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GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

INDIA'S FIRST URBAN NIGHT SAFARI APPROVED

Why in News?

The Government approved the development of **India's first Urban Night Safari** at **Kukrail Reserve Forest, Lucknow**. The project aims to promote wildlife conservation, eco-tourism, and environmental education.

Key Facts

- **Location:**
 - Kukrail Reserve Forest
 - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- **Investment:**
 - ₹1,510 Crore
- **Area:**
 - 855 Acres

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first Urban Night Safari will be developed in:

- A. Kanha
- B. Ranthambore
- C. **Lucknow** ✓
- D. Bhopal

Q2. The Urban Night Safari project is located in:

- A. Dudhwa National Park
- B. **Kukrail Reserve Forest** ✓
- C. Corbett National Park
- D. Kaziranga National Park

DEEP GEOTHERMAL WELLS COMMISSIONED AT PUGA VALLEY, LADAKH

Why in News?

India commissioned its **first Deep Geothermal Wells** at **Puga Valley, Ladakh**. The project, developed by the **ONGC Energy Centre**, includes two wells drilled to a depth of **1,000 metres** and supports India's **first 1 MW pilot geothermal power plant**. The recorded underground temperature of **135°C** confirms the region's strong geothermal potential.

Key Facts

- **Location:** Puga Valley, Ladakh
- **Developed By:** ONGC Energy Centre
- **Depth of Wells:** 1,000 metres
- **Temperature Recorded:** 135°C
- **Project:** 1 MW Pilot Geothermal Power Plant
- **Objective:** Promote clean, renewable and round-the-clock energy.

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first Deep Geothermal Wells have been commissioned in:

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. **Ladakh** ✓
- D. Sikkim

Q2. The geothermal wells were developed by:

- A. NTPC
- B. NHPC
- C. **ONGC Energy Centre** ✓
- D. BHEL

UTTAR PRADESH BECOMES INDIA'S SECOND-LARGEST ROOFTOP SOLAR STATE

Why in News?

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Uttar Pradesh has become the **second-largest state** in rooftop solar installations under the **PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana**, after **Gujarat**. The programme has significantly increased clean energy adoption while creating employment opportunities.

Key Facts

- **Scheme:** PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana
- **State:** Uttar Pradesh
- **Rank:** Second in India
- **Installations:** Over **6.74 lakh**
- **Capacity:** **2.28 GW**
- **Jobs Created:** Around **85,000**

Practice MCQs

Q1. Which state ranks second in rooftop solar installations under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana?

A. Rajasthan

B. Maharashtra

C. Uttar Pradesh ✓

D. Karnataka

SOUTHERN BIRDWING RECORDED IN TELANGANA FOR THE FIRST TIME

Why in News?

The **Southern Birdwing**, India's **largest butterfly**, has been recorded for the first time in **Telangana** at the **Amrabad Tiger Reserve**.

Key Facts

- **Scientific Name:** *Troides minos*
- **State Butterfly:** Karnataka
- **Family:** Papilionidae
- **New Location:** Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Telangana
- **IUCN Status:** Least Concern

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's largest butterfly is:

A. Blue Mormon

B. Common Jezebel

C. Southern Birdwing ✓

D. Common Crow



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FOUR STATES SIGN LANDMARK NARMADA WATER AGREEMENT

Why in News?

Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra signed a landmark agreement to resolve financial disputes related to the **Sardar Sarovar Project** and **Indira Sagar Project** under the **Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) Award**.

Key Facts

Participating States

- Madhya Pradesh
- Gujarat

- Rajasthan
- Maharashtra

Purpose

- Resolve financial disputes
- Improve water governance
- Strengthen cooperative federalism

Practice MCQs

Q1. Which of the following states is NOT part of the Narmada Agreement?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Odisha 

NTCA APPROVES RESTART OF TIGER REINTRODUCTION PROGRAMME IN SATKOSIA

Why in News?

The **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** has granted **in-principle approval** to restart the **Tiger Reintroduction Programme** in **Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Odisha**. The earlier tiger translocation programme initiated in **2018** was unsuccessful. The renewed programme aims to restore a sustainable tiger population and strengthen wildlife conservation in the reserve.

Key Facts

- **Authority:** National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
- **Tiger Reserve:** Satkosia Tiger Reserve
- **State:** Odisha
- Previous tiger translocation attempt: **2018**
- Objective: Restore tiger population and improve biodiversity.

Practice MCQs

Q1. Satkosia Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Odisha 
- D. Jharkhand

Q2. Which organisation approved the restart of the tiger reintroduction programme?

- A. Wildlife Institute of India
- B. National Biodiversity Authority
- C. **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** ✓
- D. Zoological Survey of India

WHITE-RUMPED VULTURE REMAINS CRITICALLY ENDANGERED

Why in News?

The **White-rumped Vulture** (*Gyps bengalensis*) continues to be listed as **Critically Endangered** on the **IUCN Red List** due to a severe decline in its population. The major reason for this decline has been the use of the veterinary drug **diclofenac**, along with other environmental threats.

Key Facts

- **Scientific Name:** *Gyps bengalensis*
- **IUCN Status:** **Critically Endangered**
- **Major Threats:**
 - Diclofenac
 - Harmful NSAIDs
 - Contaminated carcasses
 - Electrocution
 - Habitat loss
 - Urbanisation

Practice MCQs

Q1. White-rumped Vulture belongs to which IUCN category?

- A. Vulnerable
- B. Endangered
- C. **Critically Endangered** ✓
- D. Near Threatened

Q2. Which veterinary drug caused a major decline in the vulture population?

- A. Paracetamol
- B. Aspirin
- C. **Diclofenac** ✓
- D. Ibuprofen

GLOBAL TIGER DAY 2026: INDIA'S TIGER POPULATION REACHES 3,682

Why in News?

On the occasion of **Global Tiger Day (29 July 2026)**, the Government announced that **India's tiger population has increased to 3,682**, while the number of **Tiger Reserves has reached 58**. The announcement highlights India's continued efforts towards wildlife conservation and biodiversity protection.

Key Facts

- **Global Tiger Day** is observed every year on **29 July**.
- India's tiger population has increased to **3,682**.
- The country now has **58 Tiger Reserves**.
- The day aims to promote **tiger conservation** and protect their natural habitats.
- India is home to the **largest tiger population in the world**.

Exam Focus

- ✓ Global Tiger Day is celebrated on **29 July**.
- ✓ Tiger conservation is implemented through **Project Tiger**.
- ✓ **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** is the apex body responsible for tiger conservation in India.
- ✓ Tigers are classified as **Endangered** by the IUCN.

Practice MCQs

Q1. Global Tiger Day is observed every year on:

- A. 22 April
- B. 5 June
- C. **29 July** ✓
- D. 15 August

Q2. India's tiger population according to the 2026 report is:

- A. 3,167
- B. 3,925
- C. **3,682** ✓
- D. 4,102

Q3. India currently has how many Tiger Reserves?

- A. 52
- B. 55
- C. 58 ✓
- D. 60

Q4. Which organisation is responsible for tiger conservation in India?

- A. CPCB
- B. NGT
- C. NTCA ✓
- D. NBA

Q5. Tigers are listed under which IUCN category?

- A. Vulnerable
- B. Near Threatened
- C. Endangered ✓
- D. Critically Endangered



SARNATH INCLUDED IN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE LIST

Why in News?

The ancient Buddhist site of **Sarnath**, located in **Uttar Pradesh**, has been inscribed on the **UNESCO World Heritage List** during the **48th Session of the World Heritage Committee** held in **Busan, South Korea**. With this recognition, Sarnath has become the **45th UNESCO World Heritage Site of India**.

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Key Facts

- **Location:** Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh
- UNESCO recognition received during the **48th World Heritage Committee Session**.
- Meeting Venue: **Busan, South Korea**
- Sarnath became **India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- Sarnath is the place where **Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon** after attaining enlightenment.
- It is regarded as the **fourth holiest Buddhist pilgrimage site** after **Lumbini, Bodh Gaya and Kushinagar**.

Important Monuments

Dhamek Stupa

- Built at the place where Buddha is believed to have delivered his first sermon.
- Famous for its impressive cylindrical structure and intricate stone carvings.

Dharmarajika Stupa

- One of the oldest Buddhist stupas.
- Traditionally associated with **Emperor Ashoka**, who played a major role in spreading Buddhism.

Exam Focus

- ✓ Sarnath is located in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- ✓ Buddha delivered his **first sermon** at Sarnath.
- ✓ Emperor **Ashoka** promoted Buddhism and built several stupas.
- ✓ UNESCO World Heritage Sites are recognised for their outstanding cultural or natural value.

Practice MCQs

Q1. Sarnath is located in which state?

- A. Bihar
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. **Uttar Pradesh** ✓
- D. Rajasthan

Q2. Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon at:

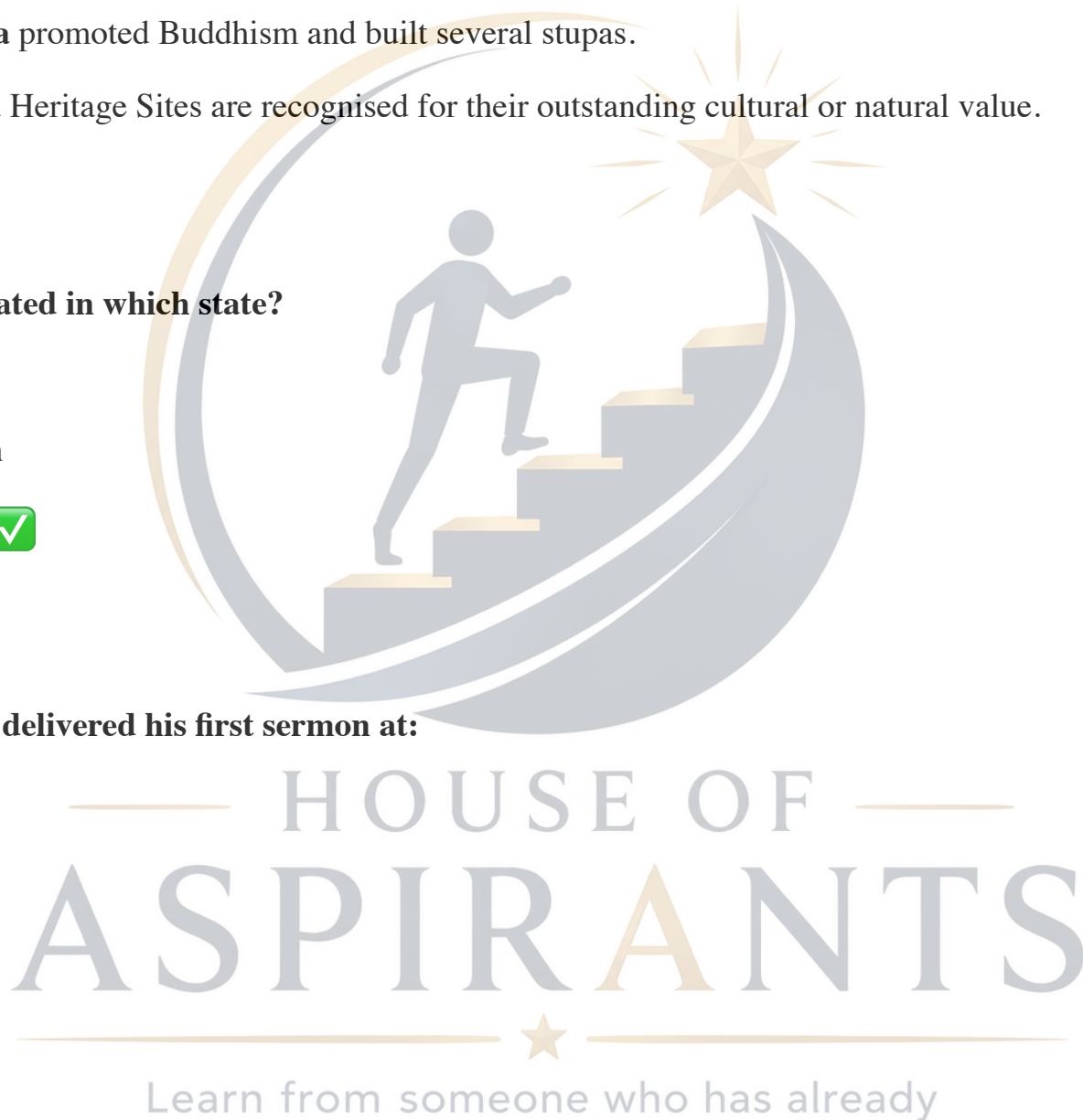
- A. Bodh Gaya
- B. Lumbini
- C. **Sarnath** ✓
- D. Kushinagar

Q3. Which famous monument is located at the place of Buddha's first sermon?

- A. Sanchi Stupa
- B. **Dhamek Stupa** ✓
- C. Amaravati Stupa
- D. Mahabodhi Temple

Q4. Dharmarajika Stupa is traditionally associated with:

- A. Harshavardhana



B. Kanishka

C. Emperor Ashoka ☒

D. Chandragupta Maurya

Q5. Sarnath became India's _____ UNESCO World Heritage Site.

A. 42nd

B. 43rd

C. 44th

D. 45th ☒



MAJOR SCHEMES

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES & INITIATIVES (JULY 2026)

Scheme / Initiative	Ministry	Launch / Approval	Main Objective (Exam Point of View)
BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme (Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana)	Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers	24 July 2026	Establish 3 Integrated Chemical Parks with common infrastructure to strengthen India's chemical industry and attract investment.
EPFO Amnesty Scheme 2026	Ministry of Labour & Employment	2026	Provides a one-time six-month window for Exempted PF Trusts to complete pending legal
Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0	Ministry of Women & Child Development	FY 2025–26	Integrates Anganwadi Services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls to improve
Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment,	Ministry of Education	2026	Introduces stricter punishment for paper leaks and examination malpractice.
CSC Scheme 4.0	Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)	Ongoing	Enables Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) to provide 500+ digital government and private services.
EPF Scheme 2026	EPFO / Ministry of Labour & Employment	29 June 2026	Introduces UPI-based PF withdrawal, WhatsApp services, and a 25% minimum balance rule.
VB-G RAM G Act, 2025	Ministry of Rural Development	1 July 2026	Replaces MGNREGA and guarantees 125 days of rural wage employment.
EPFO VISHWAS 2026	EPFO	29 June 2026	One-time scheme for settlement of pending EPF penalty and damages disputes with reduced
Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS)	MeitY	FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31	₹62,500 crore scheme to promote mobile manufacturing, value addition, and Indian brands.
Bharat Taxi	Ministry of Cooperation	2026	Cooperative ride-hailing platform where drivers become shareholders under the vision " Sahakar
Delhi Lakshmi Yojana	Government of Delhi	1 August 2026	Provides ₹2,500 per month through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to eligible women.
Bharat Taxi (Maharashtra Launch)	Government of Maharashtra	2026	Cooperative taxi service at Navi Mumbai Airport with fixed fares and no surge pricing.

Expected MCQs

Q1. Which ministry launched the BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme?

A. Ministry of Heavy Industries

B. Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers 

- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Commerce

Q2. The Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) has an outlay of:

- A. ₹30,000 crore
- B. ₹45,000 crore
- C. ₹50,000 crore
- D. ₹62,500 crore ☒

Q3. The VB-G RAM G Act guarantees how many days of rural employment?

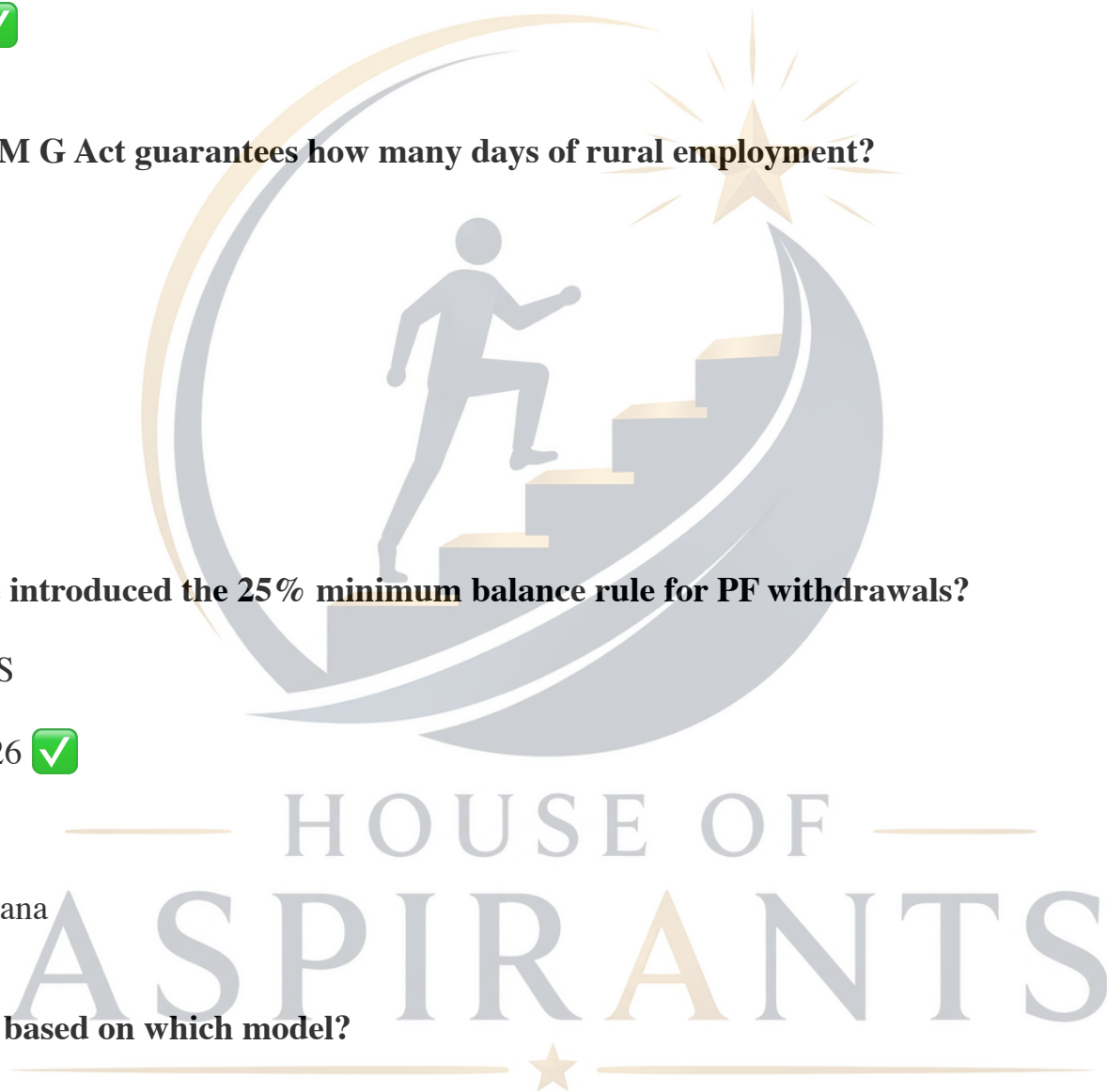
- A. 100 Days
- B. 120 Days
- C. 125 Days ☒
- D. 150 Days

Q4. Which scheme introduced the 25% minimum balance rule for PF withdrawals?

- A. EPFO VISHWAS
- B. EPF Scheme 2026 ☒
- C. PMJDY
- D. Atal Pension Yojana

Q5. Bharat Taxi is based on which model?

- A. Private Aggregator
- B. Government Corporation
- C. Cooperative Model ☒
- D. Public-Private Partnership



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CABINET APPROVES MOBILE PHONE MANUFACTURING SCHEME (MPMS)

Why in News?

The **Union Cabinet** approved the **Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS)** to strengthen India's electronics manufacturing ecosystem. The scheme aims to increase domestic production, attract investment, generate employment and promote exports.

Key Facts

- **Scheme:** Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS)
- **Total Outlay:** ₹62,500 crore
- **Duration:** FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31
- Incentives ranging from **2.25% to 5%** on eligible sales.
- Objective is to strengthen India's mobile manufacturing ecosystem.

Exam Focus

- ✓ Outlay – ₹62,500 crore
- ✓ Duration – 5 Years
- ✓ Focus – Electronics Manufacturing
- ✓ Incentive – 2.25% to 5%

Practice MCQs

Q1. What is the total outlay of the MPMS?

- A. ₹50,000 crore
- B. ₹55,000 crore
- C. ₹62,500 crore ✓
- D. ₹70,000 crore

Q2. MPMS mainly promotes:

- A. Agriculture
- B. Tourism
- C. Mobile Phone Manufacturing ✓
- D. Textiles

CABINET APPROVES TWO RAILWAY MULTI-TRACKING PROJECTS

Why in News?

The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved two important railway multi-tracking projects in **Odisha and Jharkhand** to improve rail connectivity, freight movement and logistics.

Key Facts

- **Approved by:** Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)
- **Total Cost:** ₹3,907 crore
- **States Covered:** Odisha & Jharkhand
- **Projects:**
 - Paradeep–Haridaspur Doubling
 - Rajkharsawan–Dangoaposi Fourth Line
- Around **145 km** of railway lines will be added.
- Expected completion by **2030–31**.

Exam Focus

- ✓ Total Cost – ₹3,907 crore
- ✓ Length – 145 km
- ✓ States – Odisha & Jharkhand
- ✓ Approved by – CCEA

Practice MCQs

Q1. Railway multi-tracking projects approved by CCEA are located in:

- A. Gujarat & Maharashtra
- B. Punjab & Haryana
- C. **Odisha & Jharkhand** ✓
- D. Tamil Nadu & Kerala

Q2. Total estimated cost of the projects is:

- A. ₹2,500 crore
- B. ₹3,100 crore
- C. **₹3,907 crore** ✓
- D. ₹4,800 crore

NATIONAL INVESTMENT POLICY FOR UREA-2026 (NIPU-2026)

Why in News?

The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved the **National Investment Policy for Urea-2026 (NIPU-2026)** to encourage fresh investment in gas-based urea plants and improve India's fertilizer self-reliance.

Key Facts

- Scheme: **NIPU-2026**
- Focus on **Gas-Based Urea Plants**
- Objective:
 - Increase domestic urea production.
 - Reduce dependence on imports.
 - Promote fertilizer self-sufficiency.

Exam Focus

- ✓ NIPU – Urea Production
- ✓ Gas-Based Plants
- ✓ Approved by CCEA

Practice MCQs

Q1. NIPU-2026 is related to:

- A. Petroleum
- B. Coal

C. Urea Manufacturing ☒

D. Solar Energy

BHAVYA RASAYAN SCHEME

Why in News?

The Union Cabinet approved the **BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme** to establish dedicated **Chemical Parks** and strengthen India's chemical manufacturing sector.

Key Facts

- Full Form:
Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan
- **Outlay:** ₹3,030 crore
- Three dedicated Chemical Parks will be developed.
- Aim is to improve industrial infrastructure and attract investment.

Practice MCQs

Q1. BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme aims to establish:

- A. Solar Parks
- B. Defence Corridors
- C. Chemical Parks 
- D. Textile Parks

BALLARI–GUNTAKAL RAILWAY MULTI-TRACKING PROJECT

Why in News?

The Union Cabinet approved the **Ballari–Guntakal Railway Multi-Tracking Project** to improve railway capacity and freight movement in southern India.

Key Facts

- Cost: ₹1,264 crore
- States:
 - Karnataka
 - Andhra Pradesh
- Includes construction of **third and fourth railway lines**.

Practice MCQs

Q1. Ballari–Guntakal Railway Project connects which two states?

- A. Karnataka & Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana & Andhra Pradesh
- C. **Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh** 
- D. Maharashtra & Karnataka

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SAMUDRA MANTHAN – NATIONAL OFFSHORE EXPLORATION SCHEME

Why in News?

The Union Cabinet approved the **Samudra Manthan – National Offshore Exploration Scheme** to enhance offshore oil and gas exploration and strengthen India's energy security.

Key Facts

- **Total Outlay:** ₹84,084 crore
- Focus Areas:

- Offshore Oil Exploration
- Deepwater Drilling
- Seismic Surveys
- Scientific Exploration
- Offshore Infrastructure Development

Practice MCQs

Q1. Samudra Manthan Scheme is related to:

- A. Fisheries
- B. Ports
- C. Offshore Oil & Gas Exploration ☒
- D. Inland Waterways

PRADHAN MANTRI SURYA SAROVAR YOJANA (PM-SSY)

Why in News?

The Union Cabinet approved the **Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY)** to promote **Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV)** projects integrated with Energy Storage Systems.

Key Facts

- Scheme: **PM-SSY**
- **Outlay:** ₹5,070 crore
- Target:
 - **5,000 MW Floating Solar Capacity**
 - **10,000 MWh Energy Storage**
- Duration:
 - FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31

Practice MCQs

Q1. PM-SSY primarily promotes:

- A. Rooftop Solar
- B. Wind Energy
- C. Floating Solar Photovoltaic Projects ☒
- D. Nuclear Energy

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

ASSAM BECOMES INDIA'S FIRST STATE TO COMMERCIALY PRODUCE MATCHA TEA

Why in News?

Assam has become the **first state in India** to start the **commercial production of Matcha Tea**. The tea is being produced at the **Chota Tingrai Tea Estate** in **Tinsukia district** and was auctioned through the **Guwahati Tea Auction Centre (GTAC)**. This initiative is expected to diversify Assam's tea industry and increase exports of premium tea.

Key Facts

- **First State:** Assam
- **Product:** Matcha Tea
- **Production Unit:** Chota Tingrai Tea Estate
- **District:** Tinsukia
- **Auction Platform:** Guwahati Tea Auction Centre (GTAC)

Practice MCQs

Q1. Which state became the first to commercially produce Matcha Tea?

- A. Kerala
- B. West Bengal
- C. Assam ☒
- D. Tamil Nadu

Q2. Matcha Tea is manufactured at:

- A. Dibrugarh Tea Estate
- B. Chota Tingrai Tea Estate ☒
- C. Doom Dooma Estate
- D. Jorhat Estate

INDIA'S FIRST GOVERNMENT-BACKED AI UNIVERSITY

Why in News?

The Government of **Karnataka** announced the establishment of **India's first Government-backed Artificial Intelligence (AI) University**. The announcement was made by **Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar** during **Google I/**

O Connect India 2026 held in **Bengaluru**. The university aims to develop skilled professionals in Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies.

Key Facts

- **State:** Karnataka
- **Announcement:** Google I/O Connect India 2026
- **City:** Bengaluru
- **Announced By:** D.K. Shivakumar
- **Focus Areas:**
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Machine Learning
 - Data Science
 - Robotics

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first Government-backed AI University was announced in:

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Chennai
- C. **Bengaluru** ✓
- D. Pune

Q2. The announcement was made by:

- A. Siddaramaiah
- B. Basavaraj Bommai
- C. **D.K. Shivakumar** ✓
- D. Amit Shah

INDIA'S FIRST OFFSHORE AIRPORT APPROVED

Why in News?

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The **Maharashtra Airport Development Company (MADC)** approved **India's first offshore airport** in the **Arabian Sea** near the **Uttan–Virar Sea Link** in **Palghar district, Maharashtra**.

Key Facts

- **First Offshore Airport**
- **Location:** Arabian Sea
- **District:** Palghar
- **State:** Maharashtra
- **Approved By:** Maharashtra Airport Development Company (MADC)

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first offshore airport will be developed in:

- A. Bay of Bengal
- B. Arabian Sea 
- C. Indian Ocean
- D. Gulf of Mannar

MADHYA PRADESH APPROVES UNIFORM CIVIL CODE (UCC)

Why in News?

Madhya Pradesh approved the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill, 2026**, becoming the **fourth Indian state** to do so.

Key Facts

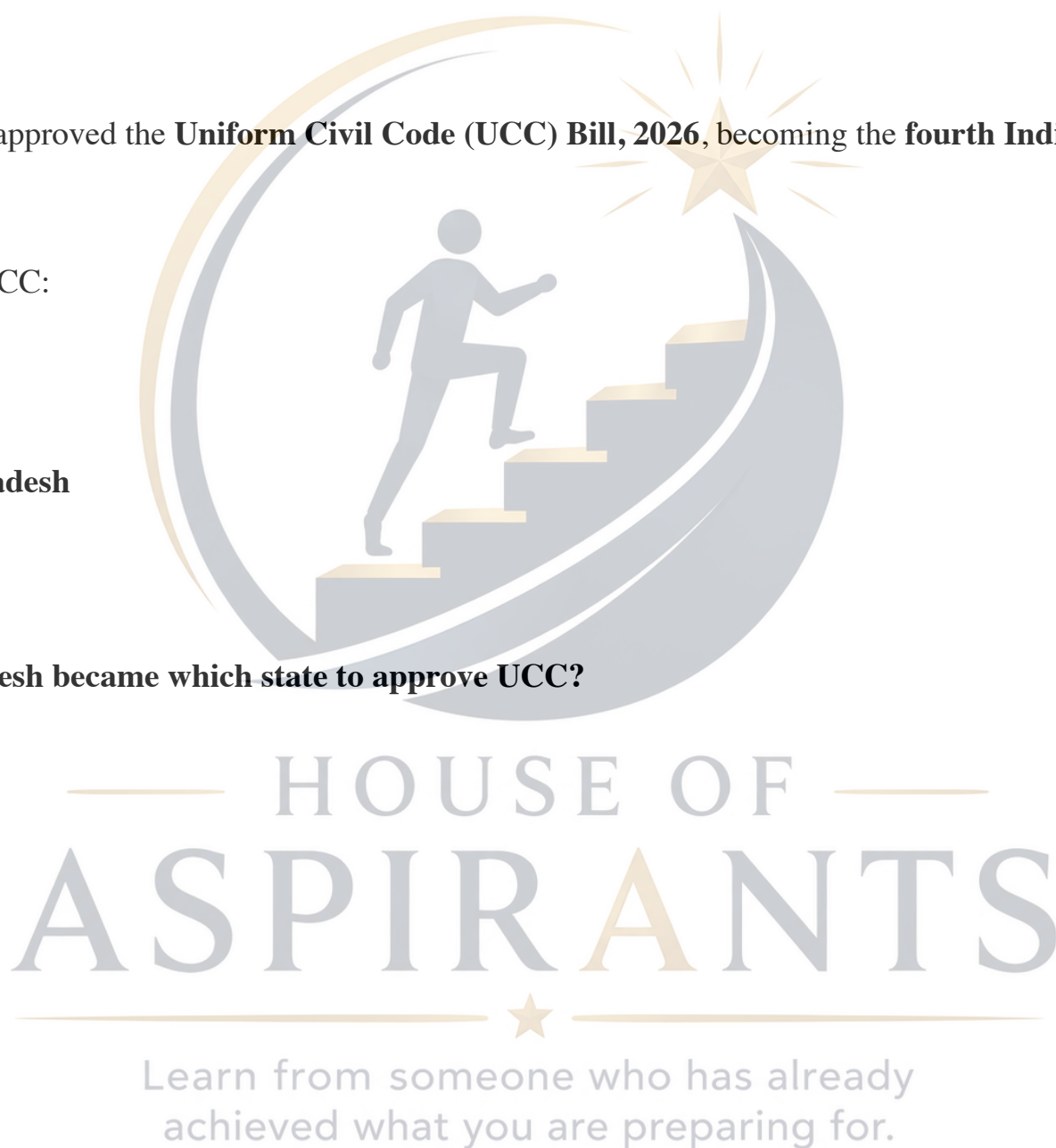
States approving UCC:

1. Uttarakhand
2. Gujarat
3. Assam
4. **Madhya Pradesh**

Practice MCQs

Q1. Madhya Pradesh became which state to approve UCC?

- A. Second
- B. Third
- C. **Fourth** 
- D. Fifth



INDIA HOSTS 12TH BRICS LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT MINISTERS' MEETING

Why in News?

India hosted the **12th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting** in **Hyderabad** on **15–16 July 2026** under the chairmanship of **Mansukh Mandaviya**.

Key Facts

- Host Country: India
- Venue: Hyderabad
- Dates: 15–16 July 2026
- Chair: Mansukh Mandaviya

Practice MCQs

Q1. The 12th BRICS Labour Ministers' Meeting was held in:

A. New Delhi

B. Mumbai

C. Hyderabad ✓

D. Chennai

UTTAR PRADESH RECORDS HIGHEST CYBER FRAUD COMPLAINTS

Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh recorded the **highest number of cyber fraud complaints** in India during the first half of 2026.

Key Facts

- State: Uttar Pradesh
- Complaints: **1.85 lakh**
- Period: H1 2026

Practice MCQs

Q1. Which state recorded the highest cyber fraud complaints in H1 2026?

A. Maharashtra

B. Karnataka

C. Uttar Pradesh ✓

D. Gujarat



AYUSHMAN SARATHI CHATBOT LAUNCHED

Why in News?

The **National Health Authority (NHA)** launched **Ayushman Sarathi**, a **WhatsApp-based chatbot** to improve access to services under **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY**.

Key Facts

- Organisation: NHA
- Platform: WhatsApp
- Scheme: Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY

Practice MCQs

Q1. Ayushman Sarathi is a:

- A. Mobile App
- B. Portal
- C. WhatsApp Chatbot 
- D. Call Centre

SAMAGRA SHISHU BAL SWASTHYA KARYAKRAM (SSBSK)

Why in News?

The Government launched **Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK)** to strengthen healthcare services for children from birth to **36 months**.

Key Facts

- Focus: Child Health
- Age Group: Birth–36 Months
- Target:
 - Low Birth Weight
 - Premature Babies
 - Malnourished Children

Practice MCQs

Q1. SSBSK primarily focuses on:

- A. Senior Citizens
- B. Women
- C. Children (Birth–36 Months) 
- D. Adolescents

BUREAU OF PORT SECURITY (BOPS)

Why in News?

The Government established the **Bureau of Port Security (BoPS)** under the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** to strengthen port, maritime and cyber security.

Key Facts

- Ministry: Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- Purpose:
 - Maritime Security
 - Port Security
 - Cyber Security

Practice MCQs

Q1. Bureau of Port Security functions under which Ministry?

- A. Defence
- B. Home Affairs
- C. **Ports, Shipping & Waterways** ✓
- D. Commerce

BHARAT TAXI

Why in News?

Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched **Bharat Taxi**, a cooperative-based ride-hailing platform in **Gujarat** under the vision of "**Sahakar Se Samriddhi.**"

Key Facts

- State: Gujarat
- Launched By: Amit Shah
- Cooperative-based platform
- Drivers become shareholders

Practice MCQs

Q1. Bharat Taxi was launched in:

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Maharashtra
- C. **Gujarat** ✓
- D. Punjab

PM FAMILY CARE TRACKER (PM-FCT)

Why in News?

Gujarat launched the **PM Family Care Tracker (PM-FCT)** and **Health Passport** to digitally monitor maternal and child welfare.

Key Facts

- Pilot State: Gujarat
- Tracks beneficiaries from pregnancy to 16–18 years
- Integrates health, education and nutrition records

Practice MCQs

Q1. PM-FCT was first launched in:

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat 
- D. Haryana

E-SUSHRUT@CLINIC

Why in News?

The Union Health Ministry launched **e-Sushrut@Clinic**, a cloud-based **Hospital Management Information System (HMIS)** developed by **C-DAC**.

Key Facts

- Developed By: C-DAC
- Supports:
 - Patient Registration
 - Billing
 - MIS Reporting
 - Speech-to-Text Documentation

Practice MCQs

Q1. e-Sushrut@Clinic was developed by:

- A. NIC
- B. ISRO
- C. C-DAC 
- D. DRDO



VIKSIT BHARAT – G-RAM G ACT

Why in News?

Union Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched the **Viksit Bharat – G-RAM G Act**, providing a **legal guarantee of 125 days of wage employment** to eligible rural households.

Key Facts

- Wage Guarantee: **125 Days**

- Earlier Guarantee: 100 Days
- First-Year Central Allocation: ₹95,000 crore
- Long-Term Investment: ₹7.5 lakh crore
- Launch State: Andhra Pradesh

Practice MCQs

Q1. Viksit Bharat – G-RAM G Act guarantees how many days of employment?

- A. 100 Days
- B. 110 Days
- C. **125 Days** ✓
- D. 150 Days

GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES E-OCI CARD

Why in News?

The Government of India launched the **e-OCI Card**, allowing eligible **Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)** cardholders to carry a **secure digital version** of their OCI card on smartphones. This initiative is part of the government's Digital India mission to improve citizen services through secure digital platforms.

Key Facts

- **Launched By:** Government of India
- **Beneficiaries:** Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholders
- **Purpose:** Secure digital version of the OCI Card
- **Platform:** Smartphone-based digital access
- **Objective:** Improve convenience, security and paperless documentation

Practice MCQs

Q1. The e-OCI Card is meant for:

- A. Indian Passport Holders
- B. NRIs
- C. **Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholders** ✓
- D. Foreign Tourists

Q2. The main purpose of the e-OCI Card is to:

- A. Issue visas
- B. **Provide a secure digital version of the OCI Card** ✓

- C. Replace Aadhaar
- D. Replace PAN Card

PM INAUGURATES CG SEMI OSAT FACILITY IN GUJARAT

Why in News?

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **CG Semi Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) Facility** at **Sanand, Gujarat** under the **Semicon India Programme**. The facility aims to strengthen India's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem.

Key Facts

- **Location:** Sanand, Gujarat
- **Programme:** Semicon India Programme
- **Industry:** Semiconductor Manufacturing
- **Facility:** OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test)

Practice MCQs

Q1. The CG Semi OSAT Facility is located in:

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Bengaluru
- C. **Sanand, Gujarat** ✓
- D. Pune

Q2. OSAT stands for:

- A. Optical Semiconductor and Technology
- B. **Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test** ✓
- C. Online Semiconductor Automation Technology
- D. Offshore Semiconductor Assessment Team

INDIA'S FIRST GREENFIELD REFINERY-CUM-PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX

Why in News?

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated **India's first Greenfield Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex** at **Pachpadra, Rajasthan**. The project has been developed by **HPCL** in partnership with the **Government of Rajasthan**.

Key Facts

- **Location:** Pachpadra, Rajasthan
- **Investment:** ₹79,450 crore
- **Developed By:** HPCL & Government of Rajasthan
- **Type:** Greenfield Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first Greenfield Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex is located at:

- A. Jamnagar
- B. Paradip
- C. **Pachpadra, Rajasthan** ✓
- D. Kochi

Q2. The project has been developed by:

- A. IOCL
- B. BPCL
- C. **HPCL** ✓
- D. ONGC

TRIBEX – INDIA'S FIRST DIGITAL LEARNING PLATFORM FOR TRIBAL HERITAGE

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** launched **Tribex**, India's first dedicated digital learning platform for promoting **tribal arts, culture, languages and traditional knowledge**. The platform was inaugurated by **Jual Oram** in **Bhubaneswar**.

Key Facts

- **Platform:** Tribex
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- **Launched By:** Jual Oram
- **Venue:** Bhubaneswar
- **Focus Areas:**
 - Tribal Arts
 - Tribal Culture

- Tribal Languages
- Traditional Knowledge

Practice MCQs

Q1. TribeX is related to:

- A. Agriculture
- B. Tourism
- C. Tribal Arts and Culture 
- D. Sports

Q2. TribeX was launched by which Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Tribal Affairs 
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

Quick Revision

- TribeX
- Tribal Affairs
- Jual Oram
- Bhubaneswar

IIM BANGALORE OPENS FIRST OVERSEAS CAMPUS

Why in News?

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM Bangalore) announced its **first overseas campus** at the **Singhasari Special Economic Zone (SEZ)** in **Malang, Indonesia**. The initiative aligns with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** and aims to expand India's global educational presence.

Key Facts

- **Institution:** IIM Bangalore
- **Country:** Indonesia
- **Location:** Malang
- **SEZ:** Singhasari Special Economic Zone
- **Policy:** National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

Practice MCQs

Q1. IIM Bangalore's first overseas campus is located in:

A. Singapore

B. Malaysia

C. Indonesia ✓

D. Vietnam

INDIA BECOMES WORLD'S LARGEST RETAIL & FMCG GCC HUB

Why in News?

India has become the world's largest Retail and FMCG Global Capability Centre (GCC) hub, reflecting the country's growing strength in business services, technology and innovation.

Key Facts

- **Total GCCs:** 180
- **Employment:** Over 2.72 lakh professionals
- **Sector:** Retail & FMCG
- India is the global leader in this segment.

Practice MCQs

Q1. India hosts how many Retail & FMCG GCCs?

A. 120

B. 150

C. 180 ✓

D. 220

HOUSE OF
ASPIRANTS

PRAGATI INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Learn from someone who has already
achieved what you are preparing for.

Why in News?

Union Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched the **PRAGATI Initiative** to promote **regenerative agriculture**, strengthen rural livelihoods and develop agri-entrepreneurs across India.

Key Facts

PRAGATI stands for:

Promoting Regenerative Agriculture, Growth, Agri-Entrepreneurship and Transformative Innovation

Practice MCQs

Q1. PRAGATI aims to develop how many agri-entrepreneurs?

- A. 10,000
- B. 15,000
- C. **20,000** ✓
- D. 25,000

Q2. PRAGATI mainly promotes:

- A. Organic Tourism
- B. Fisheries
- C. **Regenerative Agriculture** ✓
- D. Textile Industry

MANNAM SMRITHI MANDAPAM INAUGURATED

Why in News?

Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** inaugurated the **Mannam Smrithi Mandapam** and unveiled the statue of **Mannathu Padmanabhan** at the **Mannam International Centre, New Delhi**. The memorial honours the contributions of the renowned social reformer and founder of the **Nair Service Society (NSS)**.

Key Facts

- **Inaugurated By:** Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan
- **Location:** Mannam International Centre, New Delhi
- Honours **Mannathu Padmanabhan**
- Founder of **Nair Service Society (NSS)**

Practice MCQs

Q1. Mannam Smrithi Mandapam honours:

- A. Narayana Guru
- B. K. Kelappan
- C. **Mannathu Padmanabhan** ✓
- D. Ayyankali

Q2. Mannathu Padmanabhan founded which organisation?

- A. SNDP

B. RSS

C. Nair Service Society (NSS) ☒

D. Kerala Congress

NIDAR 2.0 LAUNCHED UNDER SWAYAAN INITIATIVE

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**, in collaboration with the **Drone Federation India (DFI)**, launched **NIDAR 2.0** under the **SwaYaan Initiative (2026–27)**. The programme aims to promote **indigenous drone technology**, encourage innovation, and strengthen India's drone ecosystem.

Key Facts

- **Launched By:** MeitY & Drone Federation India (DFI)
- **Initiative:** SwaYaan (2026–27)
- **Programme:** NIDAR 2.0
- **Objective:** Promote indigenous drone technology and innovation.

Practice MCQs

Q1. NIDAR 2.0 has been launched under which initiative?

A. Digital India

B. Startup India

C. SwaYaan Initiative ☒

D. Skill India

Q2. NIDAR 2.0 promotes:

A. Artificial Intelligence

B. Robotics

C. Indigenous Drone Technology ☒

D. Semiconductor Manufacturing

PREVENTION OF INSULT TO NATIONAL HONOUR (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

Why in News?

The Central Government proposed the **Prevention of Insult to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026** during the **Monsoon Session of Parliament**. The Bill seeks to provide **legal protection to "Vande Mataram"**, making its insult or obstruction punishable in the same manner as the **National Flag** and **National Anthem**.

Key Facts

- Proposed during the **Monsoon Session of Parliament**.
- Extends legal protection to **Vande Mataram**.
- Makes insult or obstruction a punishable offence.

Practice MCQs

Q1. The proposed Amendment Bill seeks legal protection for:

- A. Jana Gana Mana
- B. National Emblem
- C. **Vande Mataram** ✓
- D. Ashoka Chakra

INDIA'S FIRST HYDROGEN FUEL CELL TRAIN

Why in News?

Indian Railways announced the launch of **India's first Hydrogen Fuel Cell Train** on the **Jind–Sonipat route** under the **National Green Hydrogen Mission**. The train uses **Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cells** and emits only **water vapour and heat**, making it an environmentally friendly transport solution.

Key Facts

- **Route:** Jind – Sonipat
- **Mission:** National Green Hydrogen Mission
- **Technology:** Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cells
- **Emission:** Water Vapour and Heat

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first Hydrogen Fuel Cell Train will run on which route?

- A. Delhi–Agra
- B. Mumbai–Pune
- C. **Jind–Sonipat** ✓
- D. Chennai–Bengaluru

Q2. Hydrogen Fuel Cell Trains emit:

- A. Carbon Dioxide

B. Methane

C. Water Vapour and Heat 

D. Sulphur Dioxide

GOING GLOBAL – A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR INDIAN MSMEs

Why in News?

The Government launched "**Going Global: A Practical Guide for Indian MSMEs**" to help **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** expand into international markets. The guide was prepared jointly by **CTIL-IIFT** and the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**.

Key Facts

- Prepared by:
 - **CTIL-IIFT**
 - **CII**
- Objective:
 - Promote exports
 - Help MSMEs access global markets

Practice MCQs

Q1. "Going Global" is meant for:

A. Farmers

B. Students

C. **MSMEs** 

D. Startups

PM INAUGURATES NEW FACILITIES AT PGIMER CHANDIGARH

Why in News?

Learn from someone who has already achieved what you are preparing for.

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Advanced Mother and Child Centre** and **Advanced Neurosciences Centre** at **PGIMER Chandigarh**. He also laid the foundation stone for a **150-bed Critical Care Block** under the **PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)**.

Key Facts

- Institution: PGIMER Chandigarh
- New Facilities:
 - Advanced Mother & Child Centre
 - Advanced Neurosciences Centre
- New Project:
 - 150-bed Critical Care Block
- Scheme:

- PM-ABHIM

Practice MCQs

Q1. The 150-bed Critical Care Block is being developed under:

- A. Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY
- B. NHM
- C. PM-ABHIM ✓
- D. PMSSY

SAUSHRUTAM 2026

Why in News?

President **Droupadi Murmu** inaugurated **Saushrutam 2026**, a three-day international seminar organised by the **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** in **New Delhi** to commemorate **Sushruta Jayanti**.

Key Facts

- Inaugurated By:
 - President Droupadi Murmu
- Venue:
 - AIIA, New Delhi
- Occasion:
 - Sushruta Jayanti

Practice MCQs

Q1. Saushrutam 2026 was organised by:

- A. AIIMS
- B. NMC
- C. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) ✓
- D. ICMR

INDIA WINS FIVE MEDALS AT GLOBAL SKILLS CHALLENGE AUSTRALIA 2026

Why in News?

India delivered an impressive performance at the **Global Skills Challenge Australia 2026**, winning **five medals**, including **three gold**, **one silver**, and **one bronze**.

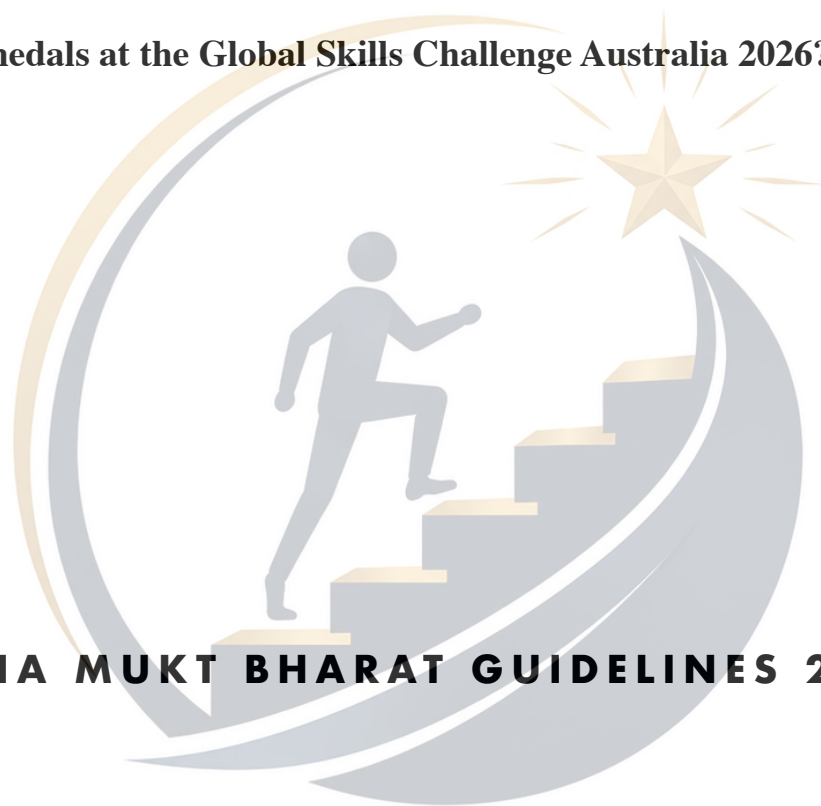
Key Facts

- Competition:
 - Global Skills Challenge Australia 2026
- Medals:
 - 🥇 3 Gold
 - 🥈 1 Silver
 - 🥉 1 Bronze

Practice MCQs

Q1. India won how many medals at the Global Skills Challenge Australia 2026?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5 ✓
- D. 6



REVISED ANAEMIA MukT BHARAT GUIDELINES 2026

Why in News?

The **Union Health Ministry** released the revised **Anaemia MukT Bharat Abhiyaan Guidelines 2026**, introducing the **7×7×7 Strategy** to strengthen anaemia prevention and treatment across all age groups.

Key Facts

- Programme:
 - Anaemia MukT Bharat
- Strategy:
 - **7 Beneficiary Groups**
 - **7 Interventions**
 - **7 Institutional Mechanisms**
- New Target Group:
 - Low Birth Weight Infants (0–6 Months)

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Practice MCQs

Q1. The revised Anaemia MukT Bharat Guidelines introduced which strategy?

- A. 5×5×5
- B. 6×6×6



C. 7×7×7 

D. 8×8×8

MINISTRY OF TOURISM SIGNS MOU WITH GOOGLE INDIA

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Tourism** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Google India Pvt. Ltd.** in **New Delhi** to improve the **digital visibility of India's tourism destinations** and promote tourism through digital platforms.

Key Facts

- Ministry:
 - Ministry of Tourism
- Partner:
 - Google India Pvt. Ltd.
- Objective:
 - Promote Digital Tourism
 - Improve Online Visibility

Practice MCQs

Q1. The Ministry of Tourism signed an MoU with:

A. Microsoft India

B. Meta India

C. Google India Pvt. Ltd. 

D. Amazon India

CABINET APPROVES TWO NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS

Why in News?

The **Union Cabinet** approved **two major highway projects** worth **₹14,114.81 crore** to improve road connectivity, reduce travel time and boost economic development.

Key Facts

Project 1

- **Delhi Six-Lane Tunnel**
- Length: **8.1 km**
- Includes **3.14 km Twin-Tube Tunnel**
- Connects:
 - Dwarka Expressway
 - Nelson Mandela Marg
- Built under **Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM)**
- Uses **Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)** Technology.

Project 2

- **Kanpur–Kabrai Greenfield Highway**
- **Length:** 117.7 km
- **State:** Uttar Pradesh
- Developed by **NHAI** under **BOT Model**
- Travel time reduced from **3.5 Hours to 1.5 Hours**

Practice MCQs

Q1. The Delhi tunnel project will be developed under which model?

- A. EPC
- B. BOT
- C. **HAM** ✓
- D. PPP

Q2. The Kanpur–Kabrai Greenfield Highway is located in:

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. **Uttar Pradesh** ✓
- D. Haryana

GOVERNMENT DIRECTS META TO PAUSE WHATSAPP USERNAME FEATURE

Why in News?

The Government of India directed **Meta** to **temporarily suspend** the rollout of WhatsApp's **username-based communication feature** and sought a detailed explanation regarding privacy and security concerns.

Key Facts

- Company: Meta
- Platform: WhatsApp
- Feature:
 - Username-based communication
- Concern:
 - Privacy
 - Regulatory Compliance

Practice MCQs

Q1. Which company owns WhatsApp?

- A. Google
- B. Microsoft

C. Meta 

D. Apple

MANAS – NATIONAL NARCOTICS HELPLINE

Why in News?

The Government strengthened the **Nasha Mukh Bharat** mission by expanding **MANAS** (**Madak Padarth Nishedh Asoochna Kendra**), India's National Narcotics Helpline.

Key Facts

- **Full Form:**
Madak Padarth Nishedh Asoochna Kendra
- **Ministry:**
 - Ministry of Home Affairs
- **Implemented by:**
 - Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
- **Helpline Number:**
 - **1933**
- **Platforms:**
 - UMANG App
 - Web Portal
 - Email



Practice MCQs

Q1. MANAS is associated with:

A. Women Safety

B. Cyber Crime

C. Drug Trafficking Reporting 

D. Road Safety

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NITI AAYOG RELEASES AYURVEDA GLOBAL ROADMAP

Why in News?

NITI Aayog, in collaboration with **PwC**, released the **Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global**, outlining a vision up to **2047**.

Key Facts

Objectives

- Promote evidence-based Ayurveda

- International Clinical Trials
- Patent Watch System
- Modernisation of TKDL
- Global Ayurveda Centres

Proposed Centres

- Geneva
- New York
- Tokyo

Practice MCQs

Q1. The Ayurveda Global Roadmap has been prepared by NITI Aayog in collaboration with:

- A. EY
- B. KPMG
- C. PwC 
- D. Deloitte

MEITY ISSUES NOTICES TO TELEGRAM & SIGNAL

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** issued notices to **Telegram** and **Signal** regarding their **username-based communication features** after a similar notice was issued to WhatsApp.

Key Facts

- Ministry:
 - MeitY
- Platforms:
 - Telegram
 - Signal
 - WhatsApp

Practice MCQs

Q1. MeitY issued notices regarding username features to:

- A. Telegram
- B. Signal
- C. WhatsApp
- D. All of the Above 

INDIA'S FIRST EXPORT-IMPORT SHIPPING CONTAINER

Why in News?

Union Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** unveiled **India's first export-import shipping container** manufactured for **A.P. Moller–Maersk** at **Dadri, Uttar Pradesh**.

Key Facts

- Location:
 - Dadri
- State:
 - Uttar Pradesh
- Company:
 - A.P. Moller–Maersk

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first export-import shipping container was unveiled in:

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. **Uttar Pradesh** ✓
- D. Tamil Nadu

HRRL GREENFIELD REFINERY AT PACHPADRA

Why in News?

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated **India's first Greenfield Integrated Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex** at **Pachpadra, Rajasthan**.

Key Facts

- Company:
 - HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL)
- Investment:
 - ₹79,450 Crore
- Capacity:
 - **9 MMTPA**
- State:
 - Rajasthan

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Practice MCQs

Q1. The capacity of HRRL Refinery is:

- A. 5 MMTPA
- B. 7 MMTPA
- C. **9 MMTPA** ✓
- D. 12 MMTPA

MUMBAI-AHMEDABAD HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT

Why in News?

Japan reaffirmed support for the **Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR)** project, which uses **Shinkansen E10 technology** and is largely financed by **JICA**.

Key Facts

- Length:
 - **508 km**
- Technology:
 - Shinkansen E10
- Funding:
 - 81% by JICA
- Loan Period:
 - 50 Years
- Interest Rate:
 - **0.1%**

Practice MCQs

Q1. The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project uses which technology?

- A. Maglev
- B. Hyperloop
- C. **Shinkansen E10** ✓
- D. TGV

BRICS HEADS OF ANTI-DRUG AGENCIES MEETING

Why in News?

India hosted the **BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting** in **Guwahati, Assam**, under the leadership of the **Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)** and the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

Key Facts

- Venue:
 - Guwahati
- State:
 - Assam
- Organised by:
 - NCB
 - Ministry of Home Affairs

Practice MCQs

Q1. The BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting was held in:

- A. Hyderabad



B. New Delhi

C. Guwahati ✓

D. Kolkata

AYUSHMAN BHARAT DIGITAL MISSION CROSSES 104 CRORE LINKED HEALTH RECORDS

Why in News?

India achieved a major milestone under the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)** by crossing **104 crore linked digital health records**. These records are connected with more than **93 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA)**, creating a secure digital healthcare ecosystem.

Key Facts

- **Mission:** Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)
- **Linked Digital Health Records:** 104 Crore+
- **ABHA Accounts:** 93 Crore+
- **ABHA:** A 14-digit digital health ID for every citizen.
- Connects patients with:
 - Hospitals
 - Doctors
 - Laboratories
 - Pharmacies
 - Insurance Providers
 -

Practice MCQs

Q1. ABHA is a:

A. 10-digit Health Card

B. 12-digit Medical Number

C. 14-digit Digital Health ID ✓

D. Insurance Card

Q2. ABDM stands for:

A. Ayushman Bharat Development Mission

B. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission ✓

C. Bharat Digital Mission

D. Ayush Digital Mission

INDIA RANKED 125TH IN GLOBAL PASSPORT INDEX 2026

Why in News?

India ranked **125th among 197 countries** in the **Global Passport Index (GPI) 2026**, published by **Global Citizen Solutions**. Although India's ranking remains modest, the Indian passport achieved its **highest-ever score of 45.1**.

Key Facts

- **Ranking:** 125th
- **Countries Covered:** 197
- **Published By:** Global Citizen Solutions
- **India's Score:** 45.1
- **Visa-Free / Visa-on-Arrival Access:** Around 26 destinations
- **Top Ranked Country:** Sweden

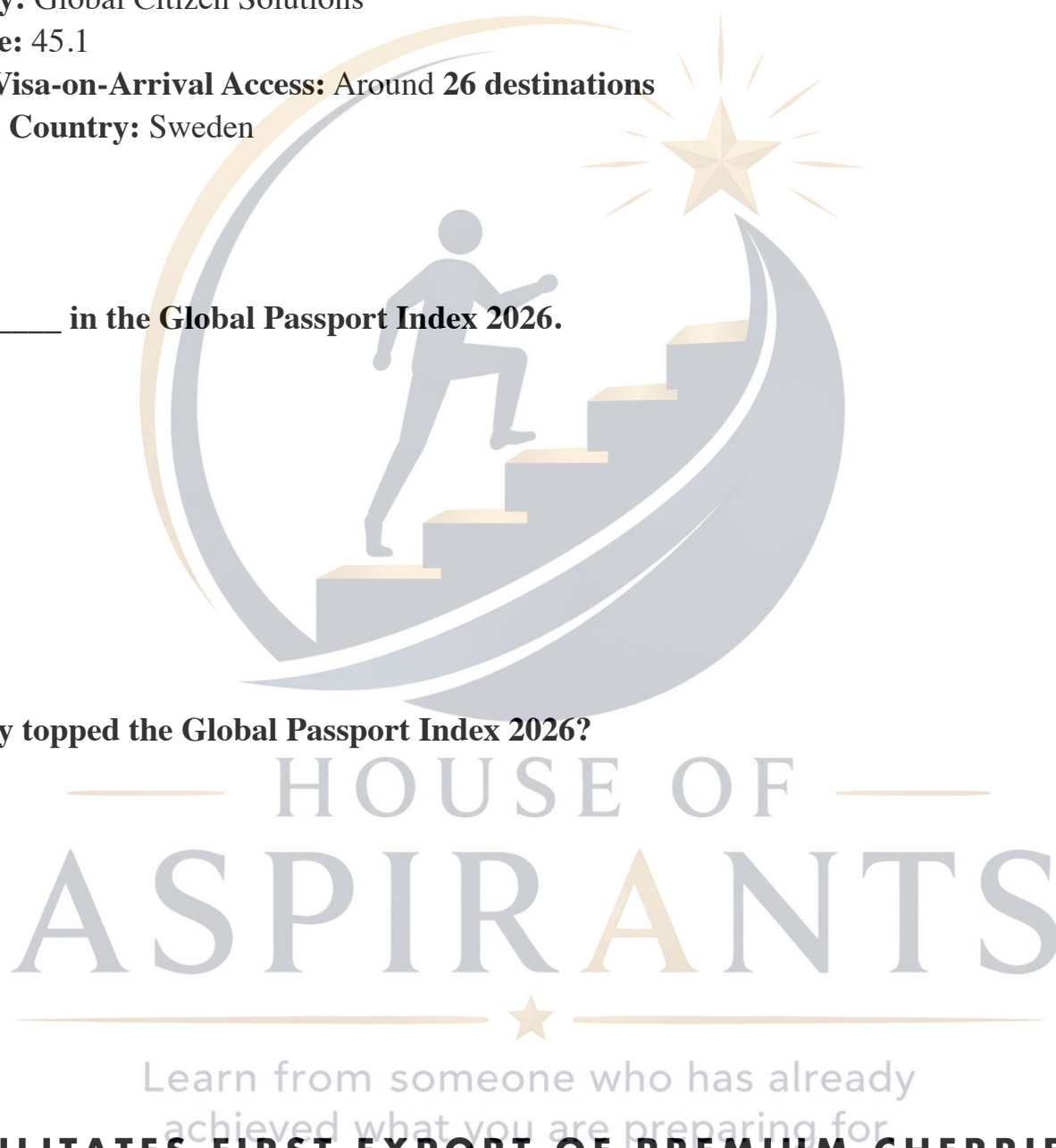
Practice MCQs

Q1. India ranked ____ in the Global Passport Index 2026.

- A. 98th
- B. 110th
- C. **125th** ✓
- D. 140th

Q2. Which country topped the Global Passport Index 2026?

- A. Singapore
- B. Japan
- C. **Sweden** ✓
- D. Switzerland



APEDA FACILITATES FIRST EXPORT OF PREMIUM CHERRIES AND PLUMS

Why in News?

The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** facilitated the **first export** of premium **Areko Cherries** and **Scentrose Plums** from **Jammu & Kashmir** to the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.

Key Facts

- **Exporting Agency:** APEDA
- **Fruits Exported:**

- Areko Cherries
- Scentrose Plums
- Origin:
 - Jammu & Kashmir
- Destination:
 - United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Practice MCQs

Q1. APEDA facilitated the export of cherries and plums from:

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. **Jammu & Kashmir** 
- D. Punjab

COOPERATIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO BE ESTABLISHED

Why in News?

Union Home and Cooperation Minister **Amit Shah** announced the establishment of a **Cooperative Life Insurance Company** and the expansion of the **Bharat Taxi Platform** to **500 cities** within the next two years.

Key Facts

- Announced during:
 - Ministry of Cooperation's **5th Foundation Day**
- Bharat Taxi Expansion:
 - **500 Cities**
- Present Strength:
 - **6.37 Lakh Drivers**
 - **35.77 Lakh Customers**
- Objective:
 - Financial Inclusion
 - Strengthen Cooperative Sector

Practice MCQs

Q1. Bharat Taxi is planned to expand to how many cities?

- A. 200
- B. 300
- C. **500** 
- D. 700

MIZORAM UNIVERSITY DECLARED INDIA'S 21ST DESIGNATED REPOSITORY

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** designated the **Natural History Museum (NHM), Mizoram University** as India's **21st Designated Repository** under the **Biological Diversity Act, 2002**.

Key Facts

- Institution:
 - NHM, Mizoram University
- Designation:
 - 21st Designated Repository
- Act:
 - Biological Diversity Act, 2002

Practice MCQs

Q1. Mizoram University's Natural History Museum became India's:

- A. 18th Repository
- B. 20th Repository
- C. **21st Repository** ✓
- D. 22nd Repository

PM-SETU SCHEME APPROVED

Why in News?

The Government approved the **Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) Scheme** with an investment of **₹60,000 crore** over **five years**.

Key Facts

- Scheme:
 - PM-SETU
- Investment:
 - ₹60,000 Crore
- Duration:
 - Five Years
- ITIs to be Modernised:
 - **1,000 Government ITIs**

Practice MCQs

Q1. PM-SETU will modernise how many Government ITIs?

- A. 500

B. 750

C. 1,000 

D. 1,500

13TH ASEAN-INDIA TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING

Why in News?

India hosted the **13th ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee Meeting** in New Delhi to speed up the review of the India-ASEAN trade agreement.

Key Facts

- Meeting:
 - 13th AITIGA Joint Committee
- Venue:
 - New Delhi
- Purpose:
 - Review India-ASEAN Trade Agreement

Practice MCQs

Q1. The AITIGA Joint Committee Meeting was held in:

A. Jakarta

B. Bangkok

C. New Delhi 

D. Kuala Lumpur

JAIPUR RANKED AMONG WORLD'S HAPPIEST CITIES

Why in News?

Jaipur secured the **6th position** in the **Happy City Index 2026**, becoming the **only Indian city** to feature in the **Global Top 10**.

Key Facts

- Ranking:
 - **6th**
- Index:
 - Happy City Index 2026
- Only Indian city in Global Top 10

Practice MCQs

Q1. Which Indian city entered the Global Top 10 in the Happy City Index 2026?

A. Bengaluru

B. Ahmedabad

C. Jaipur 

D. Chandigarh

INDIA-INDONESIA HERITAGE COOPERATION AT PRAMBANAN TEMPLE

Why in News?

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Indonesian President **Prabowo Subianto** visited the **Prambanan Temple Complex** in **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**, where India launched an **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** restoration project.

Key Facts

- Location:
 - Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- Site:
 - Prambanan Temple
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Built:
 - **9th Century**
- Dedicated to:
 - **Trimurti**
 - Shiva
 - Vishnu
 - Brahma

Practice MCQs

Q1. Prambanan Temple is dedicated to:

A. Buddha

B. Jain Tirthankaras

C. Trimurti (Shiva, Vishnu & Brahma) 

D. Ganesha

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THORIUM DEPOSITS DISCOVERED IN KARNATAKA

Why in News?

The **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** discovered **thorium-bearing deposits** in **Gundlupet, Karnataka**, strengthening India's strategic mineral resources and future nuclear energy programme.

Key Facts

- State:
 - Karnataka
- Location:

- Gundlupet
- Mineral:
 - Thorium
- Found in:
 - Monazite
- Also Contains:
 - Rare Earth Elements
 - Uranium

Importance

- Thorium can produce **Uranium-233**
- Supports Advanced Nuclear Reactors
- Strengthens India's Nuclear Energy Programme

Practice MCQs

Q1. Thorium deposits were discovered in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. **Karnataka** ✓
- D. Tamil Nadu

Q2. Thorium is mainly found in which mineral?

- A. Bauxite
- B. Hematite
- C. **Monazite** ✓
- D. Magnetite

ICMR TO ESTABLISH INDIA'S FIRST CENTRE FOR HIGH ALTITUDE MEDICINE

Why in News?

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The **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** will establish **India's first Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research** at **Keylong, Himachal Pradesh**. The centre will focus on improving healthcare in high-altitude regions by conducting research on altitude-related diseases, emergency medicine, climate-sensitive illnesses, and telemedicine. It will also strengthen healthcare facilities in the Himalayan and border regions.

Key Facts

- **Institution:** Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- **Location:** Keylong, Himachal Pradesh
- **Altitude:** Above **2,500 metres**

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first Centre for High Altitude Medicine will be established in:

A. Leh

B. Shimla

C. Keylong, Himachal Pradesh ✓

D. Srinagar

Q2. HAPE stands for:

A. High Altitude Pulmonary Edema ✓

B. High Air Pressure Effect

C. Himalayan Acute Pulmonary Emergency

D. High Altitude Physical Exercise

AISHE REPORT 2023–24: RECORD HIGHER EDUCATION ENROLMENT

Why in News?

The **All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE)** Reports for **2022–23** and **2023–24** showed that India's higher education system achieved **record enrolment of 4.5 crore students**. The report highlights significant progress in access to education, women's participation, and STEM education under the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.

Key Facts

- **Total Enrolment: 4.5 Crore Students**
- Increase since 2014–15:
 - **31.5%**
- **Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER):**
 - **30**
- **Female Enrolment:**
 - **2.24 Crore**
- Female GER:
 - **31.2**
- **Gender Parity Index (GPI):**
 - **1.08+**
- STEM Students:
 - **More than 1 Crore**
- Women in STEM:
 - **44%**
- Faculty Strength:
 - **17.32 Lakh**

Practice MCQs

Q1. Total higher education enrolment in AISHE 2023–24 reached:

A. 3.5 Crore

B. 4 Crore

C. 4.5 Crore ✓

D. 5 Crore

Q2. AISHE stands for:

A. All India School Higher Education

B. All India Survey on Higher Education ✓

C. Association of Indian Higher Education

D. All India Student Higher Education

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TRAI SIGN MOU FOR RURAL TELECOM SURVEY

Why in News?

The **Department of Posts (DoP)** and the **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** signed an **MoU** to conduct India's largest rural telecom network performance survey. The survey will cover **5.68 lakh villages** to assess mobile connectivity and identify network gaps.

Key Facts

- **Partners:**
 - Department of Posts
 - TRAI
- **Villages Covered:**
 - **5.68 Lakh**
- **Survey Conducted By:**
 - Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS)
- **Mobile Networks Covered:**
 - Airtel
 - Jio
 - Vodafone Idea
 - BSNL

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's largest rural telecom survey will cover how many villages?

A. 3.25 Lakh

B. 4.5 Lakh

C. 5.68 Lakh ✓

D. 6.5 Lakh

NAMASTE DAY 2026

Why in News?

India will celebrate the **3rd NAMASTE Day** on **14 July 2026** to mark three years of the **National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)** Scheme. The programme promotes mechanised sanitation and aims to eliminate manual scavenging while ensuring the safety and dignity of sanitation workers.

Key Facts

- **Date:**
 - **14 July 2026**
- **Scheme:**
 - **NAMASTE**
- **Full Form:**
 - **National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem**
- **Ministry:**
 - **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**

Practice MCQs

Q1. NAMASTE Scheme is related to:

- A. Agriculture
- B. Women Empowerment
- C. **Mechanised Sanitation** ✓
- D. Education

ONGC DRILLS SECOND GEOTHERMAL WELL IN LADAKH

Why in News?

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) successfully drilled its **second geothermal well** in **Puga Valley, Ladakh**. The project supports India's **first 1 MW Pilot Geothermal Power Plant** and strengthens clean energy development.

Key Facts

- **Organisation:**
 - **ONGC**
- **Location:**
 - **Puga Valley, Ladakh**
- **Depth:**
 - **1,000 Metres**
- **Altitude:**
 - **Above 14,000 Feet**
- **Project:**
 - **India's First 1 MW Geothermal Power Plant**

Practice MCQs

Q1. ONGC's geothermal project is located in:

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Ladakh 
- D. Sikkim

ESARAS PLATFORM PROMOTES RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Why in News?

As **Digital India** completed **11 years**, the **eSaras Platform** emerged as an important digital marketplace connecting **Self-Help Groups (SHGs)** and **Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)** with customers across India.

Key Facts

- Developed By:
 - Digital India Corporation
 - MeitY
 - Ministry of Rural Development
- Supports:
 - SHGs
 - FPOs
 - Rural Entrepreneurs
- Products:
 - **1,400+**
- SHG Members:
 - **8.99 Crore**
- Integrated With:
 - ONDC
 - BHASHINI

Practice MCQs

Q1. eSaras is mainly developed to support:

- A. Large Industries
- B. Banks
- C. SHGs and Rural Entrepreneurs 
- D. Startups

BHARAT TEX 2026

Why in News?

Bharat Tex 2026 will be organised at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**, from **14–17 July 2026**. It is India's largest textile exhibition showcasing the complete textile value chain and promoting exports, innovation, sustainability and investment.

Key Facts

- Venue:
 - Bharat Mandapam
 - New Delhi
- Dates:
 - **14–17 July 2026**
- Organised By:
 - Bharat Tex Trade Federation
- Supported By:
 - Ministry of Textiles

PM's 5F Vision

- **Farm**
- **Fibre**
- **Factory**
- **Fashion**
- **Foreign**

Practice MCQs

Q1. Bharat Tex 2026 will be held at:

- A. Pragati Maidan
- B. Yashobhoomi

C. **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** ✓

D. India Expo Centre

Q2. PM Modi's 5F Vision includes:

A. Finance

B. Food

C. **Fashion** ✓

D. Forest



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DIGITAL THREAT REPORT 2025–26 RELEASED FOR INDIA'S BFSI SECTOR

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**, along with **CERT-In**, **CSIRT-Fin**, and **SISA**, released the **Digital Threat Report 2025–26** to strengthen cybersecurity in India's **Banking, Financial Services and**



Insurance (BFSI) sector. The report highlights the growing risk of AI-powered cyberattacks and provides a roadmap to improve cyber resilience.

Practice MCQs

Q1. The Digital Threat Report 2025–26 mainly focuses on which sector?

- A. Agriculture
- B. Education
- C. **Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI)** ✓
- D. Defence

Q2. CERT-In functions under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** ✓
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Defence

CENTRAL VISTA OFFICIALLY RENAMED AS KARTAVYA BHAWAN AREA

Why in News?

The Government of India officially renamed the **Central Vista redevelopment area** as the **Kartavya Bhawan Area (Kartavya Bhawan Complex)**. The decision aims to replace colonial-era names with terms reflecting **public service, national identity, and democratic values**.

Key Facts

- **New Name:** Kartavya Bhawan Area
- **Earlier Name:**
 - Central Vista
- **Includes:**
 - Kartavya Path
 - Kartavya Bhawans
 - Common Central Secretariat
- **Announcement:**
 - Union Minister **Manohar Lal**

Practice MCQs

Q1. Central Vista has been officially renamed as:

- A. Bharat Bhawan
- B. Rashtriya Path Area

C. Kartavya Bhawan Area 

D. National Secretariat Zone

ICAR LAUNCHES VIKSIT KRISHI VISION 2047

Why in News?

The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** launched the **Viksit Krishi Vision 2047**, a long-term roadmap to modernize Indian agriculture using technology, sustainability, and climate-resilient farming practices.

Key Facts

Objectives

- Establish **100 Climate Smart Villages**
- Benefit **100 Million Farmers**
- Promote:
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Robotics
 - Precision Farming
 - Digital Agriculture

Practice MCQs

Q1. Viksit Krishi Vision 2047 aims to establish how many Climate Smart Villages?

A. 50

B. 75

C. **100** 

D. 150

Q2. ICAR released how many new crop varieties under the roadmap?

A. 25

B. 32

C. **43** 

D. 60

NITI AAYOG RELEASES FIRST INVESTMENT FRIENDLINESS INDEX

Why in News?

NITI Aayog released the **first Investment Friendliness Index (IFI)** to measure the investment readiness of all **36 States and Union Territories**. The index is designed to encourage reforms that improve the investment environment.

Key Facts

- **Released By:** NITI Aayog
- Coverage:
 - **36 States & Union Territories**
- Indicators:
 - **84**
- Pillars:
 - **8**
- Top Large State:
 - **Gujarat (56.6)**
- Top Union Territory:
 - **Goa**

Top Large States

1. Gujarat
2. Maharashtra
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Odisha

Practice MCQs

Q1. Which state topped the first Investment Friendliness Index?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Gujarat ✓
- D. Karnataka

Q2. How many indicators are used in the Investment Friendliness Index?

- A. 50
- B. 64
- C. 84 ✓
- D. 100

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT (NCRBC) 2026

Why in News?

The **National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2026** was held in **New Delhi** with the theme "**ESG-led Transformation for Viksit Bharat.**" The conference promoted responsible business practices and sustainable economic growth.

Key Facts

- Venue:
 - New Delhi
- Theme:
 - **ESG-led Transformation for Viksit Bharat**
- Organised By:
 - Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
- Ministry:
 - Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Practice MCQs

Q1. NCRBC 2026 was organised by:

- A. SEBI
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)** ✓
- D. CII

Q2. ESG stands for:

- A. Economic Social Growth
- B. Environment Safety Governance
- C. **Environmental, Social and Governance** ✓
- D. Environmental Security Growth

UNION CABINET APPROVES SEMICON 2.0

Why in News?

The Union Cabinet approved **Semicon 2.0** with an outlay of **₹1.27 lakh crore** to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem. The programme focuses on chip manufacturing, research, packaging and workforce development.

Key Facts

- **Scheme:** Semicon 2.0
- **Outlay:** ₹1.27 lakh crore

Practice MCQs

Q1. The approved outlay of Semicon 2.0 is:

- A. ₹75,000 crore
- B. ₹95,000 crore

C. ₹1.27 lakh crore ✓

D. ₹2 lakh crore

ICAR LAUNCHES VIKSIT KRISHI VISION 2047

Why in News?

The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** launched **Viksit Krishi Vision 2047** to modernise Indian agriculture through advanced technology and climate-resilient farming.

Key Facts

- Developed by **ICAR**
- Target:
 - **100 Climate Smart Villages**
 - **100 Million Farmers**
- New Releases:
 - **43 Crop Varieties**
 - **17 Agricultural Technologies**
 - **14 Research Publications**

GOVERNMENT FORMS EXAM REFORM TASK FORCE

Why in News?

The Government constituted a **High-Powered Exam Reform Task Force** under **Nandan Nilekani**, co-founder of Infosys, to improve transparency and security in public examinations.

Key Facts

Chairperson

- **Nandan Nilekani**

Major Members

- Dr. S. Somnath
- Tapan Deka
- Prof. V. Kamakoti
- Anita Karwal
- Amrit Lal Meena

Practice MCQs

Q1. Who chairs the Exam Reform Task Force?

A. Nandan Nilekani ✓

B. N. Chandrasekaran

C. Sam Pitroda

D. S. Somanath

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS AND IIT KHARAGPUR SIGN MOU

Why in News?

The **University of Leeds (UK)** and **IIT Kharagpur** signed an MoU to strengthen academic cooperation in research, innovation, entrepreneurship and student exchange.

AI HOLOBOX OF ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE INAUGURATED

Why in News?

A state-of-the-art **AI Holobox** of former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** was inaugurated at the **Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya, New Delhi**.

Key Facts

- Location:
 - Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya
- Date:
 - **26 July 2026**
- Technology:
 - Hyper-realistic 3D AI Avatar

Exam Point of View

- Inaugurated on **27th Kargil Vijay Diwas** commemorative events.

GOVERNMENT APPROVES ANHYDROUS AMMONIA AS FERTILIZER

Why in News?

The Government approved the agricultural use of **Anhydrous Ammonia** as a fertilizer for **three years** to improve nitrogen-use efficiency and reduce dependence on urea.

Key Facts

- Nitrogen Content:
 - **82%**
- Approval Period:
 - **3 Years**
- Supports:
 - Green Ammonia
 - Green Urea
 - National Green Hydrogen Mission

Exam Point of View

- Nitrogen Content: **82%**
- Alternative to Urea.

KOSI-MECHI LINK PROJECT APPROVED

Why in News?

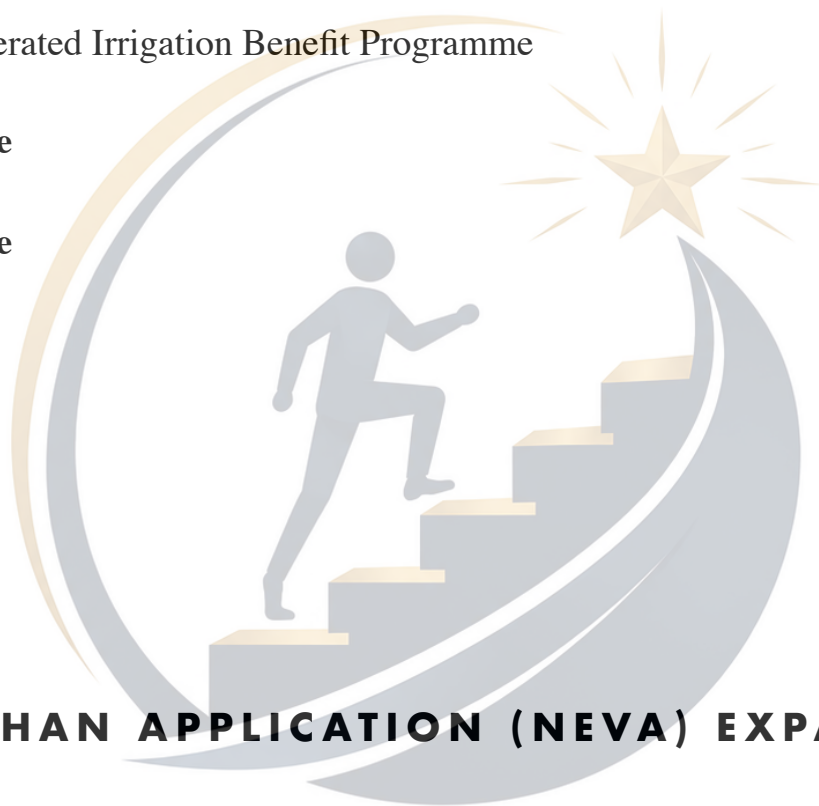
The Government approved the **Kosi-Mechi Intra-State Link Project** in **Bihar** under **PMKSY-AIBP** to improve irrigation and water management.

Key Facts

- State:
 - Bihar
- Scheme:
 - PMKSY–Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme
- Total Cost:
 - ₹6,143.22 Crore
- Central Assistance:
 - ₹3,652.56 Crore
- Completion Target:
 - March 2029

Exam Point of View

- River Link:
 - Kosi → Mechi
- State:
 - Bihar



NATIONAL E-VIDHAN APPLICATION (NEVA) EXPANDS DIGITAL LEGISLATURES

Why in News?

The **National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)** is transforming the functioning of State Legislatures by replacing paper-based procedures with a secure digital platform. Developed under the **Digital India Programme**, NeVA follows the vision of "**One Nation, One Application**" to make legislative work completely paperless, transparent and efficient.

Key Facts

- **Programme:** Digital India
- **Platform:** National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)
- **Vision:** One Nation, One Application
- **Purpose:** Digital management of legislative proceedings and documents.
- **States/UTs Signed MoUs:** 33 out of 37
- **Fully Digital Legislative Houses:** 21

Practice MCQs

Q1. NeVA stands for:

A. National e-Voting Application

B. National Electronic Voter Application

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achieved what you are preparing for.

C. National e-Vidhan Application 

D. National e-Vigilance Authority

Q2. NeVA is implemented under which programme?

A. Make in India

B. Digital India Programme 

C. Skill India

D. Startup India

APEDA FACILITATES FIRST AIR EXPORT OF KARNATAKA MANGOES TO MALDIVES

Why in News?

The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** facilitated the **first-ever air shipment** of **Neelam** and **Totapuri** mangoes from **Karnataka** to the **Maldives**, opening new export opportunities for Indian farmers.

Key Facts

- **Exporting State:** Karnataka
- **District:** Kolar
- **Destination:** Maldives
- **Fruit Varieties:**
 - Neelam
 - Totapuri
- **Export Quantity:** Around 1 Metric Tonne
- **Flagged Off By:** Abhishek Dev, Chairman, APEDA

Practice MCQs

Q1. Karnataka's first air export of Neelam and Totapuri mangoes was sent to:

A. UAE

B. Singapore

C. Maldives 

D. Oman

AHMEDABAD OPENS EXPERIENCE CENTRE IN GLASGOW

Why in News?

Ahmedabad inaugurated the **Amdavad Experience Centre** in **Glasgow** during the **Commonwealth Games 2026** to present its vision of hosting the **2030 Commonwealth Games**.

Key Facts

- **Location:** Glasgow
- **Purpose:** Bid for Commonwealth Games 2030
- **Inaugurated By:** Harsh Sanghavi
- **Highlight:** Gujarat's sports infrastructure and cultural heritage

Exam Point of View

- Ahmedabad aims to host the **2030 Commonwealth Games**.
- Experience Centre opened in Glasgow.

Practice MCQs

Q1. The Amdavad Experience Centre was inaugurated in:

- A. London
- B. Birmingham
- C. Glasgow 
- D. Cardiff

APEDA ENABLES FIRST SEA EXPORT OF FLAVOURED MAKHANA

Why in News?

APEDA facilitated the **first-ever sea shipment** of **value-added flavoured makhana (fox nuts)** from **Bihar** to **Canada**, promoting India's processed food exports.

Key Facts

- **Exporting State:** Bihar
- **Destination:** Canada
- **Quantity:** 7 Metric Tonnes
- **Product:** Flavoured Makhana
- **Port:** Mundra Port
- **Processing Company:** Nutrivin Agro Pvt. Ltd.

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first sea export of flavoured makhana was sent to:

- A. USA
- B. Australia
- C. Canada 
- D. UK

VASTRA UTSAV 2026 CELEBRATES INDIA'S HANDLOOM HERITAGE

Why in News?

Vastra Utsav 2026 was organised near **Chennai** to promote India's traditional handloom, handicrafts and sustainable fashion while supporting artisan livelihoods.

Key Facts

- **Organiser:** Friends of DakshinaChitra (FoD)
- **Venue:** DakshinaChitra Museum, Chennai
- **Stalls:** Around **50**
- **Focus Areas:**
 - Handloom
 - Handicrafts
 - Natural Fibres
 - SHG Products
 - Sustainable Fashion

INDIA'S FIRST TELECOM MANUFACTURING ZONE APPROVED

Why in News?

India's **first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ)** will be established in **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh** to strengthen domestic telecom manufacturing under **Make in India** and **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**.

Key Facts

- **Location:** Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- **Area:** **350 Acres**
- **Central Assistance:** ₹493 Crore
- **Expected Investment:** ₹12,000–15,000 Crore
- **Expected Jobs:** Around **5,000**

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone will be established in:

- A. Noida
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Gwalior ☒
- D. Hyderabad

IACS COMPLETES 150 YEARS

Why in News?

The **Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)** completed **150 years** in 2026. It is India's oldest scientific research institution.

Key Facts

- **Established:** 29 July 1876
- **Founder:** Dr. Mahendralal Sircar
- **Place:** Calcutta (Kolkata)
- **Present Ministry:** Department of Science & Technology (DST)

Historic Achievement

- **Sir C. V. Raman** discovered the **Raman Effect** at IACS.
- Awarded the **1930 Nobel Prize in Physics**.

Practice MCQs

Q1. IACS was founded by:

A. Jagadish Chandra Bose

B. C. V. Raman

C. **Dr. Mahendralal Sircar** ✓

D. Homi Bhabha

INDIAN RAILWAYS TRANSPORTS FIRST LIVE DONOR HEART BY VANDE BHARAT

Why in News?

Indian Railways achieved a major milestone by transporting **India's first live donor heart** through the **Mumbai Central–Gandhinagar Capital Vande Bharat Express**, ensuring timely delivery for a successful heart transplant.

Key Facts

- **Train:** Mumbai Central–Gandhinagar Capital Vande Bharat
- **Train Number:** 20901
- **Route:** Surat → Ahmedabad
- **Hospital:** U.N. Mehta Institute of Cardiology & Research Centre
- **Security Support:**
 - Railway Protection Force (RPF)
 - Gujarat Police
- **Special Arrangement:** Green Corridor

Practice MCQs

Q1. India's first live donor heart by railway was transported through which train?

A. Tejas Express

B. Rajdhani Express

C. **Vande Bharat Express** ✓

D. Duronto Express



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE IN ROMANIA

Why in News?

President **Droupadi Murmu** received the **Doctor Honoris Causa** degree from the **Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE), Romania**.

Key Facts

- Country: Romania
- University: Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE)
- Award:
 - Doctor Honoris Causa

PM NARENDRA MODI RECEIVES SEYCHELLES' HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOUR

Why in News?

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** became the **first recipient** of **Seychelles' highest civilian honour**, the **Guardian of the Blue Horizon Presidential Distinction**. The award recognises contributions to **climate action, Blue Economy, environmental conservation, ocean governance and support for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)**.

Key Facts

- Award:
 - Guardian of the Blue Horizon
- Country:
 - Seychelles
- Conferred By:
 - President Dr. Patrick Herminie
- First Recipient:
 - Narendra Modi

Practice MCQs

Q1. Which country's highest civilian honour was conferred on PM Narendra Modi?

A. Mauritius

B. Maldives

C. Seychelles ☒

D. Fiji

PM MODI'S AUSTRALIA VISIT: 18 MAJOR OUTCOMES STRENGTHEN INDIA-AUSTRALIA PARTNERSHIP

Why in News?

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visited **Australia** to participate in the **Third India-Australia Annual Summit**. During the visit, both countries announced **18 major agreements and initiatives** covering defence, maritime security, energy, technology, education, research, innovation and cultural cooperation. These outcomes further strengthened the **India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP)**.

Key Facts

- India and Australia signed **18 important agreements and initiatives**.
- The agreements focus on **Defence, Maritime Security, Clean Energy, Critical Technologies, Education, Skill Development, Mining, Research and Innovation**.
- The visit aims to improve strategic cooperation in the **Indo-Pacific region**.

Major Outcomes

- **Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation (JDDSC)**
- **Maritime Security Cooperation Roadmap (MSCR)**
- **India-Australia Joint Declaration on Energy Security**
- Administrative Arrangement under the **Civil Nuclear Agreement**
- **Australia-India Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains (PACTS)**
- MoU between the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** and Australia's Maritime Border Command (MBC)
- Posting of an **Indian Military Officer** at the Australian Defence College (2028–29)
- Cooperation in **Mining and METS Centre of Excellence**
- **Flinders University** campus in Bengaluru
- Letter of Intent between **NCVET** and **ASQA**
- Restoration of **three Indian cultural artefacts**
- Launch of a **Rooftop Training Academy**
- **Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership**
- MoU between **Geoscience Australia** and the **Geological Survey of India (GSI)**
- **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) Access Agreement**
- MoU between **CSIR** and the **University of Melbourne**
- MoU between **SRFTI Kolkata** and **Griffith Film School**
- **Victoria University** campus in Gurugram

Exam Focus

- ✓ India and Australia share a **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP)**.
- ✓ The visit focused on **Defence, Cyber Security, Critical Technologies, Education, Clean Energy and Maritime Security**.
- ✓ **PACTS** stands for **Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains**.
- ✓ **ICG** stands for **Indian Coast Guard**.
- ✓ **GSI** stands for **Geological Survey of India**.

Practice MCQs

Q1. India and Australia announced how many major outcomes during the Third Annual Summit?

- A. 10
- B. 12
- C. 18 ✓
- D. 20

Q2. PACTS is related to:

- A. Agriculture
- B. Tourism
- C. Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains ✓
- D. Health

Q3. Which Indian organisation signed an MoU with Australia's Maritime Border Command?

- A. Indian Navy
- B. BSF
- C. Indian Coast Guard ✓
- D. CISF

Q4. Flinders University will establish its branch campus in:

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Bengaluru ✓
- D. Hyderabad

Q5. The Geological Survey of India signed an agreement with:

- A. NASA
- B. CSIRO
- C. Geoscience Australia ✓
- D. Australian Space Agency



BANGLADESH'S TEESTA RIVER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Why in News?

Bangladesh discussed the **Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration Project** with **China** during **Tarique Rahman's** visit to Beijing. Since the **Teesta River flows through India and Bangladesh**, the project has strategic importance for regional cooperation and water sharing.

Key Facts

- **River:** Teesta River
- **Countries:** India & Bangladesh
- **Indian States:** Sikkim and West Bengal
- **Chinese Role:** Technical support
- **Project Includes:**
 - Dredging **140 million cubic metres** of sediment
 - Reclaiming **171 sq km** of land
 - Construction/repair of **234 km** embankments
 - **224 km** road network
 - **82 jetties**

Practice MCQs

Q1. The Teesta River flows through which Indian states?

A. Assam & Meghalaya

B. Sikkim & West Bengal 

C. Bihar & Jharkhand

D. Odisha & West Bengal

AI FOR GOOD GLOBAL COMMISSION

Why in News?

The **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** and **Salesforce** launched the **AI for Good Global Commission** to promote responsible and inclusive Artificial Intelligence worldwide.

Key Facts

- **Launched By:** ITU & Salesforce
- **Purpose:** Global AI governance
- **Members:** More than **40** global leaders
- **Indian Founding Members:**
 - **Mukesh Ambani**
 - **Sunil Bharti Mittal**
 - **Lakshmi N. Mittal**
 - **Vishal Talwar**
- **Chair:** Paul Kagame
- **Vice-Chair:** Doreen Bogdan-Martin

Practice MCQs

Q1. AI for Good Global Commission was launched by:

A. UNESCO

B. WHO

C. International Telecommunication Union (ITU) 

D. IMF

WHO APPROVES FIRST DIAGNOSTIC TEST FOR BUNDIBUGYO EBOLA VIRUS

Why in News?

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** approved the first molecular diagnostic test for the **Bundibugyo Ebola virus** under its **Emergency Use Listing (EUL)**.

Key Facts

- **Organization:** WHO
- **Disease:** Bundibugyo Ebola Virus
- **First Identified:** Uganda (2007)
- **Recent Major Outbreak:** Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)
- **Purpose:** Early diagnosis during outbreaks

INDIA-MALI TRADE FORUM

Why in News?

India and Mali launched the **first India-Mali Forum for Promotion of Exports** in **Bamako** to strengthen trade and investment.

Key Facts

- **Venue:** Bamako
- **Country:** Mali
- **Trade (FY 2025-26):** US\$326.61 Million
- **Growth:** 55%
- **Supported By:** DFTP Scheme

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PM MODI'S INDO-PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC TOUR

Why in News?

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visited **Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand** to strengthen India's Indo-Pacific partnerships.

Key Facts

Country	Leader
Indonesia	Prabowo Subianto
Australia	Anthony Albanese
New Zealand	Christopher Luxon

INDIA CHAIRS UNCTAD CONSUMER PROTECTION MEETING

Why in News?

India chaired the **9th Session of UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE)** on Consumer Protection in Geneva.

Key Facts

- **Venue:** Geneva
- **Chair:** Nidhi Khare
- **Organization:** UNCTAD
- **Indian Initiatives Highlighted**
 - National Consumer Helpline
 - AI-powered e-Jagriti

INDIA-INDONESIA SIGN 14 AGREEMENTS

Why in News?

India and Indonesia signed **14 agreements** covering defence, trade, maritime security, digital payments, education and healthcare.

Key Facts

- **Agreements Signed:** 14
- **Indonesia to Purchase**
 - BrahMos Missile
 - Astra BVRAAM
- **Value:** More than **US\$600 Million**

Practice MCQs

Q1. Which missile system will Indonesia procure from India?

A. Akash

B. Agni

C. BrahMos 

GENEVA AI SUMMIT 2027

Why in News?

Switzerland announced that the **Geneva AI Summit 2027** will be held alongside the **ITU AI for Good Global Summit**.

Key Facts

- **Venue:** Geneva
- **Country:** Switzerland
- **Dates:** 21–22 June 2027

INDIA–MYANMAR BORDER COORDINATION MEETING

Why in News?

India and Myanmar held the **23rd National-Level Border Coordination Meeting** in New Delhi.

Key Facts

- **Shared Border:** 1,643 km
- **Meeting:** 23rd
- **Venue:** New Delhi

Important Projects

- Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project
- India–Myanmar–Thailand Trilateral Highway

INDIA–KYRGYZSTAN CULTURAL CENTRE

Why in News?

India and Kyrgyzstan inaugurated the **International Centre for Civilizational Studies – Manas and Mahabharata** in **Bishkek**.

Key Facts

- **Location:** Bishkek
- **Country:** Kyrgyzstan
- **Purpose**
 - Cultural Research
 - Academic Cooperation
 - Faculty Exchange
- **Special Achievement**
 - First Hindi translation of the **Manas Epic**

INDIA-AUSTRALIA LAUNCH PACTS

Why in News?

India and Australia launched **PACTS (Partnership for Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains)** during the Third Annual Summit in Melbourne.

Key Facts

- **Full Form:** Partnership for Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains
- **Countries:** India & Australia
- **Launch Venue:** Melbourne

Also Launched

ACITI

Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation Partnership

Practice MCQs

Q1. PACTS was launched between which two countries?

- A. India-USA
- B. India-Japan
- C. **India-Australia** ✓
- D. India-France

INDIA-AUSTRALIA REAFFIRM COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (CSP)

Why in News?

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Australian Prime Minister **Anthony Albanese** reaffirmed the **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP)** during the **Third India-Australia Annual Summit** held in **Melbourne**. Both countries agreed to deepen cooperation in trade, defence, critical technologies, education, clean energy and maritime security.

Key Facts

- **Countries:** India & Australia
- **Summit:** Third India-Australia Annual Summit
- **Venue:** Melbourne
- **Leaders:** **Narendra Modi** and **Anthony Albanese**
- **Major Focus Areas:**
 - Defence Cooperation
 - Critical Minerals
 - Clean Energy
 - Cyber Security
 - Civil Nuclear Cooperation

- Space Technology
- Education & Research
- Australia also announced the **return of ancient Indian artefacts**.

Exam Point of View

- **CSP** = Comprehensive Strategic Partnership
- **CECA** = Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement
- Summit held in **Melbourne**.

Practice MCQs

Q1. The Third India–Australia Annual Summit was held in:

A. Canberra

B. Sydney

C. **Melbourne** ✓

D. Perth

Q2. CECA stands for:

A. Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement ✓

B. Common Economic Cooperation Arrangement

C. Comprehensive Export Cooperation Agreement

D. Commonwealth Economic Council Agreement

INDIA–NEW ZEALAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

HOUSE OF

Why in News?

India and New Zealand upgraded their relationship to a **Strategic Partnership** and adopted the **Strategic Partnership Roadmap 2030** to strengthen cooperation in trade, defence, education, agriculture and innovation.

Key Facts

- **Countries:** India & New Zealand
- **Roadmap:** Strategic Partnership Roadmap 2030
- **Trade Target:** ₹35,000 crore (NZ\$7 billion) by 2030
- **Investment Announcement:** NZ\$20 billion
- **Major Sectors:**
 - Agriculture
 - Clean Energy
 - Education
 - Innovation
 - Sports
 - Skill Development

Special Highlight

- **Kiwifruit Centres of Excellence** in:

- Nagaland
- Uttarakhand

Practice MCQs

Q1. India and New Zealand signed how many agreements?

- A. 6
- B. 8
- C. 10 
- D. 12

SOUTH CHINA SEA ARBITRATION AWARD REAFFIRMED

Why in News?

Fourteen countries reaffirmed the **2016 South China Sea Arbitration Award** and supported a **rules-based maritime order** under **UNCLOS**.

Key Facts

- **Convention:** UNCLOS
- **Award:** South China Sea Arbitration (2016)
- **Countries Supporting:** 14
- **Major Countries:**
 - United States
 - United Kingdom
 - Japan
 - Australia
 - Philippines

UNITED NATIONS RELEASES FIRST SCIENTIFIC AI REPORT

Why in News?

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The **United Nations** released its **first scientific report on Artificial Intelligence**, highlighting opportunities, risks and the need for stronger global AI governance.

Key Facts

- **Released By:** United Nations
- **Prepared By:** Independent International Scientific Panel on AI
- **Topics Covered**
 - AI Governance
 - Human Rights
 - Security
 - Environment

- Economic Impact
- **India Highlight**
 - Expansion of **IndiaAI Mission**

PRESIDENT OF ZANZIBAR VISITS INDIA

Why in News?

Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of **Zanzibar**, visited India to strengthen bilateral cooperation.

Key Facts

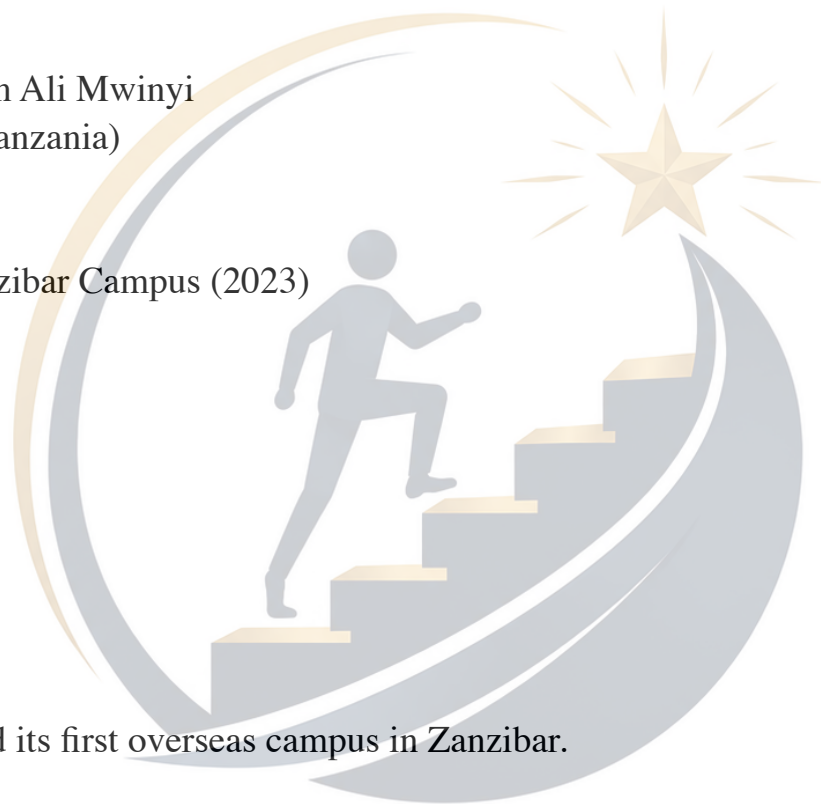
- **President:** Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi
- **Country:** Zanzibar (Tanzania)
- **Visited:** IIT Madras
- **Special Highlight**
 - IIT Madras Zanzibar Campus (2023)

Areas of Cooperation

- Education
- Healthcare
- Trade
- Technology
- Investment

Exam Point of View

- IIT Madras established its first overseas campus in Zanzibar.



5TH BIMSTEC NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISERS' MEETING

Why in News?

India hosted the **5th BIMSTEC National Security Advisers' Meeting** in New Delhi.

Key Facts

- **Venue:** New Delhi
- **Date:** 16 July 2026
- **Organisation:** BIMSTEC
- **Member Countries:** 7

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PRESIDENT MURMU VISITS MOLDOVA

Why in News?

President **Droupadi Murmu** made the **first-ever State Visit** by an Indian President to **Moldova**.

Key Facts

- **Capital:** Chisinau
- **President of Moldova:** Maia Sandu
- **Major Areas**
 - AI
 - Renewable Energy
 - Healthcare
 - Digital Public Infrastructure
 - Education

India Invited Moldova To Join

- **CDRI**
- **Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA)**

Exam Point of View

- First State Visit by an Indian President to Moldova.

INDIA ACCEPTS WTO FISHERIES SUBSIDIES AGREEMENT

Why in News?

India became the **123rd WTO member** to accept the **Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies**.

Key Facts

- **Organisation:** WTO
- **India's Position:** 123rd Member
- **Agreement Adopted:** MC12 (2022)
- **Effective:** 15 September 2025

Agreement Prohibits Subsidies For

- Illegal Fishing (IUU)
- Overfishing
- Fishing of Depleted Stocks

Exam Point of View

- WTO Fisheries Agreement
- 123rd Member
- MC12

Practice MCQs

Q1. India became the _____ WTO member to accept the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement.

A. 118th

B. 120th

C. 123rd ✓

D. 125th

ECONOMY

INDIA'S INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (IIP) GROWS BY 5.1 %

Why in News?

India's **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** recorded a **5.1% growth in May 2026**, the highest growth rate in the last five months, showing improvement in industrial activity.

Key Facts

- **IIP Growth (May 2026): 5.1%**
- **Manufacturing Sector Growth: 5.5%**
- **Electricity & Gas Supply Growth: 9.9%**
- **Capital Goods Growth: 12.9%**
- **Mining Sector:** Registered a decline.
- **New Base Year: 2022–23**
- **Major Change:** Wholesale Price Index (WPI) has been replaced by the **Output Producer Price Index (PPI)** for measuring industrial production.

Exam Point of View

- **IIP** is an important indicator of India's industrial performance.
- Strong growth in **capital goods** generally indicates higher investment in the economy.
- The **Manufacturing Sector** carries the highest weight in the IIP.

Possible MCQ Points

- **IIP Growth in May 2026: 5.1%**
- **Base Year of IIP: 2022–23**
- **Index replaced by: Output Producer Price Index (PPI)**
- **Highest sectoral growth: Electricity & Gas Supply (9.9%)**

INDIA'S EXTERNAL DEBT REACHES USD 762.8 BILLION

Why in News?

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** released the latest data on India's external debt for **FY 2025–26**.

Key Facts

- **Total External Debt: USD 762.8 Billion**
- **Increase from Previous Year: USD 26.3 Billion**
- **External Debt-to-GDP Ratio:** Increased from **19.8%** to **20.8%**.
- The **US Dollar** accounts for the largest share of India's external debt.
- Other major currencies include:
 - **Indian Rupee**

- **Japanese Yen**
- **Euro**

- India's strong foreign exchange reserves continue to support external sector stability.

Exam Point of View

- **RBI** publishes India's external debt statistics.
- The **Debt-to-GDP Ratio** measures the country's debt compared to its economy.

GREECE LAUNCHES UPI-BASED MONEY TRANSFER TO INDIA

Why in News?

Eurobank has introduced a **UPI-based cross-border remittance service**, allowing customers in **Greece** to send money instantly to India.

Key Facts

- **Bank:** Eurobank (Greece)
- **Partner:** NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)
- Enables instant money transfers from Greece to India using **UPI**.
- The initiative lowers transaction costs and improves digital payment connectivity.
- **Union Minister Piyush Goyal** welcomed the launch during his visit to Greece.

OPENAI APPOINTS PRABHJEET SINGH AS MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR INDIA

Why in News?

OpenAI appointed **Prabhjeet Singh** as its **Managing Director for India**.

Key Facts

- **Name:** Prabhjeet Singh
- **Position:** Managing Director, India
- **Effective From:** September 2026
- Former President of Uber India & South Asia.

INDIA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLS TO 3.1%

Why in News?

The **National Statistics Office (NSO)** reported that India's unemployment rate declined to **3.1% in 2025**, the lowest level in eight years.

Possible MCQ Points

- **Unemployment Rate (2025):** 3.1%
- **Released by:** National Statistics Office (NSO)

- **Lowest in: 8 Years**
- **Urban Female Unemployment: 6.4%**

NPCI LAUNCHES REAL-TIME FOREX SETTLEMENT FOR CROSS-BORDER UPI

Why in News?

The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** partnered with **HSBC India** and **JP Morgan Payments** to improve international UPI payments.

Key Facts

- **Partners:**
 - **NPCI**
 - **HSBC India**
 - **JP Morgan Payments**
- Introduced **real-time foreign exchange (FX) conversion** and settlement.

RBI APPOINTS RAVI SHANKAR AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Why in News?

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** appointed **Ravi Shankar** as its new **Executive Director**.

Key Facts

- **Name: Ravi Shankar**
- **Organisation: Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
- **Position: Executive Director**
- **Effective Date: 1 July 2026**

MICROSOFT AND LIGHTSTORM TO BUILD I-2SEA UNDERSEA CABLE

Why in News?

Learn from someone who has already achieved what you are preparing for.

Microsoft and **Lightstorm** announced the **India–2–Southeast Asia (I-2SEA)** submarine cable project.

Key Facts

- **Project Name: I-2SEA**
- **Length: 3,600 km**
- **Connects:**
 - **India**
 - **Malaysia**
 - **Singapore**
- **Landing Station (India): Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

INDIA LAUNCHES FIRST INDEX OF SERVICES PRODUCTION (ISP)

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** launched India's first **Index of Services Production (ISP)**.

Key Facts

- **Base Year: 2024–25**
- Covers **19 formal service sectors**.
- Measures monthly performance of India's services sector.
- **Services Sector Contribution: Nearly 53% of Gross Value Added (GVA).**
- Uses:
 - GST data
 - Administrative records
 - Surveys
- Prepared using the **Laspeyres Volume Index** method.
- Monthly reports will be released on the **29th**.

First Report Highlights

- **Accommodation & Food Services: 37.2%**
- **Retail Trade: 30.8%**
- **Administrative Services: 28.7%**

Possible MCQ Points

- **Base Year: 2024–25**
- **Released by: MoSPI**
- **Formal Service Sectors Covered: 19**
- **Largest GVA Contributor: Services Sector (≈53%)**

WORLD BANK APPROVES \$890 MILLION FOR PM SURYA GHAR YOJANA

Why in News?

The **World Bank** approved financial support for the **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana**.

Key Facts

- **Total Assistance: USD 890 Million**
 - **USD 820 Million: IBRD Loan**
 - **USD 60 Million: Clean Technology Fund Loan**
 - **USD 10 Million: Grant**
- **Target:**
 - Rooftop solar for **1 crore households**
 - Mobilise **USD 4.2 billion** private investment
 - Create **1.7 million jobs**

Possible MCQ Points

- **Financial Support: USD 890 Million**
- **Target Households: 1 Crore**
- **Target Jobs: 1.7 Million**

JIO PLATFORMS APPOINTS PANKAJ PAWAR AS CEO

Why in News?

Jio Platforms Ltd. appointed **Pankaj Pawar** as its new **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** before its proposed IPO.

Key Facts

- **New CEO: Pankaj Pawar**
- Replaces **Kiran Thomas**.
- Former **Managing Director of Reliance Jio Infocomm**.
- **IPO Size:**
 - **USD 4 Billion**
 - **Around ₹37,700 crore**
- Appointment disclosed in the **Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP)** filed with **SEBI**.

Exam Point of View

- Could become India's largest IPO.

Possible MCQ Points

- **CEO: Pankaj Pawar**
- **Regulator: SEBI**
- **Proposed IPO: USD 4 Billion**

MRF BECOMES INDIA'S MOST VALUABLE TYRE BRAND

Why in News?

Brand Finance India 100 – 2026 ranked **MRF Ltd.** as India's most valuable tyre brand.

Key Facts

- **India's Most Valuable Tyre Brand: MRF**
- **Global Ranking:** Third strongest tyre brand.
- **Brand Strength Index (BSI): 87.7/100**
- Established in **1946**.

Exam Point of View

- Reflects MRF's market leadership and brand value.

Possible MCQ Points

- **Company: MRF Ltd.**
- **Report: Brand Finance India 100 – 2026**
- **BSI Score: 87.7/100**

NSE LAUNCHES ELECTRONIC GOLD RECEIPTS (EGRS)

Why in News?

The **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** introduced **Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs)** for digital trading of physical gold.

Key Facts

- Regulated by **SEBI**.
- EGRs represent ownership of **standardized physical gold**.
- Gold remains stored in **approved vaults**.
- Investors can:
 - Buy
 - Sell
 - Hold
 - Redeem gold through **Demat Accounts**.

Possible MCQ Points

- **Launched By:** NSE
- **Regulator:** SEBI
- **Instrument:** Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs)

INDEX OF CORE INDUSTRIES (ICI) GROWS BY 5%

Why in News?

The **Office of Economic Adviser (OEA)**, DPIIT released the latest **Index of Core Industries (ICI)** data.

Key Facts

- **Growth (June 2026): 5%**
- **Base Year: 2022–23**
- **Iron Ore** added as the **9th Core Industry**.
- Highest Growth:
 - **Iron Ore: 43.9%**
 - **Electricity: 9.8%**
 - **Cement: 9.8%**
 - **Steel: 4.6%**
- **April–June 2026 Growth: 3.6%**

Possible MCQ Points

- **ICI Growth (June 2026): 5%**
- **Base Year: 2022–23**
- **Newly Added Core Industry: Iron Ore**
- **Highest Growth Sector: Iron Ore (43.9%)**



ENKASH LAUNCHED INDIA'S FIRST UPI-ENABLED DIGITAL MEAL CARD

Why in News?

EnKash launched **India's first UPI-enabled Digital Meal Card**, allowing employees to use their meal benefits through **UPI**.

Key Facts

- First **UPI-enabled Digital Meal Card** in India.
- Available in **physical** and **virtual** formats.
- Issued on the **RuPay** network.
- Can be used through:
 - Tap
 - Swipe
 - Scan & Pay (UPI)
 - Online payments
- Accepted at **5 lakh+ food and grocery outlets**, including:
 - **Swiggy**
 - **Zomato**
 - **Blinkit**

Possible MCQs

Q1. Which company launched India's first UPI-enabled Digital Meal Card?

- A) Paytm
- B) NPCI
- ☒ C) EnKash
- D) SBI

Q2. The Digital Meal Card operates on which payment network?

- A) Visa
- B) Mastercard
- ☒ C) RuPay
- D) American Express

INDIA TO LAUNCH FIRST BENCHMARK-BASED NATURAL GAS FUTURES CONTRACT

Why in News?

India will launch its **first benchmark-based Natural Gas Futures Contract** on the **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** from **27 July 2026**.

Key Facts

- Launch Date: **27 July 2026**
- Exchange: **NSE**
- Approved by **SEBI**

- Trading Symbol: **NATGASIND**
- Linked to the **IGX Dahej Hub Benchmark**.
- Helps producers, traders and consumers protect themselves from gas price fluctuations.

Possible MCQs

Q1. India's first benchmark-based Natural Gas Futures Contract will be traded on:

- A) BSE
- ☒ **B) NSE**
- C) MCX
- D) NCDEX

Q2. NATGASIND is linked with which benchmark?

- A) Henry Hub
- B) Brent
- ☒ **C) IGX Dahej Hub**
- D) NYMEX

RBI TO CONDUCT FIELD TRIALS OF POLYMER BANKNOTES

Why in News?

The **Government of India** approved the **RBI's proposal** to conduct field trials of **polymer currency notes**.

Key Facts

- Field trials of:
 - **1 billion ₹10 notes**
 - **1 billion ₹20 notes**
- Polymer notes are:
 - More durable
 - Moisture-resistant
 - Dirt-resistant
 - Harder to counterfeit
 - Cheaper to maintain over time
- Paper notes will continue alongside polymer notes.
- Digital payment systems remain unchanged.

Possible MCQs

Q1. RBI will conduct field trials for which polymer banknotes?

- A) ₹50 and ₹100
- B) ₹100 and ₹200
- ☒ **C) ₹10 and ₹20**
- D) ₹500 and ₹2000

Q2. Polymer banknotes are mainly introduced to improve:

- A) Colour printing
- B) Size of notes
- ☒ **C) Durability and security**
- D) Digital banking

MALDIVES LAUNCHED FAVARA-UPI CROSS-BORDER PAYMENT CORRIDOR

Why in News?

The **Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA)** launched the **Favara-UPI Cross-Border Payment Corridor** on **30 July 2026**.

Key Facts

- Enables instant money transfers from **Maldives to India**.
- Integrates:
 - **Favara Instant Payment System**
 - **India's UPI**
- Automatically converts:
 - **Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)**
 - Into **Indian Rupees (INR)**
- Developed with:
 - **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
 - **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)**
- Initially available through:
 - **Bank of Maldives Plc**
 - **Maldives Islamic Bank Plc**

Possible MCQs

Q1. Favara-UPI Payment Corridor connects India with:

- A) Nepal
- B) Sri Lanka
- ☒ C) Maldives
- D) Bhutan

Q2. The currency of Maldives is:

- A) Taka
- B) Dollar
- ☒ C) Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)
- D) Dinar

MOSPI REPLACED WPI WITH OUTPUT PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI)

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** decided to replace the **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** with the **Output Producer Price Index (PPI)** for GDP estimation.

Key Facts

- **PPI** will replace **WPI** as the GDP deflator.
- Applicable from **Q1 FY 2026–27**.
- GDP Base Year updated:
 - From **2011–12**

- To **2022–23**

- Introduces the **Double Deflation Method**.
- PPI reflects producer prices more accurately.

Possible MCQs

Q1. Which index replaced WPI as the GDP deflator?

- A) CPI
- B) IIP
- ☒ C) **Output Producer Price Index (PPI)**
- D) GDP Index

Q2. India's new GDP base year is:

- A) 2017–18
- B) 2018–19
- ☒ C) **2022–23**
- D) 2023–24

OMNICARD LAUNCHED INDIA'S FIRST UPI-BASED FLEXI BENEFITS WALLET

Why in News?

OmniCard launched India's first **UPI-based Flexi Benefits Wallet** named **Flexi Benefits Basket**.

Possible MCQs

Q1. Flexi Benefits Basket was launched by:

- A) NPCI
- B) SBI
- ☒ C) **OmniCard**
- D) Razorpay

Q2. OmniCard operates on which RBI-authorised platform?

- A) Wallet Account
- B) Savings Account
- ☒ C) **Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI)**
- D) Current Account

DBS BANK WON WORLD'S BEST CORPORATE BANK AWARD

Why in News?

DBS Bank became the **first Southeast Asian bank** to receive the **World's Best Corporate Bank** award.

Key Facts

- Award: **Global Finance Global Bank Awards 2026**
- Headquarters: **Singapore**
- Other Awards:

- Asia's Best Bank
- Singapore's Best Bank
- Operates in **19 international markets**.
- Provides AI-powered banking services.

Possible MCQs

Q1. Which bank won the World's Best Corporate Bank Award 2026?

- A) HSBC
- B) Standard Chartered
- ☒ C) DBS Bank
- D) OCBC

Q2. DBS Bank is headquartered in:

- A) Malaysia
- B) Thailand
- ☒ C) Singapore
- D) Indonesia

SBI TO ISSUE BASEL III AT-1 PERPETUAL BONDS

Why in News?

State Bank of India (SBI) will become the **first Indian bank** to issue **Basel III-compliant Additional Tier-I (AT-1) Perpetual Bonds** in 2026.

- **SBI**
 - Established: **1955**
 - Headquarters: **Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Possible MCQs

Q1. Which bank will become the first Indian bank to issue Basel III AT-1 Perpetual Bonds in 2026?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- ☒ C) State Bank of India (SBI)
- D) Punjab National Bank

Q2. SBI plans to raise how much through the AT-1 Bond issue?

- A) ₹2,500 crore
- B) ₹10,000 crore
- ☒ C) ₹5,000 crore
- D) ₹15,000 crore

Q3. SBI was established in:

- A) 1947
- B) 1950
- ☒ C) 1955
- D) 1969

MOUS & AGREEMENTS

INDIA–SAUDI ARABIA MOU ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Why in News?

India and **Saudi Arabia** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** during **Saudi Water Week** in **Jeddah** to enhance cooperation in water resource management and sustainable irrigation.

Key Facts

- Signed by:
 - **Suhel Khan** (India)
 - **Abdulrahman Abdulmohsen AlFadley** (Saudi Arabia)

Possible MCQs

Q1. India signed an MoU on water resource management with which country?

- A) UAE
- ☒ B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Oman
- D) Qatar

Q2. The MoU was signed during:

- A) World Water Forum
- ☒ B) Saudi Water Week
- C) COP Summit
- D) G20 Summit

US–ISRAEL–LEBANON TRILATERAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Why in News?

The **United States, Israel, and Lebanon** signed a **Trilateral Framework Agreement** on **26 June 2026** to reduce border tensions and promote regional peace.

Key Facts

- Mediated by the **United States**.
- Major provisions:
 - Phased Israeli military redeployment
 - Increased deployment of the **Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF)**
 - Verified disarmament of **Hezbollah**
 - Pilot security zones
 - US-backed coordination mechanism
- Includes **US\$100 million** humanitarian assistance for Lebanon.

Possible MCQs

Q1. Which country mediated the Trilateral Framework Agreement between Israel and Lebanon?

- A) France
- B) United Nations
- ☒ C) United States
- D) United Kingdom

Q2. The agreement includes humanitarian assistance of:

- A) US\$50 million
- ☒ B) US\$100 million
- C) US\$200 million
- D) US\$500 million

INDIA-JAPAN AGREEMENTS ON AI, ECONOMIC SECURITY AND ENERGY

Why in News?

India and **Japan** strengthened their **Special Strategic and Global Partnership** during Japanese Prime Minister **Sanae Takaichi**'s visit to India.

Possible MCQs

Q1. India signed agreements on AI and Economic Security with which country?

- A) South Korea
- ☒ B) Japan
- C) Australia
- D) Singapore

Q2. Around how many biogas plants will be established under the GOBARdhan Initiative?

- A) 500
- ☒ B) 1,000
- C) 2,000
- D) 5,000

INDIA-RWANDA DEFENCE COOPERATION

Why in News?

India and **Rwanda** strengthened defence ties during the **2nd Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC)** meeting held in **New Delhi**.

Exam Point of View

- Enhances India's defence partnership with African countries.
- Supports **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** in defence production.

Possible MCQs

Q1. India strengthened defence cooperation with which African country?

- A) Kenya
- B) Nigeria
- ☒ C) Rwanda
- D) Ethiopia

Q2. The JDCC meeting between India and Rwanda was held in:

- A) Kigali
- ☒ B) New Delhi
- C) Mumbai
- D) Hyderabad

INDIA-AUSTRALIA AGREEMENT ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE DIGITAL LIBRARY (TKDL)

Why in News?

India and **Australia** signed an agreement giving **IP Australia** access to India's **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)**.

Key Facts

- Australian patent examiners will use **TKDL** as prior art.
- Objective:
 - Prevent wrongful patents on India's traditional knowledge.
- **TKDL** was established in **2001**.
- Contains more than **5.2 lakh formulations** from:
 - Ayurveda
 - Siddha
 - Unani
 - Sowa Rigpa
 - Yoga
- Australia became the **18th Patent Office** to access TKDL.

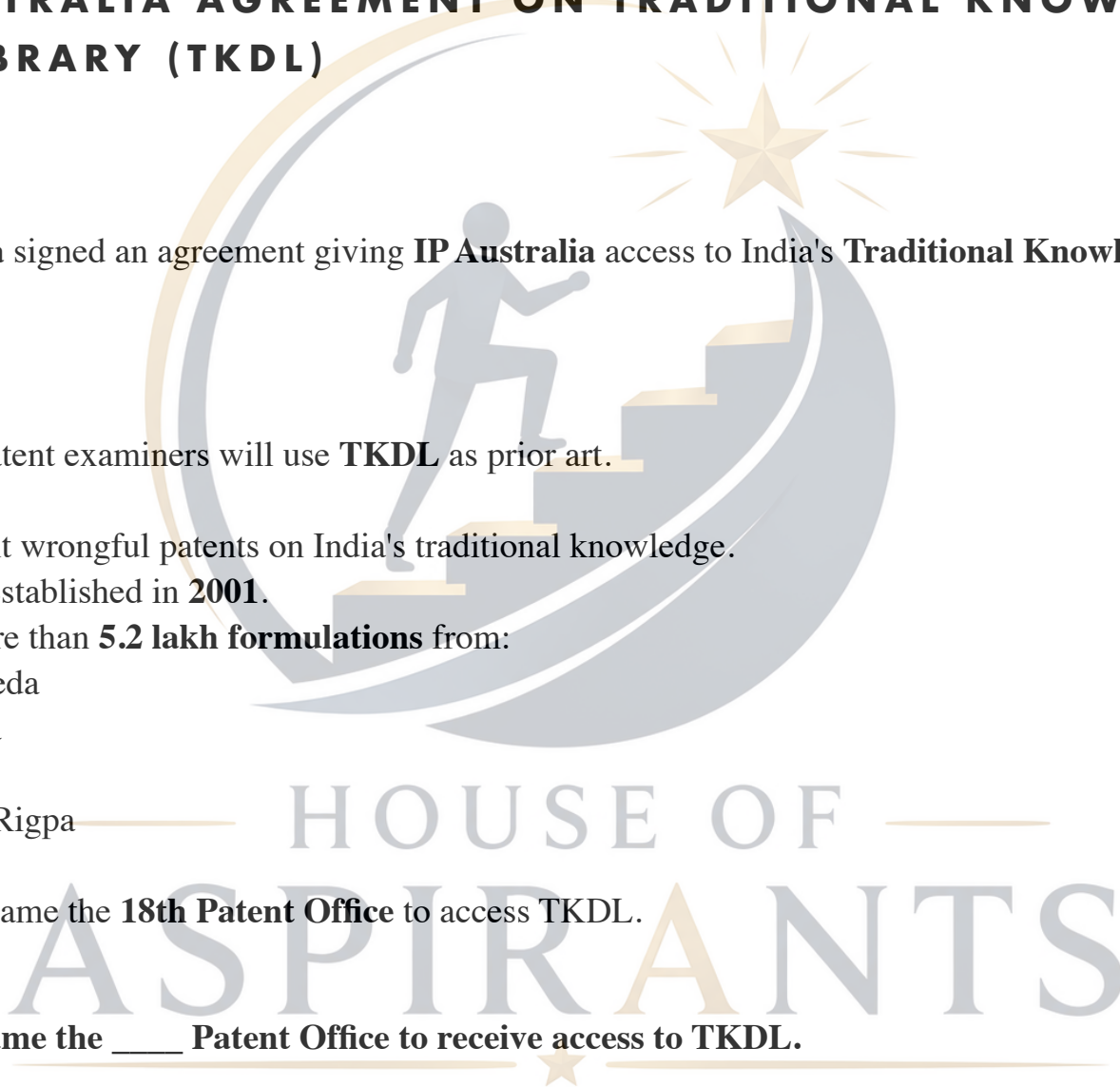
Possible MCQs

Q1. Australia became the ____ Patent Office to receive access to TKDL.

- A) 15th
- B) 16th
- C) 17th
- ☒ D) 18th

Q2. TKDL was established in:

- A) 1998
- ☒ B) 2001
- C) 2005
- D) 2010



INDIA-ROMANIA SIGNED MOUS ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SPORTS

Why in News?

India and **Romania** signed multiple **MoUs** during **President Droupadi Murmu's** visit to **Bucharest**.

Exam Point of View

- Strengthens India's engagement with:
 - Romania
 - European Union (EU)
- Promotes economic and technological cooperation.

Possible MCQs

Q1. President Droupadi Murmu visited which country to sign MoUs on science and technology?

- A) Bulgaria
- B) Hungary
- ☒ C) Romania
- D) Poland

Q2. The India-Romania Business Forum was held in:

- A) Warsaw
- B) Prague
- ☒ C) Bucharest
- D) Sofia

SANJEEV JAIN APPOINTED INDIA'S AMBASSADOR TO NORTH KOREA

Why in News?

- The **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** appointed **Sanjeev Jain** as **India's Ambassador to North Korea (DPRK)**.

Possible MCQ

Q. Who has been appointed as India's new Ambassador to North Korea (DPRK)?

- (A) Vikram Misri
- (B) **Sanjeev Jain** ☒
- (C) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- (D) Pavan Kapoor

HARJEET SINGH GREWAL APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES (NCM)

Why in News?

- The Government appointed **Harjeet Singh Grewal** as the **Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM)**.

Possible MCQ

Q. The National Commission for Minorities was established under which Act?

- (A) Minority Welfare Act, 1990
- (B) Human Rights Act, 1993
- (C) **National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992** ✓
- (D) Constitutional Amendment Act, 1991

ANURAG JAIN APPOINTED CEO OF NITI AAYOG

Why in News?

- **Anurag Jain** has been appointed as the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of **NITI Aayog**.

Key Facts

Possible MCQ

Q. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of NITI Aayog?

- (A) Amitabh Kant
- (B) Rajiv Gauba
- (C) **Anurag Jain** ✓
- (D) T. V. Somanathan

VARSHA ASHOK AGLAWE BECOMES FIRST WOMAN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GSI

Why in News?

- **Varsha Ashok Aglawe** became the **first woman Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)**.

Exam Point of View

- **Organisation:** Geological Survey of India (GSI)
- **Established:** 1851
- **Administrative Ministry:** Ministry of Mines
- **New Director General:** Varsha Ashok Aglawe
- **Historic Fact:** First woman to head GSI.

Possible MCQ

Q. Who became the first woman Director General of the Geological Survey of India?

- (A) Renu Swarup
- (B) **Varsha Ashok Aglawe** ✓
- (C) Tessy Thomas
- (D) Soumya Swaminathan

AWARDS

SUNIL BHARTI MITTAL RECEIVES USISPF LEADERSHIP AWARD 2026

Why in News?

- **Sunil Bharti Mittal** received the **2026 Leadership Award** from the **US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)**.

Possible MCQ

Q. Who received the USISPF Leadership Award 2026?

- (A) Mukesh Ambani
- (B) Nandan Nilekani
- (C) **Sunil Bharti Mittal** ✓
- (D) Kumar Mangalam Birla

INTERNATIONAL BOOKER PRIZE RENAMED

Why in News?

- The **International Booker Prize** will be renamed from **2027**.

Key Facts

- New Name:
 - **Bukhman International Booker Prize**
- Partnership:
 - **10 years** with **Bukhman Philanthropies**.
- Prize Money:
 - Increased from **£50,000** to **£100,000**.
- Prize shared equally between:
 - Author
 - Translator
- Shortlisted entries continue to receive **£5,000**.

Possible MCQ

Q. From 2027, the International Booker Prize will be known as:

- (A) Global Booker Prize
- (B) Commonwealth Booker Prize
- (C) **Bukhman International Booker Prize** ✓
- (D) International Literary Award

ICMR WINS GOLD AWARD FOR AI MENTAL HEALTH PLATFORM

Why in News?

- ICMR won the **Gold Award** at the **National Awards for e-Governance 2026**.

Exam Point of View

- **Organisation:** Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- **Award:** National Awards for e-Governance 2026 (Gold)
- **Platform:** ICMR-MINDS

Possible MCQ

Q. ICMR received the Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026 for which platform?

- (A) eSanjeevani
- (B) Aarogya Setu
- (C) ICMR-MINDS ✓
- (D) eHospital

INDIA WINS FIVE GOLD MEDALS AT INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS OLYMPIAD 2026

Why in News?

- India achieved its **best-ever performance** at the **56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026**.

Key Facts

- **Venue:**
 - Colombia
- **India won:**
 - 5 Gold Medals

Exam Point of View

- **Event:** 56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026
- **Venue:** Colombia
- **India's Achievement:** Five Gold Medals
- **Training Institute:** HBCSE

Possible MCQ

Q. Where was the 56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 held?

- (A) Brazil
- (B) Argentina
- (C) Colombia ✓
- (D) Chile



R. VAIRAMUTHU RECEIVES 60TH JNANPITH AWARD (2025)

Why in News?

- Renowned **Tamil poet and lyricist R. Vairamuthu** received the **60th Jnanpith Award (2025)**, India's highest literary honour.

Key Facts

- Became the **third Tamil writer** to receive the **Jnanpith Award**.
- Earlier Tamil recipients:
 - Akilan**
 - Jayakanthan**
- Award presented in **New Delhi** by **Dr. Karan Singh**.
- Award includes:
 - ₹11 lakh cash prize**
 - Bronze statue of Goddess Vagdevi**
 - Citation**
- Honoured for his contribution to **Tamil literature**.
- His famous work **Kallikattu Ithikasam** received the **Sahitya Akademi Award**.

Exam Point of View

- India's Highest Literary Award: Jnanpith Award**
- 2025 (60th) Recipient: R. Vairamuthu**
- Language: Tamil**

Possible MCQ

Q. Who received the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025)?

- (A) Perumal Murugan
- (B) Jayakanthan
- (C) **R. Vairamuthu** ✓
- (D) Akilan

INDIA WINS FOUR GOLD MEDALS AT INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD (ICHO) 2026

Why in News?

- India won **four gold medals** for the **first time** at the **58th International Chemistry Olympiad (ICHO) 2026**.

Exam Point of View

- Event:** 58th International Chemistry Olympiad (ICHO)
- Venue:** Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- India's Achievement:** 4 Gold Medals

Possible MCQ

Q. The 58th International Chemistry Olympiad (ICHO) 2026 was held in:

- (A) Kazakhstan
- (B) **Uzbekistan** ✓

- (C) Vietnam
- (D) Russia

INDIA SHINES AT INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD (IBO) 2026

Why in News?

- India won **one Gold and three Silver medals** at the **37th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2026**.

Exam Point of View

- **Event:** 37th International Biology Olympiad
- **Venue:** Lithuania
- **Gold Medalist:** Bhavya Gunwal

Possible MCQ

Q. Who won India's only Gold Medal at the International Biology Olympiad 2026?

- (A) Nishit Kalani
- (B) Anmol Kumar
- (C) **Bhavya Gunwal** ✓
- (D) Soumil Maity

JAMES GRAY TO RECEIVE HONORARY CAREER AWARD

Why in News?

- American filmmaker **James Gray** will receive the **Pardo alla Carriera (Honorary Career Pardo Award)**.

Exam Point of View

- **Award:** Pardo alla Carriera
- **Festival:** Locarno Film Festival
- **Recipient:** James Gray

Possible MCQ

Q. James Gray will receive the Honorary Career Pardo Award at which film festival?

- (A) Cannes Film Festival
- (B) Venice Film Festival
- (C) **Locarno Film Festival** ✓
- (D) Berlin Film Festival

FIELDS MEDAL 2026 ANNOUNCED

Why in News?

- The **Fields Medal 2026**, the world's highest honour in Mathematics, was awarded to **four mathematicians**.

Key Facts

Recipients:

- **Hong Wang**

- Yu Deng
- John Pardon
- Jacob Tsimmerman

Exam Point of View

- **Awarding Body:** International Mathematical Union (IMU)
- **Award Frequency:** Every 4 years
- **Eligibility:** Mathematicians below 40 years of age

Possible MCQ

Q. The Fields Medal is awarded every:

- (A) 2 Years
- (B) 3 Years
- (C) 4 Years ☒
- (D) 5 Years

AJIT DOVAL RECEIVES LOKMANYA TILAK NATIONAL AWARD 2026

Why in News?

- **National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval** received the **Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026**.

Key Facts

- Award presented on **1 August 2026** in **Pune, Maharashtra**.
- Presented by **Union Home Minister Amit Shah**.
- Organised by:
 - **Lokmanya Tilak Smarak Trust**
- **Ajit Doval** is a **1968-batch IPS officer** and India's **longest-serving NSA**.

Exam Point of View

- **Award:** Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026
- **Recipient:** Ajit Doval
- **Presented By:** Amit Shah

Possible MCQ

Q. Who received the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026?

- (A) Rajnath Singh
- (B) Amit Shah
- (C) **Ajit Doval** ☒
- (D) General Upendra Dwivedi

SUMMITS, EVENTS & CONFERENCES

ASSOCHAM NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ELECTRIC MOBILITY

Why in News?

- Union Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav** inaugurated ASSOCHAM's National Conference on **Electric Mobility** in New Delhi.

Key Facts

- **Theme:**
 - "Electric Mobility: Building India an Electric Mobility Hub for Viksit Bharat."

Exam Point of View

- **Organiser:** ASSOCHAM
- **Venue:** New Delhi
- **Minister:** Bhupender Yadav
- **Important Portal:** PARIVESH

Possible MCQ

Q. The PARIVESH Portal is mainly related to:

- (A) Banking Services
- (B) Rural Development
- (C) Environmental Clearances ☒
- (D) Skill Development

INDIA BECOMES WORLD'S SECOND-LARGEST SUPPLIER OF SEAFARERS

Why in News?

- India has become the **second-largest supplier of seafarers** globally.

Key Facts

- **Report:**
 - **BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026**
- **India's Contribution:**
 - **3,11,936 seafarers**
 - **12.16%** of the global workforce
- **Global Ranking:**
 - Philippines
 - **India**
 - China

- India's share increased from:
 - **5.2% (2015) → 12.16% (2026)**

Possible MCQ

Q. According to the BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026, India ranks ____ in the world as a supplier of seafarers.

- (A) First
- (B) **Second** ✓
- (C) Third
- (D) Fourth

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INDEX (EPI) 2026

Why in News?

The **Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026** was released, ranking **177 countries** on environmental performance.

Key Facts

- Prepared by:
 - **Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy**
 - **CIESIN, Columbia University**
 - **Yale Center for Geospatial Solutions**
- Evaluates countries on **47 indicators**.
- **Estonia** ranked **1st** with **74.79 points**.
- **India** ranked **176th** with **22.46 points**, ahead of only **Laos**.
- India has questioned the **methodology and data** used in previous EPI reports.

Possible MCQs

Q1. Which country topped the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026?

- A) Sweden
- B) Finland
- (C) **Estonia** ✓
- D) Denmark

Q2. India ranked _____ in EPI 2026.

- A) 170
- B) 175
- (C) **176** ✓
- D) 177

DEFENCE

GENERAL DHIRAJ SETH BECOMES 31ST CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

Why in News?

General Dhiraj Seth assumed charge as the 31st Chief of Army Staff (COAS).

Possible MCQs

Q1. Who became the 31st Chief of Army Staff of India?

- A) General Manoj Pande
- B) General Upendra Dwivedi
- C) General Dhiraj Seth ✓
- D) General Bipin Rawat

Q2. General Dhiraj Seth belongs to which arm of the Army?

- A) Infantry
- B) Armoured Corps ✓
- C) Engineers
- D) Artillery

ICGS AKSHAY COMMISSIONED INTO INDIAN COAST GUARD

Why in News?

India commissioned ICGS Akshay, a new-generation Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV).

Key Facts

- Commissioned on **27 June 2026**.
- Built at **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)**.
- Developed under **Aatmanirbhar Bharat..**

Possible MCQs

Q1. ICGS Akshay is a:

- A) Destroyer
- B) Frigate
- C) Fast Patrol Vessel ✓
- D) Aircraft Carrier

Q2. ICGS Akshay was built by:

- A) Mazagon Dock



- B) Goa Shipyard Limited ✓
- C) GRSE
- D) CSL

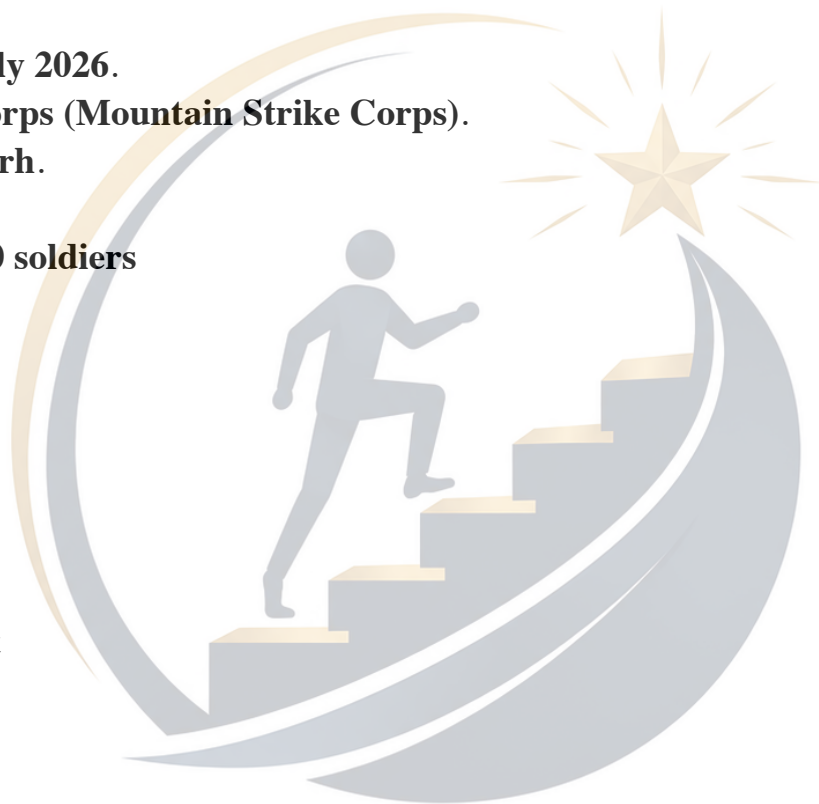
INDIAN ARMY TO OPERATIONALISE FIRST INTEGRATED BATTLE GROUPS (IBGS)

Why in News?

The Indian Army operationalised its **first Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs)**.

Key Facts

- Operational from **1 July 2026**.
- Placed under **XVII Corps (Mountain Strike Corps)**.
- Headquarters: **Panagarh**.
- Each IBG has:
 - More than **5,000 soldiers**
 - Infantry
 - Armour
 - Artillery
 - Engineers
 - Air Defence
 - Signals
 - Logistics
 - Medical support



Possible MCQs

Q1. The Integrated Battle Group (IBG) concept was proposed by:

- A) General Manoj Pande
- B) General Bipin Rawat ✓
- C) General Dhiraj Seth
- D) General Dalbir Singh

Q2. The first IBGs are under which Corps?

- A) XIV Corps
- B) XVI Corps
- C) XVII Corps ✓
- D) XXI Corps

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GENERAL DHIRAJ SETH LAUNCHES "VIJAY" VISION

Why in News?

The Army Chief unveiled the **VIJAY Vision** for a future-ready Indian Army.

Key Facts

VIJAY stands for:

- V – Vigilance and Readiness
- I – Innovation and Transformation
- J – Jointness and Integration
- A – Aatmanirbharta
- Y – Yoddha First

Possible MCQs

Q1. In the VIJAY Vision, "Y" stands for:

- A) Youth
- **B) Yoddha First** ✓
- C) Yoga
- D) Yield

K9 VAJRA-T SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER

Why in News?

India expanded the **K9 Vajra-T** artillery programme under **Make in India**.

Key Facts

- Developed jointly by:
 - **Hanwha Aerospace (South Korea)**
 - **Larsen & Toubro (India)**
- Manufactured at **Hazira, Gujarat**.

Exam Point of View

- Defence manufacturing under **Make in India**.
- India–South Korea defence cooperation.

Possible MCQs

Q1. K9 Vajra-T is jointly developed by India and:

- A) France
- **B) South Korea** ✓
- C) Israel
- D) Russia

Q2. K9 Vajra-T is manufactured in India at:

- A) Chennai
- **B) Hazira, Gujarat** ✓
- C) Pune
- D) Hyderabad

INDIAN NAVY PARTICIPATES IN RIMPAC 2026

Why in News?

The Indian Navy deployed a **P-8I aircraft** for **RIMPAC 2026**.

Key Facts

- **RIMPAC** is the **world's largest multinational naval exercise**.
- Hosted by the **US Pacific Fleet**.
- Duration:
 - **24 June – 31 July 2026**
- Venue:
 - **Hawaii**
- Participation:
 - More than **30 countries**
- India deployed:
 - **P-8I Long-Range Maritime Reconnaissance & Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft**
- India has participated since **2014**.

Exam Point of View

- World's largest naval exercise.
- Host country.
- Indian aircraft used.

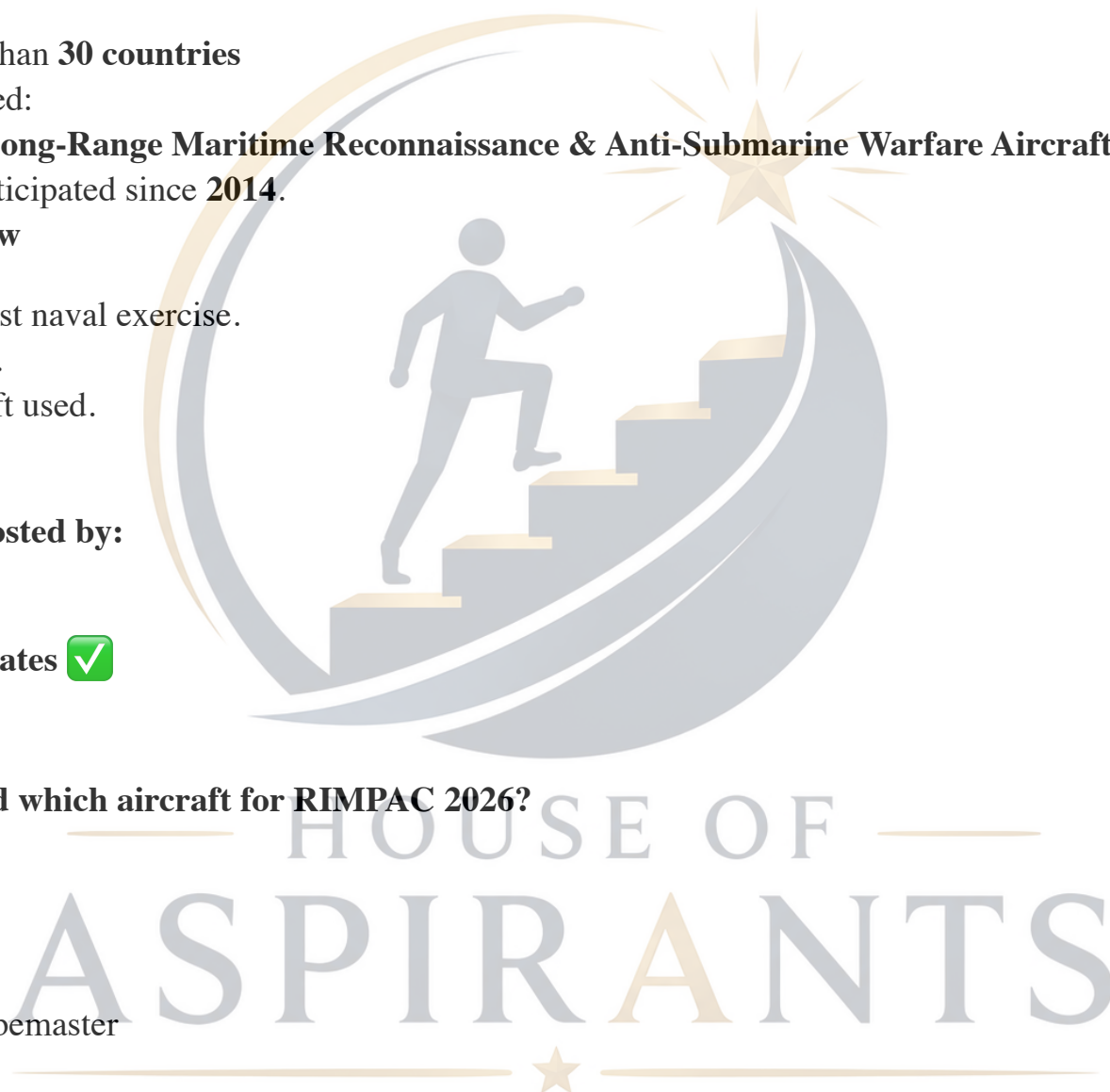
Possible MCQs

Q1. RIMPAC is hosted by:

- A) Japan
- **B) United States** ✓
- C) Australia
- D) India

Q2. India deployed which aircraft for RIMPAC 2026?

- A) Rafale
- B) Tejas
- **C) P-8I** ✓
- D) C-17 Globemaster



ADANI DEFENCE TO SET UP MISSILE MANUFACTURING FACILITY

Why in News?

Adani Defence & Aerospace started work on a new missile manufacturing plant.

Key Facts

- Investment:
 - **₹2,500 crore**
- Location:
 - **Pali, Shivpuri district, Madhya Pradesh**
- Products:

- Medium-range missiles
- Long-range missiles
- Composite propellants
- TNT and explosive materials
- Completion:
 - Within **3 years**
- Employment:
 - Around **5,000 direct and indirect jobs**
- More than **50 MSMEs** will participate.

Possible MCQs

Q1. Adani Defence's new missile manufacturing facility is being set up in:

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- **C) Madhya Pradesh** ✓
- D) Rajasthan

Q2. The project cost of the missile manufacturing facility is:

- A) ₹1,500 crore
- B) ₹2,000 crore
- **C) ₹2,500 crore** ✓
- D) ₹3,500 crore

INS MAHENDRAGIRI (F38) TO JOIN THE INDIAN NAVY

Why in News?

INS Mahendragiri (F38), the sixth stealth frigate under **Project 17A (Nilgiri-class)**, will be commissioned into the Indian Navy.

Key Facts

- Commissioning Date: **11 July 2026**
- Commissioning Location: **Visakhapatnam**
- Built by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)**
- More than **75% indigenous content**
- Belongs to **Project 17A (Nilgiri-class Stealth Frigates)**
- Will join the **Eastern Fleet**

Possible MCQs

Q1. INS Mahendragiri belongs to which class of warships?

- A) Kolkata Class
- B) Shivalik Class
- **C) Nilgiri Class (Project 17A)** ✓
- D) Talwar Class

Q2. INS Mahendragiri was built by:

- A) Goa Shipyard Ltd.
- B) Cochin Shipyard Ltd.
- **C) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. ✓**
- D) GRSE

INDONESIA TO IMPORT INDIA'S ASTRA MISSILE

Why in News?

Indonesia decided to procure India's indigenous **Astra Beyond-Visual-Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM)**.

Key Facts

- Decision taken during talks between:
 - **PM Narendra Modi**
 - **President Prabowo Subianto**
- Developed by **DRDO**
- Manufactured by **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)**
- Astra is India's **first indigenous long-range Air-to-Air Missile**

Possible MCQs

Q1. Astra missile is developed by:

- A) HAL
- **B) DRDO ✓**
- C) ISRO
- D) BEL

Q2. Astra is a:

- A) Surface-to-Air Missile
- **B) Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) ✓**
- C) Cruise Missile
- D) Ballistic Missile

DRDO SUCCESSFULLY TESTS PINAKA LONG RANGE GUIDED ROCKET (LRGR)

Learn from someone who has already achieved what you are preparing for.

Why in News?

DRDO successfully conducted the flight test of the **Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR)**.

Key Facts

- Test conducted at:
 - **Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha**
- Successfully demonstrated:
 - **60 km minimum operational range**
- Hit the target with high accuracy.

Importance

- Enhances **Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL)**
- Provides:
 - Precision strike capability
 - Advanced navigation
 - Guided attack system

Possible MCQs

Q1. Pinaka LRGR was tested at:

- A) Pokhran
- **B) Chandipur, Odisha** ✓
- C) Balasore
- D) Sriharikota

Q2. Pinaka LRGR is used with:

- A) Agni Missile
- B) Akash Missile
- **C) Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher** ✓
- D) BrahMos

INDIAN AIR FORCE PARTICIPATES IN EXERCISE PITCH BLACK 2026

Why in News?

The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** deployed **Rafale fighter aircraft** for **Exercise Pitch Black 2026**.

Key Facts

- Hosted by:
 - **Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)**
- Host Country:
 - **Australia**
- India participated with:
 - **Rafale fighter jets**

Exam Point of View

- Host = **Australia**
- Conducted by = **Royal Australian Air Force**

Possible MCQs

Q1. Exercise Pitch Black is hosted by:

- A) India
- **B) Australia** ✓
- C) France
- D) USA

Q2. India participated using which aircraft?

- A) Sukhoi-30
- **B) Rafale** ✓

- C) Tejas
- D) Mirage-2000

OPERATION SOUTHERN READINESS 26-2

Why in News?

The **Indian Navy** conducted **Operation Southern Readiness 26-2** with the **Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)**.

Key Facts

- Conducted jointly by:
 - Indian Navy
 - **Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)**
- Hosted for the **first time in India**
- Venue:
 - **Southern Naval Command, Kochi**
- Conducted under:
 - **Combined Task Force-154 (CTF-154)**
- Participants:
 - **254 personnel**
 - **26 countries**

Possible MCQs

Q1. Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 was hosted in:

- A) Mumbai
- **B) Kochi** ✓
- C) Visakhapatnam
- D) Chennai

Q2. The exercise is conducted under:

- A) CTF-151
- B) CTF-152
- **C) CTF-154** ✓
- D) CTF-155

INS MALVAN TO JOIN INDIAN NAVY

Learn from someone who has already achieved what you are preparing for.

Why in News?

The Indian Navy will commission **INS Malvan**, the **second Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)**.

Key Facts

- Built by:
 - **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**
- Indigenous content:
 - **80%**

Exam Point of View

- Second **Mahe-class** ASW-SWC
- Builder = **CSL**

Possible MCQs

Q1. INS Malvan belongs to which class?

- A) Nilgiri Class
- **B) Mahe Class** ✓
- C) Kamorta Class
- D) Talwar Class

Q2. INS Malvan is built by:

- A) MDL
- **B) Cochin Shipyard Ltd.** ✓
- C) GRSE
- D) GSL

PARAS SEMICONDUCTORS TO SET UP OSAT FACILITY

Why in News?

Paras Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd. signed an MoU to establish a major **OSAT facility** in Madhya Pradesh.

Key Facts

- Investment:
 - ₹6,200 crore
- Location:
 - **Indore–Ujjain Region**
- Partner:
 - **MP State Electronics Development Corporation**
- Supports:
 - **India Semiconductor Mission**

Possible MCQs

Q1. Paras Semiconductors is establishing an OSAT facility in:

- A) Gujarat
- **B) Madhya Pradesh** ✓
- C) Karnataka
- D) Tamil Nadu

Q2. The facility supports which national initiative?

- A) Digital India
- **B) India Semiconductor Mission** ✓
- C) Startup India
- D) Make in India

SAMUDRA PRADAKSHINA

WHY IN NEWS?

India successfully completed **Samudra Pradakshina**, the country's **first tri-service all-women world sailing expedition**.

Key Facts

- Crew:
 - **9 women officers**
- Services involved:
 - Indian Army
 - Indian Navy
 - Indian Air Force
- Vessel:
 - **IASV Triveni (Indigenous)**
- Duration:
 - **314 days**
- Distance covered:
 - **Nearly 25,500 nautical miles**

Exam Point of View

- First **tri-service all-women circumnavigation expedition**
- Vessel = **IASV Triveni**
- Duration = **314 days**

Possible MCQs

Q1. Samudra Pradakshina was completed aboard which vessel?

- A) INS Vikrant
- **B) IASV Triveni** ✓
- C) INS Tarini
- D) INS Sudarshini

Q2. Samudra Pradakshina is India's first:

- A) Naval expedition to Antarctica
- **B) Tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition** ✓
- C) Underwater mission
- D) Arctic naval expedition

INS MALVAN COMMISSIONED INTO INDIAN NAVY

achieved what you are preparing for.

Why in News?

The **Indian Navy** commissioned **INS Malvan**, the **second Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)**, at **Karwar Naval Base**.

Key Facts

- Built by **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**.
- Developed under **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**.
- More than **80% indigenous content**.
- Named after **Malvan (Maharashtra)**.
- Used for:
 - **Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW)**

- Underwater surveillance
- Mine warfare
- Coastal security

Possible MCQ

Q. INS Malvan belongs to which class of warships?

- A) Nilgiri-class Frigate
- B) Scorpene-class Submarine
- ☒ C) Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft
- D) Kolkata-class Destroyer

Answer: C

DRDO SUCCESSFULLY TESTS KUSHA LONG-RANGE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE

Why in News?

DRDO successfully carried out the **first flight test** of the **Kusha Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LR-SAM)**.

Key Facts

- Test conducted from **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha**.
- Successfully intercepted a **high-speed aerial target**.
- Can destroy:
 - Aircraft
 - Missiles
 - UAVs (Drones)
- Uses:
 - Advanced radar
 - Indigenous command & control system

Possible MCQ

Q. Kusha is an example of a:

- A) Cruise Missile
- B) Ballistic Missile
- ☒ C) Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile
- D) Anti-Tank Missile

Answer: C

INDIA DEVELOPS INDIGENOUS TURBOJET ENGINE

Why in News?

India developed its **first indigenous expendable turbojet engine** in the **350 kg thrust category**.

Key Facts

- Designed by **GTRE-DRDO**.
- Manufactured by **Azad Engineering**.
- Developed within **24 months**.
- To be used in:
 - Missiles
 - UAVs
 - Anti-drone systems

Exam Point of View

- Designer: **GTRE-DRDO**
- Manufacturer: **Azad Engineering**
- Category: **350 kg thrust**

Possible MCQ

Q. India's first indigenous expendable turbojet engine was developed by:

- A) ISRO
- B) HAL
- ☒ C) **GTRE-DRDO**
- D) BEL

Answer: C

BHARGAVASTRA ANTI-SWARM DRONE SYSTEM

Why in News?

India showcased **Bhargavastra**, an indigenous **anti-swarm drone defence system**.

Key Facts

- Displayed during **Make-II Project** in Nagpur.
- Designed to destroy:
 - Drone swarms
 - Loitering munitions
- Uses:
 - Radar
 - EO/IR sensors
 - Passive RF detectors
 - C4I system
- Two-layer defence:
 - Mini rockets
 - Smart mini missiles
- Strike range: **Up to 2.5 km**

Possible MCQ

Q. Bhargavastra is associated with:

- A) Naval Warfare
- B) Ballistic Missile Defence

☒ C) Anti-Swarm Drone Defence

D) Space Defence

XTREME WEATHER GRADE (XWG) DIESEL LAUNCHED

Why in News?

The **Indian Army** launched **Xtreme Weather Grade (XWG) Diesel** for military operations in extreme cold regions.

Key Facts

- Launched by **General Dhiraj Seth**.
- Developed jointly by:
 - **Indian Army**
 - **BPCL**
- Works at temperatures as low as **-42°C**.
- Prevents:
 - Fuel freezing
 - Engine failure
- Meets **BS-VI** and **IS 1460:2025** standards.

Possible MCQ

Q. XWG Diesel can function efficiently up to:

A) -10°C

B) -20°C

C) -30°C

☒ D) -42°C

Answer: D

INDIAN NAVY LAUNCHES MACHILIPATNAM

Why in News?

The Indian Navy launched **Machilipatnam**, the **7th Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)**.

Key Facts

- Built by **Cochin Shipyard Limited**.
- More than **80% indigenous content**.
- Named after **Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh)**.

Possible MCQ

Q. Machilipatnam is a:

A) Destroyer

B) Aircraft Carrier

- ☒ C) Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft
D) Nuclear Submarine

SSB RECRUITMENT RULES 2026

Why in News?

The Government notified the **SSB Recruitment Rules, 2026**.

Key Facts

- **50% Constable (GD)** vacancies reserved for **Ex-Agniveers**.
- Exemptions:
 - Written Exam
 - PST
 - PET
- Age relaxation:
 - **5 years** (First Batch)
 - **3 years** (Subsequent Batches)
- SSB works under the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**.
- Guards borders with:
 - **Nepal**
 - **Bhutan**

Possible MCQ

Q. SSB primarily guards India's border with:

- A) Pakistan & China
B) Bangladesh & Myanmar
☒ C) Nepal & Bhutan
D) Sri Lanka & Maldives

Answer: C

AIR MARSHAL SANDEEP THAREJA APPOINTED DGAFMS

Why in News?

Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja was appointed as the new **Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)**.

Key Facts

- Effective from **31 August 2026**.
- Succeeds **Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin**.
- Graduate of:
 - **AFMC Pune**
 - **AIIMS New Delhi**

Possible MCQ

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAfMS)?

A) General Dhiraj Seth

B) Arti Sarin

☒ C) Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja

D) R. Hari Kumar

Answer: C



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

BRACHYBACTERIUM NETAJII – NEW BACTERIAL SPECIES DISCOVERED

Why in News?

Scientists discovered a new bacterial species named **Brachybacterium netajii** from the **Hooghly River, West Bengal**.

Key Facts

- Named in honour of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**.
- Identified using **Polyphasic Taxonomic Characterization**.

Possible MCQ

Q. Brachybacterium netajii is mainly useful for:

- A) Vaccine production
- B) Space research
- ✓ C) **Bioremediation of polluted environments**
- D) Food preservation

INDIA'S FIRST PRIVATE POINT-IN-SPACE (PINS) INSTRUMENT APPROACH

Why in News?

India approved its **first Private Point-in-Space (PinS) Instrument Approach Procedure** for helicopters at **Undavalli Heliport**.

Key Facts

- Approved by **DGCA**.
- Developed by **Airports Authority of India (AAI)**.
- Uses **satellite-based navigation**.
- Enables safe helicopter landing:
 - In bad weather
 - In remote areas
 - Without conventional navigation infrastructure

Possible MCQ

Q. India's first PinS Instrument Approach Procedure was approved for which type of aircraft?

- A) Fighter Aircraft
- B) Passenger Aircraft
- ☒ C) Helicopters
- D) Cargo Aircraft

Answer: C

SKYROOT AEROSPACE TO LAUNCH VIKRAM-1

Why in News?

Skyroot Aerospace is preparing to launch **Vikram-1**, India's first privately developed orbital launch vehicle.

Key Facts

- Mission Name: **Mission Aagaman**
- Launch Site:
 - **Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota**
- Named after **Dr. Vikram Sarabhai**.
- Payload Capacity:
 - **350 kg** to Low Earth Orbit (LEO)
 - **260 kg** to Sun-Synchronous Orbit (SSO)

Exam Point of View

- Company: **Skyroot Aerospace**
- Rocket: **Vikram-1**
- Mission: **Aagaman**

Possible MCQ

Q. Vikram-1 has been developed by:

- A) ISRO
- B) HAL
- ☒ C) Skyroot Aerospace
- D) DRDO

Answer: C

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VERA C. RUBIN OBSERVATORY BEGINS LSST MISSION

Why in News?

The **Vera C. Rubin Observatory** started the **10-year Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST)**.

Key Facts

- Located in **Chile**.
- Uses the world's largest **3,200-megapixel digital camera**.

- Will scan the southern sky every **40 seconds**.
- Generates nearly **10 TB data daily**.

Possible MCQ

Q. Vera C. Rubin Observatory is located in:

- A) USA
- B) Australia
- ☒ C) Chile
- D) Canada

Answer: C

OLDEST SCIENTIFICALLY DATED BANYAN TREE

Why in News?

Researchers confirmed a **700-year-old Banyan Tree in Munger, Bihar**, as the oldest scientifically dated **Ficus benghalensis**.

Exam Point of View

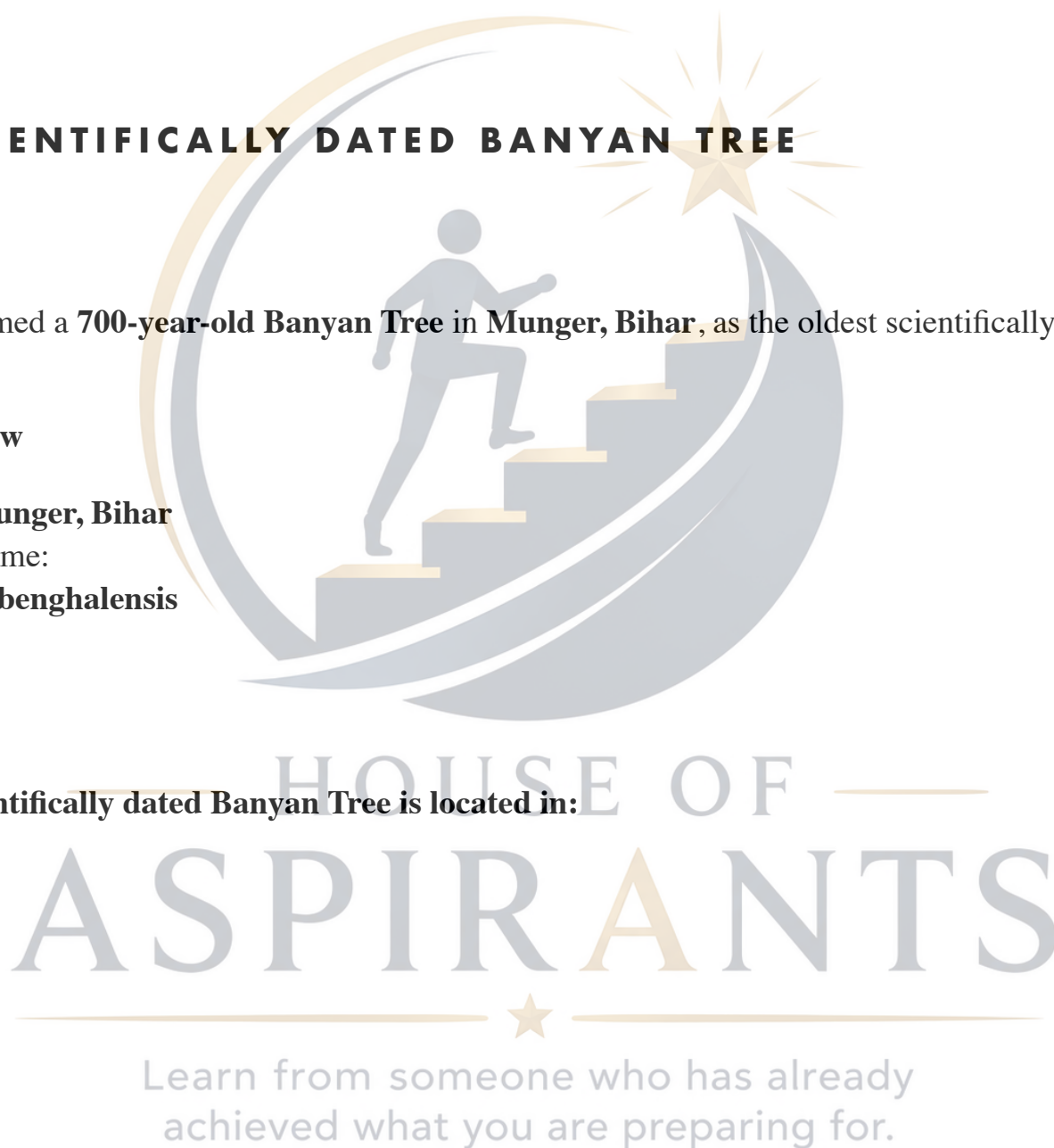
- Location: **Munger, Bihar**
- Scientific Name:
 - **Ficus benghalensis**
- Institute:
 - **BSIP**

Possible MCQ

Q. The oldest scientifically dated Banyan Tree is located in:

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Odisha
- ☒ C) Bihar
- D) Gujarat

Answer: C



ISRO TESTS SOLVE VEHICLE UNDER GAGANYAAN MISSION

Why in News?

ISRO successfully completed the first ground test of **SOLVE** under the **Gaganyaan Mission**.

Key Facts

- Full Form:
 - **Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments**
- Conducted at:
 - **Satish Dhawan Space Centre**

Exam Point of View

- Mission:
 - **Gaganyaan**
- Vehicle:
 - **SOLVE**
- Organisation:
 - **ISRO**

Possible MCQ

Q. SOLVE is associated with which mission?

- A) Chandrayaan
- B) Aditya-L1
- C) Mangalyaan
- ☒ D) **Gaganyaan**

Answer: D

CHINA CONDUCTS SLBM TEST

Why in News?

China conducted a **Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM)** test in the **South Pacific Ocean**.

Possible MCQ

Q. The Treaty of Rarotonga (1985) is related to:

- A) Climate Change
- B) Maritime Trade
- ☒ C) **Nuclear-Free Zone in the South Pacific**
- D) Space Cooperation

Answer: C

FDA APPROVES WORLD'S FIRST PROTAC-BASED CANCER MEDICINE

Why in News?

The **U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** approved **Vepdegestrant (Veppanu)**, the world's first **PROTAC-based medicine** for advanced breast cancer.

Key Facts

- Developed by **Arvinas** and **Pfizer**.
- Used to treat:
 - **ER-positive**
 - **HER2-negative**
 - **ESR1-mutated advanced breast cancer**

- Showed better results than **Fulvestrant** in the **Phase-3 VERITAC-2 Trial**.
- **Guardant360 CDx** was approved as the companion diagnostic test for detecting **ESR1 mutations**.

Possible MCQ

Q. Vepdegestrant (Veppanu) is used to treat:

- A) Lung Cancer
- B) Blood Cancer
- ☒ C) Advanced Breast Cancer
- D) Cervical Cancer

Answer: C

NATIONAL BRIDGE HEALTH MONITORING SOFTWARE

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** assigned **IIT Madras** and **C-DAC** to manage India's **National Bridge Health Monitoring Software**.

Key Facts

- Supports the **Bridge Health Monitoring System (BHMS)**.

Possible MCQ

Q. Which institutions will manage India's National Bridge Health Monitoring Software?

- A) IIT Bombay & ISRO
- B) DRDO & BEL
- ☒ C) IIT Madras & C-DAC
- D) IISc & BARC

Answer: C

WORLD'S FIRST ONCE-WEEKLY INSULIN – AWIQLI

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Why in News?

Novo Nordisk India launched **Awikli (Insulin Icodec)**, the world's first **once-weekly basal insulin**.

Key Facts

- Used for:
 - Type-1 Diabetes
 - Type-2 Diabetes
- Reduces injections from:
 - **365 → 52 per year**
- Delivered using **FlexTouch Device**.

Possible MCQ

Q. Awiqli is used for the treatment of:

- A) Cancer
- B) Tuberculosis
- ☒ C) Diabetes
- D) Malaria

Answer: C

SELF-POWERED WEARABLE AMMONIA GAS SENSOR

Why in News?

Scientists at CeNS Bengaluru developed a self-powered wearable ammonia gas sensor.

Key Facts

- Developed using:
 - VO_x/VS_2 heterostructure
- Detects ammonia as low as:
 - 319 ppb

Possible MCQ

Q. The newly developed wearable gas sensor detects which gas?

- A) Carbon Dioxide
- B) Oxygen
- C) Nitrogen
- ☒ D) Ammonia

Answer: D

INDIA APPROVES FIRST DENGUE VACCINE – QDENG

Why in News?

Learn from someone who has already achieved what you are preparing for.

India approved its first dengue vaccine, QDENG (TAK-003).

Exam Point of View

- Vaccine:
 - QDENG (TAK-003)
- Developer:
 - Takeda (Japan)
- Indian Manufacturer:
 - Biological E

Possible MCQ

Q. India's first approved dengue vaccine is:

- A) Covaxin
B) Cervavac
☒ C) QDENG (TAK-003)
D) Rotavac

Answer: C

WHITE RABBIT TECHNOLOGY-BASED IST NETWORK

Why in News?

India launched the **White Rabbit Technology-based Indian Standard Time (IST) Dissemination Network**.

Key Facts

- Supports the **One Nation, One Time** initiative.
- Developed by:
 - **Department of Consumer Affairs**
 - **CSIR-NPL**
 - **ISRO**

Possible MCQ

Q. White Rabbit Technology is associated with:

- A) Satellite Launches
B) Weather Forecasting
☒ C) **Accurate Time Synchronization**
D) Cyber Warfare

Answer: C

FIVE NEW LICHEN SPECIES DISCOVERED

Why in News?

Scientists discovered **five new Allographa lichen species** in the **Western Ghats**.

Key Facts

- Discovered by:
 - **MACS Agharkar Research Institute, Pune**

Possible MCQ

Q. The five newly discovered Allographa species belong to which group?

- A) Mosses
B) Algae
☒ C) **Lichens**
D) Ferns

Answer: C

INTERNATIONAL TYPE-1 DIABETES SUMMIT 2026

Why in News?

India will host the **International Type-1 Diabetes Summit 2026**.

Key Facts

- Venue:
 - **Jodhpur, Rajasthan**
- Dates:
 - **30 July – 1 August 2026**

Possible MCQ

Q. The International Type-1 Diabetes Summit 2026 will be held in:

- A) Jaipur
- B) New Delhi
- C) Ahmedabad
- ☒ D) Jodhpur

Answer: D

GRAVITY-1 ROCKET SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED BY CHINA

Why in News?

China's private company **Orienspace** successfully launched the **Gravity-1** rocket.

Key Facts

- Launched from a **maritime platform** in the **East China Sea**.
- Carried **9 satellites** into orbit.
- China's **first commercial far-sea launch** from the **Yangtze River Delta**.
- Supports **Earth observation, agriculture, forestry, mineral exploration, and environmental monitoring**.
- Promotes future **Gravity-2** and **Gravity-3** space missions.

Exam Point

- **Company:** Orienspace
- **Rocket:** Gravity-1
- **Launch Location:** East China Sea

Possible MCQ

Q. Gravity-1 rocket was launched by which country's private aerospace company?

- A) India
- B) USA
- ☒ C) China
- D) Japan

TWO NEW SPIDER SPECIES DISCOVERED IN INDIA

Why in News?

Scientists discovered **two new spider species** in India.

Key Facts

- **Simonia lawbah** – Found in **Krem Lawbah Cave, Meghalaya**.
- **Hamataliwa papikonda** – Found in **Papikonda National Park, Andhra Pradesh**.
- Discovered by **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)**.
- Published in **Zootaxa** and **Records of the Zoological Survey of India**.
- Helps in **biodiversity conservation** and **taxonomy**.

Exam Point

- **Organization:** ZSI
- **States:** Meghalaya & Andhra Pradesh

Possible MCQ

Q. Simonia lawbah was discovered in which state?

- A) Assam
☒ B) Meghalaya
C) Odisha
D) Kerala

INDIA'S FIRST LEPIDOPTERA INVENTORY COMPLETED

Why in News?

ZSI completed India's first comprehensive inventory of **butterflies and moths**.

Key Facts

- Documents **13,703 species**.
- Research took **12 years**.
- Published as a **22-volume catalogue**.
- India has **2,205 Geometroidea moth species**, making it a global hotspot.
- Supports **biodiversity, taxonomy, and climate research**.

Exam Point

- **Organization:** ZSI
- **Total Species:** 13,703

Possible MCQ

Q. India's first Lepidoptera inventory recorded how many species?

- A) 10,203
B) 11,503
C) 12,703
☒ D) 13,703

IBM AND SARVAM PARTNER FOR SOVEREIGN AI

Why in News?

IBM and Indian AI startup **Sarvam** signed a partnership to develop **Sovereign AI** solutions.

Key Facts

- Focus on **Banking, Healthcare, Governance, and Public Services**.
- IBM will provide **Sovereign Core Platform**.
- Sarvam will develop **multilingual AI models** and **Voice AI**.
- Ensures **secure, India-specific AI** with data privacy.

Exam Point

- **Partners:** IBM & Sarvam
- **Focus:** Sovereign Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Possible MCQ

Q. IBM partnered with which Indian startup to develop Sovereign AI?

- A) Krutrim
- B) Haptik
- ☒ C) **Sarvam**
- D) InMobi

NEW CATFISH SPECIES DISCOVERED IN ODISHA

Why in News?

Scientists discovered a new freshwater catfish species named **Pseudolaguvia khairii**.

Key Facts

- Found in **Budhabalanga River, Odisha**.
- Published in **Zootaxa**.
- Named after **Khairi**, the famous Royal Bengal tigress.
- Indicates a **healthy freshwater ecosystem**.
- Highlights the biodiversity of the **Similipal region**.

Possible MCQ

Q. Pseudolaguvia khairii was discovered in which river?

- A) Mahanadi
- B) Brahmani
- ☒ C) **Budhabalanga River**
- D) Subarnarekha



SPORTS

FIFA WORLD CUP 2026

Why in News?

The **FIFA World Cup 2026** concluded with **Spain** winning the championship after defeating **Argentina 1–0** in extra time. Following the final, FIFA announced the winners of the major individual awards presented for outstanding performances during the tournament.

Key Facts

- **Champion: Spain**
- **Runner-up: Argentina**
- **Final Score: 1–0 (Extra Time)**

Individual Awards

- **Adidas Golden Ball: Rodri (Spain)**
- **Adidas Golden Boot: Kylian Mbappé (France)**
- **Adidas Golden Glove: Unai Simón (Spain)**
- **Best Young Player: Pau Cubarsí (Spain)**
- **FIFA Fair Play Trophy: Netherlands**

Exam Focus

- ✓ FIFA organizes the FIFA World Cup.
- ✓ The tournament is held every 4 years.
- ✓ **Golden Ball** is awarded to the tournament's best player.
- ✓ **Golden Boot** is awarded to the highest goal scorer.
- ✓ **Golden Glove** is awarded to the best goalkeeper.
- ✓ **Fair Play Trophy** recognizes the team with the best disciplinary record.

Practice MCQs

Q1. Who won the FIFA World Cup 2026?

- A. Argentina
- B. France
- C. Spain ✓
- D. Brazil

Q2. Who received the Adidas Golden Ball?

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Rodri ☒
- C. Mbappé
- D. Pedri

Q3. The Golden Boot is awarded to the:

- A. Best Goalkeeper
- B. Best Defender
- C. Highest Goal Scorer ☒
- D. Best Young Player

Q4. Which country won the FIFA Fair Play Trophy?

- A. Spain
- B. Argentina
- C. Netherlands ☒
- D. Germany

Q5. FIFA World Cup is organized every:

- A. 2 Years
- B. 3 Years
- C. 4 Years ☒
- D. 5 Years



KIDAMBI SRIKANTH WINS SILVER AT US OPEN 2026

Why in News?

Kidambi Srikanth won the **Silver Medal** in the Men's Singles at the **US Open 2026**.

Key Facts

- Lost the final to **Su Li-yang (Chinese Taipei)**.

- Score: **15–21, 21–16, 9–21.**
- His last **BWF title** was the **2017 French Open.**

Possible MCQ

Q. Kidambi Srikanth won which medal at the US Open 2026?

- A) Gold
- ☒ B) Silver
- C) Bronze
- D) None

CRICKET RETURNS TO OLYMPICS IN LA 2028

Why in News?

Cricket will return to the **Los Angeles Olympics 2028** after more than **100 years.**

Key Facts

- **Men's and Women's T20** events included.
- **6 teams** will participate in each category.
- Qualification based on:
 - ICC Rankings
 - Continental representation
 - Host nation
 - 2027 Olympic Qualifier

Possible MCQ

Q. Which format of cricket will be played at the LA Olympics 2028?

- A) Test
- B) ODI
- ☒ C) T20
- D) T10

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ASPIRANTS

GEORGE RUSSELL WINS AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX 2026

Learn from someone who has already
achieved what you are preparing for.

Why in News?

George Russell won the **Austrian Grand Prix 2026.**

Key Facts

- Venue: **Red Bull Ring, Austria.**
- 2nd Place: **Max Verstappen**
- 3rd Place: **Kimi Antonelli**
- Russell's **7th Formula One** victory.

Possible MCQ

Q. Who won the Austrian Grand Prix 2026?

- A) Max Verstappen

- ☒ B) George Russell
C) Lewis Hamilton
D) Lando Norris

INDIA WINS FIRST GOLD AT WORLD ROWING CUP

Why in News?

India won its **first-ever Gold Medal** at the **World Rowing Cup 2026**.

Key Facts

- Winners:
 - Lakshay
 - Ujjwal Kumar Singh
- Event:
 - Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x)
- Venue:
 - Lucerne, Switzerland
- Both are Indian Army Havildars.

Possible MCQ

Q. India won its first World Rowing Cup gold in which event?

- A) Single Sculls
☒ B) Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x)
C) Coxless Pair
D) Quadruple Sculls

HOKATO HOTOZHE SEMA BECOMES WORLD NO. 1

Why in News?

Indian para-athlete **Hokato Hotozhe Sema** became **World No. 1** in **Men's Shot Put F57**.

Key Facts

- Achieved a throw of **14.65 metres**.
- Paris 2024 Paralympic Bronze Medallist**.
- Subedar in the **9 Assam Regiment**.
- First Paralympian to receive the **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal**.
- Also an **Arjuna Award** winner.

Exam Point

- Event: **Men's Shot Put F57**
- World Ranking: **No. 1**

Possible MCQ

Q. Hokato Hotozhe Sema is associated with which sport?

- A) Javelin
B) Discus Throw

✓ C) Shot Put (F57)

D) High Jump

CRISTIANO RONALDO – FIFA WORLD CUP 2026

- **Why in News:** Became the **oldest player to score in a FIFA World Cup knockout match.**
- **Key Facts:**
 - Age: **41 years 147 days.**
 - Scored against **Croatia.**
 - Portugal won **2–1** and entered the **Round of 16.**
 - Played his **26th FIFA World Cup match.**
- **Exam Point:** Oldest player to score in a World Cup knockout match.

ICC WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP 2026

- **Why in News:** Australia won the title.
- **Key Facts:**
 - **Winner:** Australia
 - **Runner-up:** England
 - Venue: **Lord's Cricket Ground, London**
 - **Player of the Match:** Beth Mooney
 - Australia won a **record 7th title.**
- **Exam Point:** Australia is the most successful Women's T20 World Cup team.

VAIBHAV SOORYAVANSHI

- **Why in News:** Became the **youngest Indian international cricketer.**
- **Key Facts:**
 - Debut age: **15 years 99 days**
 - Debut: **T20I vs England**
 - Broke **Sachin Tendulkar's** record.
- **Exam Point:** Youngest Indian to play international cricket.

BRITISH GRAND PRIX 2026

- **Why in News:** Charles Leclerc won the race.
- **Key Facts:**
 - **Winner:** Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)
 - Venue: **Silverstone, England**
 - 2nd: George Russell
 - 3rd: Lewis Hamilton
- **Exam Point:** Winner – Charles Leclerc.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2026



- **Why in News:** India to use **eco-friendly jute-viscose uniforms**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Venue: **Glasgow, Scotland**
 - India became the **first country** to use **100% biodegradable jute-viscose apparel** at an international multi-sport event.
- **Exam Point:** Promotes **Make in India** and sustainable textiles.

ASWATH S

- **Why in News:** Became **India's 98th Chess Grandmaster**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Age: **17 years**
 - From **Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu**
- **Exam Point:** India's **98th Grandmaster**.

KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES 2026

- **Why in News:** Telangana selected as host.
- **Key Facts:**
 - **Host State:** Telangana
 - Edition: **8th Khelo India Youth Games**
- **Exam Point:** Organised under the **Khelo India Programme**.

SOURAV GANGULY

- **Why in News:** Inducted into the **ICC Hall of Fame**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Became the **12th Indian cricketer** to receive the honour.
 - Led India to the **2003 ICC Cricket World Cup Final**.
- **Exam Point:** 12th Indian inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.

WIMBLEDON 2026 – WOMEN'S SINGLES

- **Why in News:** Linda Noskova won her maiden Grand Slam title.
- **Key Facts:**
 - **Champion:** Linda Noskova (Czech Republic)
 - Runner-up: Karolina Muchova
 - Became the **9th consecutive first-time Wimbledon women's champion**.
- **Exam Point:** Women's Singles Winner – Linda Noskova.

WIMBLEDON 2026 – WINNERS

- **Men's Singles:** Jannik Sinner
- **Women's Singles:** Linda Noskova



- **Men's Doubles:** Henry Patten & Harri Heliovaara
- **Women's Doubles:** Guo Hanyu & Kristina Mladenovic
- **Mixed Doubles:** Marcelo Arévalo & Jelena Ostapenko
- **Exam Point:** Remember all Wimbledon 2026 champions.

KRANTI GOUD

- **Why in News:** First Indian woman on the **Lord's Honours Board**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Took a **5-wicket haul** against England Women.
 - Became the **15th Indian bowler** on the Lord's Honours Board.
- **Exam Point:** First Indian female bowler to feature on the Lord's Honours Board.

YASTIKA BHATIA

- **Why in News:** First woman to score a **Test century at Lord's**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Scored **113 runs** against England Women.
 - Maiden international century.
- **Exam Point:** First woman with a Test century at Lord's Cricket Ground.

NEERU DHANDA

- **Why in News:** Won Gold at the **ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2026**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Event: **Women's Trap**
 - Venue: **Lonato, Italy**
 - Defeated **Carole Cormenier (France)**.
 - India's **first shotgun gold** of the 2026 season.
- **Exam Point:** Neeru Dhanda won India's first ISSF Shotgun World Cup gold of 2026.

22ND COMMONWEALTH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

- **Why in News:** Official mascot '**Mayur**' unveiled.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Venue: **Thyagraj Stadium, New Delhi**
 - Dates: **27 July – 2 August 2026**
 - Organised by **TTFI & Delhi Government**
 - Mascot inspired by **Peacock (India's National Bird)**.
- **Exam Point:** Mascot – **Mayur**.

FIFA WORLD CUP 2026



- **Why in News:** Spain won the FIFA World Cup.
- **Key Facts:**
 - **Champion:** Spain
 - **Runner-up:** Argentina
 - **Final Venue:** **MetLife Stadium, New Jersey (USA)**
 - Spain defeated Argentina **1–0 (Extra Time)**.
- **Exam Point:** Spain won its **2nd FIFA World Cup** (after 2010).

KYLIAN MBAPPÉ

- **Why in News:** Became the **highest goal-scorer in FIFA World Cup history**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Total World Cup Goals: **22**
 - Broke **Lionel Messi's record (21 goals)**.
- **Exam Point:** Highest World Cup goal scorer – **Kylian Mbappé**.

ROHIT SHARMA

- **Why in News:** Created multiple ODI records at Lord's.
- **Key Facts:**
 - First Indian man to score an **ODI century at Lord's**.
 - Scored his **34th ODI century**.
 - Became **India's oldest international centurion**.
- **Exam Point:** First Indian male with an ODI century at Lord's.

LIONEL MESSI

- **Why in News:** Became the **first footballer to play three FIFA World Cup finals**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - World Cup Finals: **2014, 2022 & 2026**
 - Scored **8 goals** and provided **4 assists** in 2026.
- **Exam Point:** First player to appear in **3 FIFA World Cup finals**.

PV SINDHU

- **Why in News:** Won the **BWF Japan Open 2026**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Defeated **Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)**.
 - First Indian to win a **BWF Super 750** title.
 - Ranking improved from **18 to 9**.
- **Exam Point:** First Indian BWF Super 750 champion.

FIFA WORLD CUP 2030

- **Why in News:** Hosts announced.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Main Hosts: **Spain, Portugal & Morocco**



- Opening Matches: **Uruguay, Argentina & Paraguay**
- Format: **48 teams**
- **Exam Point:** First FIFA World Cup hosted across **3 continents and 6 countries**.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2026

- **Why in News:** Glasgow to host the Games.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Venue: **Glasgow, Scotland**
 - Dates: **23 July – 2 August 2026**
 - Participating Nations: **74**
 - India's Flag Bearers: **Mirabai Chanu & Lovlina Borgohain**
 - Official Mascot: **Finnie**
- **Exam Point:** Host – **Glasgow, Scotland**.

MENUIRES INTERNATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

- **Why in News:** India won Gold and Silver.
- **Key Facts:**
 - **Gold:** S. Rohith Krishna
 - **Silver:** Raja Rithvik
 - Venue: **Les Menuires, France**
- **Exam Point:** Champion – **S. Rohith Krishna**.

LOVLINA BORGHAIN

- **Why in News:** Won India's first medal at CWG 2026.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Event: **Women's 75 kg Boxing**
 - Reached **Semifinals**, assuring a medal.
- **Exam Point:** India's first medal winner at CWG 2026.

ANAHAT SINGH Learn from someone who has already achieved what you are preparing for.

- **Why in News:** Won the **World Junior Squash Championship 2026**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Defeated **Ruqayya Salem (Egypt)**.
 - First Indian to win the **Girls' Singles** title.
- **Exam Point:** First Indian Girls' Singles World Junior Squash Champion.

AJINKYA RAHANE

- **Why in News:** Announced retirement from international cricket.
- **Key Facts:**
 - International Debut: **2011**

- Nickname: **Jinx**
- Native Place: **Dombivli, Maharashtra**
- **Exam Point:** Former Indian Test captain **Ajinkya Rahane** retired from international cricket.

ISSF WORLD CUP 2026

- **Why in News:** India finished with **4 medals**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - **Gold:** Esha Singh (Women's 25m Pistol)
 - **Silver:** Sainyam Vij (Women's 10m Air Pistol)
 - **Bronze:** Manu Bhaker (Women's 25m Pistol)
 - **Bronze:** Sonam Maskar & Himanshu Dhillon (10m Air Rifle Mixed Team)
- **Exam Point:** India won **1 Gold, 1 Silver & 2 Bronze** medals.

HARSH SINGH

- **Why in News:** Won India's **first-ever Men's Judo Gold** at the Commonwealth Games.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Event: **Men's 60 kg Judo**
 - Defeated **Joshua Katz** (Australia)
 - Venue: **Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games**
- **Exam Point:** First Indian male judoka to win Commonwealth Games Gold.

ASMITA DEY

- **Why in News:** Won India's **first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold in Women's Judo**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Event: **Women's 48 kg Judo**
 - Defeated **Heidi Quach** (Canada)
 - Won through **Golden Score**.
- **Exam Point:** First Indian judoka to win Commonwealth Games Gold.

GIRISH BHARADWAJ

Learn from someone who has already achieved what you are preparing for.

- **Why in News:** Passed away at the age of **76**.
- **Key Facts:**
 - Known as "**Bridge Man of India**".
 - **Padma Shri** awardee.
 - Built **140+ low-cost suspension bridges**.
 - First bridge built in **1989** across the **Payaswini River**.
- **Exam Point:** Girish Bharadwaj = **Bridge Man of India**.

ENERGY

JAL-YAAN – INDIA'S FIRST SOLAR WATER PURIFICATION VAN

Why in News: India launched JAL-YAAN for clean drinking water in remote areas.

Key Facts:

- Developed by **CSIR-CSMCRI** with **Rite Water Solutions**.
- India's **first solar-powered water purification van**.
- Uses **Reverse Osmosis (RO)** and **Ultrafiltration (UF)**.
- Also provides emergency electricity during disasters.

Exam Points:

- Technologies: **RO + UF**
- Purpose: Disaster relief & rural water supply.

NAYING HYDEL PROJECT APPROVED

Why in News: Environment clearance granted to the **1,000 MW Naying Hydel Project**.

Key Facts:

- Capacity: **1,000 MW**
- River: **Siyom River**
- State: **Arunachal Pradesh**
- Near **India–China border**.

Exam Points:

- Ministry: **MoEFCC**
- Purpose: Renewable energy & border infrastructure.

INDIA'S FIRST 100 MWH VRFB ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT

Why in News: India approved its first **Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB)** project.

Key Facts:

- Capacity: **100 MWh**
- Location: **Khavda Solar Park, Gujarat**
- Implemented by **NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd.**
- India's first **utility-scale non-lithium battery** project.

Exam Points:

- Battery Type: **Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB)**



- Supports: **Grid stability & Atmanirbhar Bharat**

YANTUR 4.5 KN TURBOFAN ENGINE PROGRAMME

Why in News: Indigenous turbofan engine programme launched under **Atmanirbhar Bharat**.

Key Facts:

- Developed by **Paninian India Pvt. Ltd.**
- Designed for:
 - Combat drones
 - Cruise missiles
 - UAVs
- Features:
 - **4.5 kN thrust** (scalable up to **12.5 kN**)
 - Digital twin-based health monitoring.

Exam Points:

- Platform: **Svayatt L1**
- Purpose: Indigenous aerospace & defence technology.

NUCLEAR ENERGY MISSION – INDIGENOUS SMRS

Why in News: India announced development of **Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)**.

Key Facts:

- At least **5 indigenous SMRs** by **2033**.
- Developed by **Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)** and **BARC**.
- Includes:
 - **Bharat SMR**
 - **SMR-55**
 - **HTGR** technology.

Exam Points:

- Nuclear capacity target:
 - **22 GW by 2031–32**
 - **100 GW by 2047**
- Initiative: **Nuclear Energy Mission**