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DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS (12/3/2026)

1. With reference to newly discovered lichen moth species in India, consider the following statements:

1. The species *Caulocera hollowayi* was discovered in Sikkim in the eastern Himalayas.
2. *Asura buxa* was discovered from specimens collected in West Bengal.
3. Both species were discovered by scientists of the Zoological Survey of India.

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

2. With reference to Tephra, consider the following statements:

1. It refers to fragments of rock and ash ejected from a volcano into the atmosphere.
2. The size of tephra particles generally becomes smaller as the distance from the volcano increases.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2

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D. Neither 1 nor 2

3. With reference to the Fiscal Health Index, consider the following statements:

1. It has been released by NITI Aayog to evaluate fiscal performance of Indian states.
2. It evaluates fiscal health based on five pillars including revenue mobilisation and fiscal prudence.
3. It covers all states and Union Territories of India.

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

4. With reference to the Kamakhya Temple, consider the following statements:

1. It is located on Nilachal Hill in Guwahati near the Brahmaputra River.
2. It is regarded as one of the Shakti Peethas in India and an important centre of Tantric practices.

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

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5. Asteroid 2024 YR4 is associated with which of the following organizations that monitors potential asteroid threats to Earth?

- A. ISRO
- B. NASA
- C. European Space Agency
- D. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

SOLUTIONS:

1. **Answer: D** – Two new lichen moth species, *Caulocera hollowayi* and *Asura buxa*, were discovered by scientists from the Zoological Survey of India in the eastern Himalayas.

2. **Answer: C** – Tephra refers to volcanic rock fragments and ash ejected during eruptions; particle size decreases with increasing distance from the volcano.

3. **Answer: A** – The Fiscal Health Index released by NITI Aayog evaluates the fiscal performance of states based on pillars such as revenue mobilisation and fiscal prudence.

4. **Answer: C** – Kamakhya Temple is located on Nilachal Hill in Guwahati and is one of the important Shakti Peethas associated with Tantric worship.

5. **Answer: B** – Asteroid 2024 YR4 was monitored by NASA as part of its Near-Earth Object observation program.