



# 10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (27 January)

**Q1. The Franz Edelman Award, recently seen in the news, is associated with which of the following fields?**

- (a) Literature and creative writing
- (b) Environmental conservation
- (c) Public administration reforms
- (d) Operations Research and advanced analytics

**Answer:** (d)

**Explanation:** The Franz Edelman Award is the world's most prestigious award in the field of Operations Research (OR) and advanced analytics. The Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) of India is among the six finalists for the 2026 Franz Edelman Award for its Anna Chakra initiative.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards:**

1. It is a civilian life-saving gallantry award recognising acts of humane nature involving personal risk to save another person's life.
2. It is open to persons of all genders and walks of life.
3. The award can be conferred posthumously.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer:** (c)

**Explanation:** All three statements correctly describe the Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards. The awards were established in 1961 and originated as an offshoot of the Ashoka Chakra series of Gallantry Awards.

Source- [NOA](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Bactrian Camel:**

1. In India, the Bactrian camel is found only in the Nubra Valley of Ladakh.
2. The Wild Bactrian camel is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

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:** The Bactrian camel in India is confined to the Nubra Valley of Ladakh, making statement 1 correct. The Wild Bactrian camel (*Camelus ferus*) is classified as Critically Endangered, not Endangered, on the IUCN Red List; hence statement 2 is incorrect.

Source- [NDTV](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Pumped Hydro Storage (PHS):**

1. It is a large-scale electricity storage technology that stores energy in the form of gravitational potential energy.
2. India aims to develop 100 GW of pumped hydro storage capacity by 2030 to support the growth of renewable energy.

Which of the statements given above 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, as Pumped Hydro Storage stores electricity as gravitational potential energy. Statement 2 is incorrect because India's target of 100 GW of pumped hydro storage is set for 2047, not 2030.

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q5. The Narayan Ramachandran Committee, recently seen in the news, is related to:**

- (a) Reforming banking sector regulations
- (b) Reviewing investment guidelines of the National Pension System (NPS)
- (c) Overhauling GST structure in India
- (d) Strengthening insurance sector solvency norms

**Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** The Narayan Ramachandran Committee (SAARG), constituted by PFRDA, is tasked with reviewing and modernising NPS investment guidelines.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q6. The Chattergala Pass, seen in the news recently, is located in**

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Ladakh

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

- Chattergala Pass is a mountain pass located in the Middle Himalayas of the Jammu region of Jammu and Kashmir, India. It connects the town of Bhaderwah in the Neeru river valley with Basohli in the Shiwalik hills.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7. Operation Sahyadri Checkmate, seen in the news recently, was launched by:**

- (a) Border Security Force (BSF)
- (b) National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- (c) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
- (d) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

**Answer:** C

**Explanation: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)**

- Operation Sahyadri Checkmate was a coordinated action by the DRI in the Sahyadri ranges of Maharashtra's Satara district that resulted in the dismantling of a clandestine mobile mephedrone manufacturing laboratory and seizure of a large quantity of synthetic drugs.

Source: [PIB](#)

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

1. It originates in the north of Dhaulagiri Mountain in Tibet near Nepal border.
2. It is a left bank tributary of the Yamuna River.
3. It is the second major river after the Chambal with the highest number of endangered gharials.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 3**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Gandak River originates at an altitude of 620 m above msl to the north of Dhaulagiri Mountain in Tibet near Nepal border.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It finally joins Ganga at Hajipur in Bihar.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The Gandak river has emerged as the second major river after the Chambal with the highest number of gharials.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about Mir Alam Lake:

1. It is located in Telangana.
2. It is situated on the southern side of the Musi River.

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**

- Mir Alam lake is a freshwater tank located in Hyderabad, Telangana, situated on the southern side of the Musi River.

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

**Q10.** The Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Nagaland
- b) Mizoram
- c) Manipur
- d) Tripura

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary is located around 25 km from Agartala, Tripura. It also has two natural lakes, namely Abasrika and Amrit Sagar.

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

## 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (28 January)

**Q1. Consider the following statements about the Polar Vortex:**

1. The polar vortex is a large, persistent low-pressure zone containing extremely cold air, confined over the polar regions by the polar-front jet stream.
2. It rotates clockwise over the North Pole and counter-clockwise over the South Pole.

**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) 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The polar vortex is a long-lasting low-pressure system with very cold air, maintained over the polar regions by the polar-front jet stream, which acts as a dynamic boundary separating cold polar air from warmer mid-latitude air.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Due to the Coriolis force, the polar vortex rotates counter-clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere, not the reverse.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q2. ExoMiner++, recently seen in the news, is related to:**

- (a) A reusable launch vehicle developed by NASA
- (b) A space-based telescope for detecting dark matter
- (c) A robotic rover for mineral exploration on Mars
- (d) A deep learning software designed to discover exoplanets

**Correct Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** ExoMiner++ is NASA's deep learning-based software developed to identify and validate exoplanets by analysing astronomical data, significantly improving the accuracy and efficiency of exoplanet discovery.

Source- [pressreader](#)

**Q3. Consider the following gallantry awards of India:**

1. Mahavir Chakra
2. Ashoka Chakra
3. Shaurya Chakra

**How many of the above are considered wartime gallantry awards in India?**

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) All three
- (d) None

**Correct Answer: (a) One only**

**Explanation:**

- **Mahavir Chakra** is a wartime gallantry award, conferred for acts of conspicuous bravery in the presence of the enemy.
- **Ashoka Chakra** and **Shaurya Chakra** are peacetime gallantry awards, given for acts of bravery other than during war.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements about Lonar Lake:**

1. It is located in the state of Manipur.
2. It is the only known hyper-velocity impact crater formed in sedimentary rock and contains freshwater.

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:** Lonar Lake is located in Maharashtra, not Manipur. It is formed in basaltic rock (Deccan Traps) and its water is saline and alkaline, not freshwater.

**Q5. The term "Day Zero", recently seen in the news, refers to:**

- (a) The day when global freshwater resources are completely exhausted
- (b) The declaration of a national water emergency by the United Nations
- (c) The point at which a city's usable water supply falls below a critical threshold, forcing shutdown of regular tap water supply
- (d) The stage when groundwater recharge exceeds water extraction

**Correct Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** "Day Zero" refers to the situation when a city or region's usable water reserves fall below a critical level, compelling authorities to stop normal tap water supply and rely on rationed emergency distribution points. The term has gained prominence due to concerns over climate change, groundwater depletion, and weak water governance.

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

**Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding Punjab Kesari Lala Lajpat Rai:

1. He played an important role in the Swadeshi Movement and was a strong supporter of national education, contributing to the establishment of institutions like Dayanand Anglo-Vedic (DAV) College.
2. He was the founder of the Punjab National Bank (PNB).
3. He died due to injuries sustained during the Jallianwala Bagh massacre of 1919, where he was leading a protest.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** He co-founded the Punjab National Bank in 1894 (one of India's oldest private banks), established the Servants of the People Society in 1921 to promote social service, and was instrumental in setting up several DAV institutions and the Punjab National College in Lahore.

**Statement 2 is correct:** He actively promoted Swadeshi ideals and national education; DAV institutions reflect his educational vision.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** He died in 1928 due to injuries from a lathi charge while protesting against the Simon Commission, not the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

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

**Q7.** With reference to the Bitra Island, consider the following statements:

1. It is the smallest inhabited island of the Andaman and Nicobar Island group.
2. It is a coral island.

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:** Bitra Island is the smallest inhabited island of the Lakshadweep archipelago, not of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Bitra is a coral island, like other islands of Lakshadweep.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the 'forever chemicals':

1. They are highly persistent man-made chemicals also known as polyfluoroalkyl substances.
2. They are resistant to water, oil, heat, or staining.
3. They are regulated under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

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:** It refers to a large chemical family of thousands of highly persistent man-made chemicals known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS.

**Statement 2 is correct:** PFAS molecules have a chain of linked carbon and fluorine atoms. The carbon-fluorine bond is extremely strong, making these chemicals highly resistant to environmental degradation, which is why they are known as "forever chemicals. They are resistant to water, oil, heat, or staining.

**Statement 3 is correct:** PFAS are regulated under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Three main PFAS groups currently listed are: PFOS and related substances, PFOA and related substances and PFHxS and related substances.

**Source: TH**

**Q9.** With reference to the TomTom Traffic Index 2025, consider the following statements:

1. The index evaluates cities worldwide based on average travel time, congestion levels and vehicle speeds.
2. Bengaluru and Kolkata were both listed among the world's five slowest cities.
3. India emerged as the fifth most congested country globally and the second most congested in Asia, after the China.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The index evaluates cities worldwide based on average travel time, congestion levels and vehicle speeds. The rankings draw on global trip data covering more than 3.65 trillion km travelled. The index is widely used to track changes in urban mobility and compare congestion trends across regions and countries.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Bengaluru and Kolkata were both listed among the world's five slowest cities. According to the global index, Bengaluru ranked third for slowest travel times, followed by Kolkata at fourth place. Barranquilla in Colombia and London in the United Kingdom topped the list.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** India emerged as the fifth most congested country globally and the second most congested in Asia, after the Philippines.

**Source: DTE**

**Q10.** The Rojava region, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Ukraine
- b) Russia
- c) Venezuela
- d) Syria

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Rojava is a de facto autonomous region in northeastern Syria. It consists of self-governing sub-regions of Jazira and Euphrates.

**Source: TH**

## 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (29 January)

**Q1. Consider the following statements about Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Card:**

1. OCI cardholders are eligible for a lifelong visa for visiting India for any purpose.
2. OCI cardholders enjoy full political rights, including the right to vote and contest elections in India.

3. OCI cardholders are treated at par with Non-Resident Indians in the matter of inter-country adoption of Indian children.

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

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

**Answer:** (b) Only two

**Explanation:**

- **Statements 1 and 3 are correct.** OCI cardholders get a lifelong multiple-entry visa and are treated at par with NRIs for inter-country adoption.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because OCI cardholders do not have political rights such as voting or contesting elections.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q2. The 4B Movement, recently seen in the news, originated in which of the following countries?**

- (a) Japan
- (b) South Korea
- (c) China
- (d) Philippines

**Answer:** (b) South Korea

**Explanation:** The 4B Movement is a radical feminist movement that originated in South Korea. It advocates four forms of refusal by women—against dating, marriage, childbirth, and sexual relationships with men- as a response to patriarchy, gender inequality, and gender-based violence.

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements about the recently launched PANCHAM (Panchayat Assistance and Messaging Chatbot):**

- 1. It is a digital tool aimed at empowering Panchayat Elected Representatives and Functionaries.
- 2. It is developed in collaboration with UNICEF.
- 3. Currently, it will support interaction in only two Indian languages.

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

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

**Answer:** (b) Only two

**Explanation:**

- **Statements 1 and 2 are correct.** PANCHAM is a flagship digital initiative aimed at empowering Panchayat representatives and has been developed in collaboration with UNICEF.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** because PANCHAM, through integration with BHASHINI, is designed to support 22 Indian languages, not just two.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q4. Which of the following states has launched the country's first dedicated menopause clinics?**

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Gujarat

**Answer:** (c) Maharashtra

**Explanation:** Maharashtra has become the first state in India to launch dedicated menopause clinics across government hospitals and urban health facilities. The initiative aims to address both physical and mental health challenges faced by women during the menopausal phase.

Source- [ndtv](#)

**Q5. Consider the following statements about the Arbitration Council of India (ACI):**

1. It is a non-statutory body.
2. The Chairperson of ACI is appointed by the Union Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of India.

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) 2 only

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because the Arbitration Council of India is a statutory body established under the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The Chairperson of ACI is appointed by the Union Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of India.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6. With reference to the Madras Hedgehog, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a small-sized insectivorous mammal.
2. It is endemic to southern India.
3. It is categorised as endangered by the IUCN.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Madras hedgehog is a small-sized insectivorous mammal. It is also called the bare-bellied hedgehog or South Indian hedgehog

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is endemic to southern India. It is found only in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Kerala.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** IUCN Red List: Least Concern

Source: [DTE](#)

**Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the PESA Rankings of States for Year 2024-25:**

1. It has been released by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
2. It aims to encourage States with Fifth Schedule Areas to strengthen Gram Sabha-centered self-governance.
3. Both Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh were placed in 'Frontrunner' category of this ranking.

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:** The PESA Rankings of the States for 2024-25 is release by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Rankings aim to encourage States with Fifth Schedule Areas to strengthen Gram Sabha-centered self-governance and identify areas needing focused support.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Front Runner category: Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh

Source: [PIB](#)

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

1. In India, its range extends from the Indus basin through the Ganga river system and Terai region, across the Ganga-Brahmaputra plains and delta.
2. It is categorised as vulnerable by the IUCN.
3. It is the state animal of West Bengal in India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 3**

**Statement 1 is correct:** In India, its range extends from the Indus basin through the Ganga river system and Terai region, across the Ganga-Brahmaputra plains and delta, and south up to the Mahanadi, Godavari, and Krishna basins.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** IUCN Red List: Endangered

**Statement 3 is correct:** It is the state animal of West Bengal in India.

Source: [DTE](#)

**Q9.** Consider the following countries:

1. Japan
2. Russia
3. China
4. North Korea

How many of the above countries share a coast along the Sea of Japan?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- The Sea of Japan, or East Sea, is a marginal sea of the western Pacific Ocean. It is bound by **Japan** and Sakhalin to the east and by mainland **Russia, North Korea, and South Korea** to the west.

Source: [TH](#)

**Q10.** Consider the following statements regarding the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom):

1. Euratom was established by the Treaty of Rome (1957).
2. It functions as an independent international organisation completely separate from the European Union's institutions.
3. It plays a role in nuclear safety, radiation protection, and the supply of nuclear materials within its member states.

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**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Euratom was created in 1957 by the Treaty of Rome to develop a common nuclear energy market for peaceful purposes.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Euratom shares institutions with the European Union (European Commission, Council, Parliament, Court of Justice) and is not fully independent.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Euratom ensures nuclear safety standards, radiation protection, and oversees nuclear material supply and safeguards.

**Source:** TH

### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (30 January)

**Q1. With reference to the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2026, consider the following:**

1. Paint cans
2. Bulbs
3. Expired medicines

How many of the above are considered under the Special Care Waste category?

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

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

**Explanation:** Under the SWM Rules, 2026, Special Care Waste includes items that require separate handling and designated collection points due to potential environmental or health risks. This category specifically covers paint cans, bulbs, and expired medicines

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

**Q2. Gita Mittal Committee, recently seen in news, is related to:**

(a) Judicial reforms in High Courts  
(b) Electoral reforms in North-East India  
(c) Humanitarian concerns arising out of ethnic violence in Manipur  
(d) Police reforms and internal security

**Correct Answer: (c) Humanitarian concerns arising out of ethnic violence in Manipur**

**Explanation:** The Gita Mittal Committee is a 3-member all-women committee constituted by the Supreme Court (2023) to address humanitarian issues, especially violence against women, arising from the Manipur ethnic clashes.

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

**Q3. Consider the following pairs:**

1. SJ-100 — Commercial aircraft
2. IL-76 — Supersonic combat aircraft
3. Dornier-228 — Maritime patrol aircraft

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Correct Answer: (b) Only two**

**Explanation:**

- **SJ-100** is a commercial passenger aircraft
- **IL-76** is a strategic airlift & transport aircraft, not a supersonic combat aircraft.

- **Dornier-228** is used by Indian Navy and Coast Guard for maritime surveillance & patrol

Source- [ET](#)

**Q4. Consider the following description:**

It is a wildlife sanctuary located in western Odisha. The area is characterized by a high-altitude plateau with deep canyons and gorges. It acts as the catchment of the Jonk River (a tributary of the Mahanadi) and is also the source of the Sunder and Indra rivers. It adjoins the Sitanadi and Udanti Wildlife Sanctuaries of Chhattisgarh.

Which of the following is being described above?

- (a) Simlipal Wildlife Sanctuary
- (b) Satkosia Tiger Reserve
- (c) Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Bhitarkanika National Park

**Correct Answer: (c) Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary**

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q5. Shiveluch Volcano, recently seen in news, is located in:**

- (a) Russia
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Japan
- (d) Philippines

**Correct Answer: (a) Russia**

**Explanation:** The Shiveluch Volcano is located on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia, which lies along the Pacific Ring of Fire and is one of the world's most volcanically active regions.

Source- [TST](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements regarding recently announced 'Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbour at Mayabunder':**

1. It is located in state of Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Department of Fisheries is the implementing agency of the project.
3. The project is funded under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

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:** It is located at Mayabunder in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The project is implemented by the Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The project is funded under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7. Consider the following statements regarding Geomagnetic Storms:**

1. They are caused by disturbances in the Earth's magnetosphere due to solar wind and coronal mass ejections (CMEs) emitted by the Sun.
2. They can disrupt satellite operations, radio communications, GPS systems, and may also induce currents in power grids on Earth.

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:** Intense solar activity such as solar flares and CMEs releases charged particles that interact with Earth's magnetic field, leading to geomagnetic storms.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Strong geomagnetic storms can affect space-based and ground-based technological systems, making them a significant space weather concern.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements regarding the Indo-Pacific Leopard Shark:

- 1. It is a reef-associated species found mainly in the tropical Indo-Pacific region.
- 2. Juveniles are sometimes called zebra sharks.
- 3. It is listed as Endangered under the IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: All are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Indo-Pacific Leopard Shark (*Stegostoma tigrinum*) inhabits shallow coastal reefs across the Indo-Pacific, including parts of the Indian Ocean.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Juveniles are dark with white stripes, which is why they are sometimes called zebra sharks.

**Statement 3 is correct:** It is currently classified as Endangered by the IUCN.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the Arab League:

- 1. It was established in 1945 with the objective of promoting political, economic, cultural, and social cooperation among Arab countries.
- 2. Membership of the Arab League is restricted to Arabic-speaking countries of West Asia and North Africa.
- 3. Decisions of the Arab League are binding on all member states, irrespective of whether they vote in favour of them or not.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The League of Arab States was founded in 1945 to strengthen ties among Arab nations and coordinate policies.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Membership is limited to sovereign Arabic-speaking states from West Asia and North Africa.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Arab League resolutions are not binding; they are implemented only by states that accept them.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following countries:

- 1. Chad
- 2. Eritrea

3. Ethiopia
4. Libya

How many of the above countries have a land boundary with Sudan?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Sudan is a country in Northeast Africa. It borders the Central African Republic to the southwest, **Chad** to the west, **Libya** to the northwest, Egypt to the north, the Red Sea to the east, **Eritrea** and **Ethiopia** to the southeast, and South Sudan to the south.

Source: [DD News](#)

### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (31 January)

**Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Coking Coal:**

1. It is notified as a Critical and Strategic Mineral in India.
2. India produces domestically more than 90% of its coking coal requirement.

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 Government of India has notified coking coal as a Critical and Strategic Mineral under the MMDR Act, placing it in a high-priority category.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** Despite having reserves, India imports nearly 95% of its coking coal requirement, mainly for the steel industry, indicating high import dependence rather than domestic self-sufficiency.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q2. Recently, the Supreme Court of India held that menstrual hygiene is a part of which of the following Fundamental Rights?**

- (a) Right to Equality (Article 14)
- (b) Right to Life and Personal Liberty (Article 21)
- (c) Abolition of Untouchability (Article 17)
- (d) Right against Exploitation (Article 23)

**Correct answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** The Supreme Court held that access to menstrual hygiene products and facilities is integral to human dignity, health, privacy and bodily autonomy, all of which are core components of the Right to Life under Article 21. The Court applied the doctrine of substantive equality, but the right was ultimately anchored in Article 21, not merely Article 14.

Source- [BS](#)

**Q3. With reference to Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0, consider the following statements:**

1. It aims to achieve saturation of critical development indicators in Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

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:**

- Samoopnata Abhiyan 2.0 was launched by NITI Aayog, not by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, making Statement 2 incorrect.
- Statement 1 is correct as the campaign focuses on achieving saturation of key development indicators in Aspirational Districts and Blocks.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q4. The Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy was established at which of the following international events?**

- (a) 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26), UNFCCC – Glasgow (2021)
- (b) 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27), UNFCCC – Sharm el-Sheikh (2022)
- (c) 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28), UNFCCC – Dubai (2023)
- (d) G20 Leaders' Summit – New Delhi (2023)

**Correct answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** The Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy was formally launched during the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Dubai in 2023. It reflects a collective commitment by participating countries to triple global nuclear energy capacity by 2050 as part of broader climate mitigation and clean energy transition strategies.

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q5. The traditional Paathara (or Khoni) practice, recently seen in news, is related to:**

- (a) Community-based water harvesting system
- (b) Indigenous grain storage technique
- (c) Traditional fishing method
- (d) Ritual dance form

**Answer:** (b) Indigenous grain storage technique

**Explanation:** Paathara (also called Khoni) is an ancient indigenous grain storage tradition practiced in parts of Andhra Pradesh, especially in Srikakulam district. It involves storing grains in specially designed underground or earthen structures and is now facing extinction.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6. The Global Nuclear Outlook Report is released by which one of the following organisations?**

- (a) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- (b) World Nuclear Association (WNA)
- (c) Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)
- (d) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** World Nuclear Association (WNA)

- The Global Nuclear Outlook Report is released by the World Nuclear Association (WNA). It provides an industry-focused assessment of the status, trends, and future prospects of nuclear energy worldwide, including nuclear power capacity, investment outlook, and the role of nuclear energy in achieving climate and energy security goals.

Source: [DTE](#)

**Q7. With reference to the PAIMANA Portal, consider the following statements:**

1. It is launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

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2. It is launched for the mandated monitoring of central sector infrastructure projects worth ₹150 crore and above.

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 Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has operationalised a new web-based portal, PAIMANA (Project Assessment, Infrastructure Monitoring & Analytics for Nation-building).

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is for the mandated monitoring of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects worth ₹150 crore and above, replacing the erstwhile OCMS-2006 (Online Computerized Monitoring system).

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements regarding Ramsar sites in India:

- 1. The Patna Bird Sanctuary is located in state of Bihar.
- 2. The Chhari-Dhand Wetland system is located in the marshy salt flats of the Rann of Kutch of Gujarat.

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 Patna Bird Sanctuary is the smallest bird sanctuary located in Etah district of Uttar Pradesh.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Chhari-Dhand Wetland conservation reserve is located on the edge of the arid Banni grasslands and the marshy salt flats of the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding Sant Guru Ravidas:

- 1. He was a 15th-16th century Bhakti saint who emphasized devotion, equality, and social harmony, and rejected caste-based discrimination.
- 2. He was a contemporary of Kabir.
- 3. His devotional compositions are included in the Guru Granth Sahib.

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: D**

**Explanation**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Sant Ravidas was a prominent Bhakti saint who preached spiritual equality and devotion beyond caste barriers.

**Statements 2 and 3 are correct:** His hymns are included in the Guru Granth Sahib, and he was a contemporary of Kabir.

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

**Q10.** With reference to the Artemis II Mission, consider the following statements:

- 1. The mission is being launched by European Space Agency (ESA).

2. It will land humans on the surface of the moon for the first time since 1970s.

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 are incorrect**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Artemis II is the first crewed mission of NASA's Artemis programme to send humans to the vicinity of the Moon since 1972.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Artemis II is a crewed lunar flyby mission and will not include a lunar landing.

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