Tentative List from India?

- a. One site only
- b. Two sites only
- c. Three sites only
- d. All the four sites

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Option C is correct** - According to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, UNESCO's current Tentative List confirms that Bagh Cave Paintings, Ginnorgarh Fort and Udaigiri Caves were submitted on 8 July 2026.
- The Apatani Cultural Landscape has been on the list since 2014.

4. Assertion (A): PRAHAAR represents a shift from an exclusively incident-response-oriented framework towards a comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy.

Reason (R): Its pillars cover the entire spectrum from prevention and intelligence coordination to counter-radicalization, international cooperation, recovery and societal resilience.

Select the correct answer:

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

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option A is correct** - The National Counter-Terrorism Policy & Strategy — PRAHAAR, released by the Ministry of Home Affairs in February 2026, provides a comprehensive framework for countering terrorism and radicalisation.
- **Assertion (A) is correct:** PRAHAAR moves beyond a purely reactive/incident-response approach towards a proactive, intelligence-guided and whole-of-government/whole-of-society framework.
- **Reason (R) is correct:** It has seven pillars.
- Thus, R directly explains why PRAHAAR represents a comprehensive shift in counter-terrorism strategy.

5. The term “Lilium”, which has recently been seen in the news, is associated with?

- a. Bacteria
- b. Flowering Plants
- c. Fungi
- d. Bird

Answer : b

Explanation

- **Option B is correct** - Flowering Plants.
- Liliaceae is a family of flowering plants belonging to the order Liliales.
- Commonly known as lilies.
- They are perennial, bulbous plants.
- Examples include Asiatic lilies, Oriental lilies and Easter lilies.
- The family contains many species widely cultivated as ornamental plants.



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