

## CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ FOR ALL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

*(Note: If you find any discrepancy in the answer, please verify it with the explanation given with answers.)*

**Question: Which of the following statements is/are correct about Maitri Diwas?**

1. India and Bangladesh will celebrate December 6 as 'Maitri Diwas'.
2. India and Bangladesh will celebrate Maitri Diwas on the day on which India formally recognized Bangladesh.

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

**Ans (c)**

India and Bangladesh have decided to celebrate December 6, the day on which India formally recognized Bangladesh (1971), as 'Maitri Diwas', a joint statement issued after talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka stated.

**Question: Which state has proposed a biosphere reserve in the southern part of the state at Mahendragiri?**

- (a) Andhra Pradesh    (b) Tamil Nadu  
(c) Odisha              (d) Kerala

**Ans (c)**

The Odisha government has proposed a second biosphere reserve in the southern part of the state at Mahendragiri, a hill ecosystem having rich biodiversity. The 5,569-square kilometre Similipal Biosphere Reserve is Odisha's first such reserve and was notified May 20, 1996. The area of the proposed Mahendragiri Biosphere Reserve is around 470,955 hectares and is spread over Gajapati and Ganjam districts in the Eastern Ghats. The hill ecosystem acts as a transitional zone between the flora and fauna of southern India and the Himalayas,

making the region an ecological estuary of genetic diversities. This is according to a feasibility report prepared by the Biosphere Reserve Committee for the proposed project.

**Question: The Election Commission of India has revised the rules for appointing polling agents at booths. What is the new regulation?**

- (a) Any voter from within an Assembly constituency can be a polling agent of any booth within that constituency.  
(b) The polling agent has to be a voter of the booth or an adjoining booth that he/she is working at.  
(c) Any voter from a district of the Assembly constituency can be a polling agent of any booth.  
(d) Anybody who is registered as a voter in the state can be a polling agent irrespective of the constituencies.

**Ans (a)**

The Election Commission of India has revised the rules for appointing polling agents at booths. As per the new regulations, a political party can now nominate a polling agent for any booth within the assembly segment he/she is a voter from. It means, any voter from within an Assembly constituency can be a polling agent of any booth within that constituency. Earlier, the polling agent had to be a voter of the booth or an adjoining booth that he/she is working at. The Election Commission allows a candidate to appoint a polling agent as a candidate's representative who keeps an eye on the voting process. He attends the demonstrations arranged by the Returning Officer, where the functioning

and operation of these machines are explained.

**Question: In which institute was the "Ānandam: The Center for Happiness" inaugurated in March 2021?**

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIM Jammu
- (c) IIM Lucknow
- (d) IIT Roorkee

**Ans (b)**

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on March 30, 2021 inaugurated "Ānandam: The Center for Happiness" in Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu. The Center for Happiness acquires its name 'Ānandam' from the Indian wisdom tradition where the pure consciousness is being as "anandam". "Ānandam" doesn't aim for only happiness but knowing the truth, doing good and enjoying the beauty around.

**Question: Which country is not a participatory in the 'La Perouse drill 2021'?**

- (a) India
- (b) UK
- (c) Japan
- (d) US

**Ans (b)**

India participated in France-led naval drill La Perouse for the first time in the Bay of Bengal In April 5-7. Besides India, Australia, Japan and the US also participated in La Perouse. After La Perouse, another important naval exercise, the India-French Varuna exercise, will also take place.

**Question: The Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2021 was conducted between which two countries Joint Special Forces?**

- (a) India and US
- (b) India and Sri Lanka
- (c) India and Nepal
- (d) India and Israel

**Ans (a)**

The 11th edition of Indo-US Joint Special

Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2021 was conducted at Special Forces Training School located at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh in March 2021. The joint exercise by the Special Forces of both the countries is conducted alternatively between India and the United States to share the best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics as also to improve interoperability between the Special Forces of both nations.

**Question: Which department has launched the 'PRISM' scheme?**

- (a) Department of Scientific and Industrial Research
- (b) Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare
- (c) Department of Biotechnology
- (d) Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade

**Ans (a)**

Union Minister for Science & Technology, Dr Harsh Vardhan on March 30, 2021 virtually inaugurated Alignment and Awareness Event for Publicity of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research - Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Startups and MSMEs (DSIR-PRISM) scheme at IIT Delhi. PRISM' scheme of the DSIR (under Ministry of Science and Technology) has been instrumental in supporting individual innovators enabling inclusive development of India. It is interesting to note that PRISM extends its support to any citizen of the country through direct benefit transfer in the core technology areas such as Affordable Healthcare, Water, Sewage Management, Green Technology, Clean Energy, Industrially Utilizable Smart Materials, Waste to Wealth aligned with our National objectives.