



**UPSC PRELIMS Exam Based on CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs: 28th AUGUST 2025**

**Question 1. With reference to the 'Dharti Aba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan', consider the following statements:**

1. It is a flagship program aimed at the holistic development of urban slums.
2. A key component of this initiative is the 'Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan', which aims to train grassroots leaders.
3. The mission encourages the creation of "Village Vision 2030" documents by local communities.

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

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

**Answer: (b)**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** The 'Dharti Aba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan' is specifically aimed at the holistic development of tribal villages, not urban slums.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The 'Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan' is a crucial part of the mission, described as the world's largest tribal grassroots leadership program designed to train 20 lakh tribal "change leaders".
- **Statement 3 is correct.** The initiative promotes a participatory approach by encouraging tribal communities to create "Village Vision 2030" documents, fostering long-term planning and community ownership.



**Question 2. Consider the following statements regarding India's space exploration roadmap:**

1. The Gaganyaan mission aims to send a three-member Indian crew to a geostationary orbit.
2. The long-term roadmap includes establishing the 'Bharatiya Antariksh Station' by 2035.
3. India's crewed lunar landing is planned to be achieved by 2040.

*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)**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** The Gaganyaan mission's objective is to send a crew to a low-Earth orbit of approximately 400 km, not a geostationary orbit, which is at a much higher altitude (around 35,786 km).
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The government has unveiled a long-term vision that includes the establishment of an Indian Space Station, named 'Bharatiya Antariksh Station', by the year 2035.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** As part of its ambitious long-term space exploration plan, India aims to land a crewed mission on the Moon by the year 2040.

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**Question 3. The term 'New World Screwworm', recently in the news, refers to:**

- (a) A genetically modified crop pest affecting cotton production.
- (b) A computer virus targeting financial institutions in developing countries.
- (c) A parasitic fly larva that feeds on the living tissue of warm-blooded animals.
- (d) An invasive aquatic species threatening the biodiversity of Indian rivers.

**Answer: (c)**

- The New World screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) is a parasite. Its larvae (maggots) infest the open wounds of warm-blooded animals, including humans, and feed on the living tissue. The re-emergence of a human case in the US after decades is a significant public health and livestock concern. The other options are incorrect descriptions.

**Question 4. Consider the following statements about the newly established National Designated Authority (NDA) for Carbon Emissions Trading:**

1. It has been established under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
2. Its primary function is to enable India's participation in carbon trading under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
3. The authority will be responsible for recommending projects for generating carbon credits for international markets.

*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)**



- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** The National Designated Authority (NDA) for Carbon Emissions Trading has been established by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), not the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The core purpose of the NDA is to create the institutional framework required for India to participate in the international carbon markets established under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** The NDA, a 21-member committee, will be the nodal body for assessing and recommending Indian projects that can generate carbon credits eligible for trading in global markets under the Article 6.4 mechanism.

**Question 5. Regarding the 'Exercise Bright Star 2025', which of the following statements is correct?**

- (a) It is a bilateral naval exercise exclusively between India and the USA.
- (b) It is a multilateral tri-service military exercise hosted by Egypt and the US.
- (c) It is an anti-piracy operation conducted by Indian forces in the Gulf of Aden.
- (d) It is a disaster relief and humanitarian assistance exercise conducted by SAARC nations.

**Answer: (b)**

- **Statement (b) is correct.** 'Exercise Bright Star 2025' is described as a biennial multilateral military exercise, one of the largest in the Middle East-North Africa (MENA) region. It is hosted by Egypt and the United States, and the Indian contingent is a tri-service one, involving the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- **Statement (a) is incorrect** as it is a multilateral exercise, not bilateral, and involves more countries than just India and the US.
- **Statements (c) and (d) describe different types of exercises** and are not related to Bright Star.