

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS
QUIZ (03.03.2026)

1. Consider the following statements regarding the Index of Industrial Production (IIP):
1. It is released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on a quarterly basis.
 2. The current base year of IIP is 2017–18.
 3. Capital Goods carry a higher weight than Consumer Non-Durables in the current series.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (A) Only one
(B) Only two
(C) All three
(D) None
2. The Manjuvirattu event, recently seen in the news, is:
- (A) A traditional bull-taming sport conducted in Tamil Nadu
(B) A traditional buffalo-racing sport conducted in Karnataka during local harvest festivals
(C) A traditional boat-racing sport conducted in Kerala
(D) A traditional temple ritual involving cattle conducted in Andhra Pradesh during Sankranti

3. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below:

List I (Operation)

- A. Operation Sankalp
B. Operation Indravati
C. Operation Kaveri
D. Operation Jal Rahat 2

List II (Objective/Location)

1. Flood and landslide rescue operation in Himachal Pradesh & North East (2025)
2. Anti-piracy/maritime security deployment in Gulf of Oman and Red Sea
3. Evacuation of Indian citizens from Sudan (2023)
4. Evacuation of Indian nationals from Chad (2024)

Codes:

- (A) A-1, B-4, C-3, D-2
(B) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2
(C) A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1
(D) A-2, B-4, C-3, D-1

4. With reference to the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019, consider the following statements:
1. It reduces the naturalization period for specified migrants from 11 years to 5 years.
 2. It applies to all areas of India without exception.
 3. It exempts certain migrants from being treated as illegal migrants.
 4. It amends provisions relating to cancellation of OCI registration.

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

- (A) Only one
(B) Only two
(C) Only three
(D) None of the above
5. With reference to the following diagnostic techniques, consider the following pairs:

1. ELISA — Detection based on antigen–antibody interaction
2. Nucleic Acid Test (NAT) — Detection of pathogen’s DNA or RNA
3. RT-PCR — Detection of host antibodies against infection
4. Western Blot — Identification of specific proteins

Which of the pairs given above is/are incorrectly matched?

- (A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 3 only
(C) 4 only
(D) 3 and 4 only

ANSWERS AND EXPLANATION

1. Correct Answer: (D)

Explanation:

- The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is released by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)** on a **monthly basis**, not quarterly. It is usually published with a lag of six weeks after the reference month ends.
- The current base year for the IIP series is **2011–12**. Although there have been proposals to update the base year to a more recent period (like 2017–18), the 2011–12 series remains the official standard.
- Under the use-based classification of the 2011–12 series, **Consumer Non-Durables** carry a weight of **15.33%**, which is significantly higher than the weight assigned to **Capital Goods**, which stands at **8.22%**.

2. Correct Answer: (A)

Explanation:

- **Manjuvirattu** is a **traditional bull-taming sport** conducted in **Tamil Nadu**, primarily in the Siva Ganga and Madurai districts. It is a variant of the more commonly known **Jallikattu**.
- In Manjuvirattu, bulls are often released into an open field or a designated track rather than through a narrow gate (Vadi Vasal), and participants attempt to grab the bull's hump for a specific duration or distance.
- It gained significant media attention recently due to record-breaking participation (thousands of bulls and tamers) and its cultural importance during the **Pongal** festival season.
- **Why other options are incorrect:**
 - **Option (B)** refers to **Kambala**, which is the traditional buffalo-racing sport of Karnataka.
 - **Option (C)** refers to **Vallam Kali** (Snake Boat Race), a traditional boat race in Kerala.
 - **Option (D)** refers to rituals like **Pasuvula Panduga**, which involves cattle and is celebrated in Andhra Pradesh

3. Correct Answer: (D)

Explanation:

- **Operation Sankalp:** This is a maritime security operation launched by the Indian Navy. It involves the deployment of frigates and destroyers in the **Gulf of Oman and the Red Sea** to ensure the safe passage of Indian-flagged merchant vessels amidst rising threats of piracy and drone attacks.

- **Operation Indravati:** This mission was launched to evacuate Indian nationals from **Haiti** (and redirected through **Chad** in 2024 for logistical safety) due to the complete breakdown of law and order and escalating gang violence in the Caribbean nation.
- **Operation Kaveri:** Launched in 2023, this was a major rescue operation by the Indian Armed Forces to evacuate approximately 3,800 Indian citizens from **Sudan** following the outbreak of armed conflict between the Sudanese Army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF).
- **Operation Jal Rahat 2:** This refers to a large-scale joint disaster relief and rescue operation conducted in **2025** by the Indian Army and NDRF to provide immediate assistance during devastating **floods and landslides in Himachal Pradesh** and the North Eastern states.

4. Correct Answer: (A)

Explanation:

- The CAA, 2019, reduces the period of "residence in India" for the naturalization of migrants from the six specified minority communities (Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis, and Christians) from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan from **11 years to 5 years**.
- The Act does **not** apply to all areas of India. It excludes:
 - Tribal areas of **Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura** included in the **Sixth Schedule** to the Constitution.
 - Areas covered under the "**Inner Line**" system notified under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 (presently covering Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Manipur).
- The Act provides that the specified migrants who entered India on or before **December 31, 2014**, shall not be treated as illegal migrants and shall be eligible for Indian citizenship.
- The Act amends **Section 7D of the Citizenship Act, 1955**, providing additional grounds for the **cancellation of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) registration**, such as if the OCI has violated any law notified by the Central Government.

5. Correct Answer: (B)

Explanation:

- **ELISA** (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) is a plate-based assay technique designed for detecting and quantifying substances such as peptides, proteins, antibodies, and hormones. It is fundamentally based on the specific **antigen-antibody interaction**.
- **Nucleic Acid Test (NAT)** is a technique used to detect a particular pathogen (virus or bacteria) in a specimen by detecting its **genetic material (DNA or RNA)**. It is highly sensitive as it can detect the virus even before antibodies are formed.
- **RT-PCR** (Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction) is used to detect the **genetic material (RNA)** of a pathogen, not the host's antibodies. It converts RNA into DNA and then amplifies it to detectable levels. Antibody detection is typically done via Serology tests.
- **Western Blot** is a laboratory method used to detect **specific protein molecules** from among a mixture of proteins. It involves gel electrophoresis to separate the proteins, followed by their transfer to a membrane and detection using antibodies.