

# **10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation**

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (9 December)

**Q1. UNSC Resolution 2803, recently seen in the news, is related to:**

- (a) Reform of the UN Security Council
- (b) Sanctions on North Korea's nuclear programme
- (c) Endorsing a US-backed Comprehensive Plan to end the Gaza conflict
- (d) Deployment of peacekeepers in the Armenia–Azerbaijan conflict

**Correct Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** UNSC Resolution 2803 endorses the US-backed Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict

Source- [carnegieendowment](https://www.carnegieendowment.org)

**Q2. The “Washington Accords for Peace and Prosperity”, recently seen in the news, were signed between:**

- (a) Ethiopia and Eritrea
- (b) Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda
- (c) Sudan and South Sudan
- (d) Kenya and Somalia

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** The Washington Accords for Peace and Prosperity were facilitated by the United States to ease tensions between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda, following renewed attacks by the Rwanda-backed M23 rebels in eastern DRC.

Source- [UN](https://www.un.org)

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Benin (recently in news for a foiled coup attempt):**

- 1. It is a country in East Africa.
- 2. It is a Presidential Republic and follows a multi-party democratic system.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct answer: (b)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** — Benin is located in West Africa, not East Africa.
- **Statement 2 is correct** — Benin is a presidential republic and operates under a multi-party democratic system.

Source- [cnn](https://www.cnn.com)

**Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Vande Mataram:**

- 1. Vande Mataram was first published in Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's novel Anandmath.
- 2. It was adopted by the Indian National Congress in 1905 to inspire nationalist sentiments.
- 3. The Constitution grants Vande Mataram the same legal status and constitutional privileges as the National Anthem.

**How many of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) All three
- (d) None

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** Statements 1 and 2 are correct, while 3 is incorrect because Vande Mataram has equal honour but not the same constitutional privileges as the National Anthem.

**Source-** [IE](#)

**Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Hoolock Gibbon:**

1. It is the only ape found in India and is distributed mainly in the northeastern states.
2. The Western Hoolock Gibbon is classified as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Both 1 and 2
- (D) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct** — Hoolock Gibbon is India's only ape species, found in the northeastern states.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — Western Hoolock Gibbon is Endangered, not Vulnerable.

**Source-** [Theprint](#)

**Q6. The Washington Accords for Peace and Prosperity, seen in the news recently, is about?**

- a) a US-brokered peace agreement between DRC and Rwanda to end eastern Congo conflict, withdraw Rwandan troops, disarm militias, and promote regional economic integration in critical minerals
- b) a multilateral trade pact between Washington and Indo-Pacific nations for supply chain resilience
- c) a climate accord signed in Washington for prosperity through green energy transitions in developing countries
- d) a US-led initiative for peace in the Middle East focusing on economic prosperity corridors

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- The United Nations has welcomed a newly signed peace accord between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda as a "critical step" toward restoring trust, while warning that active fighting near border areas continue to exact a heavy toll on civilians. The Washington Accords for Peace and Prosperity were officially signed in Washington DC, facilitated by the United States.

**Source:** [UN](#)

**Q7. With reference to cosmic or galaxy filaments, consider the following statements:**

1. Cosmic filaments are the largest known structures in the Universe, forming a network of interconnected galaxy clusters and dark-matter strands.
2. They are believed to have formed due to density fluctuations in the early Universe amplified by gravitational instability.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Both are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Cosmic or galaxy filaments are the largest 'threads' in the universe's cosmic web. A single cosmic filament is a structure spanning hundreds of millions of light years.

**Statement 2 is correct:** They are formed as a result of gravity pulling in gas, dark matter, and galaxies into long, thin strands that link giant clusters of galaxies. Filaments also surround large, empty regions of space called voids.

**Source:** [TH](#)

**Q8.** The Tapanuli region, seen in the news due to loss of its orangutans due to floods recently, is located in?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Malaysia
- c) Congo
- d) Benin

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Before the deadly landslides and floods hit Indonesia about two weeks ago, Amran Siagian, 39, frequently met **Tapanuli orangutans** on a hill in the region of Sipirok, North Sumatra province.

**Source:** [DD News](#)

**Q9.** With reference to the Charaichung Royal Bird Sanctuary, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is Asia's first protected royal bird habitat.
- 2. It is located in the state of Assam.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Both are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Charaichung Royal Bird Sanctuary, established in 1633 AD by Ahom king Swargadeo Pratap Singha in Majuli, is recognized as Asia's first protected royal bird habitat, with a 392-year legacy now being revived through festivals.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is located in Majuli, Assam's riverine island district, hosting over 150 species of indigenous and migratory birds amid biodiversity-rich wetlands.

**Source:** [NET](#)

**Q10.** Consider the following statements regarding the GREAT Scheme:

- 1. The Ministry of Science and Technology is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
- 2. The scheme is launched with an objective to support start-up ecosystem of technical textiles in India by assisting young innovators, scientists/technologists, and startup ventures.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Ministry of Textiles is the nodal ministry of the “Grant for Research and Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT)” scheme.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It was launched under the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) with an objective to support start-up ecosystem of Technical Textiles in India by assisting young innovators, scientists/technologists, and startup ventures in the field of Technical Textiles to translate their ideas into commercial technologies/products.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (10th December)

**Q1. Consider the following:**

**Assertion (A):** Sudden Stratospheric Warming (SSW) is a rapid temperature rise (up to 50°C) in the stratosphere, about 10–50 km above Earth’s surface. These events can weaken or even reverse the polar vortex winds during winter in the Northern Hemisphere.

**Reason (R):** Strong upward-propagating Rossby waves can break in the upper atmosphere, disrupting the polar vortex and causing rapid warming in the stratosphere.

**Select the correct code:**

- (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

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:** SSW events occur when Rossby waves disturb and weaken the polar vortex. If the disturbance is strong, the westerly winds can slow dramatically or even reverse, leading to a split or displacement of the vortex and sharp warming of the stratosphere.

**Source-** [newsweek](#)

**Q2. With reference to Biostimulants, consider the following statements:**

1. Biostimulants enhance natural plant processes without directly supplying nutrients.
2. In India, biostimulants are regulated under the Seeds Act, 1966.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** Biostimulants stimulate natural plant processes such as nutrient uptake, stress tolerance, and crop quality without directly acting as nutrients.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** In India, biostimulants are not regulated under the Seeds Act, 1966. They are regulated under the Fertiliser Control Order (FCO), 1985.



Source- [DTE](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the impeachment (removal) process of Supreme Court and High Court judges in India:**

1. A motion for removal of a judge can be introduced in either House of Parliament only with the support of at least 50 Lok Sabha MPs or 30 Rajya Sabha MPs.
2. The inquiry committee formed under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 consists of a Supreme Court judge, a High Court Chief Justice, and an eminent jurist.
3. A judge can be removed by Parliament if the motion is passed in each House by a simple majority of members present and voting.

**How many of the above statements is/are correct?**

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The motion requires 100 Lok Sabha MPs or 50 Rajya Sabha MPs, not 50 and 30.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The inquiry committee includes a Supreme Court judge, a High Court Chief Justice, and an eminent jurist.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Removal requires a special majority, not a simple majority.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements regarding INS Gharial:**

1. INS Gharial belongs to the Shivalik-class frigates.
2. It was built in collaboration with the Russian Navy under a defense pact.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- INS Gharial (L23) is a Magar-class amphibious warfare vessel, not a Shivalik-class frigate.
- It was built indigenously by Hindustan Shipyard Limited and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers; no collaboration with the Russian Navy took place.

Source- [TP](#)

**Q5. Majuli in Assam recently hosted the 'Charaichung Festival'. What is the primary purpose of this festival?**

- A. To promote Assamese cuisine and culture
- B. To celebrate Majuli's handloom industry
- C. To revive and conserve the Royal Bird Sanctuary
- D. To promote river tourism in the Brahmaputra

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Charaichung Festival in Majuli is organised to revive and conserve the nearly defunct Royal Bird Sanctuary, which is part of efforts to protect biodiversity on Asia's first protected royal bird sanctuary.

Source- [ddnews](#)

**Q6.** The Digital Services Act (DSA), seen in the news recently, is enacted by

- a) ASEAN
- b) UN
- c) EU
- d) AU

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- The European Commission imposed a €120 million fine on X after a two-year investigation found violations of transparency requirements under the Digital Services Act (DSA).

Source: [IE](#)

**Q7.** The Miyako Strait, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) The South China Sea between Vietnam and the Philippines
- b) The East China Sea between Okinawa Island and Miyako Island
- c) The Sea of Japan between Hokkaido and Sakhalin
- d) The Philippine Sea between Luzon and Taiwan

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- The Miyako Strait (also called the Miyako Channel) is a strategic maritime passage located between Miyako Island and Okinawa Island in the Ryukyu Islands of Japan.

Source: [DD News](#)

**Q8.** Consider the following pairs:

**UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage**

**Places**

- |                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Kutiyattam                         | Tamil Nadu |
| 2. Ramman                             | Kerala     |
| 3. Mudi yettu                         | Telangana  |
| 4. Traditional Brass and Copper Craft | Punjab     |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: Only Pair 4 is matched correctly**

**Pair 1 is matched incorrectly:** Kutiyattam - Kerala - 2008

**Pair 2 is matched incorrectly:** Ramman - Uttarakhand - 2009

**Pair 3 is matched incorrectly:** Mudi yettu - Kerala - 2010

**Pair 4 is matched correctly: Traditional Brass and Copper Craft - Punjab - 2014**

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q9.** With reference to C. Rajagopalachari, which one of the following statements is correct?

- a) He was the first Indian Governor-General of India and the founder of the Liberal Party.
- b) He was the last Governor-General of India and founded a political party that opposed the dominant socialist policies of his time.
- c) He was the President of the Constituent Assembly and later became the first Vice President of India.
- d) He authored Hind Swaraj and proposed the Poona Pact.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- Rajaji was the last Governor-General of India (1948–1950) and founded the Swatantra Party (1959), which opposed socialism and state-controlled economic policies.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q10.** Consider the following statements regarding the 'FutureSkills PRIME' programme:

- 1. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Education.
- 2. It is implemented by the NASSCOM FutureSkills platform.
- 3. The programme aims to re-skill and up-skill IT/ITeS professionals and government employees in emerging technologies.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect and Statement 2 is correct:** It is a joint digital skilling initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and NASSCOM to build India as a 'Digital Talent Nation'.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The programme aims to re-skill and up-skill IT/ITeS professionals and government employees in emerging technologies such as AI, IoT, Big Data, Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, and Blockchain through an online B2C platform.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (11 December)

**Q1.** Consider the following INTERPOL Notices with their purpose:

**Pair I**

**Pair II**

- A. **Blue** - Additional Information on identity/location
- B. **Red** - Arrest of wanted persons
- C. **Yellow** - Locate missing persons
- D. **Orange** - Warn about serious threats
- E. **Green** - Warning on criminal activities

**How many pairs are correctly matched?**

- (a) only two
- (b) only three
- (c) only four
- (d) All the above



**Correct Answer: (d)**

Source- [TH](#)

**Q2. "Operation Hinterland Brew," recently in the news, was launched by which agency?**

- (a) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- (b) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
- (c) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
- (d) Enforcement Directorate (ED)

**Correct Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** Operation Hinterland Brew was conducted by the DRI, which busted an illicit Mephedrone unit in Wardha, Maharashtra, seizing 128 kg of the drug worth Rs. 192 crore. The DRI is India's apex anti-smuggling and anti-narcotics agency under CBIC.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements about CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora):**

1. CITES is a legally binding treaty regulating international trade in wild animals and plants to ensure species survival.
2. CITES operates through three Appendices that provide graded trade restrictions based on extinction risk.
3. The 50th anniversary of CITES was marked at its first CoP in Central Asia held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

**How many of the above statements are correct?**

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

**Correct Answer: (c) All three**

**Explanation:** All statements are correct. CITES regulates international trade in wildlife, uses three Appendices for graded protection, and its 50th anniversary was commemorated at the CoP held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q4. Consider the following description:**

It is located in the state of West Bengal, with its northern boundary along the international border with Bhutan. The reserve includes the fragile Terai ecosystem and serves as an international corridor for elephant migration between India and Bhutan. It is connected to Manas Tiger Reserve, Jaldapara National Park, and other forests, and is traversed by the Raidak and Jayanti rivers.

**Which of the following does the above description refer to?**

- (a) Sundarbans National Park
- (b) Buxa Tiger Reserve
- (c) Neora Valley National Park
- (d) Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** The description fits Buxa Tiger Reserve, which is part of the Terai ecosystem, acts as an elephant corridor to Bhutan, and is connected with nearby protected areas like Jaldapara and Manas Tiger Reserve.

Source- [MP](#)

**Q5. Asemonea dentis and Colyttus nongwar, recently in the news, are:**

- (a) New species of jumping spiders discovered in Meghalaya
- (b) New species of frogs discovered in Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) New species of birds discovered in Nagaland
- (d) New species of orchids discovered in Sikkim

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:** Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) recently discovered two new species of jumping spiders, Asemonea dentis and Colyttus nongwar, in the forested regions of Meghalaya

Source- [TELE](#)

**Q6. The SAMPANN portal is about**

- a) seamless online pension processing and direct bank credit for Department of Telecommunications pensioners
- b) a digital platform for allotting government land to startups under Startup India
- c) an e-governance portal for monitoring agricultural subsidies in rural areas
- d) a single-window system for MSME credit guarantees

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- SAMPANN (System for Accounting and Management of Pension) portal is a DoT (Ministry of Communications) initiative launched in 2021 for seamless online pension sanction, processing, and direct bank account credit (DBT) to over 1 lakh telecom pensioners, eliminating physical documents and reducing delays.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7. With reference to the Sanchar Mitra Scheme, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is a youth-centric initiative by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) launched to empower engineering/technical students as “digital ambassadors”.
- 2. Only students from central universities and IITs are eligible to participate as Sanchar Mitras.
- 3. It provides direct financial remuneration, service-level employment, or permanent jobs to all participating students once training is completed.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Sanchar Mitra Scheme is indeed an initiative of DoT that engages youth — especially students from engineering and technology institutions — as “Sanchar Mitras” (digital ambassadors) to promote telecom awareness, digital literacy, and safe telecom usage.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Eligibility is broad across universities/colleges, not limited to central ones/IITs, and top performers receive structured rewards.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The scheme is described as a “volunteer-based” digital outreach initiative; participating students are volunteers acting as “ambassadors.” The scheme does not guarantee direct financial remuneration, service-level employment, or permanent jobs for all participants upon completion.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q8.** With reference to the Rural Economic Conditions and Sentiments Survey (RECSS), consider the following statements:

1. It is conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) under the Ministry of Statistics as part of periodic socio-economic household surveys.
2. It is conducted on a bi-monthly basis and collects both quantitative data (like income, consumption, borrowing) and qualitative data (like employment, inflation).
3. RECSS findings in 2025 showed that over 75% of rural households reported increased consumption expenditure over the preceding year.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: 2 and 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** RECSS is carried out by NABARD.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The survey is conducted at a relatively high frequency (bi-monthly rounds). The survey captures a mix of quantitative economic indicators (income, consumption, savings/borrowings, investment) and qualitative/subjective parameters reflecting household sentiments like expectations of future income, employment, inflation, etc.

**Statement 3 is correct:** According to the recent rounds (2024–25) of RECSS, a significant majority of rural households — around 76.6% in one round, and similarly high in others — reported an increase in consumption expenditure over the previous year.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q9.** The Regional Economic Integration Framework (REIF) is signed between

- a) Democratic Republic of the Congo–Rwanda
- b) Israel-Palestine Authority
- c) USA-Venezuela
- d) Pakistan-Afghanistan

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- The DRC and Rwanda signed the Regional Economic Integration Framework (REIF). It is a bilateral initiative that unlocks the vast economic potential of the Great Lakes region and creates opportunities for the U.S. private sector.

Source: [US Department of State](#)

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about Mahakavi Subramania Bharati:

1. He considered Sister Nivedita, a disciple of Swami Vivekananda, as his guru.
2. He is regarded as the “father of the modern Tamil style.
3. The Kannan Pattu (Songs to Krishna) and Panchali Sapatham (Panchali’s Vow) are some of his poetic contributions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one

- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: All are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Guru: He considered Sister Nivedita, a disciple of Swami Vivekananda, as his guru.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Pioneer of modern Tamil poetry: He is regarded as the "father of the modern Tamil style," using simple words and rhythms accessible to the common people, a departure from the complex vocabulary of earlier works.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Major Works: His notable poetic works include:

- Kannan Pattu (Songs to Krishna)
- Panchali Sapatham (Panchali's Vow)
- Kuyil Pattu (Kuyil's Song)
- Other Works: He published the sensational "Sudesa Geethangal" in 1908. He translated Vedic hymns, the Bhagavad Gita, and Patanjali's Yoga Sutra into Tamil.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (12 December)

**Q. Project Suncatcher, recently in news, is associated with:**

- (a) A global initiative to track solar storms and protect communication networks
- (b) India's mission to harness solar energy on the Moon
- (c) Google's plan to develop solar-powered data centres in space
- (d) A UN programme to promote solar irrigation in developing countries

**Correct Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced Project Suncatcher, a long-term research initiative to establish solar-powered data centres in outer space.

**Source-** [IE](#)

**Q. With reference to Contempt of Court in India, consider the following statements:**

1. Civil contempt refers to wilful disobedience of court orders, while criminal contempt includes acts that lower the authority of the court or interfere with the administration of justice.
2. The power to punish for contempt is vested in the Supreme Court under Article 129 and the High Courts under Article 215 of the Constitution.

**Correct Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2**

**Explanation:** The Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 classifies contempt into civil and criminal. Civil contempt arises from wilful disobedience of any judgment or order, whereas criminal contempt includes publications or acts that scandalise the court or obstruct justice. Articles 129 and 215 designate the Supreme Court and High Courts as "courts of record," empowering them to punish for contempt of themselves.

**Source-** [TH](#)

**Q. With reference to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), consider the following statements:**

1. It is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.
2. India is a founding member of the ADB, which currently has more than 100 member countries.
3. China is the largest shareholder of ADB.

**How many of the above statements are correct?**

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** ADB's headquarters is in Manila, Philippines.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** India is a founding member, but ADB has 69 members, not more than 100.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** China is not the largest shareholder. Japan and the United States are the largest shareholders (each ~15.6%), followed by China (~6.4%).

Source- [NOA](#)

**Q. The "Yellow Line," recently in the news, refers to:**

- (a) A new maritime boundary between Israel and Lebanon
- (b) A ceasefire zone marking Israeli troop withdrawal in Gaza
- (c) A demarcated UN peacekeeping line in Syria
- (d) A buffer zone established along the West Bank

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** The Yellow Line is the zone to which Israeli forces have withdrawn as part of the 2025 U.S.-backed ceasefire agreement. It effectively marks the new boundary of Israeli military presence in Gaza under the ceasefire terms.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q. The Swasthya Portal, recently in the news, has been developed by:**

- (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (b) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

**Correct Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** The Swasthya Portal is a one-stop digital platform presenting the health and nutrition status of India's tribal population. It has been developed under the central sector scheme "Tribal Research Information Education Communication and Events (TRI ECE)" of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, making the Ministry the responsible developer.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q. Consider the following countries:**

1. Switzerland
2. Austria
3. Slovenia
4. France

**How many of the above share a land border with Italy?**

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four



**Correct Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** Italy shares land borders with Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia, and France — all four countries listed.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements regarding the PM Vishwakarma Scheme:**

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It is launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
3. It is implemented only in rural areas.

**How many of the above statements are correct?**

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct** — PM Vishwakarma is a Central Sector Scheme.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — It is launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), not the Ministry of Skill Development.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** — The scheme covers both rural and urban artisans.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q. The term Western Tragopan, recently in the news, refers to:**

- (a) A rare Himalayan medicinal plant
- (b) A critically endangered freshwater fish
- (c) A rare pheasant bird species found in the Western Himalayas
- (d) A newly discovered butterfly species

**Correct Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** The Western Tragopan, also known as the western horned tragopan, is one of the rarest pheasant bird species in the world. Found mainly in the Western Himalayas, it is known for its striking plumage and is the state bird of Himachal Pradesh.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements regarding the National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM):**

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to restore and preserve India's film heritage.
2. The National Film Archive of India (NFAI), Pune, is the implementing agency for the Mission.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:**

- The National Film Heritage Mission was launched in 2015 by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to undertake restoration, preservation, digitization, and archival work for India's film heritage.
- The National Film Archive of India (NFAI), located in Pune, serves as the implementing agency, responsible for film restoration, archival management, digitization, and capacity-building activities.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q. The Champions of the Earth Award, recently in the news, is given by:**

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- (c) World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
- (d) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation-** The Champions of the Earth Award, established in 2005, is the highest environmental honour given by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It recognises outstanding leaders and initiatives in environmental conservation. Recently, Tamil Nadu's Additional Chief Secretary, Supriya Sahu, received the 2025 award.

Source- [NOA](#)

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (13 December)

**Q. Consider the following statements about the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education:**

1. It is the first legally binding treaty exclusively on the right to education.
2. It mandates free primary education, accessible secondary education, and equal access to higher education.
3. India has ratified this Convention.

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

**Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is Correct.** The Convention, adopted in 1960 under UNESCO, is the first legally binding international treaty devoted exclusively to the right to education.
- **Statement 2 is Correct.** It places responsibilities on states to ensure free and compulsory primary education, accessible secondary education, and equal access to higher education based on merit.
- **Statement 3 is Incorrect.** India has not ratified this Convention.

Source- [ForumIAS](#)

**Q. Consider the following countries:**

1. United States
2. Guatemala
3. Belize
4. Venezuela

**How many of the above share a land border with Mexico?**

- (a) Only One
- (b) Only Two
- (c) Only Three
- (d) All the above

**Answer:** (c)

**Explanation:** United States, Guatemala, and Belize share land borders with Mexico, while Venezuela does not.  
Source- [ET](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements about India's first hydrogen fuel-cell passenger vessel:**

1. It has been constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited and is owned by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
2. The vessel uses Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell (PEMFC) technology, producing electricity through combustion of hydrogen.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer:** (a)

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is Correct.** The vessel was indeed constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited and owned by IWAI.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect.** PEM fuel cells do not use combustion; they generate electricity through an electrochemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen, ensuring zero emissions

Source- [Forumias](#)

**Q. The term Supernova, recently seen in news, refers to:**

- (a) A type of black hole
- (b) A newly formed planet
- (c) A white dwarf star
- (d) An explosion of a star

**Answer:** (d)

**Explanation:** A supernova is the catastrophic explosion of a star, releasing immense energy and often leaving behind a dense core, nebula, or black hole.

Source- [Indiatoday](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements about the Red-Shanked Douc Monkey:**

1. It is a nocturnal monkey native to the forests of India and Bangladesh.
2. Its IUCN status is Least Concern.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer:** (d)

**Explanation:** The Red-Shanked Douc is diurnal, not nocturnal, found in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, and is listed as Critically Endangered by the IUCN.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q. The Ratle Hydroelectric Project, recently in news, is located on which river?**

- (a) Ravi
- (b) Chenab
- (c) Jhelum
- (d) Beas

**Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** The Ratle Hydroelectric Project is a run-of-river project situated on the Chenab River in Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir, with an installed capacity of 850 MW.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements regarding Hard Corals (Stony Corals):**

1. Hard corals secrete calcium carbonate skeletons and are primarily responsible for building coral reef frameworks.
2. Hard corals can thrive in deep, turbid, and cold waters.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer:** (a)

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Hard corals secrete calcium carbonate skeletons and form the structural framework of coral reefs.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Hard corals require warm, clear, shallow waters and cannot thrive in deep, turbid, or cold waters.

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q. The first Indigenous Diving Support Craft 'DSC A20' is associated with which of the following?**

- (a) Indian Army
- (b) Indian Coast Guard
- (c) Indian Air Force
- (d) Indian Navy

**Answer:** (d)

**Explanation:** The DSC A20 is the first indigenously designed and constructed Diving Support Craft of the Indian Navy, being commissioned at Kochi under the Southern Naval Command.

Source- [mid-day](#)

**Q. Consider the following pairs following archaeological sites with the states in which they are located**

- | Column A                        | Column B   |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Adichanallur Historical Site | Tamil Nadu |

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**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Red sanders is listed under CITES Appendix II, not Appendix I. Appendix II allows regulated international trade with proper permits, whereas Appendix I implies a complete ban on commercial trade.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The heartwood of red sanders is prized for: traditional medicines, dye and cosmetic use, musical instruments, luxury furniture and carvings.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q2.** The Dzükou Valley, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Nagaland
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Mizoram
- d) Meghalaya

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- The Dzükou Valley is located in between Senapati district of Manipur and Kohima district of Nagaland in Northeast India. A vast expanse of Khonoma Dzükou Valley in Nagaland has been razed down after a major fire erupted in the valley early on the morning of December 12, 2025.

**Source:** [DTE](#)

**Q3.** The INAS 335 (Ospreys), seen in the news recently, is a squadron of:

- a) Indigenous Diving Support Craft
- b) MH-60R Seahawk helicopters
- c) Tejas fighter aircraft
- d) BrahMos missile boats

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- INAS 335, nicknamed "Ospreys," is the Indian Navy's second squadron of MH-60R Seahawk multi-role helicopters, set for commissioning on December 17, 2025, at INS Hansa in Goa. These U.S.-manufactured anti-submarine warfare helicopters enhance maritime surveillance, combat capabilities, and sub-hunting with advanced sonar and missiles.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q4.** Consider the following statements about some Ramsar sites of India:

- 1. The Siliserh Lake is a Ramsar site located in state of Rajasthan.
- 2. Kobra Reservoir is the first Ramsar site listed from state of Chhattisgarh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Both are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Siliserh Lake, located in Alwar district of Rajasthan near Sariska Tiger Reserve, was designated as India's 96th Ramsar site in December 2025.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Kopra Jalashay (Reservoir) near Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh was added simultaneously as the state's first Ramsar site, supporting diverse habitats in the Mahanadi river catchment.

**Source:** [ToI](#)

**Q5.** With reference to the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the state of Rajasthan.
2. It includes parts of the Narmada and Yamuna River basins.
3. It is one of the few places where the critically endangered White-Rumped and Indian Vultures are found.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve spans across Sagar, Damoh, and Narsinghpur districts in Madhya Pradesh.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It includes parts of the Narmada and Yamuna River basins.

**Statement 3 is correct:** It is one of the few places where the critically endangered White-Rumped and Indian Vultures are found.

**Source:** [TH](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following pairs:

**GI Tag products**

**Locations**

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Puliyanakudi Lime | Tamil Nadu     |
| 2. Ponduru Khadi     | Telangana      |
| 3. Indi Lime         | Andhra Pradesh |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 only**

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Puliyanakudi Lime | Tamil Nadu     |
| 2. Ponduru Khadi     | Andhra Pradesh |
| 3. Indi Lime         | Karnataka      |

**Source:** [TH](#)

**Q7.** With reference to the Pax Silica Initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It is a collaborative effort aimed at strengthening trusted and resilient semiconductor supply chains in the Indo-Pacific region.
2. India is a founding member alongside Japan, South Korea, and Australia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Pax Silica Initiative is a strategic, cooperative framework discussed among like-minded countries (including India) to promote secure, resilient, and trusted semiconductor supply chains, particularly in the Indo-Pacific. The term “Pax Silica” symbolically reflects peace and stability built around semiconductor (“silicon”) ecosystems.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** India was notably excluded from the founding group, which includes Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Netherlands, UK, Israel, UAE, and Australia.

**Source:** [IE](#)

**Q8.** The Operation Thunder 2025, seen in the news recently, was launched by:

- a) UNEP and WWF
- b) INTERPOL and World Customs Organization
- c) CITES Secretariat
- d) FAO and IUCN

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- Operation Thunder 2025 is a month-long global crackdown on wildlife and forestry crime, led by INTERPOL in coordination with the World Customs Organization (WCO).

**Source:** [DTE](#)

**Q9.** Consider the following countries:

1. Saudi Arabia
2. Lebanon
3. Israel
4. Syria
5. Iraq

How many of the above countries share a boundary with Jordan?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- Jordan is bordered by **Syria** to the north, **Iraq** to the east, **Saudi Arabia** to the south, and both **Israel** and Palestine (West Bank) to the west.

**Source:** [DD News](#)

**Q10.** With reference to the recently approved Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme aims to provide long-term financing or refinancing with low or nil interest rates to the private sector for research and innovation.

2. The Governing Board of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, will provide strategic direction to the scheme.
3. The Department of Science and Technology (DST) will act as the nodal department for implementation of the scheme.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 3**

- **Statement 1:** Correct - The scheme provides long-term, low/nil interest financing for private sector RDI.
- **Statement 2:** Incorrect - The Governing Board of ANRF is chaired by the Prime Minister, not the Cabinet Secretary.

**Statement 3:** Correct - The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is the nodal department.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (16 December)

**Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar II:**

1. He was also known as Shatrubhayankar and belonged to the Mutharaiyar dynasty, which served as feudatories of the Pallavas.
2. He ruled during the 10th century AD and governed mainly from Kanchipuram as his capital.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is Correct.** Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar II, also called Shatrubhayankar, was a ruler of the Mutharaiyar dynasty, which functioned as feudatories under the Pallavas in Tamil Nadu.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect.** He ruled in the early 8th century AD (c. 705–745 AD) and his capital was Tiruchirappalli, not Kanchipuram.

**Source-** [PMIndia](#)

**Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Natyashastra:**

1. The Natyashastra is the foundational Sanskrit treatise on drama, dance, music, aesthetics, and stagecraft in the Indian tradition.
2. The Natyashastra is traditionally attributed to the sage Patanjali.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:** The Natyashastra is a comprehensive classical text on performing arts and is traditionally attributed to Bharata Muni, not Patanjali.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Lok Adalat framework in India:**

1. Lok Adalats are established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to provide speedy and cost-effective justice.
2. Awards passed by Lok Adalats are advisory in nature and can be appealed before higher courts.
3. Permanent Lok Adalats deal with disputes related to Public Utility Services up to a specified monetary limit.

**How many of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is Correct.** Lok Adalats are constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to ensure speedy, inexpensive, and accessible justice through consensual settlement.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect.** Awards of Lok Adalats are final and binding, have the status of a civil court decree, and cannot be appealed in any court.
- **Statement 3 is Correct.** Permanent Lok Adalats have jurisdiction over disputes related to Public Utility Services (such as transport, postal, electricity, water supply) up to a prescribed monetary limit.

Source- [livelaw](#)

**Q4. Consider the following description:**

This wildlife sanctuary is located in the Kokrajhar and Dhubri districts of Assam. It is known as the second protected habitat for the endangered golden langur and supports a significant population of the species. The sanctuary is flanked by two important wetlands—Dheer Beel and Diplai Beel—which form an integral part of its ecosystem.

Which of the following is correctly described above?

- (a) Manas National Park
- (b) Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary
- (c) Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Kaziranga National Park

**Correct Answer: (b)**

Source- [Sent](#)

**Q5. The Dandami Madia tribe, recently seen in the news for performing the traditional Bison Horn Maria dance, is primarily found in which of the following states?**

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Chhattisgarh



**Correct Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** The Dandami Madia tribe, also known as Bison Horn Maria, is a Scheduled Tribe predominantly found in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6.** With reference to the ICTP Prize 2025, consider the following statements:

1. It is awarded annually to scientists from developing countries for outstanding contributions in physics and mathematics.
2. The prize is named after Abdus Salam, the Nobel laureate who played a key role in promoting scientific research capacity in the Global South.
3. The ICTP Prize is jointly awarded by ICTP and UNESCO and carries the same status and selection process as the Nobel Prize in Physics.

Which of the statements given above is/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: 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The ICTP Prize is awarded by the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, to scientists from developing countries in recognition of original and significant contributions to theoretical physics, mathematics, or related fields.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The prize is named after Abdus Salam, a Pakistani theoretical physicist and Nobel laureate, who was a strong advocate of strengthening scientific capacity in developing nations and a founding force behind ICTP.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** While ICTP works under the umbrella of UNESCO, the ICTP Prize is not a Nobel-equivalent award, nor does it follow the Nobel Prize's selection process or global prestige hierarchy. It is a specialised international academic prize, focused on promoting excellence in the Global South.

Source: [TH](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following statements about the Squash World Cup 2025:

1. India defeated Hong Kong in the final to win their first-ever Squash World Cup title.
2. India became the first Asian country to win a world cup title.
3. Squash made its Olympic debut at the Paris Olympic Games 2024, which increased global interest in the Squash World Cup 2025.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Squash has been included for the first time in the Los Angeles Olympics 2028, not Paris 2024.

**Statements 2 and 3 are correct:** India beat top-seeded Hong Kong China in the final, securing their maiden team title as the first Asian nation to win.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q8. Consider the following statements regarding PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs):**

1. It is a central sector scheme.
2. It aims at upgrading 1,000 Government ITIs across India through a hub-and-spoke model.
3. In its first phase, special focus will be on ITIs located in Delhi and Jaipur.

**How many of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect:** PM-SETU is a centrally sponsored scheme, not a central sector scheme.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** It aims to upgrade 1,000 ITIs (200 hub ITIs + 800 spoke ITIs) through a hub-and-spoke model.
- **Statement 3 is Incorrect:** In the first phase, the special focus is on ITIs in Patna and Darbhanga (Bihar), not Delhi and Jaipur.

Source: [DD News](#)

**Q9. Consider the following statements about Exercise Ekatha:**

1. It is a bilateral naval exercise between India and Oman.
2. It is conducted on an annual basis.
3. The 2025 edition of the exercise is hosted by India.

**How many of the above statements are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 2 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Exercise Ekatha is a maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF).

**Statement 2 is correct:** Exercise Ekatha is an annual bilateral maritime exercise.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The 8th and 2025 edition of exercise is conducted in Maldives.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q10. Consider the following countries:**

1. Eritrea
2. Djibouti
3. Somalia
4. Kenya
5. South Sudan

**How many of the above share a land border with Ethiopia?**

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:** Ethiopia shares land borders with Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya, and South Sudan, along with Sudan — making it a landlocked country bordered by six nations in total.

**Source:** [PIB](#)