

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

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (2 February)

**Q1. Consider the following statements about Regional Rural Banks (RRBs):**

1. The majority ownership of RRBs lies with the State Government, followed by the Central Government and the Sponsor Bank.
2. RRBs are regulated by NABARD and supervised by the Reserve Bank of India.

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

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

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

**Explanation:**

- The correct ownership pattern of RRBs is: Government of India (50%), State Government (15%), and Sponsor Bank (35%). Hence, Statement 1 is incorrect.
- RRBs are regulated by the RBI and supervised by NABARD, not the other way round. Hence, Statement 2 is also incorrect.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q2. With reference to the New Country Partnership Framework (NCPF), consider the following statements:**

1. The NCPF (2026–2031) has been signed between India and the International Monetary Fund.
2. It prioritises private sector-led job creation, with special focus on youth and women.

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: (b) 2 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because the NCPF is signed between India and the World Bank, not the IMF.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** A key objective of the NCPF is to promote private sector-led job creation, particularly targeting youth and women through skill development and improved opportunities.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q3. BHARAT SAMPARK, a government outreach initiative to connect India's youth with public institutions and policy processes, is an initiative of:**

- (a) Ministry of Communications
- (b) Ministry of Education
- (c) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- (d) NITI Aayog

**Correct Answer: (a) Ministry of Communications**

**Explanation:** BHARAT SAMPARK is a flagship outreach and engagement programme of the Ministry of Communications. It aims to familiarise students—especially from premier institutions—with the functioning of public institutions, policymaking processes, and nation-building initiatives

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q4. With reference to the National Commission for Women (NCW), consider the following statements:**

1. It is a constitutional body.
2. The members of the Commission are nominated by the Central Government.

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: (b) 2 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The NCW is not a constitutional body; it is a statutory body established under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Chairperson and Members of the NCW are nominated by the Central Government.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q5. 'CHAKRA' – Centre of Excellence (CoE)**, recently in the news, has been launched by which of the following institutions?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Reserve Bank of India
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Ministry of Finance

**Correct Answer: (a) State Bank of India**

**Explanation:** 'CHAKRA' – Centre of Excellence (CoE) is an initiative of the State Bank of India (SBI) to finance sunrise sectors that are crucial for India's economic development and transformation.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following countries:

1. Estonia
2. Lithuania
3. Russia
4. Belarus

How many of the above countries share a land boundary with Latvia?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Latvia is a country in the Baltic region of northern Europe. It is one of the three Baltic states, along with Estonia to the north and Lithuania to the south. It borders Russia to the east and Belarus to the southeast and shares a maritime border with Sweden to the west.

Source: [AIR](#)

**Q7.** Which one of the following statements best describes the meaning of the 'Orange Economy'?

- (a) An economic model focused on agricultural exports of citrus fruits and related products
- (b) An economy driven by creative industries such as art, culture, design, music, film, and innovation-based cultural services
- (c) A development strategy aimed at renewable energy transition and circular economy practices
- (d) An economic framework emphasizing industrial growth through mineral-based manufacturing

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- The Orange Economy refers to economic activities that are based on creativity, culture, knowledge, and intellectual property. It includes sectors such as art, music, film, publishing, design, advertising,

digital content, and cultural tourism, where value creation is driven primarily by human creativity and innovation rather than physical resources.

Source: [IE](#)

**Q8.** With reference to the Buckwheat, consider the following statements:

1. It is a pseudo-cereal seed crop known for high nutrition.
  2. It adapts well to poor soils, high altitudes, and short growing seasons.
  3. It is widely grown in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh.
- 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:** Buckwheat is a pseudo-cereal seed crop known for high nutrition and its ability to grow in harsh mountain conditions.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It adapts well to poor soils, high altitudes, and short growing seasons.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Buckwheat is widely grown in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh, and sporadically in the Nilgiris and Palani hills.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

**Q9.** Consider the following states:

1. Odisha
2. Kerala
3. Andhra Pradesh
4. Tamil Nadu

How many of the above states are proposed to be part of the 'Rare Earth Corridors', declared in the Union Budget 2026-27?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Rare Earth Corridors: Dedicated corridors in Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu for mining, processing, R&D, and manufacturing.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q10.** The Rafah Crossing, seen in the news recently, connects

- a) Israel and the Gaza Strip
- b) Egypt and the Gaza Strip
- c) Jordan and the West Bank
- d) Egypt and Israel

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- The Rafah Crossing is the only border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt. It lies on Gaza's southern border and serves as a crucial route for humanitarian aid, movement of civilians, and medical evacuations, especially during conflicts, without direct Israeli control.

Source: [DD News](#)

### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (3 February)

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**Q1. Consider the following description:**

It is native to the coastal regions of northeastern Brazil and was introduced to India and Africa by Portuguese explorers in the 16th century. It requires a tropical climate with a pronounced dry season, and grows best at temperatures between 20°C and 35°C with moderate to high rainfall. It can thrive in laterite, red sandy, and coastal soils.

**Which of the following is correctly described above?**

- (a) Coffee
- (b) Rubber
- (c) Cashew
- (d) Cocoa

**Correct Answer:** (c) Cashew

**Explanation:** The crop described is cashew (*Anacardium occidentale*), which is native to Brazil, introduced to India by the Portuguese, suited to tropical climates with a dry season, and adaptable to poor, sandy and lateritic soils.

Source- [HT](#)

**Q2. Consider the following pairs:**

Places in news — Countries

1. North Darfur Province - Sudan
2. Rafah Crossing - Egypt-Palestine
3. Al-Jawf Region - Saudi Arabia
4. Sweida - Syria

**How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?**

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

**Correct Answer:** (d) All four

**Explanation:**

- North Darfur Province is in Sudan
- Rafah Crossing lies between Egypt and Gaza (Palestine)
- Al-Jawf Region is a region in Saudi Arabia
- Sweida (As-Suwayda) is in Syria

Source- [cnn](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements about Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT):**

1. It is levied on the gross turnover of a company when its taxable income falls below the prescribed threshold.
2. It is applicable to both domestic and foreign companies.

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:** (b) 2 only

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** MAT is levied on book profits, not on gross turnover.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** MAT applies to both domestic and foreign companies (subject to provisions of the Income-tax Act and tax treaties).

Source- [TOI](#)



**Q4. Moltbook Platform recently seen in news is a:**

- (a) Metaverse-based virtual reality platform
- (b) Cryptocurrency exchange
- (c) Climate change assessment tool
- (d) Online platform where AI agents interact autonomously

**Correct Answer: (d) Online platform where AI agents interact autonomously**

**Explanation:** Moltbook is an experimental online platform that has attracted global attention because AI agents operate independently on it—posting content, debating issues, forming communities, and even developing belief systems and governance-like models.

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q5. A country reports a fiscal deficit of Rs. 72,000 crore. It mobilises Rs. 18,000 crore through non-debt creating capital receipts. Its interest payments amount to Rs. 2,800 crore.**

What is the country's Gross Primary Deficit (GPD)?

- (a) Rs. 51,200 crore
- (b) Rs. 53,200 crore
- (c) Rs. 69,200 crore
- (d) Rs. 72,000 crore

**Correct Answer: (c) Rs. 69,200 crore**

**Explanation:**

Gross Primary Deficit = Fiscal Deficit – Interest Payments  
= 72,000 – 2,800 = Rs. 69,200 crore

**Note-** Non-debt creating capital receipts are already factored into the fiscal deficit and are not separately deducted while calculating GPD.

Source- [PIB](#) (basic conceptual understanding)

**Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Gyan Bharatam Mission:**

1. The Ministry of Education is the nodal ministry of this mission.
2. It is aimed at unearthing, safeguarding and preserving India's vast manuscript heritage.

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 Gyan Bharatam Mission is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Culture (MoC).

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is aimed at unearthing, safeguarding and preserving India's vast manuscript heritage. Aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, the initiative seeks to harmonize cultural preservation with human capital development, ensuring that India's ancient wisdom continues to inspire generations to come.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) of the United Nations:**

1. It is a functional commission of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
2. It plays a key role in advising on policies related to poverty eradication, social inclusion, employment, and ageing.
3. The Commission submits its recommendations directly to the UN Security Council for implementation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only

- (c) 1 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 and 2 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** CSocD is one of the functional commissions under ECOSOC, focusing on global social development issues.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Its work includes themes such as poverty reduction, social integration, demographic challenges, youth, and ageing.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Commission reports to ECOSOC, not the UN Security Council.

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

**Q8.** The Haiderpur wetland, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Punjab  
b) Madhya Pradesh  
c) Bihar  
d) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Haiderpur wetland lies near the Bijnor Barrage on the Ganga and formed after the Madhya Ganga Barrage was built in 1984. Spread over nearly 69 sq. km, it lies within Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary of Uttar Pradesh and became India's 47th Ramsar Site in 2021.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding Fuego volcano:

- It is located in Italy.
  - It is a relatively young basaltic stratovolcano.
- 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:** Volcan de Fuego, which translates to "Volcano of Fire" in Spanish, is an active volcano located in Guatemala.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is a relatively young basaltic stratovolcano. It is one of three large stratovolcanoes overlooking Guatemala's former capital, Antigua.

**Source:** [India Today](#)

**Q10.** With reference to the aluminium phosphide, consider the following statements:

- It liberates lethal phosphine gas when it comes in contact either with atmospheric moisture, which is very toxic in nature.
  - It is commonly used as a pesticide.
- 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:** It liberates lethal phosphine gas when it comes in contact either with atmospheric moisture or with hydrochloric acid in the stomach.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is a yellow or dark grey crystalline solid that has a garlic-like odour. It is a cheap, effective and commonly used pesticide.

Source: [IE](#)

### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (4 February)

**Q1. Consider the following events:**

1. Heatwaves and lightning strikes
2. Droughts
3. Hailstorms
4. Pest infestations

How many of the above are currently included in India's list of Nationally Notified Disasters?

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

**Answer: (c) Only three**

**Explanation:** At present, droughts, hailstorms, and pest infestations are nationally notified disasters. Heatwaves and lightning strikes have been recommended by the 16th Finance Commission but are not yet included.

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q2. With reference to the National Integration Council (NIC), consider the following statements:**

1. It is a statutory body.
2. Its recommendations are binding on the government.
3. Its meetings are held regularly at fixed intervals.

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

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

**Answer: (d) None**

**Explanation:** The National Integration Council is a non-statutory, non-constitutional advisory body. Its recommendations are not binding, and its meetings are not regular (last held in 2013). Hence, all three statements are incorrect.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q3. With reference to the Pennaiyar River, consider the following statements:**

1. It originates in the Nilgiri Hills.
2. It flows through Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.

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) Neither 1 nor 2**

**Explanation:** The Pennaiyar River originates in the Nandi Hills (Karnataka) and flows only through Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, not Kerala. Both statements are incorrect.

Source- [DH](#)



**Q4. With reference to the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address, consider the following statements:**

1. Article 86(1) of the Constitution empowers the President to address either House or both Houses of Parliament.
2. Members of Parliament can move amendments to the Motion of Thanks expressing regret over omissions in the Address.
3. Amendments to the Motion of Thanks have been carried in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

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) 1 and 2 only**

**Explanation:** Article 86(1) empowers the President to address Parliament, and amendments to the Motion of Thanks are permitted. However, amendments have been carried only in the Rajya Sabha (five times) and never in the Lok Sabha. Hence, statement 3 is incorrect.

Source- [BS](#)

**Q5. With reference to the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), consider the following statements:**

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. Under the scheme, MPs directly receive funds and execute projects through local agencies.
3. Nominated Members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha can recommend works only within the State in which they reside.

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

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

**Answer: (a) Only one**

**Explanation:** MPLADS is a Central Sector Scheme. MPs do not directly receive funds. Nominated MPs can choose any district from any one State in the country, not limited to their State of residence. Hence, only statement 1 is correct.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi Yojana (PM-DAKSH), consider the following statements:**

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It has been merged with the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in 2024-25.
3. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the nodal ministry of this scheme.

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:** Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi Yojana (PM-DAKSH) is a Central Sector Scheme providing skill development training to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs), De-notified Tribes (DNTs) and Safai Karamcharis, including waste pickers, through empanelled training institutes.

**Statement 2 is correct:** From 2024–25 onwards, PM-DAKSH has been merged with the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the nodal ministry of this scheme.

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

**Q7.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) works under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.
2. The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) is a statutory body established under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

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:** Both Statements are incorrect

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) functions as a statutory advisory body under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying to ensure animal welfare and prevent cruelty.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Central Zoo Authority (CZA) is a statutory, autonomous body established by the Government of India under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change. It was formed in 1992 under the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

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

**Q8.** The Power Gap Index is released by which of the following?

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) Lowy Institute
- D) United Nations Development Programme

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Power Gap Index is a derived analytical metric based on the Asia Power Index, which is published annually by the Australia-based Lowy Institute, an independent international policy think tank. It measures the difference between a country's expected influence based on its resources and its actual influence in the region.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following countries:

1. Ethiopia
2. Uganda
3. Kenya
4. Malawi

How many of the above countries share a land boundary with Tanzania?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Tanzania is bordered by Uganda to the northwest; Kenya to the northeast; the Indian Ocean to the east; Mozambique and Malawi to the south; Zambia to the southwest; and Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west.

Source: [DD News](#)

**Q10.** With reference to the Semicon India Programme, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to develop a sustainable semiconductor and display fabrication ecosystem in India through financial incentives and strategic support.
2. Under the programme, the Government of India provides fiscal support covering up to 50% of the project cost for eligible semiconductor manufacturing units.

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 1 and 2**

- The Semicon India Programme was launched to position India as a global hub for semiconductor manufacturing, covering fabs, display fabs, ATMP/OSAT units, and design ecosystem.
- It offers fiscal support up to 50% of the project cost on a pari-passu basis for eligible units.

Source: [DD News](#)

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (5 February)

**Q1.** Project Vault, recently seen in the news, is launched by:

- A. European Union  
B. China  
C. United States  
D. Japan

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Project Vault is a critical minerals stockpiling initiative launched by the United States, announced under Donald Trump.

Source- [BS](#)

**Q2.** Consider the following States:

1. Odisha
2. Karnataka
3. Kerala

In which of the above States did the Union Budget 2026–27 propose developing ‘turtle trails’ along key Olive Ridley turtle nesting sites?

- A. 1 only  
B. 1 and 2 only  
C. 2 and 3 only  
D. 1, 2 and 3

**Correct Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The Union Budget 2026–27 proposed the development of ‘turtle trails’ to promote eco-tourism along key Olive Ridley turtle nesting sites in Odisha, Karnataka and Kerala. Hence, the proposal covers all three States listed in the question.

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q3.** With reference to the removal process of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India provides that the Chief Election Commissioner can be removed in the same manner and on the same grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
2. The grounds for removal of the Chief Election Commissioner include proved misbehaviour and incapacity.

3. The removal process can be initiated only in the Lok Sabha and requires a simple majority of members present and voting in both Houses of Parliament.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **Statements 1 and 2 are correct:** Under Article 324(5), the CEC can be removed in the same manner and on the same grounds—proved misbehaviour or incapacity—as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The motion can be introduced in either House of Parliament and requires a special majority (not a simple majority) in both Houses.

Source- [DH](#)

**Q4. With reference to the Debt-to-GDP ratio, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It measures the annual fiscal deficit as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- 2. The Government of India aims to reduce the debt-to-GDP ratio to 50% by FY 2030–31, with a flexibility band of  $\pm 1\%$ .

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: B**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Debt-to-GDP ratio represents total public debt as a percentage of GDP, not the annual fiscal deficit.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Government has set a medium-term fiscal objective to bring down India's debt-to-GDP ratio to 50% by FY 2030–31, allowing a flexibility band of  $\pm 1\%$ .

Source- [TH](#)

**Q5. With reference to Project Himank, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is a project of the Border Roads Organisation.
- 2. It was launched for the development of road communication in Arunachal Pradesh.

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:** Project Himank is executed by the Border Roads Organisation.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Project Himank focuses on developing road infrastructure in the Ladakh region, not in Arunachal Pradesh.

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q6. Consider the following description:**

He actively participated in the Non-Cooperation Movement (1921), Individual Satyagraha (1940), and the Quit India Movement (1942), and was imprisoned twice. He presided as Speaker during the joint session that passed

the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961. He was elected as the first Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha (1952–1956) and later served as the Speaker from 8 March 1956 to 16 April 1962.

Which one of the following personalities is described above?

- A) G. V. Mavalankar
- B) M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar
- C) Hukam Singh
- D) K. M. Munshi

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- As described in paragraph.

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

**Q7.** The Araku Valley, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Araku Valley is a scenic hill station located in the Alluri Sitharamaraju district of Andhra Pradesh, India, nestled within the Eastern Ghats mountain range.

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

**Q8.** With reference to Exercise KHANJAR XIII, consider the following statements:

1. It is a bilateral exercise between India and Kyrgyzstan focused on enhancing interoperability and joint counter-terrorism operations.
2. The 2026 edition is being held in India with emphasis on urban warfare and mountainous terrain training.
3. The exercise is conducted annually since 2011.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 1 and 2 only
- C) 1 and 3 only
- D) 1, 2 and 3

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: 1, 2 and 3**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Exercise KHANJAR is an annual joint military exercise between the Indian Army's special forces and the Kyrgyzstan Army's elite units, aimed at strengthening defence cooperation and interoperability in counter-terrorism and special operations.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The 13th edition (KHANJAR-XIII - 2026) is being held at Misamari, Assam, focusing on urban warfare, counter-terrorism drills, and advanced tactical training.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Since its inception in 2011, the exercise has alternated between India and Kyrgyzstan as host nations.

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

**Q9.** With reference to the Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the Eastern Ghats region of Telangana.
2. The sanctuary forms part of the Godavari river basin and is known for dry deciduous and moist deciduous forest ecosystems.

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 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Warangal district, Telangana, within the Eastern Ghats biogeographic zone.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Pakhal Lake, built during the Kakatiya dynasty, is a key feature of the sanctuary. Drainage of the area ultimately falls under the Godavari basin, and the forests are mainly dry and moist deciduous.

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

**Q10. The SabhaSaar Initiative, recently in the news, is an initiative of which of the following?**

- a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- c) NITI Aayog
- d) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The SabhaSaar Initiative is an AI-enabled voice-to-text meeting summarisation tool developed to improve documentation and transparency in Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings. It has been launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, in line with its mandate to strengthen grassroots governance and digital enablement of local self-government institutions.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (6 February)

**Q1. With reference to President Rule in India, consider the following statements:**

- 1. The proclamation of President's Rule must be approved by either House of Parliament within two months from the date of its issue.
- 2. Once approved, the President's Rule can continue indefinitely, subject to parliamentary approval every six months.
- 3. During President's Rule, the powers of the State Legislature are exercisable by Parliament, while the High Court of the State continues to function.

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

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

**Answer: (a) Only one**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Approval is required from both Houses of Parliament, not either House.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** President's Rule cannot continue indefinitely. It can be extended in six-month increments up to a maximum of three years.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Parliament exercises the powers of the State Legislature, and the High Court continues to function normally.

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

**Q2. The FORGE Initiative, recently seen in the news, is a:**

- (a) Bilateral agreement between India and the United States on defence technology cooperation.
- (b) Regional grouping of Indo-Pacific countries for maritime security.
- (c) United Nations mechanism for climate adaptation financing.
- (d) Multilateral international cooperation framework aimed at de-risking global critical mineral supply chains.

**Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** The FORGE Initiative is a multilateral framework designed to bring together like-minded countries to de-risk global critical mineral supply chains, particularly in the context of growing strategic and economic competition.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q3. Consider the following pairs:**

**Volcanoes in news    Country (located)**

1. El Chichón – Mexico
2. Mount Merapi – Philippines
3. Mount Nyiragongo – Democratic Republic of the Congo

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Answer: (b) Only two**

**Explanation:**

- El Chichón – Mexico is correctly matched.
- Mount Merapi – Philippines is incorrectly matched. It is located in Indonesia.
- Mount Nyiragongo – Democratic Republic of the Congo is correctly matched.

Source- [IDR](#)

**Q4. Consider the following pairs:**

**Lakes in news    Country (located)**

1. Lake Urmia – Iran
2. Lake Issyk-Kul – Kyrgyzstan
3. Lake Titicaca – Chile

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Answer: (b) Only two**

**Explanation:**

- Lake Urmia – Iran is correctly matched.
- Lake Issyk-Kul – Kyrgyzstan is correctly matched.
- Lake Titicaca – Chile is incorrectly matched. Lake Titicaca is located between Peru and Bolivia, not Chile.

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q5. With reference to the Repo Rate and Reverse Repo Rate of the RBI, consider the following statements:**

1. A reduction in the repo rate necessarily increases the returns on new fixed deposits.
2. An increase in the reverse repo rate may lead commercial banks to park more surplus funds with the RBI.
3. Lowering the repo rate can potentially increase liquidity and credit flow in the economy.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer:** (b) Only two

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** A repo rate cut generally reduces banks' cost of funds and may lead to lower interest rates on new fixed deposits, not higher returns.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** A higher reverse repo rate incentivises banks to park surplus funds with the RBI.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** Lowering the repo rate can increase liquidity and encourage credit flow in the economy.

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q6. . With reference to Sodium ion battery, consider the following statements:

- 1.They possess a higher capacity for contributing to global warming when compared to lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries.
- 2.These batteries are chosen over LFP due to sodium's relatively lower cost compared to lithium.
- 3.They can be discharged to zero volts, reducing transportation costs and accidents..

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- [A] 1 and 2 only  
[B] 2 and 3 only  
[C] 1 and 3 only  
[D] 1, 2 and 3

**Answer:** B

**Explanation –**

Statement 1 is incorrect. Sodium ion batteries have 45% less global warming potential compared to lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries.

Statements 2 and 3 are correct. Sodium ion batteries are chosen over LFP due to sodium's relatively lower cost compared to lithium. They can be discharged to zero volts, reducing transportation costs and accidents.

**Q6.** With reference to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), consider the following statements:

1. The GCC is a political and economic alliance consisting of six countries located in the Arabian Peninsula.
2. Iraq and Iran are founding members of the Gulf Cooperation Council.
3. The GCC Secretariat is headquartered in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 3 only  
B) 1 only  
C) 2 and 3 only  
D) 1, 2 and 3

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 and 3 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** GCC was established in 1981 to promote economic, security, and political cooperation among Gulf monarchies.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Members are Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman. Iran and Iraq are not members.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The GCC Secretariat is located in Riyadh.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7.** Mount Aconcagua, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following mountain ranges?

- A) Alps  
B) Rockies  
C) Andes  
D) Atlas

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Andes**

- Mount Aconcagua is situated in the Andes Mountains of western Argentina and is the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere as well as the highest mountain outside Asia.

Source: [NOA](#)

**Q8.** With reference to the NE-RACE portal, consider the following statements:

1. The NE-RACE portal is an initiative aimed at linking farmers and agricultural producers of India's North Eastern Region with buyers across the country through a digital marketplace.
2. It is launched under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare to support only organic crop certification in the North East.

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 North Eastern Region Agri-Commodity e-Connect (NE-RACE) portal facilitates market linkages for agricultural and horticultural products from the North Eastern Region, enabling producers to connect with buyers nationwide through a digital platform.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is a transformative initiative under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) in collaboration with other agencies and is not limited solely to organic crop certification.

Source: [PIB](#)

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

1. Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary is a natural freshwater lake located in the state of Gujarat.
2. It has been designated as a Ramsar Site.
3. The sanctuary lies along the Central Asian Flyway, attracting large numbers of migratory waterfowl during winter.

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: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Nalsarovar is primarily a natural shallow saline lake, not freshwater.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It was declared a Ramsar Wetland Site in 2012.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The sanctuary is part of the Central Asian Flyway, hosting species like flamingos, pelicans, and cranes.

Source: [ToI](#)

**Q10.** With reference to the Motion of Thanks in the Indian Parliament, consider the following statements:

1. The Motion of Thanks is moved in both Houses of Parliament in response to the President's Address at the beginning of the first session after each general election and the first session of every year.
2. If the Motion of Thanks is defeated in the Lok Sabha, it amounts to the fall of the government.

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 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** It is a formal parliamentary procedure based on the President's Address under Article 87.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Though not explicitly mentioned in the Constitution, defeat of the Motion of Thanks is treated as a loss of majority, implying the government must resign.

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

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (7 February)

**Q1. With reference to Devnimori, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a Buddhist archaeological site.
2. It is located in Andhra Pradesh.

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) 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Devnimori is an important Buddhist archaeological site, known for the remains of a stupa and Buddhist relics.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Devnimori is located near Shamlaji in the Aravalli district of Gujarat, not in Andhra Pradesh.

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

**Q2. With reference to the Serengsia Battle (1837), consider the following statements:**

1. It was an armed resistance by the Ho Adivasis against the East India Company.
2. It was fought in the Chotanagpur plateau region of present-day Odisha.

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) 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Serengsia Battle (1837) was an armed resistance by the Ho Adivasis against the East India Company.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The battle was fought in the Serengsia valley of present-day West Singhbhum district in Jharkhand, not Odisha.

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

**Q3. Consider the following pairs:**

**Conflict Region in news    Country (located)**

1. Preah Vihear – Cambodia
2. Sagaing Region – Myanmar
3. Donbas – Georgia

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

**Answer: (b) Only two**

**Explanation:**



- Preah Vihear is located in Cambodia.
- Sagaing Region is located in Myanmar.
- Donbas is located in eastern Ukraine, not Georgia.

Source- [Reuters](#)

**Q4. With reference to Union Territories (UTs) with Legislative Assembly in India, consider the following statements:**

1. At present, there are four Union Territories with Legislative Assemblies — Delhi, Puducherry, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
2. Article 239A of the Constitution provides for a Legislative Assembly for the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

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) Neither 1 nor 2**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Currently, there are three UTs with Legislative Assemblies - Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu & Kashmir. Ladakh does not have a Legislative Assembly.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Article 239AA (inserted by the 69th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1991) provides for the Legislative Assembly and Council of Ministers for the National Capital Territory of Delhi, not Article 239A.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q5. Bharat GenAI, recently seen in the news, refers to:**

- (a) A national AI-powered cybersecurity platform for critical infrastructure
- (b) An open-source AI chatbot developed by Indian private startups
- (c) A supercomputing initiative for quantum machine learning research
- (d) India's first government-owned sovereign Large Language Model (LLM)

**Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** Bharat GenAI is India's first government-owned sovereign Large Language Model (LLM), developed to strengthen indigenous AI capabilities, ensure data sovereignty, and reduce dependence on foreign AI platforms.

Source- [ddnews](#)

**Q6. With reference to the Revised Startup Recognition Framework, consider the following statements:**

1. The maximum annual turnover limit for startup recognition has been raised from ₹100 crore to ₹200 crore.
2. The newly eligible entities include Multi-State Cooperative Societies (under the 2002 Act) and State and UT-registered Cooperative Societies.
3. It has introduced a separate "Deep Tech Startup" category to recognize startups engaged in developing cutting-edge and breakthrough technologies

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:** The maximum annual turnover limit for startup recognition has been raised from ₹100 crore to ₹200 crore.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Newly eligible entities include Multi-State Cooperative Societies (under the 2002 Act) and State and UT-registered Cooperative Societies. This move is expected to strengthen innovation in agriculture and allied sectors, rural industries, community enterprises and sustainable development models.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The government has introduced a separate “Deep Tech Startup” category to recognize startups engaged in developing cutting-edge and breakthrough technologies. This aims to support innovation-driven enterprises that rely heavily on advanced scientific research and technological development.

Source: [Angel One](#)

**Q7.** The ‘Vayu Shakti 2026’ Exercise, seen in the news recently, is conducted by which of the following?

- A) Indian Army
- B) Indian Navy
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) Indo-Tibetan Border Police

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Indian Air Force**

- Vayu Shakti 2026 is a major air power exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force to showcase operational readiness and combat capabilities.

Source: [India Today](#)

**Q8.** With reference to Blyth’s Tragopan, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a pheasant species found in the Eastern Himalayas and is the state bird of Nagaland.
- 2. It is classified as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List due to rapid habitat loss.
- 3. The species primarily inhabits subtropical and temperate forests at higher altitudes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 3 only
- B) 2 and 3 only
- C) 1 only
- D) 1, 2 and 3

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 and 3 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Blyth’s Tragopan (*Tragopan blythii*) is the state bird of Nagaland and occurs in Northeast India, Bhutan, and parts of Myanmar and China.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is listed as Vulnerable, not Critically Endangered, on the IUCN Red List.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The bird prefers montane forests, especially subtropical and temperate habitats.

Source: [DTE](#)

**Q9.** Consider the following statements:

- 1. Thailand
- 2. Brunei
- 3. Indonesia
- 4. Cambodia

How many of the above countries share a land boundary with Malaysia?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- Peninsular Malaysia shares land and maritime borders with Thailand, as well as maritime borders with Singapore, Vietnam, and Indonesia; East Malaysia shares land borders with Brunei and Indonesia, and maritime borders with the Philippines and Vietnam.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q10.** With reference to the African Union (AU), consider the following statements:

1. The African Union was established in 2002 as the successor to the Organization of African Unity (OAU).
2. The headquarters of the African Union is located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The AU replaced the OAU to promote greater political and economic integration across Africa.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Its headquarters is in Addis Ababa, often called the diplomatic capital of Africa.

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