

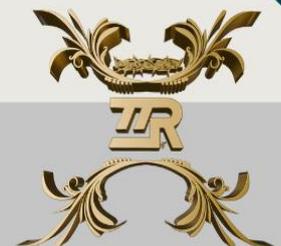
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## Current Affairs Quiz - January 2025 (GK Today)

### 1. Which state won the Senior National Men's Handball Championship 2024 title?

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Punjab
- [D] Rajasthan

**Correct Answer: B [Kerala]**

Notes:

Kerala won their first Senior National Men's Handball Championship title with a 34-31 victory over Chandigarh. Kerala reached the final after a close semi-final win against Services, 23-21. Chandigarh advanced to the final by defeating Indian Railways 32-30. Kerala's Devendar was named 'Best Player of the Championship,' Rahul won 'Best Goalkeeper,' and Sujith was honored as 'Best Left Wing Player.' Services and Indian Railways shared third place in the tournament.

### 2. Tamu Lhosar festival is observed in which country?

- [A] Nepal
- [B] Bhutan
- [C] Myanmar
- [D] Sri Lanka

**Correct Answer: A [Nepal]**

Notes:

The Gurung community celebrates Tamu Lhosar, marking the New Year and bidding farewell to the past year. The festival is observed in Nepal's hilly and mountainous districts, including Lamjung, Gorkha, Tanahun, and others. A special celebration is held at Tundikhel, Kathmandu, where Gurung women wear traditional attire, including Makhamali blouses, Ghalek shawls, Patuki, and sarees. Men dress in cultural outfits like Bhoto, Bhangra, and Kachhad, performing a vibrant dance. Tamu Lhosar is celebrated on the 15th of the Nepali month Push (December-January), with a public holiday announced.

### 3. Which state won the Santosh Trophy national football championship title recently?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Punjab

**Correct Answer: A [West Bengal]**

Notes:

West Bengal won the Santosh Trophy national football championship by defeating Kerala in the final of the 78th edition. The final match was held on 31st December 2024 at GMC Balayogi Stadium, Hyderabad, Telangana. The Santosh Trophy is a premier state-level football tournament for men in India, organized by

the All India Football Federation. The 78th edition's final round was hosted by the Telangana Football Association from 14th to 31st December 2024 in Hyderabad.

**4.Which state government recently launched 15-Day campaign to promote reading culture among students?**

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Maharashtra

**Correct Answer: D [Maharashtra]**

Notes:

Maharashtra launched a 15-day campaign from January 1 to promote reading among students. Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Patil announced the initiative. Students are encouraged to read books beyond their textbooks. Colleges and universities will organize events like group reading, storytelling, book discussions, workshops, and competitions. A government resolution outlines campaign details and mandates its annual observance in January. Committees at various levels will ensure effective implementation statewide. Final winners of activities will be honored at a special event.

**5.The Territorial Army recently established a new task force for rejuvenation and protection of which river?**

- [A] Gomti
- [B] Gandak
- [C] Kosi
- [D] Son

**Correct Answer: A [Gomti]**

Notes:

The Territorial Army has formed a new task force to rejuvenate and protect the Gomti River. Gomti River is a tributary of the Ganga, flowing entirely through Uttar Pradesh. It originates from Gomat Taal (Fulhaar Jheel) in Pilibhit district. The river flows through Lucknow, Barabanki, Sultanpur, Faizabad, and Jaunpur before joining the Ganga. It stretches about 900 km and drains a basin of approximately 18,750 square km. The Gomti is a perennial river, providing continuous water flow throughout the year.

**6.What is the theme of Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025?**

- [A] Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047
- [B] Innovation and Technology for Rural Livelihoods
- [C] Empowering Rural Women for a Bright Future
- [D] Cultural Heritage and Economic Growth

**Correct Answer: A [Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047]**

Notes:

PM Modi inaugurated the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The Mahotsav runs from January 4 to 9, 2025, with the theme "Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047." It focuses on enhancing rural infrastructure, financial inclusion, and sustainable agriculture, with special attention to North-East India. It promotes rural innovation, collaboration, and showcases cultural heritage through performances and exhibitions.

**7.When is the 'World Braille Day' observed every year?**

- [A] January 3

[B] January 4

[C] January 5

[D] January 6

**Correct Answer: B [January 4]**

Notes:

World Braille Day is observed on January 4 to highlight the importance of Braille for blind and partially sighted individuals. The United Nations General Assembly declared January 4 as World Braille Day in 2018 to honor Louis Braille, the creator of the Braille system. Braille is a tactile representation of alphabetic and numerical symbols using six dots, including symbols for music, math, and science. According to the World Health Organization, 2.2 billion people globally have vision impairments, with nearly half being preventable or unaddressed cases.

**8.Which football player was recently awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States?**

[A] Lionel Messi

[B] Cristiano Ronaldo

[C] Kylian Mbappe

[D] Luka Modric

**Correct Answer: A [Lionel Messi]**

Notes:

Lionel Messi was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Joe Biden, the highest civilian honor in the U.S. Messi is the first Argentine and first male soccer player to receive this award. He could not attend the ceremony due to prior commitments, sending a letter expressing gratitude. The award recognizes significant contributions to society, world peace, or public welfare. Messi was honored for being the most decorated soccer player and his philanthropic work through the Leo Messi Foundation and as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.

**9.Which state became the second state after Haryana to launch 'Bima Sakhi Yojana'?**

[A] Goa

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Bihar

[D] Odisha

**Correct Answer: A [Goa]**

Notes:

Goa launched the Bima Sakhi Yojana, becoming the second state after Haryana to implement this scheme under PM Modi's vision. The scheme aims for "insurance for all" and empowers women aged 18–70 years, who have passed Class X. Women receive training to become LIC agents, a stipend of ₹7,000 in the first year, ₹6,000 in the second, and ₹5,000 in the third year, totaling ₹2.16 lakh over three years. Graduates may qualify for LIC development officer roles. The scheme focuses on financial literacy, women's empowerment, and expanding life insurance coverage at the grassroots level.

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**10. Martin Guptill, who recently announced his retirement from international cricket, belongs to which country?**

- [A] New Zealand
- [B] Australia
- [C] South Africa
- [D] England

**Correct Answer: A [New Zealand]**

Notes:

Former New Zealand cricketer Martin Guptill retired from international cricket after a 14-year career (2009–2022). He played 367 matches (198 ODIs, 122 T20Is, 47 Tests) and scored 23 international centuries. Guptill is New Zealand's leading T20I run-scorer (3,531 runs) and third-highest ODI run-scorer (7,346 runs). He scored New Zealand's first ODI double-century (237\*) in the 2015 ICC World Cup and a century on ODI debut in 2009. Known for spectacular fielding, he famously ran out MS Dhoni in the 2019 World Cup semifinal.

**11. Umred-Pauni-Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?**

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Jharkhand

**Correct Answer: C [Maharashtra]**

Notes:

The Bombay High Court took suo moto cognizance of an incident where tourists cornered a tigress and her cubs in Umred-Pauni-Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary. This incident highlighted gaps in wildlife protection and monitoring protocols. The sanctuary is located in Maharashtra's Bhandara and Nagpur districts. It connects to the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve via a vital forest corridor along the Wainganga River. The sanctuary is bordered by the Wainganga River and the Gose Khurd Dam to the northeast.

**12. What is the name of India's first ayurvedic medical device recently approved by CDSCO?**

- [A] Nadi Tarangini
- [B] AyurvedPlus
- [C] Joshi Health Device
- [D] None of the Above

**Correct Answer: A [Nadi Tarangini]**

Notes:

Nadi Tarangini, India's first Ayurvedic medical device, received approval from Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO). It costs ₹55,000 and is manufactured by Atreya Innovations in Pune. The device analyzes 22 Ayurvedic parameters and provides a 10-page report in 10 Indian languages. It has an accuracy of 85% and is used in over 1250 Ayurvedic clinics. Nadi Tarangini received patents in the US, Europe, Indonesia, and India.

**13. e-Shram Portal was launched by which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Labour and Employment
- [B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [C] Ministry of Heavy Industries
- [D] Ministry of MSME

**Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Labour and Employment]**

Notes:

The union Minister of Labour & Employment launched multilingual functionality on the e-Shram portal. The e-Shram portal supports and empowers the unorganized workforce by creating a National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW). The portal now supports 22 languages, upgraded using MEITY's Bhashini project. Previously, the portal was available only in English, Hindi, Kannada, and Marathi.

**14. India's first commercial utility-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) is located at which place?**

- [A] Kilokri, South Delhi
- [B] Amarsar, Jaipur
- [C] Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Pokhran, Jaisalmer

**Correct Answer: A [Kilokri, South Delhi]**

Notes:

India's first commercial utility-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) will go live in March 2025. It is located in Kilokri, a village in south Delhi. The BESS is a 20 MW/40 MWh battery cluster that is part of the BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) Kilokri substation. The system is expected to provide four hours of power every day, two hours each during the day and at night. The BESS project is a collaboration between BRPL, IndiGrid, and the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP). The project is a significant milestone in India's efforts to integrate renewable energy and modernize its power infrastructure.

**15. Which city recently declared a state of emergency due to wildfires in United States?**

- [A] Austin
- [B] Chicago
- [C] Houston
- [D] Los Angeles

**Correct Answer: D [Los Angeles]**

Notes:

Los Angeles declared a state of emergency on January 8, 2025, as wildfires expanded from 10 to over 2,900 acres. Around 100,000 people have been evacuated, with over 1,400 firefighters battling the blazes. NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena was evacuated due to the advancing Eaton Fire. The fires, driven by strong winds, are threatening over 13,000 structures, including areas in Santa Monica, Venice Beach, and Malibu.

**16. Which organization has announced AI-driven partnership with India's AI Mission?**

- [A] Amazon
- [B] Google
- [C] Microsoft
- [D] Meta

**Correct Answer: C [Microsoft]**

Notes:

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella announced a partnership with India's AI Mission to upskill 500,000 people and promote inclusive growth by 2026. An MoU was signed to drive AI innovation, productivity, and inclusivity across India. An AI Center of Excellence, 'AI Catalysts,' will support 100,000 developers and rural AI innovation through hackathons and solutions. 'AI Productivity Labs' at 20 institutes will provide foundational AI

education to 20,000 educators. Citizen-centric AI solutions will address healthcare, education, accessibility, and agriculture. A five-year partnership with RailTel will boost digital and AI transformation in Indian Railways and public sectors.

**17. Manis indoburmanica, which was recently seen in news, belongs to which species?**

- [A] Lizard
- [B] Spider
- [C] Pangolin
- [D] Fish

**Correct Answer: C [Pangolin]**

Notes:

Zoological Survey of India scientists recently discovered a new pangolin species, the Indo-Burmese pangolin (*Manis indoburmanica*), in Arunachal Pradesh. This species is genetically distinct from the Chinese (*Manis pentadactyla*) and Indian (*Manis crassicaudata*) pangolins. Genetic analysis shows an 8% difference from the Chinese pangolin, with divergence around 3.4 million years ago. The species is found in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and possibly Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar, at altitudes between 180-1830 meters. It has dark brown and olive-brown scales with a pinkish face, typical of Asian pangolins.

**18. What is the proposed new name for the Gulf of Mexico by US President Donald Trump?**

- [A] Gulf of America
- [B] Gulf of United States
- [C] Gulf of Texas
- [D] Gulf of California

**Correct Answer: A [Gulf of America]**

Notes:

US President-elect Donald Trump proposed renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America. The proposal has sparked debates about its geopolitical and historical implications. Gulf of Mexico borders the southeastern coast of North America, connecting to the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. The Gulf is the world's largest and is often called the "Mediterranean of the Americas." It formed due to seafloor subsidence and is shallow, with an average depth of 1,615 m. The climate ranges from tropical to subtropical, with severe weather like hurricanes and tornadoes. It holds large petroleum and natural gas deposits in its shallow areas.

**19. Which district of West Bengal is home to Eastern India's first astronomical observatory?**

- [A] Purulia
- [B] Jalpaiguri
- [C] Birbhum
- [D] Bankura

**Correct Answer: A [Purulia]**

Notes:

The first astronomical observatory in Eastern India has been inaugurated in Garpanchkot Hills, Purulia, by the Satyendra Nath Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS). This is the sixth such observatory in India and is named after Satyendra Nath Bose. The observatory, located 600 meters above sea level at approximately 86° E longitude, fills a key gap in astronomical observations. It aims to aid scientific observations, student training, and foster national and international research collaborations. The

observatory is strategically placed to observe transient astronomical phenomena. Satyendra Nath Bose Centre has partnered with Sidhu Kanu Birsa University for its operation.

**20.What is the name of Odisha's health scheme that has been integrated with Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana recently?**

- [A] Mukhyamantri Swasthya Bima Yojana
- [B] Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana
- [C] Rajiv Gandhi Aarogyasri Scheme
- [D] Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana

**Correct Answer: B [Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana]**

Notes:

Odisha became the 34th state to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), converging it with the Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana. The scheme offers ₹5 lakh per family annually, with an extra ₹5 lakh for women, benefiting 1.03 crore families. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in New Delhi, attended by key union and state ministers. AB PM-JAY covers 45% of India's population, with 8.19 crore hospital admissions recorded since inception. Odisha's 4.5 crore beneficiaries will access cashless treatment in over 29,000 hospitals, enhancing healthcare for 86% of the population.

**21.The 23rd Divya Kala Mela was organized in which city from January 9 to 19, 2025?**

- [A] Jaipur, Rajasthan
- [B] Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Vadodara, Gujarat
- [D] Indore, Madhya Pradesh

**Correct Answer: C [Vadodara, Gujarat]**

Notes:

The 23rd Divya Kala Mela was inaugurated at Akota Stadium, Vadodara, Gujarat, by the Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment. The event celebrates the talents and entrepreneurship of Divyangjans (persons with disabilities). The event is organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. It runs from January 9 to 19, 2025. More than 20 states and Union Territories are participating with artisans and entrepreneurs showcasing their work.

**22.Prime Minister Ilza Amado Vaz, who recently announced her resignation, belongs to which country?**

- [A] Cameroon
- [B] Sao Tome and Principe
- [C] Chad
- [D] Democratic Republic of the Congo

**Correct Answer: B [Sao Tome and Principe ]**

Notes:

São Tomé and Príncipe Prime Minister Ilza Amado Vaz resigned after her proposed cabinet list was publicly leaked before informing President Carlos Vila Nova. Amado Vaz, a former justice minister, was appointed prime minister following the dissolution of Patrice Trovoada's government. São Tomé and Príncipe is a small archipelago in the Gulf of Guinea, covering just over 1,000 sq. km.

**23.Which country hosted the 5th ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting (ADGMIN) in January 2025?**

- [A] Indonesia
- [B] Thailand
- [C] Vietnam
- [D] Japan

**Correct Answer: B [Thailand]**

Notes:

The ASEAN Secretary-General, Kao Kim Hourn, leads the ASEAN Secretariat’s delegation to the 5th ASEAN Digital Ministers’ Meeting (ADGMIN) in Bangkok, Thailand. Thailand hosts the meeting as the ADGMIN chair for 2025. The meeting will focus on advancing ASEAN as a digital community and economic bloc, aligning with the ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025.

**24.Sada region, a flat top plateau region, is located in which state?**

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Jharkhand
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Maharashtra

**Correct Answer: D [Maharashtra]**

Notes:

The Sada region in the Konkan area of Maharashtra is experiencing land-use changes, with croplands being converted into orchards and residential areas. It is a flat area formed by centuries of erosion, similar to plateaux found in the Satara district, Maharashtra. The region is rocky and barren most of the year but transforms during the monsoons, harboring unique endemic flora. It has highly weathered lateritic soil that helps recharge groundwater. The region boasts 459 plant species, 31 reptile species, 13 amphibians, 169 birds, and 41 mammals. It also features geoglyphs, believed to be around 10,000 years old.

**25.What is Hydroclimate Whiplash, that was recently highlighted in news?**

- [A] A sudden drop in atmospheric pressure
- [B] A condition where an extremely wet season is followed by an extremely dry season
- [C] A phenomenon of rising sea levels
- [D] A rapid temperature drop over a short period

**Correct Answer: B [A condition where an extremely wet season is followed by an extremely dry season]**

Notes:

Experts link the severity of wildfires in the USA to hydroclimate whiplash, intensified by climate change. Hydroclimate whiplash is a rare condition where a wet season is followed by an extremely dry one. This leads to increased hazards like flash floods, wildfires, landslides, and disease outbreaks. It can harm water quality due to harmful algal blooms and excess organic or mineral content. It also affects food security by reducing plant productivity, causing crop failures, and leading to livestock mortality.

**26.Which ministry has launched the initiatives PRABHAV Factbook and Bharat Startup Grand Challenge?**

- [A] Ministry of Finance

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[B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

[C] Ministry of Science and Technology

[D] Ministry of MSMEs

**Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Commerce and Industry]**

Notes:

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry launched the Bharat Startup Grand Challenge and PRABHAAV Factbook to boost innovation and mentorship in India. The initiatives highlight India's thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem and focus on fostering growth in startups. The government aims to position India as a global leader in technology and entrepreneurship. These efforts reflect India's commitment to empowering entrepreneurs and driving economic growth through a robust startup ecosystem.

**27.The world's first Maha Mrityunjaya Yantra has been installed in which city?**

[A] Varanasi

[B] Ayodhya

[C] Gorakhpur

[D] Prayagraj

**Correct Answer: D [Prayagraj]**

Notes:

The world's first 52-foot Mahamrityunjaya Yantra has been installed at Tapovan Ashram, Jhunsi Havelis, Prayagraj, a sacred Maha Kumbh site. The Yantra is a spiritual marvel believed to connect devotees with the higher consciousness of Lord Shiva. It symbolizes "Victory over Death," helping individuals overcome fears of death, disease, and danger. The Yantra enhances courage, positivity, and spiritual energy among devotees. This monumental installation holds immense significance for spiritual seekers and devotees of Lord Shiva.

**28.Which organization has released the World Employment and Social Outlook Report 2025?**

[A] International Labour Organisation (ILO)

[B] World Health Organization (WHO)

[C] International Organization for Migration (IOM)

[D] International Monetary Fund (IMF)

**Correct Answer: A [International Labour Organisation (ILO) ]**

Notes:

International Labour Organisation (ILO) has released the World Employment and Social Outlook Report for 2025. The report highlights ongoing global labor market struggles due to geopolitical tensions, climate change costs, and unresolved debt issues. The global jobs gap in 2024 was 402 million, including 186 million unemployed, 137 million temporarily unavailable, and 79 million discouraged workers. The global unemployment rate stood at 5%, with youth unemployment at 12.6%. Low-income countries face challenges creating decent jobs, with informal work returning to pre-pandemic levels. Labour force participation declined in low-income nations but increased among older workers and women in high-income countries, though gender gaps persist.

**29.Which ministry has launched the toolkit for 9th edition of Swachh Survekshan (SS), the world's largest urban cleanliness survey?**

[A] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

[B] Ministry of Jal Shakti

[C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs

**Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs]**

Notes:

The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs launched the toolkit for the 9th edition of Swachh Survekshan (SS), the world's largest urban cleanliness survey. A new category, the "Super Swachh League," has been introduced to recognize cities excelling in cleanliness. Cities are now categorized into five groups based on population, with awards for top cities in each group. Assessment will focus on parameters like waste management, sanitation, and cleanliness at tourist spots. The field assessment phase will run from February 15 to March 2025.

**30.Which organisation released the 'Global Risks Report 2025'?**

[A] International Monetary Fund

[B] World Economic Forum

[C] United Nations Development Programme

[D] United Nations Environment Programme

**Correct Answer: B [World Economic Forum]**

Notes:

The World Economic Forum released the Global Risk Report, first published in 2006, categorizing extreme weather as an "environmental risk." The 2024-2025 report is based on the Global Risks Perception Survey (GRPS) and assesses risks over short-term (1-2 years) and long-term (10 years) periods. Short-term risks include misinformation, extreme weather events, and state-based armed conflict. Long-term risks include extreme weather events, biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse, and critical earth system changes. Four key spheres shaping global risks are technological, geostrategic, climatic, and demographic, expected to intensify. The report highlights addressing short-lived climate pollutants like black carbon, methane, and hydrofluorocarbons.

**31.Which country becomes fourth to successfully demonstrated the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX)?**

[A] France

[B] Japan

[C] India

[D] Australia

**Correct Answer: C [India]**

Notes:

India becomes the fourth country to successfully achieve Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX), after the US, Russia, and China. The technology allows two satellites to dock in space, enabling the assembly of larger modules and overcoming rocket payload limits. This technology is crucial for long-duration missions, Mars exploration, lunar sample return, and the planned Bharatiya Antariksh Station for resupply and crewed missions.

**32.Which country won the Kho Kho World Cup 2025 in both the men's and women's categories?**

[A] India

[B] Nepal

[C] South Africa

[D] Indonesia

**Correct Answer: A [India]**

Notes:

The Indian men's and women's teams won the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2025 titles at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi. The men's team defeated Nepal 54-36, while the women's team beat Nepal 78-40 in their respective finals. The tournament, backed by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), featured 20 men's and 19 women's teams. Both finals showcased India's dominance, with strong attacking and defensive performances.

**33.The Solar Mobile Van Training Units has been launched in which city recently?**

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Bhopal

**Correct Answer: A [New Delhi]**

Notes:

Union Minister Jayant Singh Chaudhary launched Solar Mobile Van Training Units in New Delhi to enhance financial and digital literacy in rural areas. Two new solar-powered vans equipped with modern technologies were flagged off to serve rural areas in Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Maharashtra. The vans provide training on financial literacy, digital skills, cyber security, technical knowledge, and generative AI. By FY 2025, the program will expand to 7 more districts, benefiting 58 lakh people, including students, women, youth, and ex-servicemen. The project aims to make rural India self-reliant and empowered through technology and partnerships.

**34.PM-SVANidhi scheme is launched by which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- [C] Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Food Processing Industries

**Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs]**

Notes:

The Commissioner of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) recently distributed Dogri-language PM SVANidhi plates to street vendors in Jammu and Kashmir. PM SVANidhi, launched by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under Atma Nirbhar Bharat, provides micro-credit loans to street vendors. The scheme aims to improve livelihoods by encouraging regular repayments and digital transactions. Street vendors were advised to avoid placing carts on footpaths or roads, use designated vending zones, and follow guidelines for smoother traffic flow and public convenience.

**35.Which state is the host of International Millets Festival 2025?**

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

**Correct Answer: A [Karnataka]**

Notes:

Karnataka is hosting the 6th edition of the international millets festival 2025 in Bengaluru from January

23. More than 300 millet product manufacturers and farmer organizations will showcase their products. A symposium on “Transformation of agrifood systems through agri-ecology” will be held, with experts from 10 countries. The event is in collaboration with GIZ Germany and FiBL Switzerland. Karnataka, a major producer of nutri cereals, grows millets on 18.37 lakh hectares. Ragi, jowar, and bajra are the major millets grown in the state, with minor millets covering 0.31 lakh hectares.

**36.A spotted hyena (Crocuta crocuta) has been documented in which country after 5,000 years recently?**

- [A] Egypt
- [B] Indonesia
- [C] Rwanda
- [D] Malaysia

**Correct Answer: A [Egypt]**

Notes:

Egyptian researchers have discovered a spotted hyena, also known as the laughing hyena, in southern Egypt after 5,000 years. This carnivorous animal, also known as the laughing hyena, is a strong hunter and the largest member of the hyena family. It has excellent night vision and a matriarchal social order. The hyena is found in various open, dry habitats in sub-Saharan Africa. It is classified as Least Concern by the IUCN.

**37.When is the ‘International Customs Day’ observed every year?**

- [A] 25 January
- [B] 26 January
- [C] 27 January
- [D] 28 January

**Correct Answer: B [26 January]**

Notes:

International Customs Day is celebrated on January 26 to honor the role of customs officials in ensuring the smooth flow of goods across borders. It was established by the World Customs Organization (WCO) to commemorate the first session of the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) in 1953. The CCC became the WCO in 1994, now with 179 member countries. The theme for International Customs Day 2025 is “Customs Delivering on its Commitment to Efficiency, Security, and Prosperity.”

**38.Which country has been certified malaria-free by the World Health Organization (WHO) in January 2025?**

- [A] Azerbaijan
- [B] Georgia
- [C] Armenia
- [D] Moldova

**Correct Answer: B [Georgia]**

Notes:

Georgia has been certified malaria-free by the World Health Organization. It is located at the intersection of Eastern Europe and West Asia, in the Transcaucasia region. Malaria is a life-threatening fever caused by Plasmodium parasites spread by infected female Anopheles mosquitoes. It is primarily found in tropical countries and is not contagious. The disease cannot spread from person to person; transmission occurs through mosquito bites.

### 39. The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is implemented by which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Rural Development
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of Urban Development
- [D] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

**Correct Answer: D [Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare]**

Notes:

The Union government has expanded PM Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to cover crop damage by animals, addressing a long-standing farmer demand. The scheme was launched on 18th February 2016. PMFBY is a crop insurance scheme by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. It offers financial protection against crop loss due to natural disasters, pests, and diseases. The scheme provides affordable premiums for farmers and is implemented through insurance companies and banks. Its goals include income stabilization, modern agricultural practices, and crop diversification.

### 40. Asian Waterbird Census 2025 is conducted by which organization?

- [A] Society for Environment and Development (SED)
- [B] Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)
- [C] Aranya Environment Organization
- [D] Greenpeace India

**Correct Answer: B [Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)]**

Notes:

The Asian Waterbird Census 2025 recorded 39,725 birds from 106 species in Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary and nearby wetlands. It is a citizen-science program supporting wetland and waterbird conservation globally. Conducted annually, it is part of the International Waterbird Census (IWC) and began in 1987 in the Indian subcontinent. In India, it is conducted in early January by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII). BNHS is an NGO engaged in biodiversity research and is a BirdLife International partner in India.

### 41. Which state recently received the National Award for 'Best Performing State' for its excellent performance in elections?

- [A] Jharkhand
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Odisha

**Correct Answer: A [Jharkhand]**

Notes:

Jharkhand received the National Award for 'Best Performing State' for excellence in elections. CEO K. Ravi Kumar was honored by President Droupadi Murmu on National Voters' Day in New Delhi. Key innovations during the 2024 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections included an error-free, inclusive voters' list with booth level officials (BLOs) verifying voters multiple times. Special campaigns were launched for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) and accessible polling facilities like electricity, water, ramps, and wheelchairs were ensured. Polling stations were set up in remote villages, and vehicles were arranged for stations over 2 km away. Voting in Maoist-affected areas was peaceful for the first time.

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**42.Which organization recently released the report titled “Learning Interrupted: Global Snapshot of Climate-Related School Disruptions”?**

- [A] United Nations Development Programme (UNEP)
- [B] United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
- [C] World Bank
- [D] International Monetary Fund (IMF)

**Correct Answer: B [United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)]**

Notes:

UNICEF’s report, “Learning Interrupted: Global Snapshot of Climate-Related School Disruptions,” was released on January 24, 2025. In 2024, at least 242 million students globally faced school disruptions due to climate events. The report analyzed disruptions in 85 countries, identifying 119 climate hazards impacting education. Heat waves caused the most disruptions, affecting 171 million students, especially in April, May, June, and July. Tropical cyclones, storms, floods, and droughts also contributed to school closures and delays. South Asia was the most affected region, with 128 million students impacted, followed by East Asia and Latin America. Nearly 1 billion children live in high-risk areas for climate-related disruptions.

**43.What is the theme for 76th Republic Day 2025?**

- [A] Golden India: Heritage and Progress
- [B] Participation of People
- [C] Digital India
- [D] Atmanirbhar Bharat

**Correct Answer: A [Golden India: Heritage and Progress]**

Notes:

The 76th Republic Day of India, celebrated on January 26, 2025, featured the theme “Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas” (Golden India: Heritage and Development). This theme highlighted India’s cultural heritage and progress in various sectors. Fifteen states and Union Territories, including Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Gujarat, showcased elaborate tableaux on Kartavya Path. Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto was the chief guest, marking 76 years of India-Indonesia diplomatic ties. The parade featured Armed Forces contingents and diverse cultural performances reflecting the theme.

**44.Which state has become the first North Eastern state to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Bhashini?**

- [A] Tripura
- [B] Assam
- [C] Nagaland
- [D] Mizoram

**Correct Answer: A [Tripura]**

Notes:

The Government of Tripura signed an MoU with Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) under MeitY to promote regional languages in governance. Bhashini, part of the Digital India initiative, enables real-time translation, speech-to-text, and voice-to-voice communication in 22 Indian languages. Bhashini will integrate with CM Helpline, eVidhan, Kisan Sahayata App, e-Districts, Amar Sarkar, and CCTNS for multilingual governance. Tripura becomes the first northeastern and eastern Indian state, and the eighth overall, to sign an MoU with Bhashini.

**45. "When-listed" platform is an initiative of which institution?**

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- [C] Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- [D] World Bank

**Correct Answer: C [Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)]**

Notes:

SEBI plans to launch a "when-listed" platform for trading shares of companies after their initial public offering (IPO) but before listing on stock exchanges. This aims to reduce grey market activity, which is unregulated and influences IPO listings. Currently, shares are listed T+3 days after an IPO, with allotment on T+1. Between allotment and listing, trading occurs in the grey market, an unofficial, unregulated market where shares are traded based on supply and demand. Investors often check the grey market premium before deciding to invest in an IPO.

**46. Recently, where was the Sci-Fi Science Film Festival organized in India?**

- [A] Panaji
- [B] Hyderabad
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Bengaluru

**Correct Answer: A [Panaji]**

Notes:

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant inaugurated the 10th Sci-Fi Science Film Festival of India in Panaji on 29 January 2025. The 4-day festival runs from 29 January to 1 February 2025 and is organized annually by the Goa government to promote scientific curiosity among students. The festival aims to inspire youth to pursue science and contribute to India's development by 2047. It is organized by Vidnyan Parishad Goa with support from the Goa Science Council and Goa Science & Technology Department. The theme is Green Revolution, honoring Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the father of India's Green Revolution.

**47. Caimanera and Boquerón Ports, which were seen in news, are located in which water body?**

- [A] Black Sea
- [B] Guantánamo Bay
- [C] Red Sea
- [D] Hudson Bay

**Correct Answer: B [Guantánamo Bay]**

Notes:

The US President signed an executive order to prepare a large-scale migrant detention center at Guantánamo Bay. Guantánamo Bay, located in southeastern Cuba, is a sheltered inlet with strategic importance, near the Windward Passage. It is served by the ports of Caimanera and Boquerón. "Gitmo" has housed terrorism suspects since 9/11 and has a Migrant Operations Centre for migrants from Haiti and Cuba. The current facility is small and cannot accommodate the 30,000 detainees expected in the new center.

**48. What is the primary objective of the Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme?**

- [A] Promoting English-language learning
- [B] Encouraging foreign-language education

[C] Establishing new universities

[D] Providing digital textbooks in Indian languages

**Correct Answer: D [Providing digital textbooks in Indian languages]**

Notes:

The Union Budget 2025-26 introduced the Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme to provide digital textbooks in Indian languages. It aims to make learning more accessible for students in schools and universities. The scheme will offer study materials in multiple regional languages to support diverse linguistic backgrounds. It seeks to bridge the gap in educational resources for students across India. This initiative complements the ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian Languages through Translation and Academic Writing) program, which focuses on translating and developing academic content in Indian languages.

**49. Which country becomes the first nation to criminalise artificial intelligence child abuse tools?**

[A] Britain

[B] France

[C] Australia

[D] India

**Correct Answer: A [Britain]**

Notes:

Britain will be the first country to introduce laws against Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools used to generate sexual abuse images of children. Possessing, creating, or distributing these AI tools will be punishable by up to 5 years in prison. It will also be illegal to possess AI paedophile manuals, punishable by up to 3 years. The law will criminalize websites promoting child abuse content with up to 10 years in prison. AI is making it easier for predators to manipulate images and groom children. 500,000 children in the UK face abuse each year, with online abuse increasing.

**50. The term "SWAMIH Investment Fund" that was recently seen in news, is sponsored by which ministry?**

[A] Ministry of Finance

[B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

[C] Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

[D] Ministry of Urban Development

**Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Finance]**

Notes:

Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) Fund 2.0 aims to revive stalled real estate projects by providing financial support. The Union Budget 2025-26 has allocated ₹15,000 crore to complete one lakh housing units. Real estate developers and National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) had long requested the fund's second tranche. SWAMIH Fund I, launched earlier, was created to complete stressed and stalled housing projects. It is sponsored by the Ministry of Finance. It is a Category-II AIF (Alternate Investment Fund) debt fund registered with SEBI.



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## Current Affairs Quiz - February 2025 (GK Today)

**1. Mount Taranaki, which was seen in news, is located in which country?**

- [A] New Zealand
- [B] Australia
- [C] Russia
- [D] Indonesia

Correct Answer: A [New Zealand]

Notes:

Mount Taranaki in New Zealand was granted legal personhood, becoming the second natural feature to receive this status. The mountain's legal identity, Te Kāhui Tupua, includes Taranaki and surrounding land. The recognition acknowledges the historical theft of land from the Māori people after colonization. A newly created entity, with members from Māori tribes and the Conservation Minister, will represent the mountain. This law aims to protect the mountain's health, cultural significance, and traditional practices. New Zealand previously granted personhood to Te Urewera and the Whanganui River.

**2. Zika Virus, that was recently seen in news, is transmitted by which mosquito?**

- [A] Culex mosquito
- [B] Aedes mosquito
- [C] Anopheles mosquito
- [D] Mansonia mosquito

Correct Answer: B [Aedes mosquito]

Notes:

Pune district in Maharashtra is the worst-hit region for Zika virus in India, with 125 out of 151 cases reported in 2024. Maharashtra recorded 140 cases, followed by Karnataka (10) and Gujarat (1). The Zika virus is spread by Aedes mosquitoes, which also transmit dengue and yellow fever. It can cause microcephaly in newborns and Guillain-Barré syndrome in adults. The virus was discovered in the Zika Forest, Uganda (1947), and the first human case was reported in 1952. A major Zika outbreak occurred in Brazil (2015).

**3. The elusive Rusty-Spotted Cat was recently spotted in which state?**

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] West Bengal
- [D] Assam

Correct Answer: C [West Bengal]

Notes:

The elusive rusty-spotted cat was recently spotted in the jungles of West Bengal's Purulia district for the first time. It is the world's smallest and lightest cat, weighing less than 1.5 kilograms. Scientifically known as *Prionailurus rubiginosus*, it features a fawn-grey coat with rusty spots, a short rounded head with white streaks by the eyes, and a moderately long, unmarked rusty tail. Its large eyes aid its nocturnal habits, while short legs and black-soled feet enhance agility. India holds 80% of its population, and it is listed as Near Threatened by the IUCN.

**4.What is the name of application recently launched by Indian railways for providing multiple railway services?**

[A] RailConnect

[B] SwaRail

[C] RailGo

[D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: B [SwaRail]

Notes:

The Ministry of Railways has launched the 'SwaRail' SuperApp, designed to streamline various railway services. The app offers services like reserved and unreserved ticket bookings, as well as platform ticket bookings. A major focus of the app is enhancing user experience with a clean and seamless interface. It has been developed by the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS).

**5.Which company has developed India's first hydrogen-compliant transport pipes?**

[A] Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)

[B] Tata Steel

[C] Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL)

[D] Jindal Steel & Power

Correct Answer: B [Tata Steel]

Notes:

Tata Steel has become the first Indian company to develop hydrogen-compliant pipes for transporting hydrogen. This is a major step in supporting India's clean energy transition and aligns with the National Hydrogen Mission. These pipes meet all critical requirements for safe hydrogen transportation. This innovation strengthens Tata Steel's role in sustainable energy and infrastructure development. It supports the global push for clean energy solutions and reinforces India's commitment to hydrogen as a future energy source.

**6.Which state is home to India's first white tiger breeding centre?**

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Gujarat

[D] Rajasthan

Correct Answer: B [Madhya Pradesh]

Notes:

Central Zoo Authority (CZA) approved India's first white tiger breeding centre in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. The centre will be set up in Govindgarh, near Mukundpur's white tiger safari. The project received in-principle approval in 2011. Rewa is believed to be home to the last wild white tiger. The centre is part of a revised masterplan for Mukundpur's white tiger safari and zoo. The safari is named after Maharaja Martand Singh Judeo, who found a white tiger in 1951 and started a breeding program.

**7.Who won the title of Tata Steel Chess Masters 2025?**

[A] D Gukesh

[B] R Praggnanandhaa

[C] Arjun Erigaisi

[D] Vidit Gujrathi

Correct Answer: B [R Praggnanandhaa]

Notes:

Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa won the Tata Steel Masters title for the first time in his career. The 19-year-old from Chennai defeated world champion D Gukesh in a tiebreaker. Both players tied with 8.5 points after the 13th round. Praggnanandhaa came from behind to win 2-1 in the tiebreaker.

**8.Which city is the host of 38th Surajkund International Crafts Fair 2025?**

- [A] Rohtak
- [B] Faridabad
- [C] Karnal
- [D] Panchkula

Correct Answer: B [Faridabad]

Notes:

The 38th Surajkund International Crafts Fair 2025 held from February 7 to 23 in Surajkund, Faridabad, Haryana. It is organized by the Union Ministries of Tourism, Culture, External Affairs, Textiles, and the Haryana government. The fair showcases India's and other countries' crafts, textiles, culture, and cuisine. The 37th edition in 2024 saw participation from 45+ countries, 592 foreign artists, and 1.3 million visitors. For 2025, BIMSTEC is proposed as the partner organization, enhancing international collaboration.

**9.Which country has developed the High-Energy Laser with Integrated Optical Dazzler and Surveillance (HELIOS) system?**

- [A] France
- [B] Australia
- [C] Russia
- [D] United States

Correct Answer: D [United States]

Notes:

The US Navy successfully tested the High-Energy Laser with Integrated Optical Dazzler and Surveillance (HELIOS) laser weapon on the USS Preble in 2024. HELIOS, developed by Lockheed Martin, can destroy targets (Hard Kill) or disable electronics (Soft Kill). It generates over 60 kilowatts of energy, with upgrades reaching 120 kilowatts. The test zapped an aerial drone, confirming operational capability. Lasers offer a cheaper alternative to missiles, crucial in regions facing drone and missile threats. Challenges include power supply, weather conditions, and system integration. The Navy plans to expand laser weapons, aiming for cost-effective and efficient defense.

**10.The Blue Ghost Lander is part of which NASA's program?**

- [A] Artemis program
- [B] James Webb Space Telescope
- [C] Cyclone Global Navigation Satellite System
- [D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: A [Artemis program]

Notes:

The Blue Ghost Lander is developed by Firefly Aerospace for lunar exploration. It will deliver scientific payloads to the Moon under NASA's Artemis Program. The lander supports NASA's Lunar Surface Operations Program for sustainable human exploration. It marks a significant step in private sector involvement in space missions. The mission aims to advance lunar research and exploration efforts.

**11.Kodava tribe is primarily found in which state?**

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Karnataka

[C] Maharashtra

[D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: B [Karnataka]

Notes:

Thousands of Kodavas participated in the final leg of the “Kodavame Balo Padayatra” in Madikeri, Karnataka, covering 84 km. The march, organized by Akhila Kodava Samaja, aimed to seek constitutional safeguards for Kodava culture and traditions. The Kodava tribe, also called Coorgs, is an indigenous warrior community from Kodagu, Karnataka. They have a distinct ethnic identity, rich history, and vibrant culture. Their population is estimated to be over a hundred thousand, with most residing in Kodagu.

**12.Which city is the host of International Bird Festival 2025?**

[A] Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

[B] Chennai, Tamil Nadu

[C] Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

[D] Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: D [Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

The International Bird Festival will be held from February 16-18 during Maha Kumbh 2025, Prayagraj, to promote environmental conservation. It aims to raise awareness among environmentalists, ornithologists, and devotees about rare bird species. More than 200 species of migratory and local birds, including Indian Skimmer, Flamingo, and Siberian Crane, will be showcased. Birds from 10+ countries like Siberia, Mongolia, and Afghanistan have arrived at the Ganga-Yamuna banks. Experts will hold discussions on bird migration, climate change, and ecological balance. The festival blends Indian culture, spirituality, and scientific awareness, inspiring future environmental conservation efforts.

**13.Which city is the host of World Government Summit 2025?**

[A] Paris, France

[B] Dubai, UAE

[C] New Delhi, India

[D] Beijing, China

Correct Answer: B [Dubai, UAE]

Notes:

The 12th World Government Summit held in Dubai, UAE, on February 10, 2025, and runs until February 13, 2025. It gathers global leaders, experts, and decision-makers to shape the future of governments. The summit’s theme is “Shaping Future Governments.” It is organized by a non-governmental organization founded by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in 2013.

**14.Hindon River, that was recently seen in news, is tributary of which river?**

[A] Indus

[B] Yamuna

[C] Narmada

[D] Godavari

Correct Answer: B [Yamuna]

Notes:

Huge sludge, silt, and puja material have recently contaminated the already polluted Hindon River in Ghaziabad. The Hindon is a tributary of the Yamuna and is monsoon-fed river. It originates in the Siwalik Hills of Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, at 800 meters above sea level. It flows for 400 km through the industrial belt of Western Uttar Pradesh before merging with the Yamuna in Noida. Its main tributaries are the Kali (West) and Krishni Rivers.

**15. Which state government has launched the “Har Khet-Swasth Khet” campaign to improve soil health?**

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Jharkhand
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: A [Haryana]

Notes:

Haryana government launched the ‘Har Khet-Swasth Khet’ campaign to collect soil samples from every acre and provide soil health cards to farmers. Around 70 lakh soil samples have been collected, and 55 lakh have been analyzed, with soil cards distributed. More than 86 lakh soil health cards have been issued so far. Haryana received a gold medal from the Skoch Group for the Soil Health Card Project in 2022.

**16. Ongole cattle are native to which Indian state?**

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: A [Andhra Pradesh]

Notes:

The Ongole breed of cattle, native to Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh, is neglected in India but highly valued abroad. Viatina-19, an Ongole cow, set a world record by selling for \$4.82 million (~₹41 crore) in Brazil, making it the most expensive cow ever. It surpassed Japan’s Wagyu and India’s Brahman breeds in value. They are known for strength, disease resistance, and heat tolerance.

**17. Which state is the host of 17th National River Rafting Championship 2025?**

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] Sikkim
- [C] Himachal Pradesh
- [D] Meghalaya

Correct Answer: C [Himachal Pradesh]

Notes:

Himachal Pradesh will host the 17th National River Rafting Championship from March 20 to 25 at the Piridi Rafting Center, Kullu. The event is being organized by The Indian Rafting Foundation with the Himachal Pradesh Rafting Association, under the World Rafting Federation. A preparatory meeting was held in Bilaspur. Around 18 teams from different states will compete in Rafting Sprint, Slalom, RX, and Down River Race across Men’s, Women’s, and Mixed categories.

**18. Which two countries are involved in the COMPACT Initiative?**

- [A] India & United Kingdom
- [B] India & United States
- [C] India & France
- [D] India & Japan

Correct Answer: B [India & United States]

Notes:

India and the U.S. launched the U.S.-India COMPACT initiative to boost defense, trade, and technology ties. COMPACT stands for Catalyzing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & Technology for the 21st century. It aims to strengthen the U.S.-India Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership. Focus areas include defense collaboration, co-production, and technology exchange. The initiative targets \$500 billion in bilateral trade by 2030 (Mission-500). Key sectors include AI, cybersecurity, semiconductors, and space exploration. This marks a major step in advancing Indo-U.S. cooperation across strategic areas.

**19. When is the 'International Childhood Cancer Day' observed?**

- [A] February 15
- [B] February 16
- [C] February 17
- [D] February 18

Correct Answer: A [February 15]

Notes:

International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) is observed globally on February 15. The theme for ICCD 2025 is "Inspiring Action." The day aims to raise awareness about childhood cancer. It focuses on supporting children with cancer and providing assistance.

**20. What is an "Indirect Prompt Injection" that was recently highlighted in news?**

- [A] A new method to address the problem of illegal drugs
- [B] A new tool introduced by government to check fake currency notes
- [C] A technique that manipulates chatbots into executing malicious commands
- [D] A security patch for AI models

Correct Answer: C [A technique that manipulates chatbots into executing malicious commands]

Notes:

Researchers have warned that AI chatbots are vulnerable to indirect prompt injection attacks. This technique tricks chatbots into executing malicious commands. It exploits large language models (LLMs) by embedding harmful instructions in documents or emails. Attackers can manipulate chatbots to search for sensitive data or alter long-term memory settings. These attacks appear benign but can lead to serious security risks.

**21. Which state government has launched the "Har Khet-Swasth Khet" campaign to improve soil health?**

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Jharkhand
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: A [Haryana]

Notes:

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**22. What is "TOI-6038A b", that was recently seen in news?**

- [A] Critical Mineral
- [B] Black hole
- [C] Exoplanet
- [D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: C [Exoplanet]

Notes:

Scientists at Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad, discovered a new exoplanet, TOI-6038A b, a dense sub-Saturn with 78.5 Earth masses and 6.41 Earth radii. It orbits a bright, metal-rich F-type star every 5.83 days in a circular orbit. TOI-6038A b falls in the "Sub-Saturn" category, aiding planetary formation studies. The discovery was made using the PARAS-2 (PRL Advanced Radial-velocity All-sky Search-2 spectrograph) at PRL's Mount Abu Observatory. TOI-6038A b has high density (1.62 g/cm<sup>3</sup>), likely formed through high-eccentricity tidal migration. It orbits a star in a binary system, raising questions about its formation and migration.

**23. Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?**

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Gujarat

Correct Answer: B [Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

The carcass of a 45-50-year-old male elephant was found in Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary (KWS) near the Indo-Nepal border. Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary (KWS) is a protected area in the Upper Gangetic Plain, Uttar Pradesh. It became part of 'Project Tiger' in 1987 and is a core area of the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve. The sanctuary has a fragile Terai ecosystem with sal and teak forests, grasslands, swamps, and wetlands.

**24. Which country is the host of BRICS summit 2025?**

- [A] Russia
- [B] Brazil
- [C] China
- [D] India

Correct Answer: B [Brazil]

Notes:

Brazil will host the BRICS summit in Rio de Janeiro on July 6-7, 2025. As the 2025 chair, Brazil aims to focus on global governance reform and stronger cooperation among Global South nations. BRICS was founded in 2009 by Brazil, Russia, India, and China, with South Africa joining in 2010. The bloc now has 11 full members: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, UAE, Ethiopia, Iran, and Indonesia.

**25. What is the name of the initiative launched by India and the USA for Underwater Domain Awareness?**

- [A] Indo-Pacific Maritime Partnership (IPMP)
- [B] Blue Ocean Alliance (BOA)
- [C] Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance (ASIA)
- [D] Maritime Security Cooperation Initiative (MSCI)

Correct Answer: C [Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance (ASIA)]

Notes:

India and the USA launched the Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance (ASIA) initiative for Underwater Domain Awareness (UDA) during the Indian Prime Minister's recent visit to the USA. UDA involves using technology and strategies to monitor underwater activities. India is the first country to collaborate with the U.S. on UDA technologies. The initiative strengthens regional security by detecting threats like piracy and terrorism. It also supports economic interests in the blue economy and environmental management, while enhancing India's regional diplomacy and maritime cooperation.

**26. Which government department has initiated the NAKSHA programme for urban land survey?**

- [A] Department for Promotion of Industry
- [B] Department of Finance
- [C] Department of Land Resources
- [D] Department of Health and Family Welfare

Correct Answer: C [Department of Land Resources]

Notes:

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to inaugurate the National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of Urban Habitations (NAKSHA) program in 152 Urban Local Bodies across 26 states and 3 UTs in Raipur, Madhya Pradesh. The program, led by the Department of Land Resources, aims to update land records in urban areas for better documentation and dispute reduction. It will enhance urban planning, improve ease of living, and promote transparency in property records. Survey of India is the technical partner, conducting aerial surveys. The project will cost ₹194 crore, fully funded by the Government of India.

**27.What is the primary objective of the PM-AASHA scheme?**

- [A] To provide free education in tribal areas
- [B] To promote organic farming
- [C] To improve health infrastructure in rural areas
- [D] To ensure remunerative prices for farmers' produce

Correct Answer: D [To ensure remunerative prices for farmers' produce]

Notes:

The Centre has extended the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme until 2025-26 under the 15th Finance Commission cycle. The scheme ensures fair prices for farmers and stabilizes essential commodity prices. Under the Price Support Scheme (PSS), the government procures pulses, oilseeds, and copra at Minimum Support Price (MSP) through Central Nodal Agencies. 100% procurement of Tur (Arhar), Urad, and Masur has been approved for 2024-25 to boost domestic production.

**28.What is the name of the awareness campaign launched by Indian Oil and Bharat Petroleum on fuel conservation?**

- [A] Paryavaran Suraksha Abhiyan
- [B] SAKSHAM
- [C] Green India Drive
- [D] Urja Raksha Mission

Correct Answer: B [SAKSHAM]

Notes:

Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited launched a 14-day awareness campaign called SAKSHAM. The campaign focuses on green energy and fuel conservation. It aims to promote fuel conservation and responsible use of petroleum products for a safer environment and sustainable energy future.

**29.Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?**

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Maharashtra

Correct Answer: A [Kerala]

Notes:

The Periyar Tiger Conservation Foundation has introduced a real-time monitoring and networking system in Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary. Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary is in Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala, covering 53 sq km. It was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1983. The sanctuary includes the catchment area of Peppara Dam, built on the Karamana River. The new system aims to enhance wildlife protection and conservation efforts in the region.

**30.Dulari Kanya Scheme is launched by which state government?**

- [A] Assam
- [B] Sikkim
- [C] Arunachal Pradesh
- [D] Manipur

Correct Answer: C [Arunachal Pradesh]

Notes:

The Arunachal Pradesh government approved the revamp of the Dulari Kanya Scheme. The fixed deposit for institutional births of girl children increased from ₹20,000 to ₹30,000. The scheme is run by the Directorate of Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare. It aims to end gender preference, promote institutional delivery, ensure child immunization, prevent child marriage, and empower girls.

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**32.Which naval vessel is used for Navika Sagar Parikrama II?**

[A] INSV Tarini

[B] INS Vikrant

[C] INS Kaveri

[D] INS Nilgiri

Correct Answer: A [INSV Tarini]

Notes:

INSV Tarini reached Port Stanley on February 18, 2025, completing the third phase of Navika Sagar Parikrama II. The expedition highlights the Indian Navy's commitment to gender empowerment and maritime excellence. It is crewed by two women officers, Lieutenant Commander Dilna K and Lieutenant Commander Roopa A. The voyage, covering over 21,600 nautical miles, started from Goa on October 2, 2024. Route includes Fremantle (Australia), Lyttleton (New Zealand), Port Stanley (Falkland), Cape Town (South Africa), and back to Goa. INSV Tarini, a 56-foot sailing vessel, has previously completed Navika Sagar Parikrama in 2017.

**33.Which state has recorded the highest number of bird species during the Great Backyard Bird Count?**

[A] Gujarat

[B] Assam

[C] West Bengal

[D] Madhya Pradesh

Correct Answer: C [West Bengal]

Notes:

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a major global birding event where birdwatchers count species. Bengal led India in bird species recorded for the third consecutive year. The event took place from February 14 to 17, 2025, with India documenting 1,068 species. Bengal recorded 543 species, showcasing its rich bird diversity. Rare species like the Ibisbill and Common Starling were spotted.

**34.Where was the Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela 2025 organized?**

[A] Jaipur

[B] Bhopal

[C] New Delhi

[D] Patna

Correct Answer: C [New Delhi]

Notes:

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela (PKVM) 2025 in New Delhi on February 22. The theme of the mela is Unnat Krishi – Viksit Bharat. The mela showcases new varieties, technologies, and products developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research -Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-IARI). The event includes technical sessions, farmer-scientist interactions, and exhibitions from agricultural institutions, entrepreneurs, and start-ups.

**35. World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 is an initiative of which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- [D] Ministry of Culture

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Information and Broadcasting]

Notes:

The XR (Extended Reality) Creator Hackathon is hosted by Wavelaps in collaboration with WAVES 2025, an initiative by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. WAVES 2025 aims to be a key platform for ideas, collaboration, and innovation in the media and entertainment industry. The event is designed to help India emerge as a global leader in content creation, technology integration, and creative industry development.

**36. Pagri Sambhal Jatta movement was started by which Indian revolutionary in 1907?**

- [A] Ajit Singh
- [B] Bhagat Singh
- [C] Chandra Shekhar Azad
- [D] Jatindra Nath Das

Correct Answer: A [Ajit Singh]

Notes:

Farmers at Punjab and Haryana borders observed February 23 as Pagri Sambhal Diwas to honor Ajit Singh, uncle of Bhagat Singh. The Pagri Sambhal Jatta movement was launched by Ajit Singh in 1907 to oppose British agricultural laws. The slogan "Pagri Sambhal Jatta" was coined by poet Banke Dayal, symbolizing self-respect and resistance. The movement protested three British laws: Punjab Land Alienation Act (1900), Punjab Land Colonisation Act (1906), and Doab Bari Act (1907). These laws restricted farmers' rights, increased debt, and transferred land ownership to the British. Ajit Singh and Kishan Singh formed the Bharat Mata Society to support farmers, with Lala Lajpat Rai also backing the movement.

**37. Which state government has launched bio-engineering initiative to combat landslides with vetiver grass?**

- [A] Arunachal Pradesh
- [B] Himachal Pradesh
- [C] Sikkim
- [D] Meghalaya

Correct Answer: B [Himachal Pradesh]

Notes:

Himachal Pradesh government has launched a bio-engineering initiative to combat landslides using vetiver grass. The Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) is leading the pilot project. The initiative is in collaboration with Vetiver Foundation-Climate Resilience and Sustainability Initiatives (CRSI), Tamil Nadu. 1,000 vetiver saplings have been planted in a nursery at Berti village, Solan. Vetiver's deep roots (up to 4 meters) bind soil, prevent erosion, and reduce landslide risks by slowing water runoff.

**38. Bhitarkanika National Park is located in which state?**

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] West Bengal

Correct Answer: B [Odisha]

Notes:

Bhitarkanika National Park in Kendrapara, Odisha, is witnessing an early departure of migratory birds this winter. It spans 672 sq. km and is India's second-largest mangrove ecosystem after the Sunderbans. The park

consists of creeks, canals, backwaters, estuaries, and deltas, nourished by Brahmani, Baitarani, Dhamra, and Patasala rivers. Proximity to the Bay of Bengal makes the soil saline, supporting tropical and subtropical species. It is Odisha's second Ramsar site after Chilika Lake.

**39. Which city is the host of SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2025?**

- [A] Noida
- [B] Gurugram
- [C] Jaipur
- [D] Pune

Correct Answer: A [Noida]

Notes:

Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2025 at Noida Haat. The fair runs from February 21 to March 10, showcasing rural arts, crafts, and SHG products. It is organised by the Ministry of Rural Development and National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR). It promotes self-help group (SHG) women as 'lakhpaties'. More than 450 SHG members from 30 states/UTs are participating, with 200 stalls displaying handloom, handicrafts, and natural food products.

**40. Which ministry has released the 2nd edition of the Time Use Survey (TUS) 2024?**

- [A] Ministry of Labour and Employment
- [B] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [C] Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- [D] Ministry of Finance

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation ]

Notes:

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the 2nd edition of the Time Use Survey (TUS) 2024. The National Statistics Office (NSO), MoSPI conducted the first all-India TUS in 2019. The latest survey was conducted from January to December 2024. It analyzes how Indians allocate time to employment, caregiving, and leisure. A key finding is the rise in women's participation in paid jobs, shifting from unpaid domestic work. This trend reflects economic and social changes, impacting India's labor market dynamics.

**41. TRIFED is an organization under which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Culture
- [B] Ministry of Agriculture
- [C] Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Tourism

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Tribal Affairs]

Notes:

TRIFED signed MoUs with Reliance Retail, HCL Foundation, and Torajamelo Indonesia to boost tribal entrepreneurship and economic inclusion. Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) operates under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, to support tribal communities. It was established in August 1987 under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984. The organization promotes the marketing of tribal products to improve socio-economic conditions. Its mandate includes institutionalizing the trade of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and Surplus Agricultural Produce (SAP) collected or cultivated by tribals.

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**43. Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is associated with which organization?**

[A] European Union (EU)

[B] United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP)

[C] World Bank

[D] World Health Organization (WHO)

Correct Answer: A [European Union (EU)]

Notes:

The European Union (EU) acknowledged India's concerns over the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). CBAM is an EU tariff on carbon-intensive imports to prevent carbon leakage. It aims to put a fair price on carbon emissions from imported goods and promote cleaner production globally. CBAM ensures that imported goods pay a carbon price equal to EU domestic production. It applies to all imports, including online orders and gifts. The mechanism helps the EU meet its climate goals by discouraging carbon-intensive production outside the EU.

**44. Which state has received the highest number of grievances on the CPGRAMS portal as of 31st January, 2025?**

[A] Bihar

[B] Rajasthan

[C] Gujarat

[D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: D [Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) released the 30th Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) report for January 2025, analyzing public grievances in States/UTs. A total of 58,586 grievances were resolved in January 2025. Pending grievances stood at 1,88,408 as of 31st January 2025. 56,214 new users registered on the CPGRAMS portal in January 2025, with the most registrations from Uttar Pradesh (8,843). The report details types of grievances and how they were addressed by States/UTs.

**45. Which institute is the host of International Radiobiology Conference 2025?**

[A] Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences (INMAS)

[B] All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

[C] National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)

[D] Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Correct Answer: A [Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences (INMAS)]

Notes:

Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences (INMAS), the Delhi based laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is hosting the International Radio Biology Conference in Delhi from 27th Feb to 1st March 2025. Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser, inaugurated the event. Dr. Samir V. Kamat, DRDO Chairman, was the Guest of Honour. The conference focuses on space radiation risks for astronauts during long missions. Experts from various fields are discussing biomedical countermeasures to protect astronauts. Topics include radiation effects, stress factors, carcinogenesis, muscle & bone loss, and medical countermeasures. The goal is to develop innovative technologies for future deep-space missions.

**46.What is the theme for National Science Day 2025?**

- [A] Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for VIKSIT BHARAT
- [B] Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat
- [C] Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future
- [D] Impact on Education Skills and Work

Correct Answer: A [Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for VIKSIT BHARAT]

Notes:

National Science Day is celebrated on February 28 every year. It marks Sir C.V. Raman’s discovery of the ‘Raman Effect’ in 1928. Raman won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930, becoming the first Indian Nobel laureate in science. The celebration started in 1987 to promote scientific inquiry and innovation. The 2024 theme is “Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for VIKSIT BHARAT.” It highlights youth’s role in making India a global science leader. The day aims to raise awareness, showcase achievements, and inspire future scientists.

**47.Which ministry has launched Aadhaar Good Governance portal to streamline approval process for Aadhaar authentication requests?**

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [D] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Correct Answer: D [Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology]

Notes:

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched the Aadhaar Good Governance portal to simplify Aadhaar authentication approvals. The portal aims to make Aadhaar more user-friendly and improve access to services. The online platform [swik.meity.gov.in](http://swik.meity.gov.in) is now active. It follows the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance Amendment Rules, 2025, notified in January 2025. The amendment enhances transparency and inclusivity in decision-making. Aadhaar is the world’s most trusted digital ID.

**48.Where was India’s first ancient Stitched Ship launched recently?**

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Andhra Pradesh
- [C] Goa
- [D] Odisha

Correct Answer: C [Goa]

Notes:

India launched its first ancient stitched ship at Divar Island, Goa on February 26, 2025. The wooden vessel is modeled after a 5th-century ship depicted in the Ajanta caves. It was designed and built in Goa by Hodi Innovations with Kerala master artisans. Unlike modern ships, its wooden planks are stitched with coconut coir rope, an ancient Indian technique. The hull is treated with sardine oil, natural resins, and seasoned wood for durability. The ship will sail to Oman and Indonesia by the end of 2025, retracing old trade routes.

**49.Auroville cultural township, which was seen in the news, is administered by which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Education
- [B] Ministry of Tourism
- [C] Ministry of Culture
- [D] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Education]

Notes:

Auroville recently celebrated its 57th anniversary with bonfire meditation at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre. It is an experimental international township in Tamil Nadu, near Pondicherry, with residents from over 60

countries. It was founded by Mirra Alfassa ('The Mother') on February 28, 1968, as an international cultural township. It was designed by architect Roger Anger, it is the world's largest and oldest intentional community. Auroville has transformed from barren land into a 3,000-acre green township with biodiversity, schools, and social enterprises. UNESCO endorsed Auroville through resolutions in 1966, 1968, 1970, and 1983. It is administered by the Ministry of Education under the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988.

**50.What is the theme of World Wildlife Day 2025?**

[A] Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration

[B] Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation

[C] Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet

[D] Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet

Correct Answer: C [Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet]

Notes:

March 3 is observed as World Wildlife Day to promote the conservation of flora and fauna. The 2025 theme is 'Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet.' The day highlights the need for financial investment in wildlife conservation amid a crisis threatening over one million species. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2013. The date marks the adoption of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973.



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## Current Affairs Quiz - March 2025 (GK Today)

1. Who won the Chattisgarh Open golf championship title 2025?

**[A] Shaurya Bhattacharya**

[B] Manu Gandas

[C] Om Prakash Chouhan

[D] Aman Raj

Correct Answer: A [Shaurya Bhattacharya ]

Notes:

Shaurya Bhattacharya won the South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) Rs. 1 crore Chhattisgarh Open golf championship at Fairway Golf and Lake Resort, Naya Raipur. He secured victory with a final round of six-under 63, finishing with a 27-under 249. The 22-year-old from Chandigarh had a five-shot lead overnight with earlier scores of 64, 61, and 61. This is his second professional title, following his maiden win in his rookie season last year.

2. Juanga Tribe is primarily found in which state?

[A] Kerala

[B] Tamil Nadu

**[C] Odisha**

[D] Maharashtra

Correct Answer: C [Odisha]

Notes:

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) sought an action taken report from the Keonjhar district magistrate on alleged human rights violations of the Juanga tribe. Juang is one of 13 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) among 62 tribes in Odisha. As per the 2011 census, their population is around 50,000. They are mainly found in Keonjhar and Dhenkanal districts of Odisha. They speak the Juang language, part of the Munda family within Austroasiatic languages. The Juangs are known for their strong clan structure and kinship organizations.



3. Which city is the host of 42nd National Senior Rowing Championship 2025?

[A] Dehradun

**[B] Bhopal**

[C] Pune

[D] Shimla

Correct Answer: B [Bhopal]

Notes:

CM Mohan Yadav inaugurated the 42nd National Senior Rowing Championship in Bhopal's Upper Lake. More than 500 competitors from across India are participating in the event, which runs until March 7, 2025. 14 events are featured, including Para Single Scull categories for men and women. Sports complexes will be developed in every assembly constituency to boost sports infrastructure.

4. Who has become the first Indian woman to cross 16 metre in indoor shot put?

[A] Priyanka Goswami

**[B] Krishna Jayasankar**

[C] Manpreet Kaur

[D] Pooja Singh

Correct Answer: B [Krishna Jayasankar]

Notes:

Krishna Jayasankar, a 22-year-old Indian athlete studying in Texas, set a new Indian indoor shot put record. She achieved a throw of 16.03 metres at the Mountain West Indoor Track and Field Championship in Albuquerque. This broke the previous Indian indoor record of 15.54m, set by Poornarao Rane. Krishna won the bronze medal, securing her spot in the last round. She overtook Colorado State's Makayla Long, who had a 15.98m throw, pushing her to fourth place.

5. According to recent report, which state has recorded the highest number of Gangetic dolphins in the country?

[A] Bihar

[B] West Bengal

[C] Jharkhand

**[D] Uttar Pradesh**

Correct Answer: D [Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

The first-ever estimate of Gangetic dolphins in India recorded 6,327 individuals in the Ganga and its tributaries. Uttar Pradesh had the highest count with 2,397 dolphins, followed by Bihar (2,220), West Bengal (815 & 6235), Jharkhand (162), Rajasthan & Madhya Pradesh (95), and Punjab (3). The Gangetic dolphin is a freshwater species found in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna and Karnaphuli-Sangu river systems. Also known as Blind dolphin, Ganges susu, hihu, it is India's National Aquatic Animal.

6. What is the theme of World Obesity Day 2025?

[A] Every Body Needs Everybody

[B] Everybody Needs to Act

**[C] Changing Systems, Healthier Lives**

[D] Let's Talk About Obesity

Correct Answer: C [Changing Systems, Healthier Lives]

Notes:

World Obesity Day 2025 was observed on March 4 to address the global obesity crisis. It is organized by the World Obesity Federation with global partners. The theme for 2025 is "Changing Systems, Healthier Lives". It aims to raise awareness, improve policies, and promote obesity prevention and treatment. India is projected to have over 440 million obese and overweight people by 2050, second only to China. Obesity among Indian boys may rise to 1.6 crore and among girls to 1.44 crore by 2050.

7. Chief Minister Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA) scheme was launched by which state?

**[A] Uttar Pradesh**

[B] Bihar

[C] Gujarat

[D] Jharkhand

Correct Answer: A [Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

The Uttar Pradesh government distributed ₹100 crore in loans to 2,500 beneficiaries in Gorakhpur and Basti under the CM Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA). 2,100 trainees received toolkits under the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme. MYUVA scheme aims to create 1 lakh young entrepreneurs yearly by offering interest-free loans up to ₹5 lakh. The government allocated ₹1,000 crore for 2024-25.

8. Which institute has developed a sensor to detect toxic metals in water to address heavy metal pollution?

[A] IIT Roorkee

[B] IIT Madras

**[C] IIT Bombay**

[D] IIT Ahmedabad

Correct Answer: C [IIT Bombay]

Notes:

IIT Bombay and Monash University, Australia, have developed a cost-effective sensor to detect toxic metals in water. The project received funding from the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), India. The sensor uses a copper-based metal-organic framework (MOF) called copper-tetra carboxyphenyl porphyrin (Cu-TCPP) for efficient detection. It can detect lead, cadmium, and mercury even in trace amounts. The MOF structure allows metal ion replacement without collapsing, improving detection capability. Tests on tap and lake water confirmed its accuracy. The sensor performs as well as or better than DNA-based sensors, with simpler design and efficiency.

9. Which organization developed the Brahmastra Missile (Long Range Anti-Ship Missile)?

- [A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- [B] Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- [C] Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- [D] Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**

Correct Answer: D [Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)]

Notes:

Indian scientists developed the Brahmastra Missile (Long Range Anti-Ship Missile), a hypersonic glide missile with a speed of 12,144 km/h. It was developed by DRDO. It surpasses missiles like China's DF-17 in range and technology. The missile has a 1,500 km range and can destroy enemy ships within 7-8 minutes. It can be launched from land or sea, offering flexibility.

10. Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana was launched by which state government?

- [A] Maharashtra**
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Kerala

Correct Answer: A [Maharashtra]

Notes:

The Maharashtra government disbursed ₹17,500 crore to 2.38 crore women under the Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana by December 2024. The Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana, launched in 2024, provides financial support to economically disadvantaged women aged 21 to 65. Eligibility includes being a permanent resident of Maharashtra, with a family income of less than ₹2.5 lakh and no income taxpayer in the family. Beneficiaries receive ₹1,500 per month through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

11. Which country is the world's largest producer of Gum Arabic, that was recently highlighted in news?

- [A] Mali
- [B] Peru
- [C] Chile
- [D] Sudan**

Correct Answer: D [Sudan]

Notes:

Gum Arabic, used in products like Coca-Cola and M&M's, is increasingly trafficked from rebel-held regions in Sudan, disrupting supply chains. It is a water-soluble exudate from *Acacia senegal* and *A. seyal* species. It is native to North Africa, also grows in Australia, India, and South America. Major producers include Cameroon, Chad, Mali, Nigeria, and Sudan. Sudan is the world's largest producer of gum arabic, accounting for 70% of the market. Gum Arabic is non-toxic, odourless, and dissolves in water, forming a clear solution. It is used as a stabilizer and emulsifier in food products.

12. What is the theme of International Women's Day 2025?

- [A] Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow
- [B] DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality
- [C] For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment**
- [D] Invest in women: Accelerate progress

Correct Answer: C [For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment]

Notes:

International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March to recognize women's achievements across all boundaries. The theme for 2025: "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment." The theme emphasizes equal rights, power, and opportunities for all women and girls. 2025 marks 30 years of the Beijing Declaration, a key global framework for women's rights. India is shifting from women's development to women-led development, ensuring equal participation.

13. Panchaganga river, that was recently seen in news, is tributary of which river?

[A] Godavari

[B] Yamuna

**[C] Krishna**

[D] Kaveri

Correct Answer: C [Krishna]

Notes:

Maharashtra government appointed a panel to investigate pollution in the Panchaganga River. It is a major tributary of the Krishna River, flowing through Maharashtra. The river originates from Prayag Sangam in the Sahyadri mountains, Kolhapur district. It is formed by the confluence of five rivulets—Kasari, Kumbhi, Tulsi, Bhogawati, and Saraswati. The river flows about 80 km before joining the Krishna River. It holds spiritual significance, with many temples along its banks. Pollution has risen due to untreated sewage from Kolhapur, affecting agriculture and water quality.

14. "Golden Dome" is a missile defence programme of which country?

[A] India

[B] Iran

[C] Japan

**[D] United States**

Correct Answer: D [United States]

Notes:

The United States plans to build a Golden Dome missile defense system. Golden Dome is a missile defense program of the USA. It aims to protect against ballistic, hypersonic, and cruise missiles and other advanced aerial threats. The system is inspired by Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system. Iron Dome is a multi-layered system designed to intercept short-range threats effectively.

15. Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme was implemented by which institutions?

[A] Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Agriculture

**[B] Scheduled Commercial Banks, RRBs, Small Finance Banks, and Cooperatives**

[C] NITI Aayog and Reserve Bank of India

[D] Only Cooperative Banks

Correct Answer: B [Scheduled Commercial Banks, RRBs, Small Finance Banks, and Cooperatives]

Notes:

Bad loans in Kisan Credit Card (KCC) accounts have risen by 42% in scheduled commercial banks, excluding RRBs. KCC was introduced in 1998 to provide farmers easy access to credit for buying seeds, fertilizers, and other inputs. Extended in 2004 to cover investment credit for allied and non-farm activities. In 2018-19, KCC was extended to fisheries and animal husbandry farmers for working capital needs. It was implemented by Scheduled Commercial Banks, RRBs, Small Finance Banks, and Cooperatives.

16. Which institution has released the Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2024?

[A] Ministry of Finance

**[B] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

[C] Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

[D] NITI Aayog

Correct Answer: B [Reserve Bank of India (RBI)]

Notes:

The Financial Stability Report 2024 released by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) highlights rising household debt, increasing from 36.6% of GDP in 2021 to 42.9% in 2024. Although lower than in other emerging economies, the rising debt-to-

GDP ratio signals potential economic risks. A shift from borrowing for assets like homes to borrowing for consumption is seen, especially among lower-income groups. More loans are being taken by prime and super-prime borrowers for asset creation, while sub-prime borrowers use loans for consumption. Lower-income households are increasingly relying on credit cards and personal loans for daily expenses, leading to financial stress.

17. Which space organization recently launched the SPHEREx and the PUNCH space missions?

[A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

[B] European Space Agency (ESA)

**[C] National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

[D] Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Correct Answer: C [National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)]

Notes:

NASA launched the SPHEREx and PUNCH space missions on March 12, 2025 from Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, after multiple delays. SPHEREx successfully separated from Falcon 9 in the second stage and entered a sun-synchronous orbit 650 km above Earth. It will study 450 million galaxies and 100 million stars, creating a 3D map of the sky to understand the history of the universe. PUNCH, a solar mission with four satellites, will study the solar corona, solar winds, and coronal mass ejections to improve space weather predictions.

18. World Consumer Rights Day is observed annually on which day?

[A] March 13

[B] March 14

**[C] March 15**

[D] March 16

Correct Answer: C [March 15]

Notes:

World Consumer Rights Day is observed every year on March 15 to promote and protect consumer rights. It was first observed in 1983 to honor President John F. Kennedy's speech on consumer rights on March 15, 1962. The 2025 theme is 'A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles', focusing on making sustainable choices accessible, affordable, and fair. The campaign calls for stronger consumer protection and empowerment to ensure a just and sustainable future.

19. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

[A] Sikkim

**[B] Assam**

[C] Manipur

[D] Meghalaya

Correct Answer: B [Assam]

Notes:

Tamulidoba Beel, a major wetland in Assam's Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, is drying up, highlighting the need for better habitat management. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, located in eastern Guwahati, Assam, was established in 1998 and spans 48.81 sq km. It consists of the Rajamayong Reserve Forest and Pobitora Reserve Forest. 72% of its area is covered by wet savannah grasses, but water hyacinth poses a threat to waterfowl. It has the highest density of Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros in India, along with leopards, wild boars, and migratory birds. It was declared a reserved forest in 1971 and is part of the Indian Rhino Vision 2020 program.

20. India's first Exploration Licence (EL) auction and AI-powered exploration hackathon were launched in which state?

[A] Jharkhand

**[B] Goa**

[C] Rajasthan

[D] Gujarat

Correct Answer: B [Goa]

Notes:

India's first Exploration Licence (EL) auction and AI-powered exploration hackathon were launched in Goa to boost mineral discovery. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy and Goa CM Pramod Sawant presided over the event, which also

included a roadshow for the fifth tranche of critical mineral block auctions. The AI Hackathon 2025 focused on using AI for mineral targeting and sustainable mining innovation. 13 exploration license blocks were auctioned for minerals like Rare Earth Elements, zinc, diamonds, copper, and Platinum Group Elements. The initiative aims to accelerate mineral exploration, attract private investments, and strengthen India's mineral self-reliance.

21. Which country is the world's largest producer of 'Cassava' that was recently highlighted in news?

[A] Thailand

[B] India

**[C] Nigeria**

[D] Brazil

Correct Answer: C [Nigeria]

Notes:

A study highlights that indigenous farming traditions have preserved cassava's genetic diversity for thousands of years. Cassava, also known as Yuca or Manioc, is a root vegetable grown through stem cuttings. It is a tall semi-woody perennial shrub native to South America, later introduced to Africa and Asia by Portuguese sailors. Nigeria is the world's largest producer of cassava. It is rich in energy and vitamins, offering several health benefits. Under India's National Policy on Biofuels (2018), cassava is recognized as a raw material for ethanol production.

22. Which Indian Naval Ship arrived in Mauritius to participate in the 57th Mauritius National Day celebrations in March 2025?

[A] INS Vikrant

**[B] INS Imphal**

[C] INS Kolkata

[D] INS Chennai

Correct Answer: B [INS Imphal]

Notes:

INS Imphal arrived at Port Louis, Mauritius, to participate in the 57th Mauritius National Day celebrations on March 12, 2025. The visit highlights India's commitment to maritime security and regional cooperation under the 'Neighbourhood First' policy and SAGAR vision. INS Imphal is a Visakhapatnam-class (Project 15B) guided-missile destroyer of the Indian Navy. It is the third indigenous stealth destroyer, commissioned in December 2023. It was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.

23. Which country's architect, Liu Jiakun, has been named the winner of the 2025 Pritzker Architecture Prize?

[A] South Korea

[B] Japan

[C] Vietnam

**[D] China**

Correct Answer: D [China]

Notes:

Chinese architect Liu Jiakun won the 2025 Pritzker Architecture Prize for designs that celebrate everyday life. The Pritzker Prize is the most prestigious award in international architecture. Liu is the 54th laureate and was chosen for his focus on people and communities over his 40-year career. He is the third Chinese architect to win, after IM Pei and Wang Shu. The Pritzker Architecture Prize, often called "architecture's Nobel Prize," is an international award established in 1979 by the Pritzker family through their Hyatt Foundation, recognizing a living architect (or architects) for their significant contributions to humanity and the built environment.

24. Kursk Region, which was seen in news, is located in which country?

[A] China

[B] Israel

[C] India

**[D] Russia**

Correct Answer: D [Russia]

Notes:

Russian troops launched a large-scale offensive to retake parts of the western Kursk region from Ukrainian forces. Kursk is a city and the administrative center of Kursk Oblast, located along Russia's southwestern border. It lies about 450 km (280 miles) south of Moscow, along the upper Seym River. The region is part of the Black Earth territory, known for its highly fertile soil. Kursk has a moderately continental climate, experiencing distinct seasonal variations.

25. Sajjagarh Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

[A] Maharashtra

**[B] Rajasthan**

[C] Gujarat

[D] Kerala

Correct Answer: B [Rajasthan]

Notes:

A wildfire has burned around 50 hectares of Sajjagarh Sanctuary in Udaipur. The sanctuary is located on the outskirts of Udaipur, Rajasthan, in the Aravalli hills. It spans about 5.19 sq. km and surrounds the Sajjagarh Fort, built in 1874 by Maharana Sajjan Singh. Bari Lake, also called Tiger Lake, lies on its western slope and was built by Maharana Raj Singh. The sanctuary has deciduous and semi-evergreen forests with teak, mango, neem, and bamboo. It is home to panthers, hyenas, sloth bears, sambar deer, and four-horned antelopes.

26. SheTARA campaign was launched in which state by Star Health Insurance?

**[A] Tamil Nadu**

[B] Andhra Pradesh

[C] Kerala

[D] Rajasthan

Correct Answer: A [Tamil Nadu]

Notes:

Star Health Insurance launched the SheTARA campaign in Tamil Nadu to promote preventive healthcare for women and encourage them to become insurance agents. More than 40 health camps will provide subsidized screenings for thyroid, haemoglobin, blood sugar, blood pressure, and bone mineral density. A webinar on work-life balance and women's health in the AI era will be conducted by a leading gynaecologist. The flagship event in Anna Nagar, Chennai, will honor women employees' contributions, highlighting Tamil Nadu's leadership in women's workforce participation.

27. Garimella Balakrishna Prasad, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?

[A] Politics

[B] Sports

**[C] Music**

[D] Science and Technology

Correct Answer: C [Music]

Notes:

Garimella Balakrishna Prasad, noted classical singer and former Asthana Vidwan (court musician) of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), passed away at 76 due to a heart attack in Tirupati. Served TTD from 1978 to 2006 and composed music for 1,000+ compositions of saint-poet Tallapaka Annamacharya. His famous works include Vinaro Bhagyamu Vishnukatha, Pidikita Thalambrala Pellikoothuru, and Jagadapu Chanavula Jajara, also featured in the Telugu film Annamayya.

28. Which space organization recently launched the SPHEREx and the PUNCH space missions?

[A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

[B] European Space Agency (ESA)

**[C] National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

[D] Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Correct Answer: C [National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)]

Notes:

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synchronous orbit 650 km above Earth. It will study 450 million galaxies and 100 million stars, creating a 3D map of the sky to understand the history of the universe. PUNCH, a solar mission with four satellites, will study the solar corona, solar winds, and coronal mass ejections to improve space weather predictions.

29. Bhadra River, that was recently seen in news, flows through which state?

[A] Andhra Pradesh

[B] Haryana

**[C] Karnataka**

[D] Rajasthan

Correct Answer: C [Karnataka]

Notes:

Two youths from Rajasthan recently drowned in the Bhadra River. The Bhadra River flows in Karnataka and originates in the Western Ghats. It flows east across the Deccan Plateau and has tributaries like Somavahini, Thadabehalla, and Odirayanahalla. It passes through the Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary. The Bhadra meets the Tunga River at Koodli near Shivamogga, forming the Tungabhadra River. The Tungabhadra joins the Krishna River at Sangamaleshwaram in Andhra Pradesh.

30. Ramadevarabetta Vulture Sanctuary is located in which state?

[A] Gujarat

**[B] Karnataka**

[C] Kerala

[D] Maharashtra

Correct Answer: B [Karnataka]

Notes:

An Indian long-billed vulture was spotted with its chick at Ramadevarabetta, Karnataka, India's only vulture sanctuary. It was established in 2012. The Indian long-billed vulture (*Gyps indicus*) is a medium-sized bird with pale brown feathers and a semi-bald head. It has a long bill and broad wings, making it easily identifiable. It mainly lives on cliffs, hilly crags, and open landscapes in central and southern India.

31. Which state government has launched India's first industry-led digital detox initiative called "Beyond Screens"?

**[A] Karnataka**

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Kerala

[D] Odisha

Correct Answer: A [Karnataka]

Notes:

Karnataka IT Minister Priyank Kharge launched India's first industry-led digital detox initiative, "Beyond Screens", on Tuesday. The initiative promotes responsible gaming and digital consumption in collaboration with the All India Gaming Federation (AIGF) and the Department of Electronics, IT, Biotechnology, and Science and Technology. It aims to combat digital addiction by encouraging balanced technology use. The initiative was announced at GAFX 2025 (Games, Animation and Visual Effects) and includes a dedicated digital detox centre and website.

32. World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on which day?

[A] March 19

**[B] March 20**

[C] March 21

[D] March 22

Correct Answer: B [March 20]

Notes:

World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on March 20 to raise awareness about the declining sparrow population. It was initiated by "Nature Forever" in 2010 and has spread to over 50 countries. In 2012, the house sparrow was declared Delhi's state bird. Sparrows control insect populations, aid in pollination, and enhance biodiversity. Known as

“Goraiya” (Hindi), “Kuruvi” (Tamil), and “Chirya” (Urdu), they hold cultural significance in India. People celebrate by planting greenery, reducing pesticides, and creating nesting spaces to protect sparrows.

33.Which research institute in India has developed the world’s first genetically modified (GM) cotton resistant to Pink Bollworm (PBW)?

[A] CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI)

**[B] CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI)**

[C] IIT Bombay

[D] Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)

Correct Answer: B [CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI)]

Notes:

CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) in Lucknow developed the world’s first genetically modified (GM) cotton fully resistant to Pink Bollworm (PBW). GM cotton was introduced in India in 2002, with Bollgard 1 and Bollgard 2 developed with Monsanto, but they failed to fully protect against PBW. CSIR-NBRI is a leading research institute focused on botanical research and conservation. Pink Bollworm (PBW), also called gulabi sundhi, damages cotton by burrowing into bolls. PBW spreads through air and crop residue, affecting future harvests.

34.What is the primary function of sonic weapons, that were recently mentioned in news?

**[A] To deliver loud, painful sounds over long distances**

[B] To enhance communication between soldiers

[C] To generate electromagnetic pulses

[D] To detect enemy submarines

Correct Answer: A [To deliver loud, painful sounds over long distances]

Notes:

Serbian government is accused of using a banned sonic weapon to disperse protesters in Belgrade. Sonic weapons, also called acoustic weapons, emit loud, painful sounds over long distances. They can use audible or inaudible sound waves to disrupt, disorient, or incapacitate people. Some versions amplify voices for crowd control. It was first developed for military use. The U.S. used them in Iraq in 2004. They work with transducers that convert energy into sound waves. Highly concentrated sound beams can cause discomfort, pain, and disorientation. Authorities control frequency, volume, and duration for targeted impact.

35.Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) operates under which ministry?

[A] Ministry of Labour and Employment

**[B] Ministry of Finance**

[C] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

[D] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Finance]

Notes:

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) issued regulations for the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) under the National Pension System (NPS), 2025. PFRDA is a statutory regulatory body established under the PFRDA Act, 2014. Its objective is to promote old-age income security by regulating pension funds and protecting subscriber interests. PFRDA operates under the Ministry of Finance. It is headquartered in New Delhi with regional offices across India.

36.Challenger 150 is a global deep-sea research initiative endorsed by which organization?

[A] National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

**[B] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

[C] National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

[D] European Space Agency (ESA)

Correct Answer: B [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)]

Notes:

Scientists discovered new species on the seafloor exposed by the A-84 iceberg, which broke off the George VI Ice Shelf on January 13, 2025. An ice shelf is a floating mass of ice, fed by glaciers from land, extending over the sea. Antarctica

and Greenland ice sheets hold two-thirds of Earth's freshwater, with the West Antarctic Ice Sheet being one of the largest. When ice sheets gain mass, sea levels fall, and when they lose mass, sea levels rise. The discovery was part of the Challenger 150, a UNESCO-endorsed global deep-sea research initiative. Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) SuBastian explored the seabed 1,300 meters deep.

37. World Poetry Day is observed on which day every year?

[A] March 20

**[B] March 21**

[C] March 22

[D] March 23

Correct Answer: B [March 21]

Notes:

The 'World Poetry Day' is observed every year on March 21. UNESCO established World Poetry Day in 1999 to promote reading, writing, and appreciation of poetry. The day highlights poetry's role in cultural dialogue and social harmony. The World Poetry Day 2025 theme is "Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion." The theme emphasizes poetry's power to unite diverse communities and promote mutual respect globally. India has a rich literary heritage with diverse cultural and religious influences. Many legendary poets have shaped Indian literature across centuries. Notable poets include Tulsidas, Raskhan, Rabindranath Tagore, Sarojini Naidu, Mirza Ghalib, Kabir, Makhn Lal Chaturvedi, Maithalisharan Gupta, and Subhadra Kumari Chauhan. Their poetry spans Hindi, English, and regional languages, reflecting India's linguistic diversity.

38. Which state government has launched One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme for traders in March 2025?

[A] Uttarakhand

**[B] Haryana**

[C] Bihar

[D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: B [Haryana]

Notes:

Haryana government launched a One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme for small traders. The scheme offers tax relaxation and penalty waivers on outstanding tax dues. For tax disputes under ₹10 lakh, taxpayers will pay 40% of the amount. For disputes between ₹10 lakh and ₹10 crore, they must pay 50%. For disputes above ₹10 crore, full payment is required, but penalties are waived. The scheme takes effect from April 7, 2024. It addresses pending tax payments before GST implementation. The government aims to support small businesses and boost Haryana's tax collection.

39. Dalle Chilli, also known as Dalle Khursani, is primarily cultivated in which region of India?

[A] Western Ghats

**[B] Himalayas**

[C] Chota nagpur plateau

[D] Eastern Ghats

Correct Answer: B [Himalayas]

Notes:

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) exported the first consignment of GI-tagged Dalle Chilly from Sikkim to the Solomon Islands. Dalle Chilli, also known as Dalle Khursani, is primarily cultivated in the Himalayan regions, specifically in Sikkim, the Darjeeling hills. It is known for its intense pungency and bright red color. It is highly nutritious, rich in vitamins A, C, and E, and contains potassium. Its Scoville Heat Units (SHU) range from 100,000 to 350,000, making it one of the hottest chillies.

40. The headquarters of Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) is located in which city?

[A] Paris, France

**[B] Rome, Italy**

[C] Geneva, Switzerland

[D] New York, USA

Correct Answer: B [Rome, Italy]

Notes:

The 20th meeting of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-20) has begun in Rome. Global leaders are discussing strategies to conserve plant and forest genetic resources and will release two major global reports. CGRFA is a permanent intergovernmental body under the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), established in 1983 and expanded in 1995. It aims to promote sustainable biodiversity use, enhance food security, and ensure fair benefit-sharing. The headquarters of CGRFA is in Rome, Italy.

41. Shigmo Festival is mainly celebrated in which state?

**[A] Goa**

[B] Kerala

[C] Odisha

[D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: A [Goa]

Notes:

Goa is celebrating the Shigmo Festival from March 15 to March 29. This two-week cultural event marks the arrival of spring in the Konkan region with colorful parades, folk dances, and cultural performances. Goa Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte highlighted its cultural importance as part of Goa's heritage alongside Carnival. The festival, also called Shigmotsav, is a Hindu celebration coinciding with Phalgun, the month of spring. It is celebrated across 18 constituencies in Goa, honoring both cultural and spiritual traditions.

42. National Conference on National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) was recently held in which city of Uttar Pradesh?

**[A] Gorakhpur**

[B] Varanasi

[C] Meerut

[D] Ayodhya

Correct Answer: A [Gorakhpur]

Notes:

National Conference on National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) was held in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. It was organized by Gorakhpur Municipal Corporation and World Resources Institute (WRI) India. The Chief Minister stressed environmental protection and carbon emission reduction. He highlighted that Net Zero (2070) requires technology and public awareness. Since 2017, 17 lakh halogen street lights have been replaced with LEDs, saving ₹1000 crore and reducing energy use. A banana fibre-based product plant was launched in Lakhimpur, with biodegradable products decomposing in three months. Strategies were discussed to eliminate open waste burning in Gorakhpur by 2027.

43. New Zealand's South Island, which was seen in news, is separated from North Island by which strait?

**[A] Cook Strait**

[B] Torres Strait

[C] Foveaux Strait

[D] Tamaki Strait

Correct Answer: A [Cook Strait]

Notes:

A strong 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck off New Zealand's South Island recently. South Island is the larger and southernmost of New Zealand's two main islands, located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean. It is separated from North Island by Cook Strait and from Stewart Island by Foveaux Strait. The island is mostly mountainous, dominated by the Southern Alps, with Mount Cook (3,754m) as its highest peak.

44. Which state government has launched AI-powered chatbot 'Sarathi' for easy access to government documents?

**[A] Haryana**

[B] Rajasthan

[C] Gujarat

[D] Odisha

Correct Answer: A [Haryana]

Notes:

Haryana government launched AI-powered chatbot 'Sarathi' for easy access to government documents. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini introduced it as part of digital governance efforts. The chatbot provides instant access to over 17,820 official documents spanning 73,622 scanned PDF pages. It retrieves government orders, acts, policies, and circulars using AI-powered search. 'Sarathi' eliminates manual searches, improving efficiency and transparency. Features include 24/7 availability, user-friendly interface, and instant document retrieval. The initiative aligns with India's broader trend of using AI in governance.

45.The Global Astrometric Interferometer for Astrophysics (GAIA) was launched by which space organization?

[A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

**[B] European Space Agency (ESA)**

[C] China National Space Administration (CNSA)

[D] Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Correct Answer: B [European Space Agency (ESA)]

Notes:

The European Space Agency (ESA) shut down the Gaia space observatory on March 27, 2025. It was launched in 2013 by European Space Agency (ESA). Gaia aimed to create the most precise 3D map of the Milky Way. Originally named Global Astrometric Interferometer for Astrophysics (GAIA), later simplified to Gaia. It is positioned at Lagrange Point 2 (L2), 1.5 million km from Earth, for an unobstructed view.

46.B. Sumeeth Reddy, who recently announced his retirement, is associated with which sports?

[A] Boxing

[B] Table Tennis

**[C] Badminton**

[D] Wrestling

Correct Answer: C [Badminton]

Notes:

B Sumeeth Reddy announced his retirement from professional badminton to focus on coaching. He was part of India's silver medal-winning squad at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. In men's doubles, he partnered with Manu Attri, reaching a career-high world ranking of 17. He won gold at the 2016 South Asian Games and qualified for the 2016 Rio Olympics. His achievements include titles at the 2015 Mexico City Grand Prix and 2016 Canada Open. In mixed doubles, he partnered with top Indian players, finishing runner-up at the 2017 Syed Modi International.

47.Scarborough Shoal, which was seen in news, is located in which sea?

[A] East China Sea

[B] Red Sea

**[C] South China Sea**

[D] Black Sea

Correct Answer: C [South China Sea]

Notes:

China recently deployed two long-range H-6 bombers near Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea to assert sovereignty. Scarborough Shoal, also called Scarborough Reef, is a coral atoll in the eastern South China Sea. It is located 220 km west of Luzon, Philippines, and is the largest atoll in the region. The atoll is submerged at high tide, with only a few rocks visible above sea level. It is a rich fishing ground with valuable marine life. The shoal is a disputed territory between China and the Philippines, with both claiming exclusive rights.

48.What is the main objective of the Silvguard drone system?

[A] To prevent lightning strikes

**[B] To enhance real-time wildfire detection and firefighting efficiency**

[C] To predict climate change trends

[D] To study wildlife migration patterns

Correct Answer: B [To enhance real-time wildfire detection and firefighting efficiency]

Notes:

Dryad Networks, a Berlin-based environmental Internet of Things (IoT) startup, introduced the Silvaguard drone for ultra-early wildfire detection. The Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based drone enhances fire detection, location, and monitoring using infrared imaging. It works with Silvanet, a solar-powered gas sensor network, detecting fires at the smoldering stage. Each sensor protects an area equal to a football field and attaches to trees. Once Silvanet detects a fire, Silvaguard flies to the location, captures video and infrared images, and sends real-time data to firefighters.

49. Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Odisha

[C] Karnataka

**[D] Maharashtra**

Correct Answer: D [Maharashtra]

Notes:

Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra introduced tourist-friendly reforms, including fast-track safari entry, relaxed late-night rules, and improved full-day safaris. It is located in Chandrapur district, Maharashtra. It was named after God Tadoba (Taru), worshipped by local tribes, and the Andhari River flowing through it. The reserve covers 625.4 sq. km, including Tadoba National Park (116.55 sq. km) and Andhari Wildlife Sanctuary (508.85 sq. km). It has corridor linkages with Nagzira-Navegaon and Pench Tiger Reserves in Maharashtra.

50. What is the theme for International Yoga Day 2025?

**[A] Yoga for One Earth One Health**

[B] Yoga for Wellness

[C] My Life, My Yoga

[D] Yoga for Public Health

Correct Answer: A [Yoga for One Earth One Health]

Notes:

In his Mann Ki Baat address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the importance of fitness and praised initiatives like the Fit India Carnival and International Yoga Day. The theme for Yoga Day 2025 is "Yoga for One Earth One Health," aiming to promote global health through yoga. The Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), under the Ministry of Ayush, is responsible for organizing activities for International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025. Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) launched a 100-day countdown to IDY2025 during the Yogamahotsav event at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on March 13, 2025.



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## Current Affairs Quiz – April 2025 (GK Today)

1. Where was the Army Commanders' Conference 2025 held?

- [A] Chennai
- [B] Chandigarh
- [C] New Delhi
- [D] Hyderabad

Correct Answer: C [New Delhi]

Notes:

The Army Commanders' Conference is held in New Delhi from April 1-4, 2025. It is a platform for senior Indian Army officials to review security and discuss key operational priorities. The conference aims to make the Army more agile, adaptive, and technologically enabled while improving decision-making, welfare, and quality of life for soldiers and their families.

2. Where were the rare copper plates of Devaraya I of the Sangama Dynasty recently unveiled?

- [A] Bengaluru
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Kolkata

Correct Answer: A [Bengaluru]

Notes:

A rare set of copper plates from the early 15th century, during the reign of Devaraya I of the Sangama Dynasty, was unveiled in Bengaluru. Falcon Coins Gallery collaborated with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to present these historical artifacts. The plates are inscribed in Sanskrit and Kannada using Nāgarī characters and were issued during the coronation of Devaraya I. Unlike the traditional Varaha insignia of the Vijayanagara Empire, the seal on these plates features Vamana. Dated to Saka 1328 (1406 CE), they confirm the coronation date of Devaraya I. The inscriptions detail the genealogy of the Sangama Dynasty, tracing lineage from Chandra, Yadu, and Sangama to rulers like Harihara, Kampa, Bukka, Mārāpa, and Muddapa.

3. Vandana Katariya, who recently announced her retirement, is associated with which sports?

- [A] Hockey
- [B] Badminton
- [C] Wrestling
- [D] Boxing

Correct Answer: A [Hockey]

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Indian women's hockey stalwart Vandana Katariya has announced her retirement from international hockey after a career spanning over 15 years. She played 320 international matches and scored 158 goals, making her the most-capped player in Indian women's hockey history. Vandana made her senior team debut in 2009. She became the first and only Indian woman to score a hat-trick at the Olympics. She received the Arjuna Award in 2021 and the Padma Shri in 2022 for her contributions to Indian hockey. She received the Hockey India Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year in 2021 and 2022.

4. Which state won the 47th National Junior Girls' Handball Championship?

[A] Rajasthan

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Gujarat

[D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: D [Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

Uttar Pradesh won the 47th National Junior Girls' Handball Championship by defeating Himachal Pradesh 19-17 at KD Singh 'Babu' Stadium. UP made a strong comeback after trailing 10-8 at halftime, showing greater intensity and agility in the second half. Himachal Pradesh missed crucial opportunities, while UP goalkeeper Niharika played a key role by stopping multiple attacks. The 47th National Junior Girls' Handball Championship took place in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, from March 26 to 30, 2025.

5. Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) initiative was introduced by which ministry?

[A] Ministry of Science and Technology

[B] Ministry of Culture

[C] Ministry of Education

[D] Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

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Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Education]

Notes:

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has released draft guidelines to integrate Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) into undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) courses. The Ministry of Education (MoE) introduced Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to blend traditional Indian knowledge with modern education. The initiative promotes interdisciplinary research, preservation, and dissemination of IKS for research and societal use. It covers diverse fields like Arts, Literature, Agriculture, Basic Sciences, Engineering, Architecture, Management, and Economics.

6. Which state has topped in the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025?

[A] Odisha

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Jharkhand

[D] Kerala

Correct Answer: A [Odisha]

Notes:

The Fiscal Health Index (FHI) by NITI Aayog assesses the fiscal health of Indian states. It covers 18 major states that contribute significantly to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), public expenditure, revenue, and fiscal stability. Odisha ranks first in the index, followed by Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, and Gujarat. As states handle two-thirds of public spending and one-third of total revenue, their fiscal health is crucial for national economic stability. The index uses data from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) for the financial year 2022-23 to compare and benchmark fiscal performance. It helps policymakers make informed decisions to improve fiscal sustainability and resilience. The index evaluates tax buoyancy, which measures how responsive a state's tax revenue is to its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth. It assesses revenue generation, including own tax and non-tax receipts.

7. Balpakram National Park is located in which state?

[A] Meghalaya

[B] Assam

[C] Tripura

[D] Mizoram

Correct Answer: A [Meghalaya]

Notes:

A rare Binturong was captured on a camera trap by the Wildlife Trust of India's Garo Green Spine project team in Narang Wari Village Reserve Forest, Meghalaya. The forest is in the buffer zone of Balpakram National Park. The Binturong, also known as the bearcat, is the largest civet in India. It is an omnivorous mammal found in dense forests of Southeast Asia. Its range extends from Nepal, India, and Bhutan to Sumatra, Java, and Borneo. Balpakram National Park, located in Meghalaya, is known for its rich biodiversity and scenic landscapes. It is situated in the West Garo Hills district, about 134 km from Shillong. The park is called the "Land of Perpetual Winds" due to strong winds across the plateau.

8. The Chapata chilli (Tomato chilli) from which state has recently received the Geographical Indication tag?

[A] Telangana

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Gujarat

[D] Odisha

Correct Answer: A [Telangana]

Notes:

Warangal Chapata chilli, also called Tomato chilli, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the GI Registry, Government of India, on March 28, 2025. It is named Tomato chilli because of its bright red color and round shape, resembling a tomato. This is the 18th product from Telangana to receive a GI tag. The chilli is less spicy but has a bright red color and strong flavor due to its capsicum oleoresin properties. It has been cultivated for over 100 years, with farmers expecting its price to nearly double from ₹300 per kg to ₹550.

9. Heard and McDonald Islands, which were seen in the news, is located in which ocean?

[A] Pacific Ocean

[B] Atlantic Ocean

[C] Arctic Ocean

[D] Indian Ocean

Correct Answer: D [Indian Ocean]

Notes:

The United States President imposed a 10% tariff on imports from Heard and McDonald Islands, even though these islands have no known exports to the US. Heard and McDonald Islands are remote volcanic islands in the southern Indian Ocean, about 4,100 km from Perth, Australia, and 1,600 km from Antarctica. They are one of Australia's seven external territories and are directly governed by the Australian government. Heard Island has Big Ben volcano with Mawson Peak, the highest mountain in Australia outside mainland and Tasmania. McDonald Island is smaller but has doubled in size due to volcanic eruptions in the 1990s and 2000s. These are the only volcanically active sub-Antarctic islands and are used to study earth's crust, climate change, and glaciers. They are part of a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site since 1997.

10. Kannadippaya, a traditional tribal handicraft, from which Indian state was recently awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Karnataka

[C] Kerala

[D] Maharashtra

Correct Answer: C [Kerala]

Notes:

Kannadippaya, a traditional tribal handicraft from Kerala, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, which protects its unique identity and origin. The name "Kannadippaya" means 'mirror mat' due to its shiny, reflective design.

It is made from the soft inner layers of reed bamboo, giving it excellent thermal qualities—warm in winter and cool in summer. This craft is mainly done by tribal communities like the Oorali, Mannan, Muthuva, Malayan, Kadar, Ulladan, Malayarayan, and Hill Pulaya in Idukki, Thrissur, Ernakulam, and Palakkad districts.

11. River Blindness, that was recently seen in news, is a neglected tropical disease caused by which agent?

[A] Bacteria

[B] Parasite

[C] Virus

[D] Fungus

Correct Answer: B [Parasite]

Notes:

A new study by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has used Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) barcoding to correctly identify blackfly species that spread river blindness. River blindness, also called Onchocerciasis, is caused by the parasitic worm *Onchocerca volvulus* and spreads through the bite of infected blackflies of the genus *Simulium*. These blackflies breed near fast-flowing rivers and streams and mainly affect people in rural and remote areas. The disease causes severe skin itching, skin damage, and in serious cases, permanent blindness. The World Health Organization (WHO) classifies river blindness as a major Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD), especially in sub-Saharan Africa, Yemen, and Latin America.

12. According to the recent report, what is India's global rank in electricity production from wind and solar energy as of 2024?

[A] First

[B] Second

[C] Third

[D] Fourth

Correct Answer: C [Third]

Notes:

India became the third-largest producer of electricity from wind and solar energy in 2024, overtaking Germany, as per Ember's Global Electricity Review. Wind and solar generated 10% of India's electricity in 2024, and 15% globally. Clean energy sources like renewables and nuclear power made up 40.9% of global electricity – the highest since the 1940s. India added 24 gigawatts (GW) of solar in 2024, becoming the third-largest market after China and the US. Solar power contributed 7% of India's electricity, doubling since 2021. India aims for 50% of installed power capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030 under its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). India also targets 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030, but needs 20% more annual funding to meet it, according to Ember.

13. Which country has launched the "Three Gorges Antarctic Eye," a 3.2-metre aperture radio and millimetre-wave telescope?

[A] China

[B] Russia

[C] India

[D] United States

Correct Answer: A [China]

Notes:

China has launched the "Three Gorges Antarctic Eye," a 3.2-metre aperture radio and millimetre-wave telescope at Zhongshan Station in Antarctica. It is designed to study interstellar gas like hydrogen and ammonia and to explore star formation in deep space. The telescope can operate in Antarctica's extreme cold and strong winds, making it a major engineering success. It builds on China's earlier Antarctic Survey Telescopes (AST3) projects. The telescope was developed by China Three Gorges University and Shanghai Normal University to boost China's space science research.

14. President Draupadi Murmu was awarded City Key of Honor in which European city?

[A] Rome, Italy

[B] Lisbon, Portugal

[C] Vienna, Austria

[D] Madrid, Spain

Correct Answer: B [Lisbon, Portugal]

Notes:

President Droupadi Murmu was honoured with the “Key of Honour” and made an honorary citizen of Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, on 7 April 2025. The award was presented by Carlos Moedas, Mayor of Lisbon, at the historic Câmara Municipal de Lisboa. This honour marks deepening ties between India and Portugal and acknowledges her role in promoting global friendship. President Murmu is on a two-nation official visit to Portugal and Slovakia from 7 to 10 April 2025.

15. According to Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI), which state has the highest number of Front Runner Gram Panchayats?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Telangana

[C] Gujarat

[D] West Bengal

Correct Answer: C [Gujarat]

Notes:

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) to measure the development of over 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) in line with Localized Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs). Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) assesses progress across nine themes like poverty-free, healthy, child-friendly, water-sufficient, clean and green, women-friendly, and well-governed Panchayats. Gujarat leads with 346 Front Runner Gram Panchayats, followed by Telangana with 270. Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2022–23 shows 699 GPs as Front Runners, 77,298 as Performers, 1,32,392 as Aspirants, and 5,896 at Beginner level. The Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) uses 435 indicators aligned with the National Indicator Framework (NIF) by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

16. Which country has recently unveiled the world’s first 3D-printed train station?

[A] Japan

[B] Australia

[C] France

[D] India

Correct Answer: A [Japan]

Notes:

Japan’s West Japan Railway Company has built the world’s first 3D-printed train station in Arida city, called Hatsushima station, in less than six hours. The project highlights a breakthrough in fast and sustainable construction using 3D Printing technology. 3D Printing, also known as Additive Manufacturing, creates 3D objects by adding material layer by layer from a digital design. It reduces material waste compared to traditional subtractive methods and allows for more complex structures. This innovation can make future infrastructure projects faster, cheaper, and more environmentally friendly.

17. Which state is the host of National Tribal Youth Festival 2025?

[A] Assam

[B] Manipur

[C] Mizoram

[D] Nagaland

Correct Answer: C [Mizoram]

Notes:

The National Tribal Youth Festival is celebrated in Mizoram at the State Tribal Resource Centre, Kelsih, near Aizawl, starting from April 8. It is a four-day festival held to mark the 150th birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsu Munda. The festival aims to honour tribal heroes and inspire patriotism among the youth and the general public. Top Mizo artists and members of the Mizo Zaimi Insuikhawm (MZI) are performing at the event. Cultural shows by the Mizo Cultural Organisation and other groups showcase a “Mosaic of Cultures.” Artists like Imnainla Jamir from Nagaland and Vawanchawi Vaiphei from Manipur are also part of the celebrations.

18.Which city is home to Uttar Pradesh's first Waste-to-Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) plant?

- [A] Mathura
- [B] Agra
- [C] Meerut
- [D] Prayagraj

Correct Answer: D [Prayagraj]

Notes:

Prayagraj will become the site of Uttar Pradesh's first Waste-to-Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) plant, the second such plant in India after Indore. The plant will generate Bio-CNG using straw, poultry litter, cow dung, and wet waste as raw materials. It will produce 21.5 tonnes of Bio-CNG, 200 tonnes of organic manure, and 30 metric tonnes of briquettes daily. The project follows a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model and will be supported by Adani Gas Limited, which will lay a pipeline to supply the fuel. The plant will use one-third of the city's waste, saving about Rs 5 crore annually on waste disposal. The aim is to improve waste management, promote renewable energy, reduce pollution from stubble burning, and make city gas supply more affordable.

19.Which company has become the India's first unicorn of 2025?

- [A] Juspay
- [B] Razorpay
- [C] Paypal
- [D] BharatPe

Correct Answer: A [Juspay]

Notes:

Juspay, a Bengaluru-based payments infrastructure company, became India's first unicorn of 2025 after raising \$60 million in a Series D funding round. The round was led by Kedaara Capital, with participation from SoftBank and Accel, pushing Juspay's valuation over \$1 billion. The company plans to improve its technology using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and expand into international markets like Asia-Pacific (APAC), Latin America, Europe, United Kingdom (UK), and North America. Despite losing major clients like Razorpay and PhonePe, Juspay remains focused on AI-driven productivity and global growth to sustain its momentum.

20.The GenomeIndia Project was launched by which institution?

- [A] Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- [B] Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
- [C] Ministry of AYUSH
- [D] All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi

Correct Answer: B [Department of Biotechnology (DBT)]

Notes:

Nature Genetics published results from the GenomeIndia Project, which sequenced whole genomes of about 10,000 people from 85 different population groups, including 32 tribal and 53 non-tribal communities across India. The study found 180 million genetic variants, with 130 million on autosomes, which are non-sex chromosomes, and 50 million on sex chromosomes, X and Y. Some of these variants are linked to diseases, some are rare, and many are unique to India or certain communities. The GenomeIndia Project was launched in 2020 by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) to map India's genetic diversity.

21.Which organization released the "Death Sentences and Executions 2024" report?

- [A] United Nations Human Rights Council
- [B] Amnesty International
- [C] Human Rights Watch
- [D] International Criminal Court

Correct Answer: B [Amnesty International]

Notes:

The Amnesty International recently released the "Death Sentences and Executions 2024" Report. Amnesty International's "Death Sentences and Executions 2024" report showed 1,518 recorded executions globally, the highest

in nearly 10 years. This marked a 32% rise from 2023, and the highest total since 2015. Iran, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia were responsible for 91% of known executions. Iran executed at least 972 people, Saudi Arabia at least 345, and Iraq saw a jump from 16 to at least 63. China, North Korea, and Vietnam were not included due to lack of official data. The death penalty was reportedly used to silence protesters, minorities, and even individuals with mental disabilities.

22.Which state government has declared two Harappan sites “Tighrana and Mitathal” as archaeological sites?

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: A [Haryana]

Notes:

Haryana government has declared Tighrana and Mitathal in Bhiwani district as protected monuments and archaeological sites. These sites are over 4,400 years old and are linked to the ancient Sindhu-Saraswati civilisation. This decision was made under the Haryana Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1964. A 10-acre area at Mitathal will now be officially preserved for its historical importance. This move will help protect and study the region’s early civilisation and promote heritage awareness.

23.Which state has been awarded the Future Conservationist Award for the conserving the Malabar Grey Hornbill?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Karnataka

Correct Answer: A [Kerala]

Notes:

Researchers from Kerala received the Future Conservationist Award by the Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) for their work on saving the Malabar Grey Hornbill. The CLP is a global partnership between Fauna & Flora International, BirdLife International, and the Wildlife Conservation Society. The award supports young conservationists with less than five years of experience by offering funding and expert guidance. The Malabar Grey Hornbill is a bird found only in the Western Ghats of India, mostly at elevations above 50 meters from sea level. Its International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) status is Vulnerable, meaning it faces a high risk of extinction.

24.Which city is the host of STREE Summit 2025 on women’s safety and empowerment?

- [A] Hyderabad
- [B] Bhopal
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Bengaluru

Correct Answer: A [Hyderabad]

Notes:

The Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC) hosts the second edition of the STREE (Safety, Training, Respect, Empowerment and Equality) Summit to empower women in safety and security. The summit aims to tackle key safety challenges faced by women and promote a culture of respect, equality, and empowerment. The event includes panel discussions, keynote speeches, and workshops. Experts like lawyers, journalists, and health professionals will share insights to improve women’s safety and support their entrepreneurship.

25.Thangjing Hill, which was seen in news, is located in which state?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Sikkim
- [C] Mizoram
- [D] Manipur

Correct Answer: D [Manipur]

Notes:

A controversy has emerged in Manipur over renaming Thangjing Hill, sacred to the Meitei community, as 'Thangting Camp' by the Kuki National Front – Military Council (KNF-MC). Thangjing Hill, also known as Thangching or Thangting Hill, is a pilgrimage site for Sanamahism followers and is linked to the Ibudhou Thangjing temple. It is located in Churachandpur district of Manipur, within the Churachandpur-Khaopum Protected Forests.

26. Mahadayi River, that was recently seen in news, originates from which wildlife sanctuary?

- [A] Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary
- [B] Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary
- [C] Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary
- [D] Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary

Correct Answer: B [Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary]

Notes:

Farmer leaders, environmentalists, religious heads, advocates are protesting the proposed Bandura Nala water diversion project in the Mahadayi River basin. Mahadayi River, also known as Mandovi or Mhadei, rain-fed river shared by Karnataka and Goa for their water needs. It originates from Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary in the Western Ghats of Karnataka, flows briefly through Maharashtra, and then enters Goa, where it empties into the Arabian Sea at Panaji. Out 111-km total length, about 76 km lies in Goa. Important tributaries include Rogaro, Kushavati, Nanorem, Nanuz, Valvota, and Mapusa. The river hosts the Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary on Chorao Island, the towns of Panaji and Old Goa lie on its left bank.

27. Which country is the host of 8th Meeting of Joint Committee on ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA)?

- [A] India
- [B] Indonesia
- [C] South Korea
- [D] China

Correct Answer: A [India]

Notes:

India recently hosted the 8th Meeting of the Joint Committee on ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) to boost regional trade. AITIGA was signed in 2009 and came into force in 2010, aiming to ease trade between India and ASEAN nations. The agreement ensures National Treatment for goods of each party, as per General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), 1994. India-ASEAN trade reached USD 121 billion in 2023–24, forming 11% of India's global trade. The next meeting will be held in June 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

28. India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC), a trade connectivity project, was launched at which event?

- [A] BRICS Summit 2022, Beijing
- [B] G7 Summit 2021, UK
- [C] G20 Summit 2023, New Delhi
- [D] COP28, Dubai

Correct Answer: B [G7 Summit 2021, UK]

Notes:

India and Italy recently agreed to strengthen strategic cooperation in trade, defence, clean energy, and high technology. The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) is a transport and trade infrastructure project connecting India, the Middle East, and Europe. It was launched through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by India,



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the European Union (EU), France, Germany, Italy, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the United States (US) during the G20 Summit 2023 in New Delhi. IMEEC is part of the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII), introduced at the G7 Summit 2021 in the United Kingdom.

29. A long-lost velvet worm species, *Typhloperipatus williamsoni*, has been rediscovered after 111 years in which Indian state?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Sikkim
- [C] Arunachal Pradesh
- [D] Mizoram

Correct Answer: C [Arunachal Pradesh]

Notes:

A long-lost velvet worm species, *Typhloperipatus williamsoni*, has been rediscovered in Arunachal Pradesh, India, after a 111-year gap. It is a part of the Onychophora phylum, one of the oldest living fossils. The Onychophora group is over 350 million years old, with only two families and fewer than 200 species. These worms evolved alongside dinosaurs and were likely wiped out in the mass extinction event, leaving only those species that survived.

30. KATRIN (Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino) experiment, which was seen in news, is located in which country?

- [A] Germany
- [B] France
- [C] Ireland
- [D] China

Correct Answer: A [Germany]

Notes:

The Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino (KATRIN) experiment in Germany has made a major advance in particle physics as of April 2025. Neutrinos are neutral subatomic particles formed in radioactive decay and nuclear reactions like those in the sun and stars. The KATRIN (Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino) experiment, located in Karlsruhe, Germany, aims to measure the mass of the electron antineutrino, which is produced during beta decay. The latest results from KATRIN have reduced the upper limit of neutrino mass to less than 0.45 electron volts, marking a 50% improvement.

31. Which institute has discovered a host protein that uses tiny tweezer-like machines to kill germs before they harm the body?

- [A] IIT Bombay
- [B] IIT Kanpur
- [C] IIT Delhi
- [D] IIT Ahmedabad

Correct Answer: A [IIT Bombay]

Notes:

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay discovered a host protein that uses tiny tweezer-like machines to kill germs before they harm the body. The study, led by Professor Anirban Banerjee, found that this protein works like a special operation unit to detect and neutralize threats. When bacteria attack, human cells tag them as a "Red Flag" using a protein called "Ubiquitin." Cells then target the flagged bacteria, tearing apart their surface proteins, similar to piranhas attacking prey. This discovery could help fight antibiotic-resistant bacteria, offering hope for more effective treatments against infections.

32. What is the name of India's first satellite that recently marked its 50th year of launch?

- [A] Chandrayaan
- [B] Aryabhata
- [C] INSAT-1A
- [D] Surya

Correct Answer: B [Aryabhata]

Notes:

Aryabhata, launched on April 19, 1975, was India's first indigenously-built satellite, named after the ancient Indian mathematician and astronomer Aryabhata. The satellite was launched with Soviet assistance from Kapustin Yar. Aryabhata made India one of the 11 countries capable of sending satellites into orbit. It was designed for solar physics and X-ray astronomy experiments but faced a power failure after five days. Despite this, Aryabhata transmitted data for several more days and remained in orbit for nearly 17 years. The launch of Aryabhata laid the foundation for India's growing space program, marking 50 years of India's space achievements in 2025.

33.CROP (Comprehensive Remote Sensing Observation on Crop Progress) is a framework developed by which organization?

- [A] Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)
- [B] Ministry of Earth Sciences
- [C] National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)
- [D] Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Correct Answer: C [National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)]

Notes:

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has predicted that wheat production from eight major states will reach 122.724 million tonnes by March 31, 2025. This estimate was made using satellite-based remote sensing technology for better accuracy and timely updates. ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) has developed a system called CROP, which stands for Comprehensive Remote Sensing Observation on Crop Progress. CROP is a semi-automated and scalable system that monitors crop sowing, growth, and harvesting in near real-time. It mainly supports agricultural planning during the Rabi season. This comes as remote sensing in agriculture marks 50 years of global use.

34.Which state government has launched the "Mukhya Sevak Samvad" scheme to directly communicate with beneficiaries of government schemes?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Uttarakhand

Correct Answer: D [Uttarakhand]

Notes:

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama launched the "Mukhya Sevak Samvad" scheme to directly communicate with beneficiaries of government schemes and assess their ground-level implementation. The initiative aims to understand beneficiaries' experiences and evaluate the success of these schemes.

35.Ras Isa Port, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

- [A] Ukraine
- [B] Iran
- [C] Iraq
- [D] Yemen

Correct Answer: D [Yemen]

NoteUnited States (US) air strikes on Yemen's Ras Isa oil port have killed at least 80 people. Ras Isa Port is located on the Ras al-Mashawn Peninsula in Yemen. It lies along the Gulf of Aden, about 35 kilometers west of the city of Al Mahrah. The Marib-Ras Isa oil pipeline is a vital part of Yemen's energy network. This pipeline connects the inland oil fields of Marib to the Rasl Isa Marine Terminal on the Red Sea. The port plays a major role in Yemen's oil exports and overall economic stability.

36.Nepal celebrated its first-ever National Yak Day on which day?

- [A] April 20
- [B] April 21
- [C] April 22
- [D] April 23

Correct Answer: A [April 20]

Notes:

Nepal celebrated its first-ever National Yak Day on April 20, 2025, to recognize the cultural, ecological, and economic importance of yaks in the Himalayan region. The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) called for the yak to be included in the sustainable development agenda, especially in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) region. ICIMOD highlighted the vital role of indigenous communities like the Sherpa, Tamang, Thakali, Rai, and Limbu in preserving yak herding traditions. Yak herding supports food security, cultural identity, and biodiversity conservation in high-altitude areas. The event marked a step toward promoting mountain livelihoods and environmental sustainability.

37. Jwaneng Diamond Mine, which was seen in news, is located in which country?

- [A] Botswana
- [B] Tanzania
- [C] Lesotho
- [D] Namibia

Correct Answer: A [Botswana]

Notes:

The Jwaneng Diamond Mine in Botswana is currently the richest diamond mine in the world, with an estimated value of 1 billion euros. It is famously known as the 'Prince of Mines' and is located near the edge of the Kalahari Desert. The mine lies in an ancient volcanic crater about 170 kilometers southwest of Botswana's capital, Gaborone. It is operated by Debswana, a joint venture between De Beers, a leading global diamond company, and the Government of Botswana. Jwaneng means "a place of gems" in the Setswana language. The mine sits on a kimberlite pipe, a volcanic formation that brings diamonds from deep inside the Earth to the surface. The site was discovered by De Beers in the 1970s and has been in operation since 1982. The recent highlight of its value and global importance makes it a key player in the international diamond industry.

38. The Bamiyan Buddhas were monumental statues of standing Buddhas located in which country?

- [A] Afghanistan
- [B] Nepal
- [C] Bhutan
- [D] Myanmar

Correct Answer: A [Afghanistan]

Notes:

The Bamiyan Buddhas were two massive statues carved in the 6th century CE into sandstone cliffs of the Bamiyan Valley in central Afghanistan. They stood at 174 feet and 115 feet tall and were named Salsal, meaning "light shines through the universe," and Shamama, meaning "Queen Mother." These statues belonged to the Gandhara School of Buddhist Art, known for mixing Indian, Persian, and Greco-Roman art styles. They symbolized a blend of Gupta, Sassanian, and Hellenistic influences and represented the cultural exchange along the Silk Road. The statues marked the spread of Buddhism across Central and South Asia from the 1st to 13th centuries. In recent context, the Taliban—who destroyed the statues in 2001—are reportedly showing a shift in their attitude toward heritage preservation, suggesting possible support for restoring historical sites.

39. Which medical institution became the first in Chhattisgarh to successfully perform a Swap Kidney Transplant?

- [A] All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur
- [B] Raipur Institute of Medical Sciences
- [C] Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College, Raipur
- [D] Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences, Bilaspur



Correct Answer: A [All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur]

Notes:

AIIMS Raipur has successfully performed its first Swap Kidney Transplant, also known as a Kidney Paired Transplant. With this, it became the first among the newer All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and the first government hospital in Chhattisgarh to perform this complex surgery. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare highlighted it as a major step in advanced healthcare. This procedure helps patients with end-stage kidney disease by increasing transplant options through donor pairing. Swap Kidney Transplant is estimated to boost the number of kidney transplants by 15 percent. The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) has recommended all states and Union Territories adopt this method to improve donor availability.

40.Which country is the host of Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025?

[A] France

[B] Germany

[C] Australia

[D] India

Correct Answer: C [Australia]

Notes:

Australia will host Exercise Talisman Sabre from 13 July to 4 August 2025, the largest edition to date. Talisman Sabre is the largest bilateral combined training activity between the Australian Defence Force and the United States military. Partner nations include Canada, Fiji, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, and the United Kingdom. Brunei, Malaysia, and Vietnam will attend as observers. The 2025 edition will focus on multi-domain warfighting, with key activities in land, air, sea, space, and cyber domains.

41.Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India in April 2025?

[A] Dinesh Maheshwari

[B] Mukundakam Sharma

[C] Jatindra Prasad Das

[D] Hrishikesh Roy

Correct Answer: A [Dinesh Maheshwari]

Notes:

The Central Government has appointed former Supreme Court (SC) judge, Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, as chairman of the 23rd Law Commission. The commission was notified on September 2 last year and will function for three years till August 2027. Its role includes submitting a report on Uniform Civil Code (UCC), studying laws affecting the poor, and identifying laws that hinder India's economic growth. The 23rd Law Commission will have one chairman, four full-time members including a member secretary, two secretaries from the Law Ministry, and up to five part-time members. Justice Maheshwari retired from the Supreme Court in May 2023. The previous 22nd Law Commission was headed by Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, who left early after being appointed as a member of the Lokpal. During his term, the panel used Artificial Intelligence (AI) to analyse over 80 lakh public petitions regarding the Uniform Civil Code.

42.Which state government has launched the Pink E Rickshaw Scheme to empower women in April 2025?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Gujarat

[C] Jharkhand

[D] Rajasthan

Correct Answer: A [Maharashtra]

Notes:

The Maharashtra government has launched the Pink E Rickshaw Scheme to empower women and make them financially independent. It was officially launched by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on April 21, 2025, in Pune, where electric three-wheelers were distributed to selected women. The scheme is administered by the Women and Child Development Department of Maharashtra. Kinetic Green Energy and Power Solutions Limited is the official partner and will supply the electric three-wheelers. A total of 10,000 e-rickshaws will be given in eight districts, including Pune,

Nashik, Nagpur, Ahmednagar, Solapur, Kolhapur, Amravati, and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar. Women aged between 20 and 50 years who are widows, divorcees, or from economically weaker sections will get preference under this scheme.

43. SpaDeX (Space Docking Experiment) is a technology demonstration mission developed by which organization?

- [A] CNSA (China National Space Administration)
- [B] JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency)
- [C] ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)
- [D] NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)

Correct Answer: C [ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)]

Notes:

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully completed the second docking of its two satellites, SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target), under the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) mission. SpaDeX is a technology demonstration mission by ISRO to validate the ability to dock and undock small satellites in low-Earth orbit. The mission used two satellites, each weighing around 220 kg, launched by the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C60 into a 460 km circular orbit. The primary objective of SpaDeX was to develop and demonstrate the capability for spacecraft rendezvous, docking, and undocking. Secondary objectives include testing electric power transfer between docked spacecraft, developing spacecraft control systems, and testing payload operations after undocking for deep-space missions.

44. What is the main objective of the BharatNet project?

- [A] To provide high-speed internet to urban areas
- [B] To provide affordable high-speed internet to every Gram Panchayat
- [C] To improve telecommunications in metro cities
- [D] To establish global satellite communication

Correct Answer: B [To provide affordable high-speed internet to every Gram Panchayat ]

Notes:

As of March 2025, over 2.18 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) in India have become service-ready under the BharatNet project. BharatNet was launched by the Government of India in October 2011 under the Ministry of Communications. The project aims to provide affordable, high-speed internet access to every Gram Panchayat across the country. BharatNet is the world's largest rural broadband connectivity initiative. The initiative is crucial for bridging the digital divide and enhancing access to online services in rural areas.

45. Where was the International Conference on Buddha Dharma and Culture of Northeast India held?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Tripura
- [D] Arunachal Pradesh

Correct Answer: D [Arunachal Pradesh]

Notes:

The International Conference on "Buddha Dharma and Culture of Northeast India" was held in Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh. It was organised by the International Buddhist Confederation in partnership with Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala, under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India (GoI). The event saw participation from Buddhist monks and scholars from India, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka. Discussions focused on the art, culture, and influence of Buddha Dharma in Northeast India and its ties with neighbouring countries. The aim was to let global scholars explore and appreciate the Buddhist heritage of the region.

46. Which institute has developed the new optical sensing platform for detecting cholesterol?

- [A] Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- [B] Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati
- [C] All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi
- [D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: B [Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati]

Notes:

Researchers at the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati, have developed a new optical sensing platform for detecting cholesterol. This platform can detect cholesterol even in trace amounts, below the normal preferred range, making it useful for early disease detection. It is designed to help in regular and efficient monitoring of cholesterol levels in the human body. Cholesterol is an essential lipid produced by the liver and is vital for the functioning of animal tissues, blood, and nerve cells. In mammals, it is transported through the bloodstream to perform various biological functions.

47. A new carnivorous caterpillar, called the Bone Collector, was recently discovered at which place?

- [A] Hawaiian island
- [B] Madagascar
- [C] Mauritius
- [D] Indonesia

Correct Answer: A [Hawaiian island]

Notes:

A new carnivorous caterpillar, nicknamed the "Bone Collector," was recently discovered on the Hawaiian island of Oahu due to its unusual behavior. The "Bone Collector" caterpillar is carnivorous and constructs a protective case using body parts of its prey, like ant heads and fly wings, combined with silk. It is found in a small, isolated mountain forest on Oahu, a habitat threatened by invasive species. The caterpillar's evolutionary lineage is believed to be at least six million years old, predating the formation of the Hawaiian islands. It feeds on insects caught in spider webs and decorates its silk case with the body parts of its prey.

48. National Supercomputing Mission is jointly implemented by which two institutions?

- [A] Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
- [B] Indian Institute of Technology Delhi and NITI Aayog
- [C] Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Pune and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- [D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: C [Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Pune and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru]

Notes:

The National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) is a major initiative launched in 2015 by the Government of India to boost High-Performance Computing (HPC) power in the country. It focuses on building supercomputers in India to support research, science, industry, and education using local technology. NSM is jointly led by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). It is implemented by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. The mission aims to reduce dependence on foreign technology and place India among the world's top supercomputing nations

49. Mackinac Island, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

- [A] Indonesia
- [B] United Kingdom
- [C] India
- [D] United States

Correct Answer: D [United States]

Notes:

Mackinac Island is a small island city in northern Michigan, United States. It is located where Lake Huron meets Lake Michigan, two of the Great Lakes of North America. The island covers about 4.35 square miles and is known for its natural beauty and peaceful environment. It is surrounded by limestone cliffs and rises up to 339 feet in the eastern part. A unique feature is that motor vehicles are banned, making horses the main mode of transport. Recently, the island gained attention again as a rare car-free haven in America's car manufacturing state.

50. Which state has emerged as the top performing state in the CareEdge State Ranking Report 2025?

- [A] Karnataka

[B] Odisha

[C] Bihar

[D] Maharashtra

Correct Answer: D [Maharashtra]

Notes:

Maharashtra has topped the CareEdge State Ranking Report 2025, released by CARE Ratings Ltd (CareEdge Ratings). This is the second edition of the CareEdge State Rankings. The rankings evaluate state performance across seven key pillars: economic performance, fiscal management, infrastructure development, financial sector growth, social development, governance quality, and environmental sustainability. The evaluation uses 50 measurable indicators. The primary aim is to provide a data-driven assessment of state performance. The rankings help identify strengths, gaps, and opportunities for policy improvement. This report offers valuable insights for improving state governance and development strategies.



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## Current Affairs Quiz – May 2025 (GK Today)

1. Which is the nodal ministry for the National Medical Register (NMR), a centralized digital database?

- [A] Ministry of Education
- [B] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [C] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**
- [D] Ministry of Social Justice

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Health and Family Welfare]

Notes:

Less than 1% of doctors in India have registered with the National Medical Register (NMR) eight months after its launch. National Medical Register (NMR) is a centralized digital database that includes all licensed allopathic (MBBS) doctors in India. It was launched in August 2024 under Section 31 of the National Medical Commission (NMC) Act, 2019. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, is the nodal ministry for the NMR. The NMR aims to create a comprehensive registry of all allopathic doctors in India, ensuring transparency and accountability in the medical field. It also enhances public trust, helps in credential verification, and aids in policy planning for healthcare.

2. Which country is the host of United Nations Day of Vesak 2025?

- [A] Japan
- [B] Indonesia
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Vietnam**

Correct Answer: D [Vietnam]

Notes:

Vietnam hosts the United Nations (UN) Day of Vesak in 2025 from May 6 to 8 in Ho Chi Minh City. The United Nations Day of Vesak marks the birth, enlightenment, and passing away of Lord Buddha. In a historic first, the sacred Buddha Relic from Sarnath, India, will be sent to Vietnam for special exposition. The event is being organized by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, along with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC).

3. Vizhinjam International Seaport, that was recently seen in news, is located in which state?

- [A] Kerala**
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Karnataka

Correct Answer: A [Kerala]

Notes:

The Prime Minister of India will officially inaugurate the Vizhinjam International Seaport in Kerala, marking a major milestone in global maritime connectivity for the state. Vizhinjam Port is located in Vizhinjam, a coastal town in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala. It is India's first dedicated transshipment port and also the country's first semi-automated port. The port is built at a cost of about ₹8,900 crore under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model and is operated by the Adani Group, while the Kerala government holds the majority stake. It has the deepest breakwater in India, nearly three kilometres long, with a natural draft of about 20 metres. The port features India's first home-built, Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered Vessel Traffic Management System, developed with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras.

4. As per International Monetary Fund's (IMF) report, which country has the highest debt-to-GDP ratio in 2025?

- [A] Sudan**

- [B] Greece
- [C] Japan
- [D] Singapore

Correct Answer: A [Sudan]

Notes:

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently projected that global public debt may surpass the COVID-19 pandemic level of 98.9% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) recorded in 2020. Sudan now has the highest debt-to-GDP ratio in the world at 252%, due to long-term conflict and economic struggles. Among developed countries, Japan ranks second with a debt-to-GDP ratio of 234.9%, mainly due to fiscal deficits and an ageing population. The United States ranks eighth with a ratio of 123%, while France and Canada follow with 116.3% and slightly lower respectively. China ranks 21st globally with a public debt ratio of 96%, which is lower than many advanced economies. India stands at 31st with a debt-to-GDP ratio of 80%, and the central government aims to reduce it to 50±1% by March 31, 2031.

5. Which state is home to India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) Data Center Park?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Chhattisgarh**

Correct Answer: D [Chhattisgarh]

Notes:

In a major step toward digital transformation, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister laid the foundation for India's first Artificial Intelligence-based Data Center Park Raipur. The facility will start with a five megawatt capacity and aims to grow to 150 megawatts. A 2.7-hectare area is being developed as a Special Economic (SEZ) focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) services. The project will see an investment of Rs 2,000 crore as it expands. The center will support green, energy-efficient technologies for sustainable operations. It will serve sectors like AI, Financial Technology (FinTech), Health Technology (HealthTech), defense, and data analytics. Infrastructure will use Graphics Processing Unit (GPU)-based systems for real-time data processing, streaming, analytics.

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6. Lawrence Wong has been elected as prime minister of which country?

- [A] Vietnam
- [B] Indonesia
- [C] Malaysia
- [D] Singapore**

Correct Answer: D [Singapore]

Notes:

Lawrence Wong has been elected as Prime Minister of Singapore. He is from the People's Action Party (PAP), which has ruled Singapore since independence. Wong is an economist and served as the Finance Minister since 2021 before becoming Prime Minister. In the 2025 general elections, under his leadership, PAP won 87 out of 97 parliamentary seats. This included 82 seats through voting and 5 uncontested. The PAP's popular vote increased to 65.6 percent, showing strong public support.

7. Safa Masjid, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- [A] Goa**

- [B] Maharashtra
  - [C] Uttar Pradesh
  - [D] Madhya Pradesh
- Correct Answer: A [Goa]

Notes:

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has decided to begin repair work on the damaged mihrab structure around the old water tank at Safa Masjid in Ponda, Goa. Safa Masjid, also called Safa Shahouri Masjid, is a historic mosque built in 1560 by Sultan Adil Shah of Bijapur. It is one of the few Islamic monuments in Goa that survived the Portuguese colonial period, during which many religious sites were destroyed. The mosque is known for its architectural and cultural value and is declared a national monument under the protection of ASI. The recent decision by ASI follows months of delay and brings hope for the preservation of this heritage site.

8. World Asthma Day 2025 is observed on which day?

- [A] May 3
- [B] May 4
- [C] May 5
- [D] May 6**

Correct Answer: D [May 6]

Notes:

World Asthma Day 2025 is observed on 6th May, which is the first Tuesday of May. It is a global event organized every year by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) to raise awareness about asthma. The day focuses on educating people about asthma, its triggers, and how it affects daily life. It began in 1998 during the first World Asthma Meeting in Barcelona, Spain. The theme for World Asthma Day 2025 is "Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for ALL". This theme highlights the urgent need for everyone with asthma to access inhaled medicines for better control. Asthma is a chronic disease where the lung airways become narrow, swollen, and produce extra mucus.

9. Alcatraz Island, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

- [A] United States**
- [B] France
- [C] Australia
- [D] China

Correct Answer: A [United States]

Notes:

Recently, the US President instructed his administration to rebuild and expand Alcatraz, the notorious prison that has been closed for over 60 years on an isolated island off California's coast. Alcatraz Island, also known as "The Rock," is a rocky landmass in San Francisco Bay, United States. In 1849, the island was sold to the U.S. government and became home to the first California lighthouse in 1854. By 1859, the first permanent army troops were stationed there, and in 1861, it became a military prison. In 1934, Alcatraz became a federal prison, housing some of the most dangerous criminals. The prison had the capacity to hold over 330 prisoners, but typically housed around 260 at a time. Known as the most inescapable prison in the United States, it operated as a maximum-security facility until 1963.

10. Where was Northeast India's first geothermal production well drilled?

- [A] Arunachal Pradesh**
- [B] Assam
- [C] Mizoram
- [D] Tripura

Correct Answer: A [Arunachal Pradesh]

Notes:

The Centre for Earth Sciences and Himalayan Studies (CESHS) has recently drilled Northeast India's first geothermal production well at Dirang in West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh. This marks a major step towards using clean and renewable energy sources in the Himalayan region. Geothermal energy is the heat from within the Earth, used to produce electricity or direct heating. CESHS achieved this breakthrough after two years of detailed geochemical and structural surveys in hot spring sites of western Arunachal Pradesh. CESHS geosciences division head Rupankar

Rajkhowa confirmed the success of the drilling project. This initiative can reduce dependency on fossil fuels and support green development in remote regions.

11.Which state government has launched the Pandit Lakhmi Chand Kalakar Samajik Samman Scheme?

**[A] Haryana**

[B] Uttar Pradesh

[C] Bihar

[D] Odisha

Correct Answer: A [Haryana]

Notes:

Haryana Government has launched a new scheme called Pandit Lakhmi Chand Kalakar Samajik Samman Yojana. It aims to support senior artists and art scholars who have contributed to art but are now inactive due to old age. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini approved this decision in a recent State Cabinet meeting. Eligible artists will receive ₹10,000 per month if their annual income is up to ₹1.80 lakh, and ₹7,000 if income is between ₹1.80 lakh and ₹3 lakh. Artists must be 60 years or older, with proof from Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP). Contributions in fields like singing, acting, painting, and dance for at least 20 years are required. Applications must include documents and press clippings and must be submitted online. A special committee will assess applications based on financial need and artistic merit.

12.Which state government has launched 'Jyothi' scheme to bring migrant children into schools?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

**[B] Kerala**

[C] Maharashtra

[D] Odisha

Correct Answer: B [Kerala]

Notes:

The Kerala government has launched a new initiative called 'Jyothi' to support the education of children of migrant workers. This scheme was started to address the problem of educational marginalisation faced by migrant children due to frequent relocation and lack of access to schools. Kerala has over 35 lakh migrant workers who play a key role in its economy, and many of them stay with their families. Through 'Jyothi', the state aims to extend its strong tradition of free and universal education to all, including children of migrants. This initiative was recently launched as a step toward inclusive development.

13.Who represented India at the 80th Victory Day celebration in Moscow, Russia?

**[A] Sanjay Seth**

[B] Rajnath Singh

[C] Narendra Modi

[D] S Jaishankar

Correct Answer: A [Sanjay Seth ]

Notes:

Sanjay Seth, Minister of State, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, represented India at the 80th Victory Day celebration in Moscow, Russia, on 9 May 2025. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was initially scheduled to attend but could not due to the Pahalgam terror incident and sent Sanjay Seth instead. During his visit, Sanjay Seth met Russian President Vladimir Putin and Deputy Defence Minister Colonel General Alexander Fomin. They discussed military and military-technical cooperation and agreed to strengthen ties through existing institutional frameworks. His visit reaffirmed the strong strategic partnership between India and Russia. Victory Day is celebrated every year on 9 May in Moscow's Red Square to mark the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi Germany in World War II.

14.The Gomti River flows entirely through which state?

**[A] Uttar Pradesh**

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Maharashtra

[D] Bihar

Correct Answer: A [Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

As Lucknow develops rapidly, experts and citizens are worried about the future of the Gomti River, the city's lifeline, which is facing severe urbanisation challenges. The Gomti River is a tributary of the Ganges (Ganga) River and flows entirely through Uttar Pradesh. It is also known as Gumti or Gomati and is unique because it is fed by both rain and groundwater, unlike Himalayan snow-fed rivers. It originates from Gomat Taal or Fulhaar Jheel near Madho Tanda in Pilibhit district. It flows through Lucknow, Barabanki, Sultanpur, Faizabad, and Jaunpur before joining the Ganga near Saidpur. The river stretches about 900 km and drains a basin of around 18,750 square km. Its major tributaries include the Sai, Chowka, Kathina, and Saryu rivers. Important cities on its banks are Sultanpur, Lucknow, Jaunpur, and Lakhimpur Kheri.

15. Malwa Utsav is mainly celebrated in which Indian state?

**[A] Madhya Pradesh**

[B] Uttar Pradesh

[C] Maharashtra

[D] Gujarat

Correct Answer: A [Madhya Pradesh]

Notes:

Malwa Utsav is one of the biggest cultural festivals of Madhya Pradesh. It is celebrated mainly in Madhya Pradesh to promote Indian dance, music, and art. The recent Malwa Utsav was held from 6 to 12 May 2025 at Lalbagh Complex, Indore. The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh participated in this grand event. It is organised by Lok Sanskriti Manch and has been celebrated for the past 25 years. The aim is to preserve and promote folk culture and traditions. It provides a platform and market to local artists and craftsmen. The festival promotes national integration and cultural exchange. Folk artists from across India and Madhya Pradesh performed dances and music.

16. The Indian government has officially designated which day as Ayurveda Day?

[A] August 16

**[B] September 23**

[C] October 6

[D] May 20

Correct Answer: B [September 23]

Notes:

Recently, the Government of India declared 23rd September as the new fixed date for celebrating Ayurveda Day each year. This decision replaces the earlier variable observance on Dhanteras, which followed the lunar calendar and created logistical challenges. The change was announced through a Gazette Notification dated 23rd March 2025 to ensure global visibility and consistent annual observance. Ayurveda Day promotes Ayurveda as a scientific and holistic system of preventive healthcare. The date 23rd September was chosen as it coincides with the autumnal equinox, symbolizing natural balance, aligning with Ayurveda's core philosophy of harmony between mind, body, and spirit.

17. Which state government has launched B-SMILE initiative to accelerate major infrastructure projects?

**[A] Karnataka**

[B] Odisha

[C] Bihar

[D] Jharkhand

Correct Answer: A [Karnataka]

Notes:

Recently, the Karnataka government launched Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE) initiative with an initial funding of ₹7,000 crore to accelerate major infrastructure projects in Bengaluru. B-SMILE is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), a government-owned company created to plan, fund, and implement large-scale urban projects. It is part of the upcoming Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024, aimed at unified and efficient urban development. Unlike existing civic bodies like BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike), BDA (Bangalore Development Authority), and BWSSB (Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board), B-SMILE will work centrally across zones. It will be governed by an 11-member Board and led by a full-time Chief Executive Officer (CEO), an Indian Administrative Service (IAS)

officer. This move addresses issues like traffic congestion, overlapping authorities, and slow project execution by enabling professional, long-term planning.

18. Who has become the first Indian lawyer to receive the 'Medal of Honour' from the World Jurist Association (WJA) in May 2025?

**[A] Bhuwan Ribhu**

[B] Asheeb Gupta

[C] Gauranshi Sharma

[D] Mahesh Chandra Mehta

Correct Answer: A [Bhuwan Ribhu]

Notes:

Bhuwan Ribhu became the first Indian lawyer to receive the Medal of Honour from the World Jurist Association, a global legal recognition. The award acknowledges his lifelong legal work against child labour, trafficking, child marriage, and sexual abuse. He is the founder of Just Rights for Children (JRC), a global legal network with over 250 partner organisations in India, Nepal, Kenya, and the United States of America (USA). Bhuwan Ribhu has led more than 60 Public Interest Litigations (PILs) related to child rights in Indian courts. He was key in getting the Supreme Court of India to adopt the United Nations (UN) Protocol definition of trafficking. His efforts helped classify trafficking as a criminal offence in Indian law. He also ensured that First Information Reports (FIRs) became mandatory for missing children. He played a major role in banning child labour in hazardous occupations.

19. What is the name of the operation conducted by Indian army in Jammu & Kashmir on May 13, 2025, to neutralize terrorists of Lashkar-e-Taiba?

**[A] Operation Keller**

[B] Operation Vijay

[C] Operation Vinash

[D] Operation Surya

Correct Answer: A [Operation Keller]

Notes:

Operation Keller is a counter-terrorism operation conducted by the Indian Army in the Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir, specifically in the Shoekal Keller area. The operation, launched on May 13, 2025, aimed to neutralize terrorists, including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) members, believed to be hiding in the region. It was conducted following intelligence inputs from a Rashtriya Rifles unit and is seen as a follow-up to the aggressive counter-terror policy in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack.

20. Which ministry is responsible for implementing the SAMRIDH scheme?

[A] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

[B] Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

**[C] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

[D] Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology]

Notes:

Recently, two people, including a chartered accountant, were arrested for cheating the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) of over ₹3 crore under the SAMRIDH scheme. The Startup Accelerator for Product Innovation, Development, and Growth (SAMRIDH) is a key programme of MeitY launched under the National Policy on Software Products-2019. It supports existing and new accelerators to select and scale promising Information Technology (IT)-based startups. The scheme helps startups connect with customers, investors, and global markets. It provides up to ₹40 lakh per startup and requires matching investment from the accelerator. The programme is implemented by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) Start-up Hub (MSH), Digital India Corporation (DIC).

21. Multi Agency Centre (MAC) operates under which organization?

**[A] Intelligence Bureau (IB)**

[B] Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

[C] National Investigation Agency (NIA)

[D] Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)

Correct Answer: A [Intelligence Bureau (IB) ]

Notes:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently inaugurated the upgraded Multi Agency Centre, also known as MAC. MAC is a national intelligence-sharing hub under the Intelligence Bureau (IB) where central and state agencies share information on terrorism. It was first set up in 2001 after the Kargil conflict and was strengthened after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks in 2008. It now connects all police districts nationwide through a secure network built at a cost of ₹500 crore. The system includes Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Geographic Information System (GIS) tools for better analysis. It helps map hotspots, predict threats, and coordinate real-time action against terrorism, crime, and cyberattacks.

22.Which organisation has launched the 'Campus Calling' programme to promote gender sensitivity and student safety ?

[A] University Grants Commission (UGC)

**[B] National Commission for Women (NCW)**

[C] Ministry of Education

[D] All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

Correct Answer: B [National Commission for Women (NCW)]

Notes:

The National Commission for Women (NCW) recently launched the 'Campus Calling' programme to promote gender sensitivity and student safety. It aims to prevent sexual harassment and raise awareness about cybercrimes affecting students in colleges and universities. The programme is being implemented in collaboration with 'Yuvamanthan', a youth development platform. It plans to reach over 1,000 higher education institutions, making it one of NCW's largest youth-focused initiatives. Each college will have two male and two female campus ambassadors to lead gender awareness efforts. These ambassadors will promote safety, equality, and respect, and drive youth participation in creating secure campuses.

23.What is the theme for International Museum Day 2025?

**[A] The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities**

[B] Museums, Sustainability and Well-being

[C] The Power of Museums

[D] The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine

Correct Answer: A [The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities]

Notes:

May 18 is celebrated as International Museum Day every year to show how museums help us connect with history, culture, science, and art. Museums are more than just places to keep old things. They are learning spaces that help us understand the past and imagine the future. People are encouraged to visit museums on this day and explore the knowledge they offer. The theme for International Museum Day 2025 is "The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities." It highlights the need for museums to adapt to changes in technology, climate, population, and lifestyles. This year's theme calls on museums to become more digital, more inclusive, and more connected to their local communities.

24.Which African country reported an outbreak of the Lassa fever in 2025?

[A] Uganda

[B] Rwanda

**[C] Nigeria**

[D] Botswana

Correct Answer: C [Nigeria]

Notes:

In Nigeria, 138 people have died from the Lassa fever outbreak since the start of this year. The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) has confirmed 717 cases so far. This has raised the case fatality rate to 19.2 percent, which the NCDC says is very alarming. The disease has affected at least 18 out of 36 states in Nigeria. Lassa

fever is a viral haemorrhagic illness caused by the Lassa virus, which belongs to the arenavirus family. People usually get infected by touching food or household items contaminated with urine or faeces of infected Mastomys rats. The World Health Organization (WHO) says early diagnosis and quick treatment are very important to survive the disease.

25. National Endangered Species Day 2025 is observed on which day?

[A] May 15

**[B] May 16**

[C] May 17

[D] May 18

Correct Answer: B [May 16]

Notes:

National Endangered Species Day is observed every year on the third Friday of May. In 2025, it is observed on May 16 with the theme "Celebrate Saving Species." This day raises awareness about endangered species and the need to protect them. India, known for its rich biodiversity, is home to endangered animals like Bengal Tigers, Asiatic Lions, and Great Indian Bustards. India protects wildlife through the Wildlife Protection Act (1972) and projects like Project Tiger and Project Cheetah. Conservation efforts include habitat protection, anti-poaching steps, community support, captive breeding, and research by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

26. Which institute has hosted the Manasvi STEM Mentorship initiative for high school girls?

[A] IIT Kanpur

**[B] IIT Delhi**

[C] IIT Bombay

[D] IIT Roorkee

Correct Answer: B [IIT Delhi]

Notes:

The Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) hosted the fourth edition of its Manasvi: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Mentorship Program for High School Girls from May 13 to 17, 2025. The five-day event welcomed 100 girls from Classes 9 to 12, mainly from government schools in Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR), to promote STEM learning. Organized by the Office of Academic Outreach and New Initiatives at IIT Delhi, Manasvi aims to boost confidence and interest among girls in STEM careers. The program included technical workshops, motivational talks, and hands-on sessions like solar lamp assembly at the MakerSpace Lab.

27. Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

[A] Karnataka

[B] Gujarat

**[C] Chhattisgarh**

[D] Madhya Pradesh

Correct Answer: C [Chhattisgarh]

Notes:

Recent camera trap images from Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve (USTR) in Chhattisgarh show a positive rise in wildlife activity with carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores using the forest widely. USTR is located in the Gariaband and Dhamtari districts of Chhattisgarh. It was formed by merging Sitanadi and Udanti Wildlife Sanctuaries. The main river in the reserve is the Mahanadi, along with Udanti, Sitanadi, Indravan, and Pairi Rivers as tributaries. The reserve connects with forests of Kanker and North Kondagaon, forming a corridor to Indravati Tiger Reserve in Bastar.

28. Dr M.R. Srinivasan, who recently passed away, was associated with which major national programme?

[A] Blue Revolution

**[B] Nuclear Programme**

[C] Green Revolution

[D] Chandrayaan 3 mission

Correct Answer: B [Nuclear Programme]

Notes:

Dr M.R. Srinivasan, a key architect of India's civilian nuclear programme, passed away at the age of 95 on 20 May. He was a technocrat with strong engineering skills and a vision for building scientific institutions. He joined the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) in 1955, just a year after it was formed. He worked closely with Dr Homi Bhabha, the father of India's nuclear programme, to develop Apsara, India's first nuclear research reactor, which became operational in 1956. In 1959, he became Principal Project Engineer and led India's early efforts in nuclear power generation. He received the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian award, for his contributions to nuclear energy. His legacy reflects excellence in engineering and dedication to national scientific self-reliance.

29. A new butterfly species called Euthalia Malaccana has been spotted in which northeastern state recently?

**[A] Arunachal Pradesh**

[B] Assam

[C] Manipur

[D] Nagaland

Correct Answer: A [Arunachal Pradesh]

Notes:

A new butterfly species called Euthalia Malaccana has been recorded for the first time in India in Arunachal Pradesh. This species is usually found in the Indo-Australian region, mainly in Southeast Asia including northern Thailand, the Malay Peninsula, and the Sunda Islands. Male butterflies have a distinct blue apical spot on their forewings, while females have larger apical spots. Their hindwings have small red spots. The discovery is important as the species acts as an indicator of ecosystem health. This recent finding adds to India's rich biodiversity, especially in the Northeast region.

30. Which four countries received WHO's validation certificates in May 2025 for eliminating industrially produced trans fats?

[A] India, Norway, Oman, Brazil

**[B] Norway, Singapore, Oman, Austria**

[C] Thailand, South Africa, Oman, Austria

[D] China, Russia, Japan, India

Correct Answer: B [Norway, Singapore, Oman, Austria]

Notes:

On May 19, 2025, the World Health Organization (WHO) honoured Austria, Norway, Oman, and Singapore for eliminating industrially produced trans fats from their national food supply. The announcement was made at the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. Trans fats, also called trans-fatty acids (TFA), are harmful unsaturated fats linked to over 278,000 deaths each year. WHO launched the global goal in 2018 to eliminate trans fats by 2025, but progress remains slow. By May 2025, 60 countries had adopted best-practice policies, covering only 46% of the global population. India implemented such a policy in 2022 through the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Second Amendment Regulations, 2021. India is among the leading Asian countries in enforcing best-practice policies, alongside Thailand.

31. Shri Banke Bihari Temple is located in which city of Uttar Pradesh?

**[A] Mathura**

[B] Varanasi

[C] Ayodhya

[D] Prayagraj

Correct Answer: A [Mathura]

Notes:

The Supreme Court has recently allowed the Uttar Pradesh government to carry out its ₹500 crore development plan for the Shri Banke Bihari Temple Corridor in Vrindavan. Shri Banke Bihari Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Krishna, located in Vrindavan, Mathura district, Uttar Pradesh. The word "Banke" means bent in three places, and "Bihari" refers to the supreme enjoyer, describing the idol's posture. The temple was established by Swami Haridas, guru of the legendary musician Tansen. Built in 1864, it showcases fine Indian craftsmanship with oil paintings of deities.

32.Border Security Force (BSF) is under the administrative control of which ministry?

**[A] Ministry of Home Affairs**

[B] Ministry of Defence

[C] Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

[D] Ministry of Finance

Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Home Affairs]

Notes:

Amid rising tensions along the western front due to escalations from Pakistan, the Border Security Force (BSF) has stood firm as India's first and sharpest line of defence. The Border Security Force (BSF) is India's main border-guarding force, known as the First Line of Defence of Indian Territories. BSF is one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces (CSPFs) and functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It was formed on 1 December 1965 after the 1965 War to secure India's borders. BSF protects land borders during peacetime and stops transnational crimes like smuggling and infiltration. In wartime, it supports the Indian Army using its deep knowledge of local people and terrain. BSF is currently deployed along the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders, the Line of Control (LoC), and in Anti-Naxal Operations.

33.Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

[A] Karnataka

[B] Gujarat

**[C] Chhattisgarh**

[D] Madhya Pradesh

Correct Answer: C [Chhattisgarh]

Notes:

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34.The ancient city of Nineveh, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

[A] China

[B] Russia

**[C] Iraq**

[D] Iran

Correct Answer: C [Iraq]

Notes:

During recent excavations at Nineveh in Iraq, archaeologists found a large relief showing King Assurbanipal, the last ruler of the Assyrian Empire, with two deities and other figures. Nineveh was a major city in northern Mesopotamia and became the capital of the Assyrian Empire under King Sennacherib in the 8th century BCE. It lies on the east bank of the Tigris River in modern-day Mosul, Iraq. It was once the largest and most populated city of the Assyrian Empire and an important religious center for worshipping the goddess Ishtar. Nineveh was fully developed during the Neo-Assyrian Empire (912–612 BCE) and known for its cultural beauty, gardens, and parks. The city was destroyed in 612 BCE by a coalition of Babylonians and Medes, marking the end of the Assyrian Empire.

35.Kamil al-Taib Idris has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

[A] Kenya

[B] Nigeria

[C] Rwanda

**[D] Sudan**

Correct Answer: D [Sudan]

Notes:

After two years of civil war, Sudanese army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan appointed former United Nations (UN) official Kamil al-Taib Idris as the new Prime Minister (PM). The announcement was made by Sudan's Transitional Sovereignty

Council through a constitutional decree. This decision comes nearly a month after the Sudanese army regained control of Khartoum as the war entered its third year. Kamil Idris is the first PM appointed since the 2021 military coup that ousted the civilian government. He is a seasoned diplomat who served as Director General of the UN World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) from 1997 to 2008. His selection is seen as a step towards restoring governance in conflict-torn Sudan.

36.The Shirui Lily Festival 2025 was held in which state?

[A] Tripura

**[B] Manipur**

[C] Assam

[D] Mizoram

Correct Answer: B [Manipur]

Notes:

The Shirui Lily Festival 2025 was held after a two-year gap caused by ethnic violence between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities in Manipur. It is a five-day cultural and ecological festival celebrated in Ukhrul district, home to the Tangkhul Naga tribe. The festival honors the Shirui Lily, or *Lilium mackliniae*, a rare bluish-pink flower found only in the Shirui Hills. The festival promotes cultural pride and raises awareness about the flower's ecological importance and the need for conservation.

37.Who has become the first author writing in Kannada to win the International Booker prize 2025?

[A] Anupama Niranjana

**[B] Banu Mushtaq**

[C] Ravi Belagere

[D] Nissar Ahmed

Correct Answer: B [Banu Mushtaq]

Notes:

Banu Mushtaq, an Indian writer, lawyer, and activist, became the first author writing in Kannada to win the International Booker prize 2025. She won for her short story collection Heart Lamp. Heart Lamp is the first short story collection to win the £50,000 prize. The International Booker Prize began in 2005 as the Man Booker International Prize. It is awarded annually for a single book translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland. Its goal is to encourage reading quality fiction from non-English languages. The prize promotes global fiction among English-speaking readers, covering novels and short story collections.

38.The United Nations General Assembly has officially declared which day as "World Fair Play Day"?

**[A] May 19**

[B] May 20

[C] May 21

[D] May 22

Correct Answer: A [May 19]

Notes:

The United Nations General Assembly has officially declared May 19 as World Fair Play Day starting from 2025. The day aims to recognize the role of sports in promoting peace, inclusion, and justice across the globe. It highlights how sports go beyond just competition and help build values like fairness, discipline, respect, and unity. World Fair Play Day encourages people to see sports as a way to break barriers of race, religion, and nationality. It promotes shared human values such as mutual respect and perseverance through sportsmanship and ethical behavior in all games.

39.SPICED scheme is implemented under which ministry?

[A] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

[B] Ministry of Food Processing Industries

**[C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

[D] Ministry of Rural Development

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Commerce and Industry]

Notes:

The Spices Board recently launched the “Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development (SPICED)” scheme for 2025–26. The Spices Board, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is responsible for the scheme’s implementation. The scheme aims to make the spice sector more sustainable and boost spice exports from India. It helps improve the productivity of small and large cardamom through financial support. It promotes organic farming and good agricultural practices to ensure better quality. The scheme provides funds for modern post-harvest machines like dryers, polishers, and slicers. It also supports startups, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and small businesses through Spice Incubation Centres. It ensures spices meet global food safety and plant health standards.

40. What kind of condition is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), that was recently seen in news?

[A] Infectious disease

**[B] Neurodevelopmental condition**

[C] Cardiovascular disorder

[D] Autoimmune disorder

Correct Answer: B [Neurodevelopmental condition]

Notes:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), autism now affects 1 in 31 children in the United States as of 2022, up from 1 in 36 in 2020. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental condition that affects brain development, causing challenges in communication, social skills, behaviour, and learning. Symptoms usually appear before age 3, but diagnosis may be delayed due to low awareness. Individuals with ASD may show repetitive actions, limited interests, and unique learning or movement styles. ASD results from both genetic and environmental factors, with genetics playing a major role. No evidence links vaccines to autism, and such claims are false and harmful.

41. Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0 is a multidimensional assessment framework developed by which ministry?

[A] Ministry of Rural Development

[B] Ministry of Agriculture

**[C] Ministry of Panchayati Raj**

[D] Ministry of Finance

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Panchayati Raj]

Notes:

Ministry of Panchayati Raj held a two-day national write-shop in New Delhi to launch the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) Version 2.0 for the financial year 2023–24. PAI is a tool developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to track performance of more than 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats. It is based on nine themes that align with Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs). The new version helps improve local governance by measuring progress in areas like health, education, infrastructure, and environment.

42. Moringa oleifera plant, that was recently seen in news, is native to which country?

**[A] India**

[B] Myanmar

[C] Australia

[D] Sri Lanka

Correct Answer: A [India]

Notes:

PKM1 is a variety of Moringa oleifera that has gained global recognition, especially in African countries like Senegal, Rwanda, and Madagascar. Moringa oleifera is native to India, mainly found in the foothills of the Himalayas. It is now widely grown in South Asia, Africa, and tropical parts of Central and South America. The plant prefers deep sandy loam soil with a pH range of 6.5 to 8.0 and grows best in temperatures between 25–30°C. It is drought-resistant, fast-growing, and can be harvested several times a year. In Ayurveda, it is used to treat over 300 conditions. It has anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and anti-diabetic properties. Its seeds can purify water because of their natural coagulating ability.

43. National Sports Repository System (NSRS) portal operates under which ministry?

**[A] Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**

[B] Ministry of Culture

[C] Ministry of Education

[D] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports]

Notes:

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports plans a large talent identification drive across India. Citizens can upload videos of players' performances on the National Sports Repository System (NSRS) portal. NSRS is a digital Management Information System (MIS) run by the Sports Authority of India (SAI). It operates under the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. NSRS is part of the Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports Scheme. The portal provides digital solutions for athletes, coaches, sports scientists, training centers, federations, and administrators. It issues a unique Khelo India ID (KID) upon registration for athletes, coaches, and academies.

44.Which ministry has launched two transformative digital platforms, Know Your DIGIPIN and Know Your PIN Code?

[A] Ministry of Finance

**[B] Ministry of Communication**

[C] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

[D] Ministry of Defence

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Communication]

Notes:

Recently, the Department of Posts under the Ministry of Communications launched two digital platforms — 'Know Your DIGIPIN' and 'Know Your PIN Code' — to modernise India's address system. These platforms align with the National Geospatial Policy 2022, aiming to improve geospatial infrastructure and public service delivery. The DIGIPIN (Digital Postal Index Number) is a geo-coded, grid-based digital address system developed with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad and National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). DIGIPIN enables users to find digital addresses using location coordinates and improves delivery, emergency services, and logistics. The 'Know Your PIN Code' app uses Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) to identify exact PIN codes based on user location. Users can give feedback to help refine PIN Code accuracy through the geo-fenced dataset now uploaded on the Open Government Data Platform.

45.World Hunger Day is observed every year on which day?

[A] May 26

[B] May 27

**[C] May 28**

[D] May 29

Correct Answer: C [May 28]

Notes:

World Hunger Day is observed every year on May 28 to raise awareness about global hunger and food insecurity. It was founded by The Hunger Project in 2011 to highlight that over 800 million people worldwide do not get enough food. The focus is not just on feeding people for a day but on building long-term solutions to end hunger. It promotes empowering communities, especially women and smallholder farmers, to achieve lasting food security. Sustainable efforts include investment in education, healthcare, economic growth, and environmental protection. In 2025, World Hunger Day is being observed on Wednesday, May 28.

46.Mount Khangchendzonga, that was recently seen in news, is located in which state?

**[A] Sikkim**

[B] Uttarakhand

[C] Arunachal Pradesh

[D] Himachal Pradesh

Correct Answer: A [Sikkim]

Notes:

The Chief Minister of Sikkim has urged the central government to ban climbing on Mt. Khangchendzonga, respecting local sentiments. Locals believe the peak is sacred and home to their guardian deity, Dzonga. Mt. Khangchendzonga is

located in Sikkim on the India-Nepal border in the Eastern Himalayas. It contains the Khangchendzonga National Park, a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site.

47. What is a “bow echo” in context of meteorology?

[A] A circular cyclone formation

**[B] A line of thunderstorms that curves like a bow on radar**

[C] A heatwave pattern

[D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: B [A line of thunderstorms that curves like a bow on radar]

Notes:

Delhi recently witnessed intense storms that appeared in the shape of a crescent or archer’s bow, technically known as bow echoes. A bow echo is a line of thunderstorms that appears curved like a bow on weather radar, also called a squall line. Sometimes, this bow echo can be part of a larger squall line system. It usually stretches from 20 to 100 kilometres and lasts for three to six hours. The term bow echo was introduced in the 1970s by Ted Fujita, a meteorologist famous for creating the Fujita Scale to measure tornado intensity.

48. Njattadi Festival is a traditional agricultural festival celebrated in which state?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Telangana

[C] Odisha

**[D] Kerala**

Correct Answer: D [Kerala]

Notes:

Kerala’s Agriculture Minister recently inaugurated the Njattadi Festival, also known as the Sapling Festival, marking its cultural and agricultural significance. Njattadi is a traditional festival celebrated by farming communities in Kerala to welcome the paddy cultivation season. The word “Njattadi” comes from “Njattuvela”, a term in the Malayalam calendar that indicates the best time for sowing rice seeds. This festival is not just about farming but also celebrates Kerala’s heritage with folk songs like Vanchipattu and Njattu Pattu, along with traditional dances. It reflects the deep link between agriculture, tradition, and seasonal rhythms in Kerala.

49. Which state government has launched the ‘Ahilya Smriti Marathon – Ek Virasat, Ek Sankalp’ program?

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Himachal Pradesh

**[C] Uttarakhand**

[D] Bihar

Correct Answer: C [Uttarakhand]

Notes:

Uttarakhand Chief Minister recently inaugurated the ‘Ahilya Smriti Marathon – Ek Virasat, Ek Sankalp’ and the ‘Pratham Gaja Ghantakarna Mahotsav-2025’ to highlight the state’s cultural richness. The Ahilya Smriti Marathon took place in Dehradun as part of a heritage-themed event. The theme of the marathon, “Ek Virasat – Ek Sankalp” (One Heritage, One Resolution), promotes unity and pride in Uttarakhand’s traditions. The event aimed to raise awareness about health, social harmony, and cultural identity. These initiatives connect the state’s cultural heritage with ongoing development efforts and public participation.

50. Who has become first Indian-origin musician to win American Music Award 2025?

[A] Rasika Sekhar

**[B] Raja Kumari**

[C] Aditi Ramesh

[D] Manju Mehta

Correct Answer: B [Raja Kumari ]

Notes:

Indian-origin rapper and singer-songwriter Raja Kumari won an American Music Award (AMA) 2025. She was nominated at the 51st AMA held in Los Angeles for the song from Arcane League of Legends: Season 2. This made her

the first Indian-origin musician ever nominated for an AMA. The song Renegade (We Never Run) was a collaboration with Stefflon Don and Jarina de Marco. It was nominated under the Favourite Soundtrack category. She was chosen for the song as the film character is Indian, and she represents Indian culture with powerful music.



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## Current Affairs Quiz – June 2025 (GK Today)

**1.Nabinagar Super Thermal Power Project is located in which state?**

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Gujarat

Correct Answer: A [Bihar]

Notes:

Recently, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the Nabinagar Super Thermal Power Project, Stage-II. The Nabinagar Super Thermal Power Project is located in Aurangabad, Bihar. This new project will have a capacity of 2,400 megawatts (MW), with three units of 800 MW each. It will be built at a cost of over ₹29,930 crore to improve energy security in Bihar and eastern India. The project aims to provide affordable electricity to the region and support economic growth. It is being developed by NTPC, which stands for National Thermal Power Corporation, India's largest power utility. NTPC already runs the existing 1,980-MW Nabinagar Stage-I project.

**2.Which day is observed as World Milk Day every year?**

- [A] June 1
- [B] June 2
- [C] June 3
- [D] June 4

Correct Answer: A [June 1]

Notes:

World Milk Day is celebrated every year on June 1 to highlight the importance of milk in our lives. It was established in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to promote as a global food. The theme for World Milk Day 2025 "Let's Celebrate the Power of Dairy," focusing on its in nutrition, livelihoods, and the economy.

**3.NAKSHA programme is implemented under which government initiative?**

- [A] Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)
- [B] Smart Cities Mission
- [C] Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)
- [D] National Urban Livelihoods Mission

Correct Answer: A [Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)]

Notes:

The Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Ministry of Rural Development, will conduct the second phase of capacity-building under the NAKSHA programme starting 2nd June 2025. The NATIONAL geospatial Knowledge-based land Survey of urban Habitations (NAKSHA) programme is a city survey initiative under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP). It is led by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) under the Ministry of Rural Development. The programme prepares detailed maps of towns and cities to improve land records.

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#### **4.What are Biostimulants, recently mentioned in news?**

- [A] Chemical pesticides used to kill insects on crops.
- [B] Substances or microorganisms applied to plants or soil to stimulate natural processes
- [C] Artificial hormones used to accelerate fruit ripening
- [D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: B [Substances or microorganisms applied to plants or soil to stimulate natural processes]

Notes:

The central government recently notified 34 biostimulants to boost their production and use in agriculture. Biostimulants are natural substances or microorganisms applied to plants or soil to enhance the plant's natural growth and stress-resistance processes. They help reduce dependence on fertilizers by improving nutrient use efficiency, root growth, and resistance to drought, salinity, and extreme temperatures. In India, biostimulants are regulated under the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985.

#### **5.What is the main objective of the Advance Authorisation Scheme?**

- [A] To promote domestic tourism
- [B] To allow duty-free import of inputs for making export products
- [C] To subsidize farmer income
- [D] To encourage foreign direct investment

Correct Answer: B [To allow duty-free import of inputs for making export products]

Notes:

Recently, exporters got relief as they may now avail duty-free import benefits under the Advance Authorisation Scheme (AAS) even if goods were shipped before the licence was issued. The Advance Authorisation Scheme (AAS) allows duty-free import of inputs that are physically used in the manufacture of export products. It exempts import duties like Basic Customs Duty, Additional Customs Duty, Anti-dumping Duty, and others under certain conditions. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) sets product-wise norms under the Standard Input-Output Norms (SION).

#### **6.Where is the headquarters of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) located?**

- [A] Tokyo, Japan
- [B] New Delhi, India
- [C] Beijing, China
- [D] Manila, Philippines

Correct Answer: D [Manila, Philippines]

Notes:

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed \$10 billion to boost India's urban development and metro expansion. It will support India's Urban Challenge Fund to increase private investment in cities. It promotes inclusive, resilient, and sustainable growth across Asia and the Pacific region. Its headquarters is in Manila, Philippines.

#### **7.Which ministry launched the Bharat Gen Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM) at the BharatGen Summit?**

- [A] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [B] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [C] Ministry of Finance
- [D] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Science and Technology]

Notes:

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched Bharat Gen Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM) at the BharatGen Summit. BharatGen is India's first government-funded, indigenously built Artificial Intelligence (AI) based Multimodal Large Language Model. It is developed under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) and implemented by the TIH Foundation for Internet of Things (IoT) and Internet of Everything (IoE) at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay.

**8.Which country is the host of 81st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the International Air Transport Association (IATA)?**

- [A] Indonesia
- [B] Japan
- [C] China
- [D] India

Correct Answer: D [India]

Notes:

Recently, the Prime Minister of India addressed the 81st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the World Air Transport Summit (WATS) at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. IATA was founded on 19 April 1945 in Havana, Cuba, to support safe, secure, reliable, and economical air services worldwide. The last Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in India was held in 1983, 42 years ago. Its main goals are to develop international air transport, ensure cooperation among airlines, improve safety, and create global air traffic rules.

**9.Which country passed a new law called the Act on the Promotion of Research, Development and Utilisation of AI-Related Technologies?**

- [A] India
- [B] Russia
- [C] France
- [D] Japan

Correct Answer: D [Japan]

Notes:

In May 2025, Japan passed a new law called the Act on the Promotion of Research, Development and Utilisation of Artificial Intelligence-Related Technologies. This law aims to make Artificial Intelligence (AI) the core of Japan's digital leadership and economic growth. Unlike strict global rules, Japan's approach encourages coordination and voluntary responsibility instead of heavy regulation. This is different from the European Union's AI Act passed in 2024. The EU law divides AI into risk levels like "Unacceptable" and "Minimal" and places strict rules on high-risk uses. Japan's flexible model reflects a major shift in global AI policy thinking.

**10.Which country has recently announced plans to build the world's first hybrid fusion-fission nuclear plant named Xinghuo?**

- [A] China
- [B] Japan
- [C] Vietnam
- [D] Russia

Correct Answer: A [China]

Notes:

China has recently announced plans to build the world's first hybrid fusion-fission nuclear plant named Xinghuo, which means "spark" in Mandarin. This plant will combine both fusion and fission reactions to increase energy production and reduce radioactive waste. Fusion involves joining atomic nuclei, while fission splits them; together, they can offer a more efficient and cleaner energy solution. Xinghuo aims to set a new global standard in sustainable and high-output nuclear power technology.

**11.Where was the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2025 held?**

- [A] Indonesia
- [B] France
- [C] India
- [D] New Zealand

Correct Answer: B [France]

Notes:

The seventh edition of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) was held on June 6 and 7, 2025, in Nice, France. It was organised by the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), which is

headquartered in New Delhi. This was the first time the ICDRI conference was held in Europe. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) is a global platform launched by India in 2019 to strengthen infrastructure against climate and disaster risks.

**12.Thitu Island, that was recently seen in news, is located in which region?**

[A] South China Sea

[B] Red Sea

[C] Arabian Sea

[D] Black Sea

Correct Answer: A [South China Sea]

Notes:

A Chinese ship recently ran aground due to severe weather near Thitu Island, raising alert levels among Filipino soldiers in the disputed South China Sea. Thitu Island, also called Pag-asa Island in the Philippines, lies within the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. The Spratly Islands are claimed entirely by China, Taiwan, and Vietnam, and partially by Malaysia and the Philippines. Thitu is the second largest natural island in the Spratlys and the biggest of the nine occupied by the Philippines.

**13.Which ministry hosted the 5th Stakeholder Consultation on AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (AI RAM) with UNESCO?**

[A] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

[B] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

[C] Ministry of External Affairs

[D] Ministry of Finance

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ]

Notes:

Recently, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) hosted the 5th Stakeholder Consultation on Artificial Intelligence Readiness Assessment Methodology (AI RAM) in India. AI RAM stands for Artificial Intelligence Readiness Assessment Methodology. It is a framework to measure how prepared India is for adopting and using Artificial Intelligence (AI). RAM, or Readiness Assessment Methodology, uses both numbers and expert opinions to evaluate the strength of a country's AI ecosystem. It works as a diagnostic tool to improve laws, policies, and institutions supporting AI development.

**14.Which organization has released its 2025 State of World Population (SOWP) report titled 'The Real Fertility Crisis'?**

[A] United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

[B] United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

[C] World Bank

[D] United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Correct Answer: B [United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) ]

Notes:

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) released its 2025 State of World Population (SOWP) Report titled 'The Real Fertility Crisis'. It highlights that one in three adult Indians face unintended pregnancies. It also states that 30% of Indians experience unfulfilled desires to have more or fewer children. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) was created to support population and reproductive health programmes. Its mission is to ensure every pregnancy is wanted, childbirth is safe, and youth potential is fulfilled.

**15.Etalin Hydropower Project is located in which state?**

[A] Sikkim

[B] Assam

[C] Arunachal Pradesh

[D] Manipur

Correct Answer: C [Arunachal Pradesh]

Notes:

The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) has recently given its “in-principle” approval to the Etalin Hydropower Project in Arunachal Pradesh. The project is located in Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh, which is part of the Eastern Himalaya Global Biodiversity Hotspot, one of the 36 global biodiversity hotspots. The Etalin project will involve construction of two gravity dams – one on the Dri River and the other on the Talo (also known as Tangon) River. The total power generation capacity of the project is 3,097 Megawatts (MW).

**16. Where is India’s first Vande Bharat Maintenance Depot located?**

- [A] Jodhpur
- [B] Indore
- [C] Varanasi
- [D] Patna

Correct Answer: A [Jodhpur]

Notes:

Indian Railways has started building the first dedicated maintenance depot for Vande Bharat Express trains at Bhagat Ki Kothi in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. This is the first of five such depots planned across India to support the country’s fastest trains. The depot will maintain Vande Bharat trains from different regions of India. It will be 600 meters long and include three pit lines to service three trains at the same time. The project is led by Jodhpur Railway Division and is expected to be operational by the end of 2025.

**17. What is the rank of India in the Global Gender Gap Report 2025?**

- [A] 131st
- [B] 134th
- [C] 138th
- [D] 139th

Correct Answer: A [131st]

Notes:

India ranked 131 out of 148 countries in the Global Gender Gap Report 2025 released by the World Economic Forum (WEF), slipping two places from 129 in 2024. The Global Gender Gap Index measures gender parity in Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment. India scored 64.1% in overall gender parity, among the lowest in South Asia.

**18. The Solar Orbiter mission is a joint mission conducted by which two space organizations?**

- [A] European Space Agency (ESA) and NASA
- [B] China National Space Administration (CNSA) and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- [C] European Space Agency (ESA) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- [D] China National Space Administration (CNSA) and NASA

Correct Answer: A [European Space Agency (ESA) and NASA]

Notes:

For the first time ever, scientists have captured direct images of the Sun’s north and south poles. This was made possible by the Solar Orbiter mission. The Solar Orbiter mission is a collaborative effort between the European Space Agency (ESA) and NASA to study the Sun. It aims to observe the Sun’s surface and the solar wind, providing valuable insights into solar activity and its effects on Earth and the solar system.

**19. Which day is observed as International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) every year?**

- [A] 13 June
- [B] 14 June
- [C] 15 June
- [D] 16 June

Correct Answer: A [13 June]

Notes:

Every year on June 13, the world observes International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) to support the human rights people with albinism. Albinism is a genetic condition that affects 1 in 5,000 people in Sub-Saharan Africa and 1 in 20,000 in Europe and North America, according to the United Nations (UN). The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared IAAD on December 18, 2014, and the first observance was held on June 13, 2015. The 2025 observance marks the 10th anniversary with the theme "Demanding our rights: Protecting our skin, Preserving our

**20. Who has been conferred with the Srimanta Sankardeva Award in June 2025?**

- [A] Shovana Narayan
- [B] Sonal Mansingh
- [C] Alarmel Valli
- [D] Richa Das

Correct Answer: B [Sonal Mansingh]

Notes:

The Government of Assam presented the Srimanta Sankardeva Award to Dr. Sonal Mansingh, a renowned classical dancer and cultural icon. The award was conferred by Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra, Guwahati. It honors the legacy of 15th-century saint-reformer Srimanta Sankardeva, who promoted unity, harmony, and ecological balance. Dr. Mansingh, a Padma Vibhushan recipient, was praised for using dance to highlight women's empowerment, social justice, and environmental issues.

**21. Which city in Uttar Pradesh has been officially nominated for inclusion in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network (UCCN) as a City of Gastronomy?**

- [A] Lucknow
- [B] Varanasi
- [C] Ayodhya
- [D] Meerut

Correct Answer: A [Lucknow]

Notes:

Lucknow, the cultural capital of Uttar Pradesh, is famous for its architecture, poetry, etiquette, and especially its culinary heritage. The city's rich food culture is now gaining global attention with its nomination for UNESCO's Creative Cities Network (UCCN) under the Gastronomy category. If selected, Lucknow will become only the second Indian city after Hyderabad to be honored in the gastronomy field.

**22. Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is a government agency established under which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Civil Aviation
- [C] Ministry of Defence
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Civil Aviation]

Notes:

Recently, the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) started an official investigation into the Air India flight AI-17 crash involving a Boeing 787. Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is a government agency under the Ministry

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of Civil Aviation, set up in 2012 to investigate aircraft accidents and serious incidents in Indian airspace. Its goal is to find out what went wrong and suggest safety steps, not to blame anyone.

**23. Which two countries are the co-hosts of the fourth UN Ocean Conference in 2028?**

- [A] China and Colombia
- [B] South Korea and Chile
- [C] New Zealand and Peru
- [D] India and Brazil

Correct Answer: B [South Korea and Chile]

Notes:

Recently, the 2025 United Nations (UN) Ocean Conference ended with over 170 countries adopting a joint declaration for urgent ocean protection. The declaration, titled Our ocean, our future: united for urgent action, urges immediate steps to conserve and use oceans sustainably. The 2025 UN Ocean Conference is co-hosted by France and Costa Rica. The next and fourth UN Ocean Conference in 2028 will be co-hosted by Chile and South Korea.

**24. PRASHAD scheme was launched by which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Culture
- [B] Ministry of Tourism
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Tourism]

Notes:

The Chamundi Hills project in Karnataka has finally progressed under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme after years of delay. PRASHAD stands for Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive. It was launched in 2014-15 by the Ministry of Tourism as a Central Sector Scheme. The scheme supports integrated development of pilgrimage and heritage destinations. It provides financial help to state governments and Union Territories for improving tourism infrastructure.

**25. Where was Garuda Aerospace's Agri-Drone Indigenization Facility recently inaugurated?**

- [A] Hyderabad
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Kochi
- [D] Bhopal

Correct Answer: B [Chennai]

Notes:

A major milestone was achieved with the launch of Garuda Aerospace's Agri-Drone Indigenization Facility in Chennai, supporting India's goal of becoming a global drone hub. The facility, spread across 35,000 square feet, is the first of its kind in the country for designing, manufacturing, and testing advanced Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). A total of 300 Centres of Excellence (CoEs) were also launched across India to promote drone innovation, research, and skill development through academic and industry collaboration.

**26. Recently, where was the Achal Fast Patrol Vessel launched?**

- [A] Kochi
- [B] Goa
- [C] Mumbai
- [D] Visakhapatnam

Correct Answer: B [Goa]

Notes:

The Achal Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) was recently launched in Goa, marking a key milestone in India's defence sector. It is the fifth out of eight FPVs being built by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The vessel is built under dual-class certification from the American Bureau of Shipping and Indian Register of Shipping. It is designed to protect offshore assets and island territories through monitoring and surveillance.

**27.Which city is the host of Hockey India Masters Cup 2025?**

- [A] Bhopal
- [B] Bengaluru
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Chennai

Correct Answer: D [Chennai]

Notes:

The Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu (HUTN) announced it will host the first Hockey India Masters Cup from June 18 to 27, 2025, at Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium, Chennai. The tournament is for men above 40 years and women above 35 years. It will feature 12 men's and 8 women's teams, starting with group matches and ending with knockouts and finals. Famous former players like Olympian Sudha Chaudhari and Adam Sinclair will participate. Men's teams are divided into 4 pools and women's into 2 pools, with states like Haryana, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu taking part.

**28.Where was the country's largest automobile Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal recently inaugurated?**

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Telangana

Correct Answer: A [Haryana]

Notes:

India's largest automobile Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal was inaugurated at Maruti Suzuki's Manesar plant in Haryana. It is linked to Patli railway station by a 10 km dedicated rail line, part of the 121.7 km Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor developed by Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation (HRIDC). The terminal cost ₹800 crore, with ₹684 crore funded by HRIDC and the rest by Maruti Suzuki. It can load up to 4.5 lakh automobiles annually, making it one of the highest-capacity terminals in India.

**29.Which country has developed a green chemical method using natural fatty acids from cooking oils to recover silver from e-waste?**

- [A] Finland
- [B] Chile
- [C] Denmark
- [D] India

Correct Answer: A [Finland]

Notes:

Researchers in Finland have developed a green chemical method using natural fatty acids from cooking oils to recover silver from electronic waste (e-waste). This comes at a time when global silver demand is rising and e-waste is becoming a major issue, especially in countries like India. E-waste includes discarded devices like computers, phones, and TVs that are outdated or broken. India is the third-largest generator of e-waste in the world, after China and the United States.

**30.Where has Google opened its first Safety Engineering Centre in the Asia-Pacific region?**

- [A] Hyderabad
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Bengaluru
- [D] Mumbai

Correct Answer: A [Hyderabad]

Notes:

Google opened its first Safety Engineering Centre in the Asia-Pacific region and fourth globally in Hyderabad on June 19, 2025. Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy officially inaugurated the Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC). The launch follows Google's "Safety Charter for India's AI-led Transformation" unveiled in Delhi on June 17. GSEC will work on protecting users from online fraud and securing enterprise and government systems. It will act as a strategic hub for responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) and safety solutions.

**31.The National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) is an initiative of which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Commerce and Industry]

Notes:

On 15th June 2025, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal chaired a review meeting at the Tobacco Board, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. The meeting assessed the progress of industrial nodes led by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) in the state. National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) is a Government of India initiative under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It aims to develop smart industrial cities to boost manufacturing, investment, jobs, and India's global competitiveness.

**32.Which ministry introduced the FASTag Annual Pass scheme?**

- [A] Ministry of Finance
- [B] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [D] Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Correct Answer: D [Ministry of Road Transport and Highways]

Notes:

Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced a new FASTag Annual Pass scheme on June 18, 2025, to make highway travel easier for private vehicle users. The pass costs ₹3,000 and is valid from August 15 for one year or 200 trips, whichever comes first. It is applicable only for non-commercial private vehicles like cars, jeeps, and vans. FASTag is an electronic toll system managed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The pass allows free travel at National Highway (NH) and National Expressway (NE) toll plazas without per-trip charges.

**33.Where was the Energy Asia Conference 2025 held?**

- [A] New Delhi, India
- [B] Tokyo, Japan
- [C] Beijing, China
- [D] Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Correct Answer: D [Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia]

Notes:

The Energy Asia Conference 2025 was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from June 16 to 18, 2025, bringing together experts, investors, and policymakers from 60 countries and 38 industries. The conference discussed clean energy, hydrogen, digital innovations, and carbon-neutral strategies under the region's net-zero goals. Asia will need \$88.7 trillion in energy investment by 2050, driven by population growth, AI-based industrialisation, and rising demand, especially from data centres. Nuclear power's future role was explored, with next-gen reactors seen as safer and more efficient for Asia's long-term clean energy goals.

**34.What is the theme of International Yoga Day 2025?**

- [A] Yoga for One Earth, One Health
- [B] Yoga for humanity
- [C] Yoga For Wellness
- [D] Climate Action

Correct Answer: A [Yoga for One Earth, One Health]

Notes:

International Yoga Day 2025 is celebrated globally on Saturday, June 21, marking the summer solstice, the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere that symbolizes light, energy, and balance in yogic philosophy. The theme for 2025 is "Yoga for One Earth, One Health," focusing on the link between personal well-being and planetary health. The day encourages yoga as a tool for healing, sustainability, and holistic wellness.

**35.What is the Ghumot (or Ghumat), that was recently seen in news?**

- [A] A traditional percussion instrument
- [B] A folk dance
- [C] Newly discovered species of Fish
- [D] Traditional medicine

Correct Answer: A [A traditional percussion instrument]

Notes:

Recently, a debate on folk music aesthetics emerged after the Goa State Cabinet declared the Ghumot as the state's heritage instrument in 2019, without using monitor lizard skin. Ghumot, also called Ghumat, is a traditional percussion instrument used in Goa's religious and cultural practices. It is made from a clay pot with one side open and the other covered with animal skin, now mostly goat hide instead of the banned Indian monitor lizard skin. The instrument is also important during festivals like Zagor and Shigmo, organized by village committees.

**36.Which ministry has launched the City Accelerator Program to promote rooftop solar adoption in India?**

- [A] Ministry of Finance
- [B] Ministry of Power
- [C] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [D] Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Correct Answer: D [Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ]

Notes:

Recently, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) launched the City Accelerator Program during the National Conference on Skill Development for Renewable Energy Workforce held at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi. The program is implemented in collaboration with Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF). It is a major part of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), which is the world's largest domestic rooftop solar (RTS) scheme. The program aims to speed up the adoption of rooftop solar systems in Indian cities.

**37.Which of the following states are the top three coffee-producing states in India?**

- [A] Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu
- [B] Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha
- [C] Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat
- [D] Karnataka, Assam, Kerala

Correct Answer: A [Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu]

Notes:

Recently, India's coffee exports reached \$1.8 billion, marking a 125 percent rise over the last 11 years due to efforts by the Coffee Board of India. In 2014–15, exports were valued at over \$800 million, rising to \$1.14 billion in 2022–23 and \$1.28 billion in 2023–24. Europe is the top buyer of Indian coffee, with major importers including Italy, Germany, Belgium, Middle East countries, Korea, and Japan. The main coffee-producing states are Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. India ranks seventh in global coffee production with a 3.5 percent share and fifth in exports with a 5 percent share.

**38.What is the rank of India in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index 2025?**

- [A] 77th
- [B] 88th
- [C] 95th
- [D] 99th

Correct Answer: D [99th]

Notes:

India ranks 99th in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index 2025 with a score of 67 as per the recently released Sustainable Development Report 2025. It is India's first time entering the top 100 out of 193 United Nations (UN) member countries. The report is published by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and tracks yearly progress since 2015. Finland, Sweden and Denmark top the index, despite facing environmental issues from high consumption.

**39.What is the new term coined by researchers to describe extended periods of atmospheric thirst?**

- [A] Heatwave
- [B] Dryburst
- [C] Thirstwave
- [D] Aridstorm

Correct Answer: C [Thirstwave]

Notes:

Researchers have recently introduced a new term called “Thirstwaves” to describe long periods of high atmospheric thirst. A Thirstwave occurs when the daily evaporative demand stays above the historical 90th percentile for at least three consecutive days. Evaporative demand means how thirsty the atmosphere is or how much water it wants to absorb from the ground or plants. It is influenced by temperature, wind speed, humidity, and sunshine. Understanding thirstwaves can help farmers manage water more efficiently and boost crop production. This concept is important for improving climate resilience in agriculture and water planning.

**40.Kabini Reservoir, that was recently seen in news, is located in which state?**

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Kerala

Correct Answer: A [Karnataka]

Notes:

The Kabini Reservoir in Karnataka, India, which supports both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, has developed minor cracks and cavities in its stone structure. This issue has raised concern due to the reservoir’s importance as a lifeline for irrigation and water supply in the region. The Kabini Reservoir is located in Karnataka. It is situated on the Kabini River, a tributary of the Cauvery River.

**41.Which state government has launched the ‘Vidya Shakti’ programme to assist underperforming students in government schools and colleges?**

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Bihar

Correct Answer: A [Andhra Pradesh]

Notes:

The Andhra Pradesh government has launched the ‘Vidya Shakti’ programme on a pilot basis to assist underperforming students in government schools and colleges. It uses technology and innovative methods to provide extra coaching in Mathematics, Science, and English after school hours. Currently, it is running in 4,424 Zilla Parishad, Government, and Municipal schools, and 576 KGBVs, Residential, and Model Schools. The main goals are to improve learning outcomes, reduce dropout rates, and increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER).

**42.The Passport Seva Portal was established by which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of External Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [D] Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of External Affairs]

Notes:

Recently, the Passport Seva Portal faced major server issues, causing disruptions at Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) across India. The Passport Seva Portal was set up by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in partnership with Tata Consultancy Services as a Public-Private Partnership. It helps citizens easily apply for or renew their passports from home. The portal is user-friendly and offers several passport-related services online.

**43. Which expressway in India is the first to be equipped with an AI-powered Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS)?**

- [A] Purvanchal Expressway
- [B] Yamuna Expressway
- [C] Mumbai-Pune Expressway
- [D] Dwarka Expressway

Correct Answer: D [Dwarka Expressway]

Notes:

Recently, Dwarka Expressway became the first road in India to be equipped with an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS). The project is being implemented by Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL). Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) is a set of smart technologies designed to improve traffic efficiency, safety, and reliability on roads.

**44. International Day of the Seafarer is celebrated every year on which day?**

- [A] 25 June
- [B] 26 June
- [C] 27 June
- [D] 28 June

Correct Answer: A [25 June]

Notes:

International Day of the Seafarer is celebrated every year on 25 June. The day aims to acknowledge the crucial role of seafarers in maintaining the global supply chain. This year's theme My Harassment Free Ship, highlights the need to end bullying and harassment in the maritime industry. It raises awareness about the dangers, hardships, and social challenges faced by those in the maritime profession. The objective is also to protect the rights of seafarers, improve their working conditions, and promote their welfare.

**45. Falkland Islands, recently seen in news, are located in which sea?**

- [A] Pacific Ocean
- [B] Indian Ocean
- [C] South Atlantic Ocean
- [D] Arctic Ocean

Correct Answer: C [South Atlantic Ocean]

Notes:

Recently, researchers discovered a buried ancient forest under the Falkland Islands, which grew before humans or sheep ever arrived. The Falkland Islands, also called the Malvinas Islands, is an internally self-governing overseas territory of the United Kingdom in the South Atlantic Ocean. It lies about 480 kilometers northeast of South America's southern tip and east of the Strait of Magellan. The islands include East Falkland, West Falkland, and 776 smaller islands, separated by the Falkland Strait.

**46. What is the name of operation launched by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) to target the illegal import of Pakistani-origin goods?**

- [A] Operation Black Hawk
- [B] Operation Sandstorm
- [C] Operation Deep Manifest
- [D] Operation Trade Watch

Correct Answer: C [Operation Deep Manifest]

Notes:

Recently, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized goods worth about ₹9 crore under Operation Deep Manifest. Operation Deep Manifest was launched to stop illegal imports of goods from Pakistan that were routed through third countries, mainly via Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). After the Pahalgam terror attacks, India imposed a complete ban on direct or indirect import or transit of goods from Pakistan. Earlier, such Pakistani-origin goods faced a 200 percent customs duty.

**47. JEEViKA is the rural livelihoods project of which state government?**

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Haryana
- [D] Punjab

Correct Answer: B [Bihar]

Notes:

Recently, the Bihar Cabinet approved several measures to boost village infrastructure, social pensions, women's entrepreneurship, subsidised meals, and local governance. The Cabinet sanctioned the start of Jeevika Didi Ki Rasoi units at block, sub-divisional, and district headquarters to provide affordable meals. JEEViKA, meaning Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project, supports rural poor for social and economic empowerment and is managed by Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society under the Department of Rural Development.

**48. National Statistics Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

- [A] 27 June
- [B] 28 June
- [C] 29 June
- [D] 30 June

Correct Answer: C [29 June]

Notes:

National Statistics Day is celebrated every year on 29 June. Statistics Day marks the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a pioneer in statistics and economic planning. It aims to spread awareness among youth about the role of statistics in socio-economic planning for national development. The 2025 theme is "75 Years of National Sample Survey" celebrating its role in evidence-based governance.

**49. Which state won the women's Hockey India Masters Cup 2025?**

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Maharashtra

Correct Answer: C [Odisha]

Notes:

The first Hockey India Masters Cup 2025 was held at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Hockey Association of Odisha (Women) defeated Hockey Punjab 1-0 in the final with a winning goal by Ranjita Beck to become champions. Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu (Men) won the men's title by beating Hockey Maharashtra 5-0. Hockey Haryana won bronze in women's category by defeating Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu.

**50. Mobile Biosafety Level-3 (MBSL-3) Laboratory is developed under which mission?**

- [A] National Health Protection Mission
- [B] Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
- [C] National Ayush Mission
- [D] National Rural Health Mission

Correct Answer: B [Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission]

Notes:

Recently, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) decided to expand its Mobile Biosafety Level-3 (MBSL-3) laboratory network to boost India's outbreak response and public health. The Mobile BSL-3 lab is also called Rapid Action Mobile BSL-3 Advanced Augmented Network (RAMBAAN). It is an advanced "lab on wheels" developed under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission. It was first used during the Nipah virus outbreak in Kerala in 2023.



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**1. Which state has recorded the highest number of faunal discoveries in 2024?**

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Karnataka

**Correct Answer: C [Kerala]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change released details of new Animal Discoveries and Plant Discoveries for 2024. The Zoological Survey of India publishes Animal Discoveries, while the Botanical Survey of India publishes Plant Discoveries every year. In 2024, India added 683 new faunal species, including 459 new species and 224 new records. It also added 433 plant taxa, with 410 species and 23 infra-specific taxa. Kerala topped faunal discoveries with 101 species, followed by Karnataka with 82, and Tamil Nadu with 63. In the northeast, Arunachal Pradesh found 72 species, Meghalaya 42, and West Bengal 56. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands recorded 43 faunal discoveries.

**2. Which ministry has launched the WAVEX Startup Challenge 2025 to develop an AI-powered multilingual translation solution?**

- [A] Ministry of Finance
- [B] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [C] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- [D] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Information and Broadcasting]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting launched the WAVEX Startup Challenge 2025 under its WaveX startup accelerator program. The challenge is titled BhashaSetu – Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat. It is a national hackathon to build Artificial Intelligence-based multilingual translation tools for at least 12 major Indian languages. WaveX is a startup accelerator under the Ministry's WAVES initiative to promote innovation in media, entertainment, and language technology.

**3. What is the name of the application recently launched by Ministry of Railways to provide one-stop railway-related services?**

- [A] RailYatra
- [B] RailOne
- [C] RailSewa
- [D] RailConnect

**Correct Answer: B [RailOne]**

**Notes:**

The Union Railway Minister recently launched the RailOne app in New Delhi. RailOne is a new super app to handle all railway-related passenger needs in one place. It was developed by the Centre for Railway Information Systems, a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of Indian Railways. RailOne combines services like ticket booking, real-time tracking, food ordering, Passenger Name Record (PNR) status, refunds, porter booking, and last-mile taxi.

**4. The Central Adoption Resource Authority is a statutory body of which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Social Justice
- [B] Ministry of Women and Child Development

[C] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs

**Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Women and Child Development]**

**Notes:**

The Central Adoption Resource Authority recently clarified that adoptive parents do not need hard copies of adoption orders as digitally certified copies sent by e-mail are legally valid. The Central Adoption Resource Authority is a statutory body under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. It was set up in 1990 as an autonomous body. Under Section 68 of the Juvenile Justice Care and Protection of Children Act 2015, it became a statutory body. It is the nodal agency to monitor and regulate adoption of Indian children within the country and abroad.

**5.Which country is the host of Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships 2025?**

[A] Uzbekistan

[B] Indonesia

[C] India

[D] China

**Correct Answer: A [Uzbekistan]**

**Notes:**

Recently, India's Divyanshi Bhowmick won gold in the Under-15 Girls' Singles at the 29th Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2025. She defeated China's Zhu Qihi 4-2 in the final match. The championship was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from June 26 to July 2, 2025. India finished the tournament with one gold, one silver, and two bronze medals.

**6.Which country has become the first in the Amazon region to receive malaria-free certification from the World Health Organisation?**

[A] Suriname

[B] Ecuador

[C] Venezuela

[D] Guyana

**Correct Answer: A [Suriname]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Suriname became the first country in the Amazon region to get malaria-free certification from the World Health Organisation on 30 June 2025. This recognition comes after nearly 70 years of efforts by the Suriname government and people to eliminate malaria across rainforests and diverse communities. WHO gives this certification after confirming no indigenous malaria transmission for at least three continuous years.

**7.What is the name of the operation launched by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to stop illegal pharmaceutical drug trade?**

[A] Operation MED MAX

[B] Operation Black Shield

[C] Operation Delta Strike

[D] Operation White Eagle

**Correct Answer: A [Operation MED MAX]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) conducted Operation MED MAX to stop illegal pharmaceutical drug trade. Under this operation, NCB dismantled a transnational drug trafficking syndicate. The syndicate smuggled controlled medicines across four continents. They used encrypted digital platforms, drop shipping models, and cryptocurrency for smuggling. This network shows the growing link between digital platforms, cryptocurrency, and global logistics in modern illegal trade.

**8.Which organization has developed India's first indigenous Photonic Radar?**

[A] Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

[B] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

[C] Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

[D] Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

**Correct Answer: A [Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) developed India's first indigenous Photonic Radar. This is a big step for both defence and civilian radar technology. It places India among global leaders in next-generation radar innovation. Photonic Radar uses light-based (photonic) technology instead of traditional electronic signals. This technology gives higher bandwidth and much better resolution. It can detect and identify even the smallest objects with great accuracy.

**9.Which organization has launched the “3 by 35” Initiative to tackle non-communicable diseases (NCDs)?**

[A] United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

[B] Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

[C] World Health Organization (WHO)

[D] None of the Above

**Correct Answer: C [World Health Organization (WHO)]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) launched the “3 by 35” Initiative to tackle non-communicable diseases (NCDs). It urges countries to raise taxes on tobacco, alcohol, and sugary drinks to achieve at least a 50% real price increase by 2035. NCDs like heart disease, cancer, and diabetes cause over 75% of global deaths. Higher taxes could prevent 50 million premature deaths over 50 years and generate USD 1 trillion in public revenue in the next decade. Between 2012 and 2022, around 140 countries already raised tobacco taxes, showing large-scale change is achievable.

**10.ATLAS is an asteroid impact early warning system developed by which university?**

[A] University of California

[B] University of Hawaii

[C] University of Oxford

[D] University of Tokyo

**Correct Answer: B [University of Hawaii]**

**Notes:**

Recently, comet 3I/ATLAS from outside our solar system was spotted by the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS) in Chile. ATLAS is an asteroid impact early warning system developed by the University of Hawaii and funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). It uses four telescopes — two in Hawaii, one in Chile, and one in South Africa. These telescopes scan the sky every night for moving objects. ATLAS also detects dwarf planets, supernova explosions, and light from stars eaten by supermassive black holes.

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[B] Ecuador

[C] Venezuela

[D] Guyana

**Correct Answer: A [Suriname]**

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**12.Which state has become the third state in India to cross 1 crore registered investors, as per National Stock Exchange (NSE) data?**

[A] Rajasthan

[B] Haryana

[C] Gujarat

[D] Punjab

**Correct Answer: C [Gujarat]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Gujarat became the third Indian state to cross 1 crore registered investors, as per National Stock Exchange (NSE) data. Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh had already crossed this mark. These three states together form 36 per cent of India's total investor base, showing their big role in equity markets. As of May 2025, India has nearly 11.5 crore registered investors. North and East India saw growth of 24 per cent and 23 per cent in the past year, while South grew 22 per cent and West 17 per cent.

**13. Which city is the host of Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) 2025?**

[A] Ghaziabad

[B] Varanasi

[C] Lucknow

[D] Greater Noida

**Correct Answer: D [Greater Noida]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government announced the third edition of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS-2025) in Greater Noida from 25th to 29th September. The event will showcase Uttar Pradesh as a rising Expressway State and a growing manufacturing hub. It will highlight key projects like the Uttar Pradesh Defense Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) and Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Clusters (IMLC). These projects are led by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA).

**14. Where was the International Conference on 'Sustainable and Responsible Mining 2025' held?**

[A] Bengaluru

[B] New Delhi

[C] Hyderabad

[D] Chennai

**Correct Answer: C [Hyderabad]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Indian National Committee of the World Mining Congress (INC-WMC) held an International Conference on Sustainable and Responsible Mining through Best Mine Closure Practices in Hyderabad. The event brought together policymakers, industry leaders, environmental experts, academia, and stakeholders from India and abroad. The focus was on sustainable mine closure and sharing global best practices.

**15. What is the theme for International Cooperatives Day 2025?**

[A] Cooperatives Build a Better World

[B] Cooperatives: Partners for Sustainable Development

[C] Cooperatives for building a people-centred

[D] Cooperatives for Climate Action

**Correct Answer: A [Cooperatives Build a Better World]**

**Notes:**

The United Nations has declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives. The world celebrated International Day of Cooperatives on 5th July 2025. The theme for International Cooperatives Day 2025 is "Cooperatives Build a Better World." This theme shows how cooperatives solve global problems through inclusive decisions and grassroots action. Cooperatives help achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

**16. Which country is the host of BRICS Summit 2025?**

[A] India

[B] China

[C] Brazil

[D] South Africa

**Correct Answer: C [Brazil]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Brazil hosted the BRICS Summit 2025 in Rio de Janeiro. Leaders of BRICS gathered for a two-day summit to discuss stronger cooperation. The summit was overshadowed by new tariff policies of United States President Donald Trump. BRICS leaders presented the group as a defender of multilateralism. The group expressed concerns about Western dominance in global affairs. BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. It brings together mainly developing nations to promote fair global cooperation. The summit aims to boost partnerships and address common challenges.

**17. World Zoonoses Day is observed annually on which day to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases?**

- [A] 4 July
- [B] 5 July
- [C] 6 July
- [D] 7 July

**Correct Answer: C [6 July]**

**Notes:**

World Zoonoses Day is observed every year on July 6th to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases. In India, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) highlighted the need to fast-track efforts to eliminate dog-mediated rabies by 2030. Around 9.1 million animal bites happen in India every year. The study used a decision tree model to estimate animal bites and rabies deaths.

**18. World Bioproduct Day is observed annually on which day?**

- [A] 5 July
- [B] 6 July
- [C] 7 July
- [D] 8 July

**Correct Answer: C [7 July]**

**Notes:**

On July 7, 2025, India celebrated World Bioproduct Day – The BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) Way to promote sustainable bio-innovations. Union Minister of Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh urged for wider public awareness and inclusive participation in India's biotechnology efforts. The government aims to build a \$300 billion bioeconomy by 2030, recognizing every Indian as a stakeholder. World Bioproduct Day is observed annually on July 7 to highlight eco-friendly innovations and climate action.

**19. What is the primary aim of the National Maritime Domain Awareness (NMDA) Project?**

- [A] Promoting coastal tourism
- [B] Strengthening maritime and coastal security
- [C] Creating shipbuilding hubs
- [D] None of the Above

**Correct Answer: B [Strengthening maritime and coastal security]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Indian Navy signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bengaluru for the National Maritime Domain Awareness (NMDA) Project. The National Maritime Domain Awareness (NMDA) Project aims to strengthen India's maritime and coastal security. It ensures integrated data collection, analysis, and sharing among maritime stakeholders. The project will upgrade the National Command, Control, Communication, and Intelligence (NC3I) Network to the NMDA Network. The Indian Navy will administer the project on a turnkey basis. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) will act as the lead integrator, providing advanced hardware and AI-based software solutions.

**20. Where was the 11th India Maize Summit 2025 held?**

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Hyderabad
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Bengaluru

**Correct Answer: A [New Delhi]**

**Notes:**

In July 2025, the 11th India Maize Summit was held in New Delhi, organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). The summit recognized progressive maize farmers for their innovation and contributions. It emphasized the vital role of agriculture in India's economy and the need for sustainable farming for future generations. Maize is now India's third-largest crop, but its productivity per hectare needs improvement. India does not use Genetically Modified (GM) seeds for maize, yet production has increased through research and better practices.

**21. Wular Lake, that was recently seen in news, is located in which state/UT?**

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] Himachal Pradesh
- [C] Jammu and Kashmir
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

**Correct Answer: C [Jammu and Kashmir]**

**Notes:**

Recently, lotus flowers have bloomed again in Wular Lake in Kashmir after nearly three decades, bringing hope to local communities. This revival follows ecological restoration efforts, including desilting, aimed at boosting the local economy through lotus stem harvesting. Wular Lake is the largest freshwater lake in India and the second largest in Asia. It is located in the Bandipore district of Jammu and Kashmir and is fed by the Jhelum River.

**22. Which organization has introduced BioEmu, an advanced AI system for simulating protein motion to accelerate drug discovery?**

- [A] Google
- [B] Microsoft
- [C] World Health Organization
- [D] World Bank

**Correct Answer: B [Microsoft]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Microsoft introduced BioEmu, an advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) system for simulating protein motion to accelerate drug discovery. The system is officially named Biomolecular Emulator-1 (BioEmu-1). BioEmu-1 is a deep learning model that can generate thousands of protein structures per hour using a single Graphics Processing Unit (GPU). Proteins are vital for biological processes like muscle formation and disease protection. Earlier, predicting protein structures from amino acid sequences was difficult. BioEmu-1 offers deeper insights into protein behavior, which is crucial for developing effective medicines.

**23. Who won the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize?**

- [A] Haruki Murakami
- [B] Samantha Harvey
- [C] Jason De Leon
- [D] Leila Aboulela

**Correct Answer: D [Leila Aboulela]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Leila Aboulela, a Sudanese-Scottish author, won the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize for her bold and truthful literary voice. The award was announced at English PEN's summer party in London, with live readings of her work by actors Khalid Abdalla and Amira Ghazalla. She writes from a Muslim and immigrant perspective, exploring faith, migration, and cultural identity. Aboulela will receive the prize on October 10 at the British Library, where she will also announce the Writer of Courage for 2025. Past Writers of Courage include Alaa Abd el-Fattah (2024) and Rahile Dawut (2023), both persecuted for defending free speech.

**24. Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR), India's first greenfield smart industrial city, is located in which state?**

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Kerala

**Correct Answer: B [Gujarat]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Ambassador of Japan to India led a high-level business delegation to the Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR). The visit aimed to explore strategic cooperation in semiconductors and smart city development. Dholera SIR, India's first greenfield smart industrial city, is located in Gujarat. The city focuses on advanced manufacturing, digital governance, and sustainable urban living. It is a key part of India's vision to boost high-tech investments, particularly in the semiconductor sector

**25. Which government department has launched the Sanchar Mitra Scheme to empower youth as digital ambassadors?**

- [A] Department of Posts (DoP)
- [B] Department of Science and Technology (DST)
- [C] Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- [D] Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)

**Correct Answer: C [Department of Telecommunications (DoT)]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) launched the Sanchar Mitra Scheme nationwide to empower youth as digital ambassadors. The scheme targets student volunteers, called Sanchar Mitras, to spread awareness on telecom-related issues. Sanchar Mitras will educate people about digital safety, cyber fraud prevention, and Electromagnetic Field (EMF) radiation concerns. They will also promote responsible mobile usage and digital literacy. The scheme provides students exposure to advanced telecom technologies like 5G, 6G, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Cyber Security.

**26. What is the name of operation launched by Indian army to ensure safe conduct of the Amarnath Yatra in 2025?**

- [A] Operation Rakshak
- [B] Operation Shiva
- [C] Operation Surya
- [D] Operation Kiran

**Correct Answer: B [Operation Shiva]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Indian Army launched Operation Shiva 2025 to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of the Amarnath Yatra. It is being executed in coordination with civil administration and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). The operation strengthens security on both Northern and Southern Yatra routes, especially after the Pakistan-backed threats post Operation Sindoor. A Counter-Unmanned Aerial System (C-UAS) grid with 50+ C-UAS and Electronic Warfare (EW) systems is in place to counter drone threats.

**27. What is the name of the operation launched by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) to seize illicit Chinese firecrackers?**

- [A] Operation Crackdown
- [B] Operation Fire Trail
- [C] Operation Garuda
- [D] Operation Chakra

**Correct Answer: B [Operation Fire Trail]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched Operation Fire Trail and seized Chinese firecrackers worth ₹35 crore. The illegal goods were found in seven containers at Nhava Sheva Port (Mumbai), Mundra Port, and Kandla Special Economic Zone (KASEZ) in Gujarat. The total weight of the seized firecrackers was 100 metric tonnes. They were illicitly imported using false declarations as mini decorative plants, artificial flowers, and plastic mats.

**28. Which ministry has launched the ADEETIE scheme to boost industrial competitiveness, jobs, and climate action?**

- [A] Ministry of Power
- [B] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [C] Ministry of Heavy Industries

[D] Ministry of Finance

**Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Power]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Ministry of Power launched the ADEETIE scheme to boost industrial competitiveness, jobs, and climate action. ADEETIE stands for Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries & Establishments. It is a flagship scheme by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power. The scheme targets Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered on the Udyam portal. It promotes adoption of energy-efficient technologies with at least 10% energy saving potential.

**29.The Kanwar Yatra is primarily associated with which Hindu deity?**

[A] Lord Vishnu

[B] Lord Hanuman

[C] Lord Shiva

[D] Lord Krishna

**Correct Answer: C [Lord Shiva]**

**Notes:**

Delhi Chief Minister recently warned that no nuisance will be tolerated during the Kanwar Yatra, after glass shards were found on the yatra route in Shahdara. Kanwar Yatra is a yearly Hindu pilgrimage during the month of Shravan (July–August). Devotees called Kanwariyas collect Gangajal (holy Ganga water) from places like Haridwar, Gangotri, Gaumukh, and Ajgaivinath (Bihar). They carry it in Kanwars—bamboo poles with pots hanging on both sides—on their shoulders. The water is offered to Lord Shiva in temples like Kashi Vishwanath, Baba Baidyanath (Jharkhand), and 12 Jyotirlingas.

**30.Which country has developed the world’s lightest brain control device to steer bees?**

[A] India

[B] Russia

[C] China

[D] France

**Correct Answer: C [China]**

**Notes:**

Chinese researchers led by Professor Zhao Jieliang at Beijing Institute of Technology developed the world’s lightest brain control device to steer bees. It is fixed on the bee’s back with three fine needles connecting to the brain, sending signals to control direction. In trials, bees followed commands with 90% accuracy, including turning, moving forward, and reversing. The bee-based robotic model offers superior mobility, stealth, and adaptability for missions like urban combat, counterterrorism, and disaster relief.

**31.The Raji tribe is primarily found in which state?**

[A] Odisha

[B] Haryana

[C] Uttarakhand

[D] Himachal Pradesh

**Correct Answer: C [Uttarakhand]**

**Notes:**

In Khetar Kanyal village, Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand, no woman contested for the village head (pradhan), highlighting a deeper issue within the Raji tribe community. The Raji tribe is a small indigenous group from the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand and parts of western Nepal. It is among the smallest tribes of India and is classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). Also known as Banrawats, Ben-Manus, and cave dwellers. They traditionally lived in forests and caves and speak Bat-Kha, a Tibeto-Burman language.

**32.Where was the Youth Spiritual Summit 2025 organized?**

[A] Varanasi

[B] Chennai

[C] Hyderabad

[D] Bhopal

**Correct Answer: A [Varanasi]**

**Notes:**

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports inaugurated the Youth Spiritual Summit in Varanasi. The summit was held at the Rudraksh International Convention Centre. Theme of the summit was “Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat” (Drug-Free Youth for Developed India). The three-day summit focused on making youth drug-free to help build a Developed India. The summit ended with the Kashi Declaration, committing to a nationwide campaign for drug-free youth. A roadmap called Kashi Sankalp Patra was created to guide efforts toward youth de-addiction.

**33.The Bedouin tribes are primarily found in which region?**

- [A] Middle East and North Africa deserts
- [B] Amazon rainforest
- [C] North Canada
- [D] Himalayas

**Correct Answer: A [Middle East and North Africa deserts]**

**Notes:**

Recently, more than 300 people were killed in a week of violent clashes between Syria’s Druze minority and Sunni Bedouin tribes in and around Sweida city. The Bedouins are nomadic, Arabic-speaking tribes who have lived in the Middle East and North Africa deserts for centuries. The word Bedouin comes from Arabic “badawi”, meaning “desert dweller”. They survive mainly by herding camels, sheep, and goats, moving seasonally across arid lands. Bedouin tribes are often classified based on the animal species they herd.

**34.AdFalcivax Vaccine, that was recently seen in news, is related to which disease?**

- [A] Malaria
- [B] Polio
- [C] Measles
- [D] Trachoma

**Correct Answer: A [Malaria]**

**Notes:**

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is developing a new malaria vaccine called AdFalcivax to fight Plasmodium falciparum. This was recently highlighted due to its unique chimeric and recombinant design. AdFalcivax is being developed with Regional Medical Research Centre Bhubaneswar (RMRCBB), National Institute of Malaria Research (NIMR), and Department of Biotechnology – National Institute of Immunology (DBT-NII). It uses Lactococcus lactis, a safe food-grade bacterium, for production. The vaccine targets both the pre-erythrocytic and sexual stages of the malaria parasite. This dual-target approach offers both personal protection and reduction of mosquito transmission.

**35.Which country has become Malaysia’s largest importer of germinated oil palm seeds in 2025?**

- [A] India
- [B] Bangladesh
- [C] China
- [D] France

**Correct Answer: A [India]**

**Notes:**

India has become Malaysia’s largest importer of germinated oil palm seeds in 2025. In 2024, India imported 3.03 million tonnes of palm oil, making up 17.9% of Malaysia’s total exports. India aims to expand palm oil cultivation to 1 million hectares by 2025-26 under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP). Goal is to produce 2.8 million tonnes of crude palm oil by 2029-30. Currently, India has 3.7 lakh hectares under palm cultivation, focusing on northeast and island regions. Malaysia offers to collaborate if India provides land for local palm oil production.

**36.Indian Army received the first batch of Apache Helicopters from which country?**

- [A] France
- [B] United Kingdom
- [C] Russia

[D] United States

**Correct Answer: D [United States]**

**Notes:**

On July 22, 2025, Indian Army received the first batch of three Apache AH-64E attack helicopters from the United States at Hindon Airbase. These helicopters will be deployed in Jodhpur with the Army Aviation Corps after Joint Receipt Inspection. Apache helicopters will strengthen India's operational capabilities along the Western Border. The \$600 million deal for six Apache helicopters was signed in 2020. The next batch of three helicopters will arrive by November 2025. Apache AH-64E is a state-of-the-art combat helicopter, enhancing strike power in challenging terrains.

**37. Which day is observed as National Broadcasting Day every year in India?**

[A] 21 July

[B] 22 July

[C] 23 July

[D] 24 July

**Correct Answer: C [23 July]**

**Notes:**

July 23 is observed as National Broadcasting Day in India. It commemorates the first radio broadcast in India on July 23, 1927 from Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company. On June 8, 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service was renamed All India Radio (AIR). In 1956, AIR adopted the name AKASHVANI as the National Broadcaster. Broadcasting played a vital role in the freedom struggle, spreading information and fostering unity. Post-independence, it supported literacy, health awareness, and agricultural education, especially in rural India.

**38. Great Ruaha River, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?**

[A] Rwanda

[B] Tanzania

[C] Kenya

[D] Egypt

**Correct Answer: B [Tanzania]**

**Notes:**

Tanzania's Vision 2050 was recently launched to address the climate crisis affecting the Great Ruaha River. The river is drying due to climate change and mismanagement, threatening agriculture, biodiversity, and livelihoods. The plan focuses on climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy, and fair land governance to restore the river's health. Great Ruaha River is a major river in south-central Tanzania and a vital water source. It flows northeast through the Usangu wetlands, crosses the Usangu plains important for farming and livestock, and passes through Ruaha National Park.

**39. Which state has topped in implementation of 'Amrit Sarovar program'?**

[A] Gujarat

[B] Rajasthan

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Bihar

**Correct Answer: C [Uttar Pradesh]**

**Notes:**

Uttar Pradesh has recently become the top state in India for Amrit Sarovar construction with 16,630 ponds built or rejuvenated. This is three times the original target of 5,550 set at the start of the programme in 2022. Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched on 24 April 2022 under "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to celebrate 75 years of Indian independence. The mission aims to build or rejuvenate at least 75 ponds in every district to address rural water scarcity. It plays a key role in promoting local water sustainability and groundwater recharge.

**40. Which institute has developed a highly sensitive, low-cost point-of-care device for early detection of sepsis?**

[A] Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

[B] National Institute of Technology Calicut

[C] All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi

[D] Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

**Correct Answer: B [National Institute of Technology Calicut]**

**Notes:**

A team at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Calicut has recently developed a low-cost, highly sensitive point-of-care device for early detection of sepsis. The device uses an electrochemical biosensor to detect endotoxins, which are key biomarkers of infection from Gram-negative bacteria. Sepsis is a life-threatening condition that can cause organ failure, shock, and even death if not treated early. The device can detect Lipopolysaccharide (LPS), a toxic component of bacterial membranes, within 10 minutes using blood serum.

**41. Which state has become the first in India to ensure that all polling stations have fewer than 1,200 electors?**

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Haryana
- [D] Bihar

**Correct Answer: D [Bihar]**

**Notes:**

Bihar has become the first Indian state to ensure that all polling stations have fewer than 1,200 electors. This move is aimed at reducing overcrowding and improving voter convenience during elections. The Election Commission of India (ECI) added 12,817 new polling stations in Bihar. The total number of polling stations has increased from 77,895 to 90,712. This follows the State Instructional Representation (SIR) order issued on June 24, 2025. The SIR order revised the voter limit per polling station from 1,500 to 1,200. This model may serve as a guideline for other states and Union Territories.

**42. What is the name of the scheme recently launched by government to develop iconic tourist centres to a global scale?**

- [A] Global Tourism Excellence Initiative (GTEI)
- [B] Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)
- [C] National Iconic Sites Programme (NISIP)
- [D] Heritage and Culture Tourism Development Scheme (HCTDS)

**Correct Answer: B [Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)]**

**Notes:**

Recently, the Ministry of Tourism launched the 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' (SASCI) scheme. The scheme aims to develop iconic tourist destinations into world-class attractions. Central Government will provide financial support for these projects until March 31, 2026. Focus is on improving the entire tourist value chain including infrastructure, branding, sustainability, and operations. State governments will implement and manage the approved projects. Each selected project must be completed within two years.

**43. What is the name of the last indigenous Pollution Control Vessel (PCV) launched by Goa Shipyard Limited in 2025?**

- [A] Samudra Rakshak
- [B] Samudra Shakti
- [C] Samudra Prachet
- [D] Samudra Prakaram

**Correct Answer: C [Samudra Prachet]**

**Notes:**

'Samudra Prachet', the second and final indigenous Pollution Control Vessel (PCV) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), was launched on July 23, 2025, in Goa by Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL). The vessel has 72% indigenous content, supporting Aatmanirbhar Bharat, local industry, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and job creation. It is designed to handle oil spills in India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) with state-of-the-art Response Equipment. The first Pollution Control Vessel (PCV), Samudra Pratap, was launched earlier on August 29, 2024.

**44. What is the main goal of Resolution 2788 recently adopted by UN Security Council (UNSC)?**

- [A] Strengthen mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of international disputes
- [B] Strengthen military alliances

[C] Proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

[D] Reduce diplomatic missions

**Correct Answer: A [Strengthen mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of international disputes]**

**Notes:**

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) recently adopted Resolution 2788 to strengthen peaceful ways of resolving international disputes. The resolution was adopted unanimously by all 15 UNSC members, showing global consensus. It urges all UN member states to use tools listed in Article 33 of the UN Charter, such as negotiation, mediation, arbitration, judicial settlement, and regional arrangements. Resolution 2788 reaffirms the UNSC's role in recommending proper methods for peaceful dispute resolution. It calls on countries to take strong steps to implement UNSC resolutions supporting peaceful settlements.

**45.Which state has become a national leader in implementing the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA)?**

[A] Rajasthan

[B] Gujarat

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Madhya Pradesh

**Correct Answer: D [Madhya Pradesh]**

**Notes:**

Madhya Pradesh (MP) is leading in implementing the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA). The Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) is effectively implemented in 88 tribal blocks across 20 districts. This initiative empowers tribal communities to resolve disputes locally through traditional Chaupals, reducing reliance on police stations. In 2025, MP received national recognition from the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, featured in a special success stories booklet. More than 8,000 local disputes, including family and land issues, have been resolved through community-led justice.

**46.Which state has recorded the highest number of rooftop solar installations under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana as of July 2025?**

[A] Gujarat

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Karnataka

**Correct Answer: A [Gujarat]**

**Notes:**

As of 14 July 2025, 15.45 lakh households have benefited under Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PM-SGMBY). The scheme was launched in February 2024 by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). It aims to provide rooftop solar panels to 1 crore households by March 2027. It offers 40–60% subsidy for residential solar installations. Gujarat leads with 5.23 lakh installations (33% of total), followed by Maharashtra with 3.79 lakh. States like Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Northeast states have less than 1,000 installations.

**47.Which country is the host of COP15 of the Ramsar Convention in July 2025?**

[A] India

[B] Kenya

[C] Switzerland

[D] Zimbabwe

**Correct Answer: D [Zimbabwe]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav led the Indian delegation at COP15 of Ramsar Convention. The 15th Conference of Parties (COP15) to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands took place at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from 23rd to 31st July 2025. India highlighted its achievement of having 91 Ramsar Sites covering 1.36 million hectares, the largest network in Asia and third largest globally. India expanded its Ramsar network by 250% in the past decade. India held bilateral talks with global environment leaders and Zimbabwe for wetland restoration cooperation.

**48. Atal Pension Yojana is regulated by which organization?**

- [A] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- [B] Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
- [C] Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- [D] Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

**Correct Answer: D [Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)]**

**Notes:**

Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed 8 crore enrolments in 2025, marking its 10th anniversary. 39 lakh new subscribers were added in the current financial year. APY is a government-backed pension scheme launched in 2015. It provides social security to workers in the unorganised sector. It is regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). The scheme guarantees fixed monthly pension after the age of 60. It promotes retirement planning for people without formal pension coverage. It supports inclusive financial security and long-term welfare for low-income workers.

**49. Which institution has launched Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana to strengthen legal aid for defence personnel and their families?**

- [A] National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)
- [B] Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)
- [C] Ministry of Defence
- [D] NITI Aayog

**Correct Answer: A [National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)]**

**Notes:**

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) recently launched the Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana during the North Zone Regional Conference in Srinagar. The conference was themed "Reaffirming the Constitutional Vision of Justice for Defence Personnel and Tribals." The scheme aims to strengthen legal aid services for defence personnel and their families. It will build a dedicated legal support network across Sainik Boards at Zilla, Rajya, and Kendra levels. These Sainik Boards will now also help families of soldiers with legal issues like land disputes, service entitlements, and civil matters.

**50. Where was the Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) 2025 held?**

- [A] Chennai
- [B] Hyderabad
- [C] Mumbai
- [D] New Delhi

**Correct Answer: D [New Delhi]**

**Notes:**

Recently, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) 2025 in New Delhi. It was organized to commemorate 5 years of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) 2025 brought together academicians, educators, policymakers, industry leaders, and government officials. The event focused on reviewing the progress achieved under NEP 2020 in transforming the education system. It also aimed at discussing future strategies to further implement the policy across all levels of education. The Samagam highlighted innovation, inclusivity, and skill development as core themes of NEP 2020.



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## **Current Affairs Quiz – August 2025 (GK Today)**

### **1. Typhoon Co-May recently hit which country?**

- [A] Japan
- [B] Philippines
- [C] China
- [D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: C [China]

Notes:

Recently, China faced Typhoon Co-May and tsunami threats from an 8.8-magnitude earthquake near Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula. Typhoon Co-May, locally called Zhu Jie Cao, hit Shanghai with strong winds of 83 km/h and heavy rain. Nearly 2.83 lakh people were evacuated from Shanghai and nearby areas. A level-one emergency response was issued for flood and typhoon control.

### **2. Which state won the Junior Boys' National Football Championship 2025?**

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Manipur
- [D] Jharkhand

Correct Answer: C [Manipur]

Notes:

Recently, Manipur won the Junior Boys' National Football Championship for the Dr. B.C. Roy Trophy (Tier 1) after 25 years. They defeated defending champions West Bengal 3-0 in the final on July 30, 2025, at Guru Nanak Dev University Sports Complex. The Junior Boys' National Football Championship for the Dr. B.C. Roy Trophy 2025–26 was held in Amritsar, Punjab. This tournament is also known as the B.C. Roy Trophy. It is an Indian football competition for under-15 boys representing different states. It aims to promote young football talent across India at the grassroots level.

### **3. Which state has become the first in India to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) for road safety?**

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Punjab

Correct Answer: A [Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

Recently, Uttar Pradesh became the first Indian state to launch an Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Big Data Analytics-based Road Safety Pilot Project. The project is approved by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). Uttar Pradesh has allocated ₹10 crore in the 2025–26 Budget to develop a data-driven model for the Transport Department. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) will have no financial liability in the project. The AI system will analyse accident reports, weather, vehicles, drivers, and road data to identify accident causes and black spots.

### **4. Meghnad Desai, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?**

- [A] Economics
- [B] Journalism
- [C] Sports
- [D] Politics

Correct Answer: A [Economics]

Notes:

Renowned economist and UK House of Lords member Lord Meghnad Desai passed away recently at age 85. He was born in 1940 in Vadodara, Gujarat as Meghnad Jagdishchandra Desai. He earned BA and MA in Economics from University of Mumbai and completed PhD from University of Pennsylvania in 1963. He authored over 200 academic papers and 8 books, including Marxian Economic Theory and The Rediscovery of India. He was a pioneer in Marxian economics, globalisation, and development economics. In 1991, he became the first Indian-origin Labour Party peer in the House of Lords.

**5. Mansa Devi Temple, that was recently seen in news, is located in which city of Uttarakhand?**

[A] Rishikesh

[B] Dehradun

[C] Almora

[D] Haridwar

Correct Answer: D [Haridwar]

Notes:

Recently, a tragic stampede near Mansa Devi Temple in Haridwar, Uttarakhand claimed 8 lives and injured 28 others. Mansa Devi Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to Goddess Mansa Devi, a form of Shakti or Goddess Durga. It is situated atop Bilwa Parvat on the Sivalik Hills, the southernmost range of the Himalayas. The temple is also called Bilwa Tirth and is one of the Panch Tirth (Five Pilgrimages) in Haridwar. It symbolizes the deep-rooted tradition of Shakti worship in Northern India.

**6. Darwin's Frog, that was recently seen in news, is native to which regions?**

[A] Brazil and Bolivia

[B] Chile and Argentina

[C] Peru and Ecuador

[D] Colombia and Venezuela

Correct Answer: B [Chile and Argentina]

Notes:

Chile launched a major conservation drive to save the endangered Darwin's frog. Darwin's frog is also known as the Southern Darwin's frog. It was discovered by Charles Darwin in 1834 in Chile's southern Chiloé Islands. The frog is tiny, measuring only 3 cm (1.18 inches), and has leaf-like skin. It is a diurnal species, active during the day and sleeping at night. When threatened, it plays dead by lying still on the forest floor or floating in streams. It is found in Chile and Argentina in humid forests and forest streams. The species includes two types: *Rhinoderma darwinii* (endangered) and *Rhinoderma rufum* (critically endangered and nearly extinct).

**7. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh in August 2025?**

[A] Deepak Sinha

[B] Rahul Sharma

[C] Ashutosh Singh

[D] Shashi Prakash Goyal

Correct Answer: D [Shashi Prakash Goyal]

Notes:

Shashi Prakash Goyal, a 1989-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, assumed charge as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh (UP) on 1st August 2025. He replaced Manoj Kumar Singh, an IAS officer of the 1988 batch, who retired from service. Goyal earlier served as Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister (CM), handling Protocol, Civil Aviation, and Estate departments.

**8. Sawalkote Hydroelectric Power Project is located in which state/UT?**

[A] Himachal Pradesh

[B] Jammu and Kashmir

[C] Uttarakhand

[D] Punjab

Correct Answer: B [Jammu and Kashmir]

Notes:

India has revived the 1,856-MW Sawalkote Hydroelectric Power Project on the Chenab River after keeping the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) in abeyance since April. The project, first conceived in the 1960s, was delayed due to Indus Water Treaty restrictions and Pakistan's objections. It is a 2,185 megawatt (MW) run-of-the-river hydroelectric project in Ramban District of Jammu and Kashmir. It will be the largest hydropower project in the Union Territory and one of the biggest in North India. It is being developed by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) and Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Limited (JKSPDC).

**9.Which Legislative Assembly became the first in India to be powered entirely by solar energy?**

[A] Maharashtra Legislative Assembly

[B] Gujarat Legislative Assembly

[C] Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly

[D] Delhi Legislative Assembly

Correct Answer: D [Delhi Legislative Assembly]

Notes:

Delhi Legislative Assembly became India's first legislature fully powered by solar energy on August 4, 2025. A 500-kilowatt rooftop solar power plant was commissioned on the Assembly building. The solar plant is expected to cut electricity bills by Rs 15 lakh monthly, saving about Rs 1.75 crore annually. Surplus electricity will be generated through net metering and used efficiently. The Assembly also launched the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) to shift towards paperless functioning.

**10.Where was the Indian Army Research Cell named "Agnishodh" recently inaugurated?**

[A] IIT Madras

[B] IIT Bombay

[C] IIT Delhi

[D] IIT Kanpur

Correct Answer: A [IIT Madras]

Notes:

Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi inaugurated Agnishodh, the Indian Army Research Cell (IARC), at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras. The centre will integrate academic research with real-time military applications to support Army modernization under the Five Pillars of Transformation. It aligns with the Army's vision of "Swadeshikaran Se Sashaktikaran" (Empowerment through Indigenization). Focus areas include additive manufacturing, cybersecurity, quantum computing, wireless communication, and drones.

**11.Who won the Chess Esports World Cup 2025**

[A] Hikaru Nakamura

[B] Magnus Carlsen

[C] Alireza Firouzja

[D] Arjun Erigaisi

Correct Answer: B [Magnus Carlsen]

Notes:

World No.1 Grandmaster (GM) Magnus Carlsen (Team Liquid) won the inaugural Chess Esports World Cup 2025. He defeated GM Alireza Firouzja (Team Falcons) by winning both sets 3-1 in a best-of-three final. Carlsen lost only one game, in the first round of the second set. He earned a prize of US\$ 250,000 and 1000 points for Team Liquid. GM Hikaru Nakamura (Team Falcons) beat GM Arjun Erigaisi (Gen.G Esports) 3.5-2.5 to secure third place. The Chess Esports World Cup 2025 was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

**12.Which two crops from Ladakh are part of NASA's Crew-11 experiment on the International Space Station (ISS)?**

[A] Barley and maize

[B] Seabuckthorn and Himalayan tartary

[C] Mizuna mustard and Black eyed pea

[D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: B [Seabuckthorn and Himalayan tartary]

Notes:

Seeds of seabuckthorn and Himalayan tartary buckwheat grown in Ladakh's cold desert are part of NASA's Crew-11 experiment on the International Space Station (ISS). The seeds were sourced by Indian space start-up Protoplanet based in Bengaluru. The mission launched on August 1, 2025, from Florida and docked at ISS on August 2, 2025. The experiment aims to test how seeds react to space stress and microgravity before germination. It focuses on gene activation and metabolic processes vital for space agriculture. Himalayan tartary buckwheat and seabuckthorn are rich in nutrients and suitable for long-duration space missions.

**13. Which Indian city has secured the highest rank in the Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) City Index 2025?**

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Delhi
- [C] Bengaluru
- [D] Chennai

Correct Answer: C [Bengaluru]

Notes:

Bengaluru topped in India in the 2025 Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) City Index, ranked 26th globally. It is the top AI hub in India, known for AI Research and Development (R&D) and data centers. Bengaluru attracts major foreign investment due to its strong startup ecosystem. Other top Indian cities include Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, and Kolkata. Indian cities need a clear AI roadmap and strong regulations to grow further. Globally, Singapore ranked 1st, followed by Seoul, Beijing, Dubai, and San Francisco. The 2025 Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) City Index is released by Counterpoint Research, a global technology market research firm.

**14. Which country has launched the Rhisotope Project to combat rhino poaching?**

- [A] South Africa
- [B] India
- [C] Kenya
- [D] Australia

Correct Answer: A [South Africa]

Notes:

A South African university launched a unique anti-poaching campaign by injecting radioactive isotopes into rhino horns. The initiative is called the Rhisotope Project and is led by the University of the Witwatersrand. It is supported by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Recently, five rhinos were injected with radioactive isotopes in the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve, South Africa. South Africa has lost more than 10,000 rhinos to poaching in the past decade, making the step urgently needed. Radioisotopes are unstable elements that emit radiation to become stable and can be traced. The isotopes are injected through a non-invasive method and are safe for rhinos.

**15. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) is implemented under which subscheme of Mission Shakti?**

- [A] Samarthya
- [B] Sambal
- [C] Shaksham
- [D] Shakti

Correct Answer: A [Samarthya]

Notes:

Ministry of Women and Child Development extended the special registration drive for Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY). is a centrally sponsored scheme under Mission Shakti's sub-scheme 'Samarthya'. It aims to give financial help through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM). The goal is to support nutritious diets, improve health-seeking behaviour, and compensate for wage loss. It aligns with Section 4 of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.

**16. PAHAL scheme was launched by which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- [B] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [C] Ministry of Agriculture

[D] Ministry of Finance

Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas]

Notes:

The Indian government has deactivated over 4 crore fake or inactive LPG connections under the PAHAL scheme, as informed recently in Parliament. PAHAL (Pratyaksh Hanstantrit Labh) is a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme for LPG subsidies launched by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Under the scheme, consumers pay the full market price for LPG, and the subsidy is directly transferred to their registered bank account. It is the world's largest cash transfer program, covering over 17 crore LPG users. The scheme ensures transparency, removes middlemen, and prevents diversion of LPG.

**17.Which institute has released a report titled 'Unlocking a \$200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India'?**

[A] NITI Aayog

[B] Bureau Indian Standard

[C] Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways

[D] Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

Correct Answer: A [NITI Aayog]

Notes:

NITI Aayog released a report titled 'Unlocking a \$200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India' to accelerate India's electric mobility shift. India aims for 30% electric vehicle (EV) share in total vehicle sales by 2030. EV sales in India rose from 50,000 in 2016 to 2.08 million in 2024. In contrast, global EV sales rose from 918,000 in 2016 to 18.78 million in 2024. India's EV penetration grew from one-fifth of global levels in 2020 to over two-fifth in 2024, showing steady progress. The report was based on 7 stakeholder consultations held at NITI Aayog. It highlights key challenges, strategic unlocks, and next steps to fast-track EV adoption.

**18.Where was the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference held?**

[A] New Delhi

[B] Chennai

[C] Hyderabad

[D] Bengaluru

Correct Answer: A [New Delhi]

Notes:

M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) hosted the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference from 7–9 August 2025 in New Delhi. The event marks the birth centenary of Professor M.S. Swaminathan, known as the father of India's Green Revolution. The conference is held in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), and National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS). The theme of the conference is "Evergreen Revolution – The Pathway to Bio happiness", promoting sustainable, equitable, and hunger-free development.

**19.Which state government has launched the Annadata Sukhibhava scheme?**

[A] Andhra Pradesh

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Karnataka

[D] Kerala

Correct Answer: A [Andhra Pradesh]

Notes:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu launched the Annadata Sukhibhava-PM Kisan scheme in East Veerayapalem, Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh. A total of ₹3,175 crore was disbursed to 46.85 lakh farmers, with ₹7,000 per farmer in the first phase. The ₹7,000 included ₹5,000 from the State (₹2,343 crore) and ₹2,000 from the Centre (₹832 crore), part of a ₹20,000 annual aid. The scheme is a historic step to empower farmers. Farmers were advised to use the Sukhibhava portal or helpline (155251) for any payment issues.

**20.What is India's global ranking in terms of the largest aviation markets in 2024, according to International Air Transport Association?**

- [A] First
- [B] Second
- [C] Third
- [D] Fifth

Correct Answer: D [Fifth]

Notes:

India became the world's 5th largest aviation market, handling 211 million passengers in 2024. This was reported by International Air Transport Association (IATA) in its World Air Transport Statistics (WATS) 2024. India's passenger traffic grew by 11.1%, overtaking Japan with 205 million passengers. The United States topped the list with 876 million passengers, followed by China (741 mn), UK (261 mn), and Spain (241 mn). The Mumbai-Delhi route ranked 7th busiest globally, with 5.9 million passengers.

**21.The Tato-II Hydroelectric Project is located in which state?**

- [A] Arunachal Pradesh
- [B] Assam
- [C] Sikkim
- [D] West Bengal

Correct Answer: A [Arunachal Pradesh]

Notes:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved ₹8,146.21 crore for the 700 Megawatt (MW) Tato-II Hydro Electric Project in Shi Yomi district, Arunachal Pradesh. The Tato-II Hydro Electric Project (THEP) is on the Siyom river near Tato village in West Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh. It is a 700 Megawatt (MW) run-of-river project with a reservoir capacity of 56 million cubic meters. The project has 4 turbines of 175 MW each, generating 2,738.06 million units annually. Arunachal Pradesh will get 12% free power and 1% for the Local Area Development Fund (LADF). It is a joint venture between North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd (NEEPCO) and the state government.

**22.India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) operates under which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [B] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [D] Ministry of Heavy Industries

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology]

Notes:

The government recently approved four new semiconductor manufacturing projects in Odisha, Punjab, and Andhra Pradesh under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM). India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) is a specialized and independent institution operates under the guidance of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). It operates as a business division within the Digital India Corporation. It aims to create a strong semiconductor and display ecosystem, making India a global hub for electronics manufacturing and design.

**23.Chief Minister Kisan Kalyan Yojana (CMKKY) was launched by which state government?**

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Uttarakhand

Correct Answer: A [Madhya Pradesh]

Notes:

On 14 August 2025, Madhya Pradesh witnessed a historic event for farmers as Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav released the second installment of the Chief Minister Kisan Kalyan Yojana (CMKKY) 2025-26 in Mandla. More than 83 lakh farmers will benefit, receiving ₹6,000 per year under CMKKY, in addition to the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana benefits. The scheme was launched by Madhya Pradesh government in September 2020. The scheme has already transferred

over ₹17,500 crore directly to farmers' bank accounts till March 2025. The installment aims to boost financial stability for Kharif and Rabi seasons, support input purchases, and encourage investments in allied activities.

**24. Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR) is located in which state?**

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Correct Answer: A [Karnataka]

Notes:

A Kerala tourist miraculously survived an elephant attack in Karnataka's Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR) after being pushed down and pinned under the tusker's foot. Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR) is located in Mysore and Chamarajanagar districts of Karnataka at the tri-junction of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala. It is an "ecological confluence" of the Western and Eastern Ghats and was once a hunting ground of Mysore rulers. It forms part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**25. Which company has become the first in India to join the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM)?**

- [A] Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)
- [B] Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- [C] Tata Steel
- [D] Vedanta Resources

Correct Answer: A [Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)]

Notes:

Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) became the first Indian company to join the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM). ICMM is a UK-based collaborative group of leading mining and metals companies. It aims to boost the industry's contribution to sustainable development and promote strong environmental and social performance. ICMM works with various stakeholders to improve understanding of the benefits, costs, risks, and responsibilities of the mining and metals industry in today's world.

**26. Which is the third state after Kerala and Karnataka to implement HAWK, a centralised forest and wildlife crime management system?**

- [A] Jharkhand
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Andhra Pradesh

Correct Answer: B [Tamil Nadu]

Notes:

Tamil Nadu Forest Department launched Hostile Activity Watch Kernel (HAWK), a centralised forest and wildlife crime management system similar to Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) used by police. Tamil Nadu is the third State after Kerala and Karnataka to implement HAWK, developed by Wildlife Trust of India (WTI). Odisha is in the process of adopting the system. HAWK aids in wildlife crime control, forest surveillance, and endangered species protection through real-time data analysis, field reporting, and rapid response.

**27. Which company became the first in India to secure the ISCC CORSIA certification for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)?**

- [A] Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL)
- [B] Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL)
- [C] Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Indian Oil)
- [D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: C [Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Indian Oil)]

Notes:

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Indian Oil) became the first company in India to secure International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC) CORSIA for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) at its Panipat Refinery. The certification is

mandatory for commercial SAF production and aligns India with global aviation fuel standards. Certificate was handed over by Cotecna to Indian Oil Chairman A.S. Sahney in New Delhi. ISCC CORSIA, developed under Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), ensures sustainability and lifecycle carbon standards.

**28. Which country has launched 11 GEESATCOM (Geely Constellation) for Internet of Things (IoT) communication?**

- [A] China
- [B] Russia
- [C] Iran
- [D] Israel

Correct Answer: A [China]

Notes:

On 15 August 2025, Chinese commercial aerospace company Geespace successfully completed the fourth orbital deployment of GEESATCOM (Geely Constellation) by launching 11 satellites from waters off Rizhao, Shandong Province aboard a single rocket. All satellites entered their planned 600 km orbits and are operating normally. GEESATCOM, independently developed and operated by Geespace, supports satellite Internet of Things (IoT) testing and inter-satellite communications. It also provides Earth observation for ecological and environmental monitoring.

**29. National Gopal Ratna Awards was launched under which mission?**

- [A] Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund
- [B] Rashtriya Gokul Mission
- [C] National Programme for Dairy Development
- [D] National Livestock Mission

Correct Answer: B [Rashtriya Gokul Mission]

Notes:

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has opened nominations for the National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) 2025. National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) is one of the highest national honours in the livestock and dairy sector. It was launched in 2021 under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission. The awards encourage excellence among farmers, Dairy Cooperatives, Milk Producer Companies (MPCs), Dairy Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and Artificial Insemination Technicians (AITs). The focus is on promoting indigenous cattle and buffalo breeds that are robust and vital for the economy.

**30. Halman apricot, that was recently seen in news, is primarily found in which region of India?**

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Ladakh
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Karnataka

Correct Answer: B [Ladakh]

Notes:

For the first time, a consignment of 1.5 metric tonnes of Halman apricots has been sent to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Qatar. Halman apricot (*Prunus armeniaca* L.) is a premium variety found in Ladakh. It was introduced over a century ago from China or Central Asia. It is abundantly grown in the Sham region of Ladakh including Dha-Hanu, Garkhon, Skurbuchan, Domkhar, Wanla, Khaltse, and Timosgang villages. It is renowned for rich flavor, versatility, and role in Ladakhi cuisine, medicine, and rituals. Nutritionally, it is rich in Vitamin C, Vitamin E, potassium, magnesium, iron, dietary fiber, and antioxidants.

**31. Which state government has launched the Shramashree scheme for migrant workers in August 2025?**

- [A] Assam
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Bihar
- [D] West Bengal

Correct Answer: D [West Bengal]

Notes:

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched the Shramashree scheme for migrant workers. It will support around 22 lakh registered Bengali-speaking migrant workers returning after harassment in other States. Migrants will get a one-time ₹5,000 travel grant and ₹5,000 monthly aid for one year or till employment. Beneficiaries will receive Khadya Sathi ration cards for food security and Swasthya Sathi health insurance cards. Migrants' children will be enrolled in state schools to continue education.

**32.Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) was conducted by which organization?**

- [A] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- [B] National Sample Survey Office (NSO)
- [C] Ministry of Labour and Employment
- [D] NITI Aayog

Correct Answer: B [National Sample Survey Office (NSO)]

Notes:

According to the Monthly Bulletin of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), India's unemployment rate fell to 5.2% in July 2025 from 5.6% in June 2025. PLFS gives estimates of Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR), and Unemployment Rate (UR). The survey is conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

**33.Which city has launched the "One Freezone Passport" system?**

- [A] Abu Dhabi
- [B] Dubai
- [C] Paris
- [D] Rome

Correct Answer: B [Dubai]

Notes:

Dubai has launched the "One Freezone Passport", a single license system for operating across all free zones. It was announced by the Dubai Free Zones Council to remove the need for multiple permits. The system reduces costs and simplifies operations for investors and entrepreneurs. The reform supports the Dubai Economic Agenda D33, aiming to double GDP by 2033. It attracts foreign direct investment and strengthens sectors like logistics, technology, and manufacturing.

**34.Which player won the 2025 women's singles title in the tennis tournament at the Cincinnati Open?**

- [A] Aryna Sabalenka
- [B] Iga Swiatek
- [C] Jasmine Paolini
- [D] Jessica Pegula

Correct Answer: B [Iga Swiatek]

Notes:

On 18 August 2025, world number three Iga Swiatek won the 2025 women's singles title in the tennis tournament at Cincinnati Open. She defeated world number seven Jasmine Paolini by 7-5, 6-4 in the final. Earlier, Swiatek had never gone beyond the semifinals in six previous attempts at Cincinnati. She lost semifinals to Coco Gauff in 2023 and Aryna Sabalenka in 2024. Against Paolini, Swiatek made a comeback after trailing 0-3 in the first set, winning in 56 minutes. She hit eight aces and secured victory despite Paolini breaking her serve twice. This is her 24th career singles title.

**35.Sampoornata Abhiyan was launched by which institution?**

- [A] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- [B] Quality Council of India
- [C] Reserve Bank of India
- [D] NITI Aayog

Correct Answer: D [NITI Aayog]

Notes:

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav praised 'Sampoornata Abhiyan' for transforming aspirational districts in Madhya Pradesh. The campaign improved maternal health, child immunization, soil health card distribution, electricity in

schools, and timely textbook availability. It enhanced governance, administrative efficiency, and healthy competition among districts. Sampoonata Abhiyan was launched by NITI Aayog to achieve 100% saturation of 12 key social sector indicators in 500 Aspirational Blocks and 112 Aspirational Districts nationwide.

**36. Where was 18th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) 2025 held?**

- [A] Jaipur
- [B] Dehradun
- [C] New Delhi
- [D] Mumbai

Correct Answer: D [Mumbai]

Notes:

India won 4 gold medals and 1 silver medal at the 18th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) 2025 held in Mumbai from August 15–21. The event hosted 288 students from 63 countries. Indian gold medalists are Aarush Mishra (Bengaluru), Banibrata Majee (Delhi), Panini (Patna) and Akshat Srivastava (Kolkata). Sumant Gupta (Gurugram) won the silver medal. Iran emerged as the top performer with all five members winning gold medals. The event was organized by the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)

**37. What is the name of the operation in which the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) dismantled a hydroponic weed smuggling syndicate?**

- [A] Operation WeedOut
- [B] Operation Suraksha
- [C] Operation Chanakya
- [D] Operation GreenLeaf

Correct Answer: A [Operation WeedOut]

Notes:

Operation “WeedOut” by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) dismantled a pan-India syndicate trafficking hydroponic weed. The crackdown took place across Bengaluru, Bhopal, and New Delhi from August 19–21, 2025. On 20th August 2025, DRI intercepted passengers at Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station (Bengaluru) and Bhopal Junction. 29.88 kg of hydroponic weed was recovered in Bengaluru from Rajdhani train 22691 passengers. The operation included multiple simultaneous seizures and arrests under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

**38. What is the rank of India in the World Competitiveness Index 2025?**

- [A] 39th
- [B] 41st
- [C] 49th
- [D] 55th

Correct Answer: B [41st]

Notes:

The global economy is changing due to geopolitical tensions and financial volatility. Nations are redefining competition based on growth, stability, and adaptability. The latest International Institute for Management Development (IMD) World Competitiveness Ranking (WCR) shows developed economies facing challenges. Switzerland remains the most competitive economy globally with strengths in economic, business, and governance factors. Singapore ranks second, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) is third. India dropped to 41st place in 2025 from 39th in 2024. India performs well in economic performance and business efficiency.

**39. Where has India’s first living lab approach for climate sensitivity and disaster resilience been established?**

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Maharashtra

Correct Answer: B [Kerala]

Notes:

Kanichar, 60 km from Kannur, Kerala, is India's first village panchayat to adopt a living lab approach for climate resilience. The approach integrates real-world settings, research, and innovation, involving government, experts, private agencies, and civil society. It is launched by the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) to equip residents with knowledge and skills for natural hazards. The village was chosen after multiple landslides in 2022.

**40.What is the name of the 11-week cleanliness mission launched in Kurukshetra, Haryana?**

- [A] Swachh Bharat Mission – Kurukshetra
- [B] Swachh Kurukshetra – Mera Kurukshetra, Mera Abhimaan
- [C] Haryana Clean City Drive
- [D] Kurukshetra Shuddh Abhiyan

Correct Answer: B [Swachh Kurukshetra – Mera Kurukshetra, Mera Abhimaan]

Notes:

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini launched the 'Swachh Kurukshetra – Mera Kurukshetra, Mera Abhimaan' cleanliness mission at Gita Gyan Sansthanam, Kurukshetra. The mission is scheduled for 11 weeks, from August 24 to November 7, 2025, aiming to make Kurukshetra the cleanest and most beautiful city in India. The mission is part of Haryana Shehr Swachhta Abhiyan – 2025 and involves mass mobilization to clean every street and corner.

**41.The Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme was launched by which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of Tourism
- [D] Ministry of Culture

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Tourism]

Notes:

Ministry of Tourism issued operational guidelines and project report template under Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme. The Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme was launched by the Ministry of Tourism in India, to develop and promote iconic tourist centers at a global scale. State Governments submitted project proposals online, and 40 projects were sanctioned for Rs. 3295.76 crore with 100% central funding. Government of India funds development; State Governments handle operation and maintenance. Projects are expected to boost local economy and create opportunities for local artisans and communities. Information provided by Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in Rajya Sabha.

**42.SMILE scheme (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) was launched by which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [B] Ministry of Urban Development
- [C] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [D] Ministry of Finance

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment]

Notes:

Government of India launched a 15-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme under the SMILE scheme. The programme aims to empower transgender persons through self-employment and livelihood opportunities. SMILE stands for Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise scheme. It is a Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. SMILE has two subschemes: Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons and Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging.

**43.Which bank has become the first Public Sector Bank in India to migrate its corporate website to the secure '.bank.in' domain?**

- [A] Bank of Baroda
- [B] Bank of Maharashtra
- [C] Canara Bank

[D] Punjab National Bank

Correct Answer: D [Punjab National Bank]

Notes:

Punjab National Bank (PNB) is the first Public Sector Bank in India to adopt the .bank.in domain, enhancing cybersecurity and public trust. The .bank.in domain is reserved exclusively for banks to reduce fraud, phishing, and cyber threats. The move aligns with RBI policies post Monetary Policy Committee meeting on February 7, 2025, addressing increasing digital payment frauds. This step reinforces PNB's commitment to safe and secure digital banking for its customers.

**44.The Crew Health and Performance Exploration Analog (CHAPEA) is a series of missions conducted by which space organization?**

[A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

[B] National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

[C] China National Space Administration (CNSA)

[D] European Space Agency (ESA)

Correct Answer: B [National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)]

Notes:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has unveiled the second Crew Health and Performance Exploration Analog (CHAPEA) habitat. It is designed for analogue missions simulating year-long stays on Mars. The second mission will begin in late 2025 with four crew members. The 1,700 square foot, 3D-printed habitat will be used to test living in isolation. CHAPEA (Crew Health and Performance Exploration Analog) is a program of analog missions that simulate year-long stays on the Martian surface. The inaugural CHAPEA mission began in June 2023 and concluded in July 2024, providing valuable insights into the challenges of living and working on Mars.

**45.Exercise Bright Star is a multilateral exercise hosted by which country?**

[A] Egypt

[B] Russia

[C] Iran

[D] Vietnam

Correct Answer: A [Egypt]

Notes:

More than 700 personnel from the Armed Forces and Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff joined Multilateral Exercise Bright Star 2025 in Egypt from August 28 to September 10, 2025. Exercise Bright Star is hosted by Egypt with the United States since 1980 and is among the largest Tri-Service multilateral exercises in the region. It is held biennially, with the last edition in 2023 also featuring India. India's participation highlights its commitment to regional peace, stability, security, interoperability, and cooperation with friendly nations.

**46.Samvatsari Day is a traditional festival celebrated in which religion?**

[A] Hinduism

[B] Jainism

[C] Sikhism

[D] Buddhism

Correct Answer: B [Jainism]

Notes:

Samvatsari was recently celebrated as the most important day of Paryushan Parva, a holy observance in Jainism. The festival embodies the spirit of forgiveness, compassion, atonement, and self-purification. On Samvatsari, Jains seek forgiveness from family, friends, and strangers for any harm caused knowingly or unknowingly. It is a day of reunion, humility, and reflection on personal actions. The occasion reinforces the Jain principles of ahimsa (non-violence) and spiritual cleansing.

**47.Operation Chakra is launched by which organization to combat cyber crimes?**

[A] Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

[B] All India Crime Prevention (AICB)

[C] National Crime Intelligence Agency (NCIA)

[D] Ministry of Law and Justice

Correct Answer: A [Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)]

Notes:

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted searches at five locations in Cachar District, Assam under Operation Chakra to combat cyber crimes. Three persons were arrested, including the Territorial Sales Manager of a telecom company. The case involves unauthorized sale of SIM cards used in digital arrest frauds, impersonation, fraudulent advertisements, investment scams, and UPI-related frauds. Operation Chakra is a multi-agency initiative led by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to combat cybercrime in India. It targets online financial frauds, data breaches, digital impersonation, and other cyber offenses.

**48.What is the estimated annual fisheries potential of India's EEZ?**

[A] 3.12 million tonnes

[B] 4.25 million tonnes

[C] 6.60 million tonnes

[D] 5.31 million tonnes

Correct Answer: D [5.31 million tonnes]

Notes:

India's Exclusive Economic Zone covers 2 million sq km with an estimated fisheries potential of 5.31 million tonnes annually, as per the Ministry of Fisheries. Actual marine catch is around 4.5 million tonnes yearly; LOA is required for fishing in the High Seas. Major potential also exists in Andaman & Lakshadweep.

**49.What trend has been observed in extreme rainfall events in India by 2025?**

[A] Decreased frequency since 2010

[B] No significant change from 1951-2022

[C] Shift towards moderate rainfall events

[D] Increase in very heavy rainfall events

Correct Answer: D [Increase in very heavy rainfall events]

Notes:

Recent studies show that rainfall changes expected by 2040 are already visible in India, with a sharp rise in extreme rainfall events. The CMIP6 (Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6) climate models had projected such changes mainly for the latter half of the 21st century, but the trends (e.g., very heavy rainfall days >115 mm) are already happening. For instance, IMD recorded 502 very heavy rainfall events in June 2025, the highest so far. Scientists, including James Hansen, warn that accelerated global warming (+0.4°C spike in just two years) is outpacing models, raising risks of "point of no return" scenarios such as an AMOC shutdown.

**50.Caroline Fraser's recent book links the emergence of serial killers in the U.S. Pacific Northwest during the 1970s–80s to which form of environmental pollution?**

[A] Mercury contamination

[B] Lead pollution from smelters

[C] Pesticide residues

[D] Radioactive fallout

Correct Answer: B [Lead pollution from smelters]

Notes:

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Caroline Fraser's new book explores the potential link between lead pollution from the ASARCO copper smelter in Tacoma, Washington and the rise of notorious serial killers like Ted Bundy and Gary Ridgway. The hypothesis suggests that high exposure to lead in soils may have contributed to increased crime rates. Children growing up in polluted areas were especially vulnerable due to lead's impact on brain development. The idea echoes economist Jessica Wolpaw Reyes' research showing a correlation between lead exposure and higher adult crime rates.

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## **Current Affairs Quiz – September 2025 (GK Today)**

**1. According to recent analysis of India's cancer registries, which type of cancer has overtaken lung cancer to become the most common cancer among men in the country?**

- [A] Prostate Cancer
- [B] Colorectal Cancer
- [C] Oral Cancer
- [D] Gastric Cancer

Correct Answer: C [Oral Cancer]

Notes:

Data from 43 population-based cancer registries in India showed that oral cancer has now overtaken lung cancer as the most common cancer among men. This is despite a decline in tobacco use, with experts attributing the rise to the long latency period of carcinogen exposure and additional risk factors such as alcohol consumption. Dual use of alcohol and tobacco significantly compounds the risk of oral and other cancers. These findings highlight the need for stronger preventive and awareness measures.

**2. What is meant by "2-System Interaction" in meteorology?**

- [A] Interaction of two rivers causing floods
- [B] Convergence of two distinct weather systems amplifying each other
- [C] Interaction between land and sea breezes
- [D] Combination of El Niño and La Niña

Correct Answer: B [Convergence of two distinct weather systems amplifying each other]

Notes:

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of heavy to extremely heavy rainfall in North India due to 2-System Interaction. 2-System Interaction occurs when two distinct weather systems converge, amplifying each other and causing severe weather. In the current case, the systems are the Southwest Monsoon Trough, carrying moisture from the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal, and the Western Disturbance, a cyclonic circulation from the Mediterranean region. Their interaction leads to intense rainfall beyond normal seasonal patterns. Himalayan regions are vulnerable to landslides and flash floods due to steep and fragile terrain. Such events are increasing due to climatic shifts, changing monsoon dynamics, and rising global temperatures.

**3. Which organization has released the National Annual Report & Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025?**

- [A] National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)
- [B] National Commission for Women (NCW)
- [C] NITI Aayog
- [D] Ministry of Women & Child Development

Correct Answer: B [National Commission for Women (NCW)]

Notes:

The National Annual Report & Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025 was released by the National Commission for Women (NCW). The survey covered 12,770 women across 31 cities in India. The national safety score is 65%, meaning 40% of women feel unsafe despite government assurances. 60% of women reported feeling safe, while younger women under 24 reported harassment at 14%, double the national average. Kohima, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Aizawl, Gangtok, Itanagar and Mumbai are the safest cities. Patna, Jaipur, Faridabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Srinagar and Ranchi are the least safe cities. The report frames women's safety as a developmental issue, encompassing physical, psychological, financial, and digital security.

**4.What is the name of India’s first fully indigenous 32-bit microprocessor launched at Semicon India 2025?**

- [A] Aryabhata 3201
- [B] Chandrayaan 3201
- [C] Bhaskara 3201
- [D] Vikram 3201

Correct Answer: D [Vikram 3201]

Notes:

India unveiled its first fully indigenous 32-bit microprocessor, Vikram 3201, at Semicon India 2025. It is designed by Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC) and fabricated by Indian Space Research Organisation’s (ISRO) Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Chandigarh. Vikram 3201 is designed specifically for rockets and satellites, unlike processors in smartphones or laptops. It is an upgrade of Vikram 1601, a 16-bit processor used in ISRO launch vehicles since 2009. The processor manages navigation, control, and mission management in launch vehicles. The launch supports India’s semiconductor self-reliance, with five units under construction under the Design-Linked Incentive scheme.

**5.Which organisation launched the BHARATI initiative to boost agri-food exports?**

- [A] Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- [B] Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
- [C] NITI Aayog
- [D] Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare

Correct Answer: B [Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)]

Notes:

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) launched a new initiative called BHARATI. BHARATI stands for Bharat’s Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement. It aims to empower 100 agri-food and agri-tech startups, promote innovation, and create new export opportunities for young entrepreneurs. The initiative supports APEDA’s vision of achieving \$50 billion in agri-food exports for Scheduled Products by 2030. BHARATI addresses export challenges like product development, value addition, quality assurance, perishability, wastage, and logistics.

**6.Which city is the host of 18th edition of Inclusion International’s World Congress 2025?**

- [A] Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- [B] Paris, France
- [C] New Delhi, India
- [D] Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Correct Answer: A [Sharjah, United Arab Emirates]

Notes:

Sharjah will host the 18th edition of Inclusion International’s World Congress 2025 from September 15 to 17 at Expo Centre Sharjah. The theme is “We Are Inclusion”, marking the first time the event is held in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Participants from more than 70 countries will discuss inclusive education, systemic reforms, advocacy, healthcare, legal rights, employment, and community participation. The UAE has established 80+ specialised facilities for education, training, and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. The event promotes supportive legislation, barrier removal, and the principle of “health and dignity for all”, reinforcing inclusion as key to sustainable development

**7.Which institute has proposed a mission called PRATUSH to study the Cosmic Dawn?**

- [A] Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru
- [B] Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad
- [C] Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru
- [D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: A [Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru]

Notes:

Scientists at Raman Research Institute (RRI) proposed a mission called PRATUSH to study the Cosmic Dawn. PRATUSH stands for Probing ReionizATIion of the Universe using Signal from Hydrogen. It is a radio telescope to be placed on the far side of the Moon. It is built by Raman Research Institute (RRI) Bengaluru with collaboration from Indian Space

Research Organisation (ISRO). It will use a wideband antenna (30–250 MHz), a self-calibratable analog receiver, and a digital correlator with 100 kHz spectral resolution. It will observe large sky regions continuously and record spectra of radio emission. Its nominal lifetime is two years to collect high-quality data.

**8.What is the name of the portal launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to strengthen transparency in the real estate sector?**

- [A] MyHome Portal
- [B] Unified RERA Portal
- [C] Real Estate Dashboard
- [D] Housing Compliance Portal

Correct Answer: B [Unified RERA Portal]

Notes:

The Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the Unified Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA) portal on 5 September 2025 in New Delhi. The launch took place during the 5th meeting of the Central Advisory Council. The Unified RERA portal aims to strengthen transparency and accountability in the real estate sector. RERA empowers homebuyers, ensures timely project delivery, and enforces discipline among developers. States and Union Territories (UTs) were urged to implement RERA fully to safeguard citizens' interests. The portal provides a centralized platform for project registration, grievance redressal, and real-time monitoring of real estate developments.

**9.Acanthamoeba, recently emerging as a public health concern in Kerala, is what kind of organism?**

- [A] Free-living amoeba
- [B] Bacteria
- [C] Virus
- [D] Fungus

Correct Answer: A [Free-living amoeba]

Notes:

Acanthamoeba, a free-living amoeba, is now a public health concern in Kerala causing eye (keratitis) and brain infections (amoebic meningoencephalitis). Acanthamoeba is a free-living amoeba found in water, soil, dust, swimming pools, hot tubs, and drinking water systems. It can also exist in humidifiers and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. It causes infections in brain, skin, eyes, and sinuses. It enters through cuts, wounds, inhalation, or contact lens use.

**10.International Day of Charity is observed every year on which day?**

- [A] September 3
- [B] September 4
- [C] September 5
- [D] September 6

Correct Answer: C [September 5]

Notes:

International Day of Charity is observed every year on 5th September. It honors Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Nobel Peace Prize winner of 1979 for her charitable work. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared this day in 2012 to mark her death anniversary. The day spreads awareness about poverty eradication and global humanitarian efforts. It encourages people to support charities, join events, and help communities. The observance inspires everyone to carry forward Mother Teresa's mission of service and compassion.

**11.MY Bharat Aapda Mitras are trained by which institution?**

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- [C] State Disaster Response Force (SDRF)
- [D] Indian Red Cross Society

Correct Answer: B [National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)]

Notes:

Union Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs said MY Bharat Aapda Mitras will assist in flood rescue in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. MY Bharat is an autonomous body under the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. It targets youth aged 15-29 years, providing resources, mentorship, learning opportunities, and industry connections to build Viksit Bharat. Aapda Mitras are trained by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) under the Aapda Mitra programme.

**12.Wangchu Hydroelectric Project is located in which country?**

- [A] Nepal
- [B] Myanmar
- [C] Bangladesh
- [D] Bhutan

Correct Answer: D [Bhutan]

Notes:

Adani Power signed a pact with Bhutan's Druk Green Power to build the 570 MW Wangchu Hydroelectric Project. Project will follow a BOOT (Build, Own, Operate, Transfer) model with power purchase and concession agreements signed. It is a run-of-river project on Wangchu River (Raidāk River in India) in Chukha District, Bhutan. Construction will start in first half of 2026 and complete within five years. It will meet Bhutan's peak winter electricity demand and export surplus power to India in summer.

**13.Vishwamitri River, that was recently seen in news, flows through which state?**

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Correct Answer: C [Gujarat]

Notes:

Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) opened all 62 gates of Ajwa Reservoir to release 6,600 cusecs of water after heavy rainfall in Vishwamitri River catchment. Vishwamitri River is a 200 km long non-perennial river in Gujarat. It originates from western and southern slopes of Pavagadh hills in eastern Gujarat. The river flows west through Vadodara, meets tributaries Dhadar and Jambuva, and drains into Arabian Sea via Gulf of Khambhat.

**14.International Literacy Day (ILD) is observed every year on which day?**

- [A] September 6
- [B] September 7
- [C] September 8
- [D] September 9

Correct Answer: C [September 8]

Notes:

International Literacy Day (ILD) is observed every year on September 8. Literacy is a basic human right that supports other rights, freedom, and global citizenship. UNESCO reported that 739 million youth and adults still lack basic literacy skills in 2024. International Literacy Day (ILD) was declared by UNESCO in 1966 and first celebrated in 1967. The 2025 theme is "Promoting literacy in the digital era." International Literacy Day (ILD) 2025 highlights literacy as a tool for justice, peace, and sustainable society.

**15.Which state government has launched Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana to promote women's self-employment and entrepreneurship?**

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Jharkhand

Correct Answer: C [Bihar]

Notes:

The Bihar government launched Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana to promote women's self-employment and entrepreneurship. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the scheme and its application portal. The scheme aims to make women economically independent, boost family incomes, and reduce out-migration. Eligible women will get ₹10,000 initial assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to start small businesses or livelihood activities. If progress is shown, up to ₹2 lakh additional support will be provided after six months, based on performance. The scheme will be implemented by Bihar Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (Jeevika) under the Rural Development Department.

**16. World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on which day every year?**

- [A] September 9
- [B] September 10
- [C] September 11
- [D] September 12

Correct Answer: B [September 10]

Notes:

World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on 10th September since 2003 by International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) with World Health Organization (WHO) as co-sponsor. The triennial theme (2024–2026) is “Changing the Narrative on Suicide” to challenge myths, reduce stigma, and promote open conversations. Globally, more than 727,000 people die by suicide every year, and suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among 15–29 year olds. India launched the first National Suicide Prevention Strategy in 2022 aiming to cut suicide mortality by 10% by 2030. National programmes include Tele-MANAS (Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States), DMHP (District Mental Health Programme), RSKS (Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram), and Manodarpan for student mental health support.

**17. Who has been elected as the 15th Vice President of India in September 2025?**

- [A] Jagdeep Dhankhar
- [B] Justice B Sudershan Reddy
- [C] CP Radhakrishnan
- [D] Venkaiah Naidu

Correct Answer: C [CP Radhakrishnan]

Notes:

CP Radhakrishnan, National Democratic Alliance (NDA) nominee, was elected as the 15th Vice President of India on 10th September 2025. He defeated Justice B Sudershan Reddy, the candidate of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc. The Vice President's office was vacant since July 21 after Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned due to health reasons. Born on 20th October 1957 in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu, Radhakrishnan was serving as the Governor of Maharashtra since July 2024. He earlier served as Governor of Jharkhand, with additional charge of Telangana and Puducherry.

**18. By using which method did scientists study fossil leaves from Nagaland to understand the evolution of Indian monsoons?**

- [A] Radiocarbon Dating
- [B] Ice Core Analysis
- [C] Dendrochronology
- [D] CLAMP (Climate Leaf Analysis Multivariate Program)

Correct Answer: D [CLAMP (Climate Leaf Analysis Multivariate Program)]

Notes:

A study of fossil leaves from Nagaland revealed how Antarctica influenced the Indian Monsoons. Fossil leaves from the Laisong Formation in Nagaland revealed that the region once had a warm and wet climate with very high rainfall and temperatures. The fossils matched the period when massive ice sheets began forming in Antarctica, showing a global connection. Growth of Antarctic ice reshaped global wind and rainfall patterns by shifting the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) toward the tropics. This shift brought intense monsoonal rains to Northeast India and led to the evolution of the monsoon system. The research used CLAMP (Climate Leaf Analysis Multivariate Program) method to analyze fossil leaves. CLAMP treats fossil leaves as “climate fingerprints” to reconstruct past climates.

**19.Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced flood relief assistance of ₹1,600 crore for which State?**

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Himachal Pradesh
- [C] Uttarakhand
- [D] Haryana

Correct Answer: A [Punjab]

Notes:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 9, 2025, visited flood-hit Himachal Pradesh and Punjab. He announced ₹1,500 crore for Himachal Pradesh and ₹1,600 crore for Punjab as relief packages. For Punjab, this is in addition to ₹12,000 crore already available in the disaster management fund. Relief measures include PM Awas Yojana for rebuilding homes, highway restoration, school rebuilding, livestock kits, and farmer support. Ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh was announced for the deceased and ₹50,000 for the injured.

**20.Where was the Gyan Bharatam International Conference 2025 held?**

- [A] Bengaluru
- [B] Mumbai
- [C] Chennai
- [D] New Delhi

Correct Answer: D [New Delhi]

Notes:

Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the Gyan Bharatam International Conference in New Delhi on 11 September. Gyan Bharatam is a national initiative for preserving, digitising, and disseminating India's manuscript heritage. The mission envisions 25 clusters, 20 regional centres, and 10 centres of excellence to safeguard manuscripts. The conference brought together 1,100+ participants, including scholars, experts, institutions, and cultural practitioners from India and abroad.

**21.Which state won the Best State Tourism Board Award at the India Travel Awards 2025?**

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Bihar

Correct Answer: A [Madhya Pradesh]

Notes:

Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB) won the 'Best State Tourism Board' Award at the India Travel Awards 2025 in New Delhi. The award was presented by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat for excellence in innovation, sustainable growth, and tourism leadership. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB) initiatives include eco-tourism circuits, community homestays, adventure tourism, and hospitality upgrades. The award strengthens Madhya Pradesh's identity as the "Heart of Incredible India."

**22.The 44th meeting of the Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) of the SCO was held in which country?**

- [A] Kyrgyzstan
- [B] China
- [C] Uzbekistan
- [D] India

Correct Answer: A [Kyrgyzstan]

Notes:The 44th meeting of the Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held at Cholpon Ata, Kyrgyzstan. The council strongly condemned the Pahalgam terror attack. It endorsed the Tianjin Declaration on terror condemnation, signed during the SCO Council of Heads of State meeting on 1st September 2025, recently attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Indian delegation was led by Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) TV Ravichandran.

**23.INS Aravali, a new shore-based naval facility, was commissioned in which city?**

- [A] Visakhapatnam

[B] Gurugram

[C] Mumbai

[D] Kochi

Correct Answer: B [Gurugram]

Notes:

INS Aravali, a new shore-based naval facility, was commissioned in Gurugram to boost the Indian Navy's information warfare and maritime domain awareness. Strategically located in the National Capital Region (NCR), it will support Navy's command and control network. The base reflects Prime Minister's vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions). INS Aravali is named after the Aravali range, symbolising vigilance, endurance, and foresight. Its crest shows mountains and a rising sun, and its motto is "Maritime Security through Collaboration." It consolidates India's role as the Preferred Security Partner in the Indian Ocean Region.

**24. Which is the only State that currently has active Border Wing Home Guards (BWHG)?**

[A] Rajasthan

[B] Assam

[C] West Bengal

[D] Meghalaya

Correct Answer: A [Rajasthan]

Notes:

Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is planning to raise Border Wing Home Guards (BWHG) along the India-China border. Border Wing Home Guards (BWHG) already exist on the India-Pakistan border and act as support to the Army and border forces during emergencies. Seven States are authorised to have Border Wing Home Guards (BWHG)- Meghalaya, Tripura, Assam, West Bengal, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Gujarat. At present, only Rajasthan has active Border Wing Home Guards (BWHG).

**25. Which Indian state is the host of 8th India International Tea Conference 2025?**

[A] Kerala

[B] Tamil Nadu

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Karnataka

Correct Answer: A [Kerala]

Notes:

United Planters Association of Southern India (UPASI) and Tea Board India will host the 8th India International Tea Conference in Kochi, Kerala, from September 18 to 20, 2025. The theme is "Innovating the Tea Ecosystem for Tomorrow," focusing on automation, digitisation, advanced technologies, and sustainable practices. More than 450 delegates and key decision-makers from more than 10 tea-producing and consuming countries will participate. The event will feature panel discussions, technical sessions, an industrial exhibition, and business-to-business networking.

**26. Sahyadri Tiger Reserve is located in which state?**

[A] Telangana

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Karnataka

[D] Odisha

Correct Answer: B [Maharashtra]

Notes:

Union Environment Ministry approved the capture of eight tigers from Tadoba-Andhari and Pench reserves for translocation to Sahyadri Tiger Reserve in western Maharashtra. Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) is the first tiger reserve of western Maharashtra and the fourth in the state. It covers two protected areas: Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS) and Chandoli National Park (CNP). The Shivsagar reservoir of Koyana River and Vasant Sagar reservoir of Warana River lie in its central part.

**27. Zircon is a scramjet-powered hypersonic cruise missile developed by which country?**

[A] United States

- [B] Russia
- [C] Ukraine
- [D] India

Correct Answer: B [Russia]

Notes:

Russia recently announced it fired a Zircon (Tsirkon) hypersonic cruise missile at a target in the Barents Sea. Sukhoi Su-34 supersonic fighter-bombers also carried out strikes as part of drills with Belarus. The joint exercise, called Zapad (West), began on September 12 to improve military command and coordination in case of an attack on Russia or Belarus. The 3M22 Zircon, NATO code SS-N-33, is a scramjet-powered hypersonic cruise missile developed by Russia. It was first built to strike naval targets but later upgraded for land-attack missions.

**28. Where was India's first bamboo-based ethanol plant inaugurated in September 2025?**

- [A] Manipur
- [B] Assam
- [C] Sikkim
- [D] Meghalaya

Correct Answer: B [Assam]

Notes:

Recently, the Prime Minister inaugurated India's first bamboo-based ethanol plant in Golaghat district, Assam. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for a modern polypropylene plant in the same district. The bamboo-based bioethanol plant aims to boost industrial growth, green energy, renewable power, and create opportunities for farmers and youth. A steady supply of bamboo will be ensured with government support for local farmers in cultivation and procurement. Bamboo, previously restricted, is now allowed for industrial use, benefiting tribal communities in Northeast India.

**29. Which Indian woman chess player won the FIDE Grand Swiss tournament 2025?**

- [A] Koneru Humpy
- [B] Divya Deshmukh
- [C] Harika Dronavalli
- [D] Vaishali Rameshbabu

Correct Answer: D [Vaishali Rameshbabu]

Notes:

Vaishali Rameshbabu won the FIDE Grand Swiss Chess tournament for the second time in a row in Uzbekistan. She secured victory with a final-round draw against former Women's World Champion Tan Zhongyi. The 24-year-old Indian Grandmaster finished with 8 points from 11 rounds. With this win, she gained direct entry into the 2026 Candidates Tournament. Vaishali became the third Indian woman to qualify for the 2026 Candidates, after Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh. In the previous edition, India had swept both men's and women's titles, with Vidit Gujrathi winning the men's event.

**30. Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD), that was recently seen in news, is caused by which agent?**

- [A] Bacteria
- [B] Virus
- [C] Fungus
- [D] Protozoa

Correct Answer: B [Virus]

Notes:

A viral infection called Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD) is spreading rapidly among children in Delhi and Haryana, prompting advisories. It is a highly contagious illness caused by a virus. It causes blister-like rashes on hands and feet, painful mouth sores, and sometimes rashes on chest, back, arms, legs, genitals, and buttocks. It mostly affects infants and children under 5 years, spreading quickly in schools and daycare. It is different from foot-and-mouth disease in animals, caused by a different virus. Transmission happens through unwashed hands, saliva, mucus, feces, or blister fluid. No cure or vaccine exists; recovery usually takes 7–10 days with basic care. Complications are rare, but children under 2 may take longer to recover.

**31. Which organisation has released the report titled “The Implications of Oil and Gas Field Decline Rates”?**

- [A] OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries)
- [B] World Bank
- [C] IMF (International Monetary Fund)
- [D] IEA (International Energy Agency)

Correct Answer: D [IEA (International Energy Agency)]

Notes:

The International Energy Agency (IEA) released a report on September 16, 2025, titled The Implications of Oil and Gas Field Decline Rates. The report warns that global oil and gas fields are depleting faster, raising supply and price risks. Nearly 90% of upstream investment is now spent on offsetting natural declines, not on expanding supply. Without new investment, global oil output could shrink by 5.5 million barrels per day and gas by 270 billion cubic metres annually. India, which imports over 85% of crude oil and 45% of gas, faces heightened vulnerability. IEA urged India to diversify energy sources, expand reserves, explore domestically, and promote clean fuels like green hydrogen and biofuels. Long project timelines of nearly 20 years add further risk to future energy security.

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**33. Which festival is proposed for inclusion in UNESCO’s Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?**

- [A] Chhath Mahaparva
- [B] Holi
- [C] Diwali
- [D] Pongal

Correct Answer: A [Chhath Mahaparva]

Notes:

The Ministry of Culture has started consultations to include Chhath Mahaparva in UNESCO’s Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The meeting was held at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, under UNESCO’s 2003 Convention. Diplomats from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Suriname, and the Netherlands supported the multinational nomination. UNESCO recognition will help global awareness, documentation, and preservation of Chhath Mahaparva. The festival is dedicated to Sun God and Goddess Chhathi Maiya, celebrated in Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and by diaspora worldwide. India currently has 15 cultural elements inscribed in UNESCO’s Representative List.

**34. What is the central theme of national conference MANTHAN 2025 inaugurated by Defence Minister?**

- [A] Strategic Roadmap to Aatmanirbhar Bharat @2047
- [B] Sustainable Infrastructure for Defence
- [C] Digital Transformation in Defence Procurement
- [D] Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy

Correct Answer: A [Strategic Roadmap to Aatmanirbhar Bharat @2047]

Notes:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the two-day national conference MANTHAN 2025 in New Delhi on 18 September. The event is organised by the Directorate General of Defence Estates. Theme of conference is Strategic Roadmap to Aatmanirbhar Bharat @2047. Focus areas include re-imagining defence land management, using advanced digital tools, strengthening governance, and ensuring sustainability. The inaugural session highlighted achievements of the Defence Estates Department in defence land governance. A strategic roadmap to Viksit Bharat by 2047 was also presented.

**35. Yellow-crested cockatoo Bird, that was recently seen in news, is native to which regions?**

[A] Malaysia and Thailand

[B] Philippines and Papua New Guinea

[C] Vietnam and Laos

[D] Indonesia and East Timor

Correct Answer: D [Indonesia and East Timor]

Notes:

Critically endangered yellow-crested cockatoos have found refuge in Hong Kong's urban parks, making up nearly 10% of the global wild population of just 2,000 mature birds. The species is native to Indonesia and East Timor. These snow-white birds with yellow crests now face nesting problems as old trees are lost to typhoons and government trimming. Global threats like illegal pet trade and climate change also worsen their survival. Conservationists in Hong Kong have begun installing artificial nest boxes, with one pair already using them. The project aims to expand to 50 boxes, helping the species survive in the city.

**36. A 180-foot bronze Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj statue, named the Statue of Hindubhushan, was unveiled in which city of Maharashtra?**

[A] Kolhapur

[B] Pimpri-Chinchwad

[C] Amravati

[D] Nashik

Correct Answer: B [Pimpri-Chinchwad]

Notes:

A grand tribute was paid to the under-construction Statue of Hindubhushan of Maratha King Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj. The statue is a 180-foot bronze monument located in Pimpri-Chinchwad, Maharashtra. On 14 September 2025, it was honoured with the largest-ever Dhol-Tasha salute. The ceremony highlighted how history is commemorated via monuments and cultural events. Maharashtra continues to promote its historical legacy and Maratha identity through large-scale cultural tributes.

**37. Papikonda National Park is located in which state?**

[A] Andhra Pradesh

[B] Karnataka

[C] Kerala

[D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: A [Andhra Pradesh]

Notes:

A study documented 51 species of herpetofauna in Papikonda National Park, Eastern Ghats, Andhra Pradesh. The list includes 18 amphibians, 21 lizards, 10 snakes, and 2 turtles. Three species—Minervarya kalinga, Sphaerotheca maskeyi, and Hemidactylus kangerensis—were recorded for the first time in Andhra Pradesh. According to IUCN Red List (2024), 46 species are Least Concern, Hemidactylus kangerensis is Endangered, Lissemys punctata is Vulnerable, and three are unassessed. Papikonda National Park is located in East Godavari and West Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

**38. What is "Iridogorgia chewbacca" that was recently seen in news?**

[A] A newly discovered deep-sea coral species

[B] A species of tropical fish in the Pacific Ocean

[C] A fossil of an ancient marine reptile

[D] A type of seaweed found in the Atlantic Ocean

Correct Answer: A [A newly discovered deep-sea coral species]

Notes:

A new deep-sea coral species has been identified as *Iridogorgia chewbacca*. The species is named after Chewbacca, the tall, furry Wookiee character from Star Wars. It was discovered in the tropical western Pacific Ocean and first seen in 2006. The coral has long, curly, shiny branches resembling Chewbacca's fur and grows upright alone on the ocean floor. The discovery was made by researchers including Les Watling, in collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The finding highlights deep ocean biodiversity and was published in *Zootaxa*.

**39. Yuan Wang 5 is a space and missile tracking ship developed by which country?**

[A] Japan

[B] United States

[C] China

[D] France

Correct Answer: C [China]

Notes:

China's spy ship Yuan Wang 5 has returned to the Indian Ocean region near India, three years after docking at Sri Lanka's Hambantota Port in August 2022. India is preparing for a hypersonic long-range anti-ship missile test over the Bay of Bengal (Sept 24–25, 2025), raising New Delhi's security concerns over Yuan Wang 5's presence. It is a satellite and missile tracking vessel of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy with dual-use snooping capability. It validates intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and hypersonic weapons, collecting telemetry data for performance and readiness. The ship displaces 25,000 tons, is 222 metres long, 25 metres wide, and carries 400 crew members.

**40. Project Vijayak is an initiative of which organisation?**

[A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

[B] Border Roads Organisation (BRO)

[C] National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

[D] Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Correct Answer: B [Border Roads Organisation (BRO)]

Notes:

Project Vijayak of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 15th Raising Day at Kargil, Ladakh on 21 September 2025, marking entry into its 16th year. It was launched in 2010 by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and named after Operation Vijay to reflect the connection between the battle theatre and the project area. It has built 1,400 km of roads and 80 major bridges across Ladakh. In April 2025, it achieved a record by reopening the Zojila Pass in just 31 days after winter closure. The project has improved operational preparedness of Armed Forces and connectivity for Ladakh's people.

**41. Which Indian agency represented India at the Asian Regional Conference 2025 of Interpol?**

[A] National Investigation Agency (NIA)

[B] Intelligence Bureau (IB)

[C] Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

[D] Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)

Correct Answer: C [Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)]

Notes:

India was elected as a member of the Interpol Asian Committee during the 25th Asian Regional Conference in Singapore. The election followed a multi-stage voting process and aims to strengthen regional cooperation on organised crime, cybercrime, human trafficking, terrorism, and drug trafficking. The committee meets annually to discuss regional security issues and guide coordinated actions among member countries. India was represented by a delegation from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the national central bureau for Interpol matters. The committee advises the Asian Regional Conference, identifies regional strategic priorities, and facilitates police cooperation.

**42. Which West African nations announced their withdrawal from the International Criminal Court (ICC) in September 2025?**

- [A] Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger
- [B] Nigeria, Ghana, and Senegal
- [C] Chad, Cameroon, and Ivory Coast
- [D] Mali, Senegal, and Togo

Correct Answer: A [Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger]

Notes:

Recently, Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger announced withdrawal from the International Criminal Court (ICC), calling it a neo-colonial tool. International Criminal Court (ICC) was created by the Rome Statute in 1998, which entered into force on 1 July 2002. It is the only permanent international criminal tribunal in the world. The Court has 125 member countries, but China, India, Israel, Russia, and the United States are not parties. ICC is funded by State Parties' contributions and voluntary donations from governments, organizations, and entities.

**43. Recently, a Fishing Cat (*Prionailurus viverrinus*) was recorded for the first time at which Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan?**

- [A] Sariska Tiger Reserve
- [B] Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
- [C] Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve
- [D] Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve

Correct Answer: D [Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve]

Notes:

A Fishing Cat (*Prionailurus viverrinus*) was recorded for the first time inside Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (RVTR), Rajasthan. The sighting was captured during routine tiger monitoring using camera traps in Ramgarh Range, Bundi. Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (RVTR) previously hosted four small cat species: Jungle Cat (*Felis chaus*), Rusty-spotted Cat (*Prionailurus rubiginosus*), Asiatic Wildcat (*Felis lybica ornata*), and Caracal (*Caracal caracal*). With the Fishing Cat, the reserve now supports five small cat species, enhancing its carnivore diversity. Fishing Cat is listed as Vulnerable on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List and prefers wetlands.

**44. System for Pension Administration – Raksha (SPARSH) is an initiative of which ministry?**

- [A] Ministry of Finance
- [B] Ministry of Defence
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Defence]

Notes:

System for Pension Administration – Raksha (SPARSH) resolved 5.60 lakh out of 6.43 lakh legacy defence pension cases (87%). Average grievance disposal time reduced from 56 days in April 2025 to 20 days now. 31.54 lakh defence pensioners in India and Nepal are onboarded on SPARSH. System for Pension Administration – Raksha (SPARSH) is an initiative of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), Government of India. It is administered by the Defence Accounts Department (DAD). SPARSH is world's largest defence pension system with 202 DAD offices, 4.63 lakh Common Service Centers, 5,200+ bank branches as service centers.

**45. What is the name of European Union's first exascale supercomputer, inaugurated in September 2025?**

- [A] TITAN
- [B] JUPITER
- [C] FUGAKU
- [D] PARAM-Siddhi

Correct Answer: B [JUPITER]

Notes:

In September 2025, Europe's first exascale supercomputer, JUPITER, was launched in Germany. JUPITER is the first European system to achieve the exascale threshold, performing over one quintillion operations per second. It is currently Europe's most powerful supercomputer. JUPITER runs entirely on renewable energy, marking a milestone in

sustainable high-performance computing. JUPITER will support cutting-edge research in areas like climate modeling, weather forecasting, and the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions.

**46. Which institution has launched the report titled “Solar PV Potential Assessment of India (Ground-Mounted)”?**

- [A] National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE)
- [B] Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)
- [C] Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- [D] NITI Aayog

Correct Answer: A [National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE)]

Notes:

The ‘Solar PV Potential Assessment of India (Ground-Mounted)’ report was launched by the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). The report provides a policy-linked, investment-ready framework to guide project siting, infrastructure development, and private sector participation in solar energy. India has crossed 250 GW of non-fossil fuel installed capacity and aims for 500 GW by 2030, energy independence by 2047, and net-zero emissions by 2070. It provides a policy-linked, investment-ready framework for project siting, infrastructure, and private sector participation.

**47. Where was the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Science City inaugurated in Bihar?**

- [A] Muzaffarpur
- [B] Patna
- [C] Gaya
- [D] Bhagalpur

Correct Answer: B [Patna]

Notes:

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Science City at Rajendra Nagar in Patna. The Science City is spread over 21 acres and developed as a modern hub of science and innovation. It features five science-based galleries, 269 science exhibition models, an auditorium, and a 4D theater. It has been built by Bihar’s Department of Science, Technology, and Technical Education. The project cost is 889 crore rupees and it was completed in five years.

**48. Which ministry has released the the 4th issue of Children in India 2025 report?**

- [A] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [B] Ministry of Education
- [C] Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- [D] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation]

Notes:

Recently, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the 4th issue of Children in India 2025 Report at the 29th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (CoCSSO) in Chandigarh on 25th September 2025. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) declined from 44 in 2011 to 25 in 2023, with male IMR at 26 and female at 25. Under-five mortality rate improved to 29 in 2023, lower in urban areas (20) than rural (33). Birth rate in 2023 declined to 18.4 per 1,000 population, with higher rural rate (20.3) than urban (14.9). Gender Parity Index (GPI) in education achieved parity nationally, highest at secondary level with 1.1. Adoptions increased from 3,927 in 2017-18 to 4,515 in 2024-25, with more female children adopted than male.

**49. According to Environmental Accounting on forest 2025 report, which state showed the highest rise in Recorded Forest Area (RFA) share?**

- [A] Chhattisgarh
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Jharkhand
- [D] Uttarakhand

Correct Answer: D [Uttarakhand]

Notes:

Recently, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the Environmental Accounting on Forest 2025 Report on 25th September 2025 during the 29th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (CoCSSO) in Chandigarh. From 2010-11 to 2021-22, forest cover increased by 17,444.61 sq. km, reaching 7.15 lakh sq. km (21.76% of India's area). Major gains were recorded in Kerala with 4,137 sq. km, Karnataka with 3,122 sq. km and Tamil Nadu with 2,606 sq. km. Between 2013 and 2023, forest extent increased by 3,356 sq. km mainly due to reclassification and boundary adjustments. The highest rise in Recorded Forest Area share was in Uttarakhand with 6.3%, Odisha with 1.97% and Jharkhand with 1.9%. Provisioning services value grew from ₹30.72 to ₹37.93 thousand crore between 2011-12 and 2021-22 which is about 0.16% of GDP.

**50. Bidar district of Karnataka won the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Award under which campaign?**

[A] Namami Gange

[B] Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain

[C] Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)

[D] National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM) Programme

Correct Answer: B [Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain]

Notes:

Bidar district (Karnataka) won the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) Award under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign. Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) initiative was launched in 2024 by the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The initiative aims to enhance water recharge through rainwater harvesting, aquifer recharge, borewell recharge, and recharge shafts. The objective is to conserve every drop of water using a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach.



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## **Current Affairs Quiz – October 2025 (GK Today)**

1. Anant Shastra surface-to-air missile system is developed by which organisation?

- [A] Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- [B] Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- [C] Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- [D] Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

**Correct Answer:** D [Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)]

**Notes:**

The Indian Army has issued a tender to Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for five to six regiments of the indigenously developed 'Anant Shastra' surface-to-air missile system. The system was earlier known as Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) and is developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The project is worth about ₹30,000 crore and will boost air defence on borders with Pakistan and China. The mobile system can search, track and engage targets on the move with a 30 km firing range. It will complement Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) and Akash systems.

2. What is the name of the mobile application launched by Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (RIVER) for rabies surveillance?

- [A] RabiesCare App
- [B] Rabi-Track RIVER App
- [C] OneHealth Rabies Ap
- [D] RabiesWatch App

**Correct Answer:** B [Rabi-Track RIVER App]

**Notes:**

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (RIVER) launched 'Rabi-Track RIVER App' for rabies surveillance and reporting on World Rabies Day 2025. The app was developed in collaboration with Atal Incubation Centre, Puducherry Technological University. The launch emphasized adopting a 'One Health' approach for rabies prevention and control. The initiative contributes to India's national goal of eliminating rabies by 2030.

3. Lecanemab drug, that was recently seen in news, is used to treat which disease?

- [A] Multiple Sclerosis
- [B] Tuberculosis
- [C] Alzheimer's Disease
- [D] Huntington's Disease

**Correct Answer:** C [Alzheimer's Disease]

**Notes:**

Australia recently approved Lecanemab for early-stage Alzheimer's disease. Dementia causes progressive memory and thinking problems and is now Australia's leading cause of death. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases. Lecanemab is a monoclonal antibody drug that targets amyloid proteins in the brain. It aims to slow disease progression by tackling the cause of Alzheimer's, not just symptoms. The drug works by using antibodies to mark amyloid for removal by brain immune cells, preventing toxicity to brain cells.

4. India's first private sector helicopter final assembly line (FAL) has been unveiled in which state?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Maharashtra

**Correct Answer:** C [Karnataka]

**Notes:**

India's first private sector helicopter final assembly line (FAL) unveiled in Vemagal, Karnataka by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL). The final assembly line (FAL) will assemble the versatile Airbus H125 helicopter for civil and defence use. The initiative reduces dependence on imports and strengthens domestic aviation capabilities. Facility will enhance local technical skills and high-precision manufacturing. TASL aims to integrate modern production processes with strict quality standards. The plant will create significant employment opportunities in aerospace engineering.

5. Which state has the highest number of districts selected under Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Gujarat

**Correct Answer:** A [Uttar Pradesh]

**Notes:**

The Centre announced 100 Aspirational Agriculture Districts under Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) across 29 states and Union Territories (UTs). Uttar Pradesh has the highest number with 12 districts, followed by Maharashtra (9), Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan (8 each), and Bihar (7). Other states and UTs have districts ranging from 1–4 each, with Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, and Uttarakhand having 2 districts each. Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) aims to enhance agricultural productivity, crop diversification, sustainable practices, post-harvest storage, irrigation, and credit access.

6. Which country topped the medal tally at the 2025 ISSF Junior World Cup held in New Delhi?

- [A] India
- [B] Cyprus
- [C] Finland
- [D] Iran

**Correct Answer:** A [India]

**Notes:**

India topped the ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) Junior World Cup 2025 medals table with 8 gold, 10 silver, and 8 bronze. The ISSF Junior World Cup was held in New Delhi from 24 September to 2 October 2025. Individual Neutral Athlete (AIN) was second with 5 gold, 3 silver, and 4 bronze. Italy was third with 2 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze. Other medal-winning countries included Czechia, Croatia, Spain, Finland, Cyprus, and Iran. The event highlighted India's strong performance in shooting at junior level.

7. Pulicat Lake, that was recently seen in news, spans across which two states?

- [A] Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- [B] Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu
- [C] Odisha and West Bengal
- [D] Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

**Correct Answer:** B [Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu]

**Notes:**

Recently, Pulicat Lake fishermen demanded a long-term solution as siltation threatens their livelihoods. Pulicat Lake is a large coastal shallow, brackish water lagoon along the Bay of Bengal. It is India's second largest brackish water lagoon after Chilika, spanning Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The lagoon is separated from the Bay of Bengal by Sriharikota Island. It is fed by Aarani River in the south and Kalangi River from the northwest; Buckingham Canal passes through it. Pulicat Lake was designated a Ramsar site in 2002 for wetland conservation.

8. INS Sahyadri, that was recently seen in news, belongs to which class of Indian Navy warships?

- [A] Nilgiri Class
- [B] Shivalik Class
- [C] Talwar Class
- [D] Kolkata Class

**Correct Answer:** B [Shivalik Class]

**Notes:**

Recently, INS Sahyadri, an indigenous stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, made a port call at Kemaman Port in Malaysia. It is the third ship of the Shivalik Class Guided Missile Stealth Frigates built by Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai. The ship was indigenously designed, constructed, and commissioned in 2012. INS Sahyadri is equipped with advanced weapons and sensors to detect and neutralize threats from air, surface, and subsurface. It has a displacement of 6,800 tons and a surface speed of 32 knots. The ship belongs to the Eastern Fleet of the Indian Navy based in Visakhapatnam.

9. Astronomers recently detected phosphine ( $\text{PH}_3$ ) in the atmosphere of brown dwarf Wolf 1130C using which telescope?

- [A] Hubble Space Telescope
- [B] James Webb Space Telescope
- [C] Spitzer Space Telescope
- [D] Chandra X-ray Observatory

**Correct Answer:** B [James Webb Space Telescope]

**Notes:**

Astronomers using the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) recently detected phosphine ( $\text{PH}_3$ ) in the atmosphere of brown dwarf Wolf 1130C. Phosphine is a chemical compound consisting of one phosphorus atom and three hydrogen atoms. On Earth, phosphine is naturally produced by bacteria in low-oxygen environments. These bacteria absorb phosphate from minerals or biological material and combine it with hydrogen to form phosphine. Phosphine is also present in the atmospheres of Jupiter and Saturn. The compound is also known as hydrogen phosphide. Its detection in Wolf 1130C provides insights into chemical processes in brown dwarf atmospheres.

10. According to the latest National Crime Records Bureau 2023 report, which city emerged as the safest city in India?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Kolkata
- [C] Pune
- [D] Chennai

**Correct Answer:** B [Kolkata]

**Notes:**

Kolkata has again emerged as India's safest city with the lowest number of cognisable offences per lakh population in 2023. Kolkata recorded 83.9 cognisable offences per lakh people, lowest among 19 cities with over 20 lakh population, as per National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report 2023. Kochi was the worst performer with 3,192.4 offences per lakh, followed by Delhi (2,105.3) and Surat (1,377.1). Hyderabad (332.3), Pune (337.1), and Mumbai (355.4) were the next safest cities.

11. Where was Foreign Currency Settlement System (FCSS) launched in October 2025?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Andhra Pradesh

**Correct Answer:** A [Gujarat]

**Notes:**

On October 7, 2025, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the Foreign Currency Settlement System (FCSS) at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) IFSC. FCSS allows real-time or near real-time settlement of foreign currency transactions within GIFT IFSC, replacing delays of 36–48 hours via traditional correspondent banking. GIFT City is India's first special economic zone (SEZ) for global finance, insurance, fintech, and capital markets, spread over 886 acres between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar. FCSS reduces settlement time, improves liquidity management, lowers settlement risk, and enhances operational efficiency.

12. Who won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Literature?

- [A] Han Kang
- [B] László Krasznahorkai

[C] Olga Tokarczuk

[D] Peter Handke

**Correct Answer:** B [László Krasznahorkai]

**Notes:**

On October 9, 2025, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced the Nobel Prize in Literature 2025 for László Krasznahorkai, a Hungarian author. He was awarded for his compelling and visionary works that explore art amidst apocalyptic terror. Born in 1954 near the Romanian border, he rose to fame with his first novel 'Sátántangó' (1985; English 2012). His latest work, 'Herscht 07769' (2025), portrays social unrest in a small town in Thüringen, Germany, blending violence and beauty. The Nobel Prize carries a cash award of 11 million Swedish kronor (~₹1.03 crore) and will be presented on December 10, 2025. Last year, the Literature Nobel was awarded to Han Kang, South Korea.

13. Which ministries have jointly launched the Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0?

[A] Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Youth Affairs

[B] Ministry of Social Justice and Ministry of Education

[C] Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Science & Technology

[D] Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

**Correct Answer:** D [Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare]

**Notes:**

The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, launched the Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0. This 60-day national campaign aims to achieve a tobacco-free generation by educating and empowering children and youth. The campaign focuses on preventing initiation of tobacco use, supporting those who wish to quit, and promoting health and wellness in schools and higher education institutes. The Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2019 reported 8.4% of students aged 13–15 use tobacco, with initiation around age 10. The campaign follows a whole-of-government approach combining awareness, prevention, and enforcement measures.

14. Ruphin Fortunat Zafisambo has been appointed as Prime Minister of which country?

[A] Kenya

[B] Uganda

[C] Djibouti

[D] Madagascar

**Correct Answer:** D [Madagascar]

**Notes:**

In October 2025, Madagascar's President Andry Rajoelina appointed General Ruphin Fortunat Zafisambo as the new Prime Minister (PM). He succeeded Christian Ntsay, who had served as PM since 2018. The appointment followed rising protests over power outages and water shortages. This marks a leadership shift, with a military officer replacing a civilian politician. Ruphin Fortunat Zafisambo began military education at Antsirabe Military Academy, Madagascar in 1991. He served under High Transitional Authority (HAT) after the 2009 crisis. Madagascar's capital is Antananarivo and currency is Malagasy Ariary (MGA).

15. Where was Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference 2025 held?

[A] Mehsana

[B] Dahod

[C] Morbi

[D] Navsari

**Correct Answer:** A [Mehsana]

**Notes:**

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference at Ganpat University, Mehsana on 9–10 October 2025. On the first day, Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) organised a seminar on Critical Minerals: Opportunities in New Emerging Sectors. GMDC focuses on cleaner, greener, and sustainable mining, and runs the International Centre of Excellence in Mining Safety and Automation. Critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, nickel, titanium, and rare earth elements are vital for clean energy, aerospace, defence, and electronics. Gujarat Green Vehicle Policy 2025 promotes electric vehicles (EVs) and charging infrastructure.

16.Which country launched its first-ever National Child Safeguarding Policy in October 2025?

- [A] Fiji
- [B] Tuvalu
- [C] Tonga
- [D] Peru

**Correct Answer:** A [Fiji]

**Notes:**

Fiji launched its first-ever National Child Safeguarding Policy in October 2025. The policy sets a national benchmark for child safety across all sectors. It ensures all child-related services are delivered safely, respectfully, and in a child-friendly manner. It introduces a mandatory Child Protection Code of Conduct for all institutions and organisations. It requires child-safe recruitment and vetting processes, including criminal background checks. It includes risk mitigation strategies tailored to protect children from harm. It strengthens child safety, accountability, and institutional responsibility in Fiji.

17.The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is observed globally on which day?

- [A] October 11
- [B] October 12
- [C] October 13
- [D] October 14

**Correct Answer:** C [October 13]

**Notes:**

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is observed globally on 13 October each year. It encourages citizens to actively participate in building disaster-resilient communities. The 2025 theme is “Fund Resilience, Not Disasters,” emphasizing increased funding for disaster risk reduction (DRR) in public and international budgets. The theme also calls for ensuring all development and private investments are risk-informed and resilient. The day was established in 1989 following a call by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). It aims to promote a global culture of risk-awareness, preparedness, and disaster reduction. The observance highlights the importance of proactive planning to reduce disaster impacts.

18.Logistics Excellence, Advancement, and Performance Shield (LEAPS) 2025 is an initiative of which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- [B] Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- [C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [D] Ministry of Finance

**Correct Answer:** C [Ministry of Commerce and Industry]

**Notes:**

The Union Minister for Commerce and Industry recently launched the Logistics Excellence, Advancement, and Performance Shield (LEAPS) 2025 in New Delhi. LEAPS 2025 is a flagship initiative of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It aims to benchmark logistics excellence and strengthen India’s competitiveness. It aligns with the vision of the National Logistics Policy (NLP) and PM GatiShakti. The initiative recognizes best practices, innovation, and leadership in India’s logistics sector. It covers air, road, sea, and rail freight operators, warehousing, MSMEs, startups, and academia. LEAPS 2025 promotes sustainability, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices, and Green Logistics.

19.Which country has become the first in the world to achieve triple elimination of mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B, HIV, and syphilis?

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] Maldives
- [C] Thailand
- [D] Indonesia

**Correct Answer:** B [Maldives]

**Notes:**

Maldives has become the first country in the world to achieve triple elimination of mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B, HIV, and syphilis. The World Health Organization (WHO) has validated Maldives for eliminating mother-to-

child transmission of hepatitis B. According to WHO, around 25,000 HIV-positive pregnant women globally need treatment to prevent transmission to babies. Hepatitis B still affects over 42 million people in the WHO Southeast Asia Region. In Maldives, over 95% of pregnant women receive antenatal care with almost universal testing for HIV, syphilis, and hepatitis B.

20. What is the name of the scheme launched by the Labour and Employment Ministry to curb Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) litigation?

[A] Samriddhi Scheme

[B] Vishwas Scheme

[C] Suraksha Scheme

[D] Shram Shakti Scheme

**Correct Answer:** B [Vishwas Scheme]

**Notes:**

Labour and Employment Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched the Vishwas Scheme in New Delhi. The launch took place during the 238th meeting of the Central Board of Trustees of the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF). The scheme aims to reduce litigation by introducing rationalised penal damages under the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act. Several digital initiatives were also launched, including a re-engineered return filing module, user management module, and upgraded e-Office and SPARROW system for better APAR management. The board approved simplified and liberalised norms for partial withdrawals to improve member convenience and retirement security.

21. MERCOSUR is a regional economic organization of which continent?

[A] Africa

[B] Europe

[C] South America

[D] Asia

**Correct Answer:** C [South America]

**Notes:**

Recently, India and Brazil agreed to significantly expand their existing trade agreement with the MERCOSUR bloc. MERCOSUR stands for the Southern Common Market (Spanish initials). It is a South American regional economic organization and the fourth largest integrated market after the European Union (EU), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). MERCOSUR was created in 1991 by signing the Treaty of Asunción. Its objective is the free movement of goods, services, capital, and people, becoming a customs union in January 1995.

22. The Kolam tribe is primarily found in which states?

[A] Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra

[B] Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Sikkim

[C] Gujarat and Rajasthan

[D] Uttarakhand, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh

**Correct Answer:** A [Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra]

**Notes:**

A pilot bamboo plantation project was recently launched in Adilabad district of Telangana to restore traditional livelihoods of the Kolam tribal people. The Kolam tribe, also called Kolamboli, Kulme, or Kolmi, mainly live in Madhya Pradesh and parts of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. They are listed as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). Historically, the Kolams served as priests for the Gond tribe in the 12th century. Their society is patrilineal and divided into clans where inter-clan marriages are not allowed. They speak the Kolami language and depend on farming and forest work for livelihood.

23. Who became the first Indian woman compound archer to win a medal at the Archery World Cup Final?

[A] Deepika Kumari

[B] Jyothi Surekha Vennam

[C] Madhura Dhamangaonkar

[D] Rimil Buri

**Correct Answer:** B [Jyothi Surekha Vennam]

**Notes:**

Star Indian archer Jyothi Surekha Vennam made history by becoming the first Indian woman compound archer to win a medal at the Archery World Cup Final. She clinched the bronze medal in Nanjing, China by defeating second seed Ella Gibson of Great Britain 150-145. Jyothi shot a perfect 15 tens across five ends. She won her quarterfinal 143-140 against Alexis Ruiz of USA, then lost narrowly 143-145 to world number one Andrea Becerra of Mexico in the semifinal. This medal marks India's first-ever women's compound medal at the season-ending World Cup Final. Another Indian archer, Madhura Dhamangaonkar, lost 142-145 in the first round.

24.The Tihar festival is mainly celebrated in which country?

[A] Bhutan

[B] Myanmar

[C] Nepal

[D] Sri Lanka

**Correct Answer:** C [Nepal]

**Notes:**

Tihar, a five-day Hindu festival, is mainly celebrated in Nepal. The second day of the festival is called Kukur Tihar, which means "day of the dogs." On this day, dogs are worshipped and honoured with flower garlands, tika on their foreheads, and special food offerings. In Nepalese belief, dogs are considered messengers of Yamraj, the god of death. The ritual is performed to appease Yamraj and seek protection and blessings. The festival symbolises respect for animals and the bond between humans and dogs.

25.What is the rank of India in the Mercer–Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Global Pension Index 2025?

[A] 37th

[B] 39th

[C] 45th

[D] 47th

**Correct Answer:** C [45th]

**Notes:**

The Mercer–Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Global Pension Index 2025 shows India's pension system covers less than 25% of the workforce. Key schemes like the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), National Pension System (NPS), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) have limited reach, especially among informal and gig workers. India ranks 45th out of 47 countries, retaining a 'D' grade with a score of 43.8, slightly lower than 44 in 2024. The drop reflects weaknesses in sustainability, inclusiveness, and resilience to ageing and climate challenges. India's pension system now stands among the world's weakest, alongside Türkiye, Argentina, and the Philippines.

26.Recently, where is the Titanium and Superalloy Materials Plant inaugurated in Uttar Pradesh?

[A] Lucknow

[B] Kanpur

[C] Gorakhpur

[D] Meerut

**Correct Answer:** A [Lucknow]

**Notes:**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Titanium and Superalloy Materials Plant at PTC Industries, Lucknow, marking a big step towards self-reliance in defence materials. The plant is part of the Strategic Materials Technology Complex under Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision. The plant will help make components for fighter jets, missiles, naval systems, and satellites. The plant will help make components for fighter jets, missiles, naval systems, and satellites. It supports the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor, generating jobs for youth, MSMEs, and start-ups.

27.Which city has become the first in India to fully operationalize the Real-Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System?

- [A] Hyderabad
- [B] Mumbai
- [C] Kolkata
- [D] Chennai

**Correct Answer:** D [Chennai]

**Notes:**

In October 2025, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) became the first city in India to fully operationalize the Real-Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System (RTFF & SDSS). The system predicts and manages urban floods using data from Automatic Rain Gauges (ARGs), Automatic Weather Stations (AWS), Automatic Water Level Recorders (AWLRs), and Gate Sensors (GS). It covers 4,974 sq km, including Chennai and nearby districts, focusing on Adyar, Cooum, Kosasthalaiyar, and Kovalam river sub-basins. The project was funded by the World Bank (WB) under the Project Development Grant Fund (PDGF) and managed by Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited (TNUIFSL).

28.Which ministry received the award for outstanding contribution to the implementation of the PM JANMAN scheme in October 2025?

- [A] Ministry of Women & Child Development
- [B] Ministry of Rural Development
- [C] Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- [D] Ministry of Tribal Affairs

**Correct Answer:** A [Ministry of Women & Child Development]

**Notes:**

Shri Anil Malik, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), received an award from the President of India for outstanding contribution to Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN). The felicitation took place at the National Conclave on 'Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan' held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The recognition highlights MoWCD's key role in implementing PM-JANMAN, focused on tribal welfare and inclusion. More than 2,000 Anganwadi Centres have been made functional in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) areas under the scheme. The initiative aims to empower tribal communities at the last mile through better access to nutrition, education, and child care services.

29.The Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme was launched by which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [B] Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- [C] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [D] Ministry of Finance

**Correct Answer:** B [Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship]

**Notes:**

India is promoting an AI-ready generation through the Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme. Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). It aims to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) learning into school education and teacher training. The programme targets students from class six to twelve and educators across India. Students receive three 15-hour modules; teachers receive a 45-hour module covering AI, machine learning, data literacy, and ethical technology use. Union Budget 2025–26 allocated ₹500 crore to establish a Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for Education.

30.The Sevilla Forum on Debt was launched in which city?

- [A] Paris
- [B] Rome
- [C] Geneva
- [D] London

**Correct Answer:** C [Geneva]

**Notes:**

The Sevilla Forum on Debt was launched on October 22, 2025, at the 16th United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD16) in Geneva. It is a Spanish-led initiative supported by UNCTAD and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). The Forum provides an open, inclusive platform for dialogue and action on sovereign debt reform. The Forum stems from the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) and aligns with the Sevilla Platform for Action and Sevilla Commitment. Spain will host the Forum as a bridge between borrowers and creditors, tracking implementation of debt initiatives. Global debt reached \$102 trillion in 2024; developing countries owe \$31 trillion and pay \$921 billion in interest

31. India and which country launched the Ramanujan Junior Researchers Programme for young scientists?

[A] United States

[B] United Kingdom

[C] Germany

[D] France

**Correct Answer:** B [United Kingdom]

**Notes:**

India and the United Kingdom (UK) launched the Ramanujan Junior Researchers Programme to foster collaboration between young scientists. The programme was named after Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. It honors his 1913 collaboration with British mathematician G.H. Hardy. The programme is supported by India's Department of Science and Technology (DST) and announced after UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer's visit to India. Young Indian physicists and mathematicians can conduct joint research at the London Institute for Mathematical Sciences (LIMS). LIMS, at the Royal Institution, London, is renowned for full-time theoretical research and associations with Nobel Prizes and major discoveries. The initiative emphasizes international scientific dialogue and exchange of talent between India and the UK

32. Exercise JAIMEX 25 is conducted between India and which country?

[A] Egypt

[B] Japan

[C] Australia

[D] Maldives

**Correct Answer:** B [Japan]

**Notes:**

INS Sahyadri, commanded by Captain Rajat Kumar, is participating in the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX) 25. Exercise JAIMEX 25 is conducted between India and Japan. JAIMEX 25 was held from 16–17 October in the west of Kyushu, involving Japanese Ship (JS) Asahi, JS Oumi, a submarine, 2nd Artillery Brigade (Japan Ground Self Defence Force – JGSDF), and Western Aircraft Control and Warning Wing (Japan Air Self Defence Force – JASDF). The exercise aimed to enhance tactical capabilities, interoperability, and multi-layered defence cooperation between the Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), JGSDF, and JASDF.

33. According to United Nations' Global Forest Resource Assessment (GFRA) 2025, what is India's rank in the world's total forest area?

[A] 6th

[B] 7th

[C] 8th

[D] 9th

**Correct Answer:** D [9th]

**Notes:**

India moved up to 9th position in the world for total forest area and retained 3rd spot for annual forest gains, according to the United Nations' Global Forest Resource Assessment (GFRA) 2025. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav credited government conservation policies and state-led plantation efforts for this achievement. GFRA, released by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), analysed 35 years of data (1990-2025) from 236 countries. India has 72.74 million hectares of forests, about 2% of global forest cover. Russia leads with 832.63 million hectares, followed by Brazil, Canada, and the US. India added approximately 191,000 hectares per year between 2015-2025, behind China (1.69 million) and Russia (942,000).

34.Which country has officially become the 26th country to eliminate trachoma as a public health concern?

- [A] Fiji
- [B] Ethiopia
- [C] Iran
- [D] Sudan

**Correct Answer:** A [Fiji]

**Notes:**

Fiji has officially become the 26th country to eliminate trachoma as a public health concern. Trachoma is a neglected tropical disease (NTD) and the world's leading infectious cause of blindness. It is caused by Chlamydia trachomatis bacteria. The disease spreads through personal contact, contaminated surfaces, and flies exposed to eye or nasal discharge. Trachoma is endemic in communities with limited clean water and sanitation access. India has also successfully eliminated trachoma as a public health problem. Fiji's achievement reflects progress in global NTD control and eye health initiatives.

35.Which organizations released the State of Global Air (SoGA) 2025 report highlighting air pollution-related deaths?

- [A] World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- [B] Health Effects Institute (HEI) and Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME)
- [C] Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and NITI Aayog
- [D] United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and World Bank

**Correct Answer:** B [Health Effects Institute (HEI) and Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME)]

**Notes:**

The State of Global Air (SoGA) 2025 report was released by the Health Effects Institute (HEI) and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), United States. In 2023, India lost two million lives to air pollution-related diseases, a 43% increase from 1.4 million in 2000, according to the State of Global Air (SoGA) 2025 report. Nearly 89% of these deaths were due to non-communicable diseases (NCDs) like heart disease, lung cancer, diabetes, and dementia. Air pollution death rates in India are 186 per 100,000, over 10 times higher than high-income countries. The most affected states are Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar and West Bengal.

36.The Sakharov Prize is awarded by which organization?

- [A] United Nations
- [B] Amnesty International
- [C] European Union
- [D] World Health Organization

**Correct Answer:** C [European Union]

**Notes:**

Andrzej Poczobut from Belarus and Mzia Amaghlobeli from Georgia won the 2025 Sakharov Prize. The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought is the European Union's (EU) highest human rights award, established in 1988. The prize is named after Soviet dissident and Nobel Peace laureate Andrei Sakharov. It honours individuals or groups defending human rights and fundamental freedoms. The winners are chosen by the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament, including leaders of all political groups, ensuring a European selection. The award carries an endowment of €50,000 and is presented annually in December at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France.

37.Which country is the host of 47th ASEAN Summit 2025?

- [A] India
- [B] Malaysia
- [C] Vietnam
- [D] Myanmar

**Correct Answer:** B [Malaysia]

**Notes:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually attend the 47th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Summit. The summit is being held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from October 26 to 28, 2025. The country will become the diplomatic capital of Southeast Asia during the event. More than 30 heads of state and government will attend,

including leaders from ASEAN nations and dialogue partners like the United States, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. Discussions will focus on regional peace, economic resilience, and inclusive growth. The summit theme is 'Inclusivity and Sustainability' under Malaysia's 2025 ASEAN Chairmanship.

38. Queen Mother Sirikit, who recently passed away at age 93, belonged to which country?

- [A] New Zealand
- [B] Thailand
- [C] Sweden
- [D] Denmark

**Correct Answer:** B [Thailand]

**Notes:**

Queen Mother Sirikit of Thailand passed away at age 93 on 24 October at Chulalongkorn Hospital, Bangkok. She was the mother of King Maha Vajiralongkorn and wife of the longest-reigning monarch, King Bhumibol Adulyadej. King Vajiralongkorn has ordered a year-long mourning period for the royal family. She had been hospitalised since 2019, recently battling a blood infection. Queen Mother Sirikit was renowned for rural development, preserving traditional crafts, environmental protection, and forest conservation. Her birthday, August 12, is celebrated as Mother's Day in Thailand.

39. Which country is the host of 2025 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit?

- [A] Japan
- [B] China
- [C] Indonesia
- [D] South Korea

**Correct Answer:** D [South Korea]

**Notes:**

The 2025 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit will be held from October 31 to November 1, 2025. The summit will take place in the historic city of Gyeongju, South Korea. It will serve as the annual meeting of APEC leaders to discuss regional economic cooperation. APEC, founded in 1989, is a regional economic forum promoting trade, sustainable growth, and integration across the Asia-Pacific region. The forum aims to ensure inclusive and innovative development among member economies. US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are expected to attend the summit. APEC operates through voluntary cooperation with no binding treaty commitments.

40. Which country has developed the underwater drone named ghost jellyfish?

- [A] China
- [B] Japan
- [C] Indonesia
- [D] Australia

**Correct Answer:** A [China]

**Notes:**

China developed the underwater drone nicknamed the "ghost jellyfish". The drone is made of a soft hydrogel material, has a transparent body, and uses electrostatic hydraulic actuators to mimic the natural, silent movement of a real jellyfish. It is equipped with an AI chip and a micro-camera for real-time object identification and can operate with very low energy consumption. Its primary uses are for stealthy underwater reconnaissance, ecological monitoring, and observing marine life without causing disruption.

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- [D] South Korea

**Correct Answer:** D [South Korea]

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42. White-cheeked Partridge, that was recently seen in news, is mainly found in which region?

- [A] Western Ghats
- [B] Northeast India
- [C] Chotanagpur Plateau
- [D] Eastern Ghats

**Correct Answer:** B [Northeast India]

**Notes:**

A rare bird White-cheeked Partridge (*Arborophila atrogularis*) was recently rescued near Dehing Patkai National Park in Assam. It belongs to the Phasianidae family, which includes pheasants and partridges. It inhabits dense undergrowth of evergreen forests, along with scrub, bamboo, and grassland areas. In India, it is found below 750 meters altitude, and up to 1,220 meters in Southeast Asia. It is found mainly in Northeast India. Its IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) status is Near Threatened.

43. The MISHTI initiative was launched by which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Earth Sciences
- [B] Ministry of Jal Shakti
- [C] Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- [D] Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

**Correct Answer:** C [Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change]

**Notes:**

The Union Government has restored and conserved about 22,560 hectares of mangroves in the last two years under the Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) scheme. MISHTI aims to increase mangrove cover along coastlines and salt pan lands. It was launched in 2023 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The initiative followed India's joining of the Mangrove Alliance for Climate at COP27 (Conference of Parties 27) to the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) in 2022. It focuses mainly on the Sundarbans delta, Hooghly Estuary, and other coastal regions.

44. Where was the Naval Commanders' Conference 2025 held?

- [A] Bengaluru
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Hyderabad

**Correct Answer:** B [New Delhi]

**Notes:**

The second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2025 held in New Delhi from 22nd to 24th October 2025. It served as a key platform for discussions on operational preparedness, maritime security, capability development, and Tri-Service integration. During the event, five naval publications were released, including the Regulations for Naval Armament Service, GeM Handbook, and Foreign Cooperation Roadmap. A new digital portal, 'NIPUN' (Naval Intellectual Portal for Unified Knowledge), was launched. NIPUN acts as a one-stop online aggregator for the intellectual work of the naval fraternity across various domains.

45. The Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum is developed as part of which major project?

- [A] Smart Cities Mission
- [B] Central Vista Redevelopment Project
- [C] Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Project
- [D] National Heritage City Development Scheme

**Correct Answer:** B [Central Vista Redevelopment Project]

**Notes:**

The Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum is part of the Central Vista Redevelopment Project. It will be the world's largest museum, with the first gallery opening in one year and full completion in 36 months. The museum will be developed through Adaptive Reuse, in collaboration with France, known for projects like the Louvre, Grand Palais, and Hôtel de la Marine. It involves transforming the North and South Blocks into museum spaces. The museum will showcase India's civilizational and cultural heritage, celebrating the nation's timeless history, present, and future vision.

46. National Seeds Corporation (NSC) functions under which ministry?

[A] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

[B] Ministry of Cooperation

[C] Ministry of Rural Development

[D] Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

**Correct Answer:** A [Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare]

**Notes:**

Recently, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare inaugurated the National Seeds Corporation's (NSC) advanced seed processing plant at Pusa Complex, New Delhi. National Seeds Corporation (NSC) was established in 1963 for producing foundation and certified seeds. It functions under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. It is a Schedule 'B' Mini Ratna Category-I company fully owned by the Government of India. It ensures supply of quality seeds and supports schemes like National Mission on Oil Seed and Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

47. The Deep Sea Fishing Vessels were recently launched at Mazgaon Dock, Mumbai under which central government scheme?

[A] Sagarmala Project

[B] Blue Revolution Mission

[C] National Fisheries Development Scheme

[D] Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

**Correct Answer:** D [Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana]

**Notes:**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated Deep Sea Fishing Vessels under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) at Mazgaon Dock, Mumbai. The event marks a major step to modernise India's marine fisheries sector and boost cooperative-based blue economy growth. The vessels will help fishermen directly share profits through cooperatives instead of working as salaried employees. The project aligns with 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India) and will enhance income, employment, and sustainability in coastal areas. India's fisheries production has risen from 102 lakh tonnes (2014–15) to 195 lakh tonnes, reflecting sectoral growth under PMMSY.

48. What is the name of India's first defence electric vehicle developed by Pravaig Dynamics?

[A] VEER

[B] VAJRA

[C] AGNI

[D] RAKSHAK

**Correct Answer:** A [VEER]

**Notes:**

In October 2025, Pravaig Dynamics Private Limited unveiled VEER, an Electric Tactical All-Terrain Vehicle (E-TATV). It is India's first defence Electric Vehicle (EV) and among the world's first operational electric tactical vehicles for military use. The VEER has passed military trials and is recognized under the Ministry of Defence's (MoD's) Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) programme.

49. The 'Aabhar' online store has been launched on which platform?

[A] MyGov portal

[B] e-Shram portal

[C] Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal

[D] Bharat Craft portal

**Correct Answer:** C [Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal]

**Notes:**

Indian Railways will promote the 'Aabhar' online store launched on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal. The store features over 150 gift items and hampers made by indigenous tribes, handloom weavers, and artisans. Products come from tribal groups, self-help groups (SHGs), handloom weavers, and local craftsmen. Items are part of the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative, supporting regional specialties. The launch promotes 'Vocal for Local' and self-reliant India (Aatmanirbhar Bharat) goals. It highlights GeM's social inclusion mission by empowering small and rural producers.

50.What is the theme of India Maritime Week (IMW) 2025?

[A] Navigating the Blue Economy

[B] Uniting Oceans, One Maritime Vision

[C] Sustainable Seas, Strong Nation

[D] Ports for Prosperity

**Correct Answer:** B [Uniting Oceans, One Maritime Vision]

**Notes:**

India Maritime Week (IMW) 2025 was held from October 27–31, 2025, at NESCO Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, organized by the Indian Ports Association (IPA) and hosted by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW). The event was inaugurated by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister and was themed "Uniting Oceans, One Maritime Vision." The government announced a ₹2.2 lakh crore investment plan for 437 new vessel orders to enhance India's global maritime competitiveness. The Maritime Excellence Achievers Awards 2025 recognized Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Gujarat, for sustainability and innovation, and Paradip Port Authority (PPA), Odisha, for the Best Exhibit Award.

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## Current Affairs Quiz – November 2025 (GK Today)

1. Which state has launched the second phase of the Mukhya Mantri Teerth Yatra Yojna in October 2025?

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Haryana
- [D] Jharkhand

**Correct Answer: A [Punjab]**

Notes:

Punjab has launched the second phase of Mukhya Mantri Teerth Yatra Yojna. It is dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the Ninth Sikh Guru. The yatra is open to people of all castes, religions, and regions. Devotees aged 50 years and above are eligible to participate. Pilgrims will visit Sri Harmandir Sahib, Durgiana Temple, Bhagwan Valmiki Tirath Sthal, Jallianwala Bagh, and the Partition Museum in Amritsar. The yatra also covers sacred sites across Punjab and Mata Naina Devi Temple in Himachal Pradesh.

2. Which day is observed as International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI)?

- [A] November 1
- [B] November 2
- [C] November 3
- [D] November 4

**Correct Answer: B [November 2]**

Notes:

The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI) is observed by the United Nations (UN) on 2 November each year. The day aims to raise global awareness about the dangers of impunity for attacks on journalists and promote media freedom and journalist safety. The 2025 theme is "Chat GBV: Raising Awareness on AI-facilitated Gender-Based Violence against Women Journalists." The focus is on Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV), including Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven deepfakes, gendered disinformation, and online harassment targeting women journalists.

3. Which country has launched its new nuclear submarine 'Khabarovsk' capable of carrying Poseidon Drone?

- [A] Australia
- [B] Japan
- [C] China
- [D] Russia

**Correct Answer: D [Russia]**

Notes:

Russia has launched its newest nuclear submarine 'Khabarovsk', built to carry the underwater nuclear drone 'Doomsday Missile' (Poseidon). Poseidon is an unmanned, nuclear-powered underwater drone capable of carrying a nuclear warhead. It can travel at extremely high speeds and operate at great ocean depths, making it hard to detect or intercept. The missile can travel intercontinental distances underwater and strike coastal targets. It serves as a strategic nuclear deterrent, designed for massive retaliatory destruction in case of a nuclear conflict.

4. Grandidierella geetanjalae and Grandidierella khambhatensi, that were recently seen in news, belongs to which species?

- [A] Snake
- [B] Spider
- [C] Amphipod

[D] Butterfly

**Correct Answer: C [Amphipod]**

Notes:

Two new species of marine amphipods named *Grandidierella geetanjalee* and *Grandidierella khambhatensis* were recently discovered by researchers from Chilika and the Gulf of Khambhat. Amphipods are small crustaceans related to crabs, lobsters, and shrimp. They are found in marine, freshwater, and even land environments across the world. The word “amphipoda” means “different-footed”, as their legs are of varied types and functions. There are over 7,000 known species, mostly under the group Gammaridea. They usually feed on tiny dead plants and animals and also act as scavengers in aquatic ecosystems.

5. Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) is located in which state?

[A] Andhra Pradesh

[B] Karnataka

[C] Kerala

[D] Tamil Nadu

**Correct Answer: A [Andhra Pradesh]**

Notes:

The Forest Department is set to begin the next tiger census in the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR). Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) is located in the Nallamala hill ranges, an offshoot of the Eastern Ghats in Andhra Pradesh. It is one of India’s largest tiger reserves, covering 3,728 square kilometres. It supports the largest tiger population in the Eastern Ghats landscape. The reserve is named after the Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem Dams. It includes Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary (GBM).

6. Which state is home to India’s first Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductor manufacturing plant?

[A] Odisha

[B] Jharkhand

[C] Bihar

[D] Haryana

**Correct Answer: A [Odisha]**

Notes:

India’s first Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductor manufacturing plant, SiCSem, will be set up in Odisha, marking a significant step in the semiconductor sector. SiCSem, an integrated device manufacturer, has received approval from the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and will be an Assembly, Testing, Marking, and Packaging (ATMP) facility in Bhubaneswar. The Rs 2,000-crore project aims to boost industrial growth in Bhubaneswar and attract investments. Odisha has also approved RIR Power Semiconductors and the 3DGS project, which uses glass substrate for semiconductor packaging. Odisha’s semiconductor and IT policies have been revised to strengthen the sector, with Bhubaneswar aiming to become a semiconductor hub.

7. In November 2025, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) announced India’s largest Geothermal Energy Technology (GET) pilot project in which state?

[A] Odisha

[B] Andhra Pradesh

[C] Gujarat

[D] Karnataka

**Correct Answer: B [Andhra Pradesh]**

Notes:

In November 2025, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a Joint Venture (JV) under the Ministry of Power (MoP), announced India’s largest Geothermal Energy Technology (GET) pilot project in Andhra Pradesh (AP). The project will be implemented at two tourism hubs — Araku Valley and Visakhapatnam (Vizag). It uses geothermal systems like Earth Air Tunnel (EAT) Systems and Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP). The system works by using the earth’s constant underground temperature at a depth of 7–8 meters (m) for eco-friendly heating and cooling. The technology has a short payback period of 3–4 years, ideal for hotels and tourism infrastructure.

8. Which organization released the State of the Climate Update for COP30?

- [A] United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- [B] Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- [C] International Energy Agency (IEA)
- [D] World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

**Correct Answer: D [World Meteorological Organization (WMO)]**

Notes:

The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) released the State of the Climate Update for COP30. 2025 is projected to be the 2nd or 3rd warmest year on record. The last 11 years, including 2025, are the warmest 11 years in recorded history. This indicates global efforts are not on track to meet the Paris Agreement climate goals. The period 2015–2025 will be the warmest 11-year span in 176 years. Atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) reached record levels in 2024 and continue rising in 2025. Renewable energy adoption is expanding. Climate action plans are increasingly guided by science-based climate services

9. Koraga tribe is mainly found in which states?

- [A] Bihar and Jharkhand
- [B] Karnataka and Kerala
- [C] Andhra Pradesh and Odisha
- [D] Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

**Correct Answer: B [Karnataka and Kerala]**

Notes:

Recently, researchers from Mangalore University and Yenepoya (Deemed-to-be University) discovered a distinct ancestral source in Koraga tribe, possibly dating back to the Indus Valley Civilisation. The Koraga are an indigenous tribal community mainly found in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts of Karnataka and Kasaragod district of Kerala. They are classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). As per the 2011 Census, their population is 1,582 with 778 males and 804 females.

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10. Recently, researchers discovered new lichen species named Parmotrema sahyadricum in which region of India?

- [A] Eastern Himalayas
- [B] Andaman Islands
- [C] Eastern Ghats
- [D] Western Ghats

**Correct Answer: D [Western Ghats]**

Notes:

Recently, researchers discovered four new lichen species in the Western Ghats, adding to India's biodiversity records. The new species are Parmotrema sahyadricum from Wayanad, Solenopsora rhizomorpha from Eravikulam and Mathikettanshola National Parks, Buellia ghattensis from Mathikettanshola National Park, and Pyxine janakiae from the same park. These discoveries were published in international scientific journals.

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12.Which country announced a ban on social media access for individuals below 15 years of age in November 2025?

- [A] Norway
- [B] Denmark
- [C] Poland
- [D] Singapore

**Correct Answer: B [Denmark]**

Notes:

Recently, Denmark announced a ban on social media access for individuals below 15 years of age to protect children's mental health and safety. Denmark is located in north-central Europe and is one of the Scandinavian countries. It also includes the Faroe Islands and Greenland, both situated in the North Atlantic Ocean. It shares its land border with Germany to the south. Denmark is surrounded by the Baltic Sea, North Sea, Kattegat Bay, and Kiel Bay. The capital city of Denmark is Copenhagen.

13.The Piprahwa Relics were originally discovered in which Indian state?

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Rajasthan

**Correct Answer: B [Uttar Pradesh]**

Notes:

Recently, a portion of the Piprahwa Relics of Lord Buddha from India was enshrined at Tashichhodzong Monastery in Thimpu, Bhutan. The Piprahwa Relics were discovered in 1898 at Piprahwa Stupa, Uttar Pradesh, linked to ancient Kapilavastu, Buddha's homeland. Relics include bone fragments of Lord Buddha, crystal caskets, gold ornaments, gemstones, and a sandstone coffer. An inscription in Brahmi script links the relics to the Sakya clan, enshrined around the 3rd century BC.

14.Which ministry launched the Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Programme (DRAP) to fast-track the cleanup of dumpsites across urban India?

- [A] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- [B] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Rural Development
- [D] Ministry of Jal Shakti

**Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs]**

Notes:

In November 2025, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal launched the Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Programme (DRAP) during the National Urban Conclave 2025 in New Delhi. DRAP is a year-long, mission-mode initiative to fast-track the cleanup of dumpsites across urban India. The programme aims to achieve the national goal of "Lakshya Zero Dumpsites" by September 2026. Currently, 1,428 sites are under remediation, with 80% of legacy waste concentrated in 214 sites across 202 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). DRAP will target about 8.8 crore metric tonnes (MT) of legacy waste at these locations.

15.Exercise Mitra Shakti–2025 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

- [A] Nepal
- [B] Sri Lanka
- [C] Bangladesh
- [D] Myanmar

**Correct Answer: B [Sri Lanka]**

Notes:

The 11th edition of Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2025 began at the Foreign Training Node, Belagavi, Karnataka, on 10 November 2025 and will continue till 23 November 2025. The exercise involves 170 Indian Army personnel mainly from the RAJPUT Regiment and 135 Sri Lankan Army personnel from the GAJABA Regiment, along with Air Force teams from both nations. The aim is to rehearse Sub-Conventional Operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations (UN) Mandate with focus on counter-terrorist operations.

16. Which state government has launched India's first "Women's Wellness on Wheels (WWW)" initiative?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Kerala

**Correct Answer: A [Tamil Nadu]**

Notes:

In November 2025, Tamil Nadu (TN) launched India's first "Women's Wellness on Wheels (WWW)" initiative. The ₹41 crore project aims to enhance women's health through mobile medical units for early cancer detection. 38 mobile units will operate across all districts, offering free breast and cervical cancer screenings, focusing on rural and semi-urban women. The state also began free Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination for girls aged 14 and below to prevent cervical cancer. Vaccinations are provided through schools, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and private hospitals via Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC) with a ₹36 crore budget.

17. Rift Valley Fever, that was recently seen in news, is caused by which agent?

- [A] Bacteria
- [B] Virus
- [C] Fungus
- [D] Protozoa

**Correct Answer: B [Virus]**

Notes:

In November 2025, the World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed an outbreak of Rift Valley Fever (RVF) in Mauritania and Senegal, Western Africa. Rift Valley Fever is caused by a Phlebovirus from the Phenuiviridae family. It mainly affects animals such as sheep, goats, cattle, and camels. Humans get infected through contact with infected animals or mosquito bites. It does not spread from person to person. The disease was first identified in Kenya's Rift Valley in the 1930s. It later spread across sub-Saharan Africa, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.

18. Greater Flamingo Sanctuary (GFS) is located in which state?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Maharashtra

**Correct Answer: C [Tamil Nadu]**

Notes:

In November 2025, a proposed 50-Megawatt (MW) wind farm by the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) was reported to potentially affect the Greater Flamingo Sanctuary (GFS). The Greater Flamingo's range covers Africa, western Asia, and southern Europe. It breeds in shallow, saline, and alkaline wetlands. The Greater Flamingo Sanctuary (GFS) is located in Tamil Nadu, specifically in Dhanushkodi within the Ramanathapuram district. It is part of the ecologically sensitive Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve.

19. Which day is observed as World Pneumonia Day?

- [A] November 9
- [B] November 10
- [C] November 11
- [D] November 12

**Correct Answer: D [November 12]**

Notes:

12th November is observed as World Pneumonia Day to raise awareness about this deadly but preventable disease. Pneumonia is the world's leading infectious killer, taking more lives of children under five than any other infection. It also poses a major risk to older people and those with chronic illnesses, especially

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**Course Duration** : 3½ months

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in low- and middle-income countries. Prevention includes vaccines for Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), pneumococcus, measles, and pertussis.

20. Where was the Watershed Mahotsav inaugurated in 2025?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] West Bengal

**Correct Answer: C [Andhra Pradesh]**

Notes:

The Watershed Mahotsav was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Agriculture in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, on November 11, 2025. It celebrated community participation in sustainable watershed management and highlighted the role of citizens, policymakers, and local bodies in soil and water conservation. The event formed part of the National Watershed Conference 2025, organised by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) under the Ministry of Rural Development. It aimed to promote Jan Bhagidari (public participation), restore degraded ecosystems, and strengthen rural livelihoods through efficient water and soil management practices.

21. Motor Neuron Disease (MND), that was recently seen in news, primarily affects which part of the human body?

- [A] Circulatory system
- [B] Nervous system
- [C] Digestive system
- [D] Endocrine system

**Correct Answer: B [Nervous system]**

Notes:

Scientists have recently developed a breakthrough therapy that clears toxic proteins from nerve cells, offering new hope for treating Motor Neuron Disease (MND). Motor Neuron Disease (MND), also known as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a rare condition that damages parts of the nervous system. It causes muscle weakness, wasting, and paralysis as motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord die prematurely, stopping signals between the brain and muscles. Around 20% of cases are genetic, mostly affecting people over 50 years old. There is currently no cure, but treatment helps manage symptoms.

22. Which country has launched the 'Walk to Mars' campaign to promote fitness and unity?

- [A] Saudi Arabia
- [B] Qatar
- [C] Oman
- [D] United Arab Emirates (UAE)

**Correct Answer: D [United Arab Emirates (UAE)]**

Notes:

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has launched the 'Walk to Mars' campaign ahead of the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026. The nationwide initiative encourages people to collectively cover 54 million kilometres, symbolising the UAE's 54th year. It coincides with the 100-day countdown to the Games, the region's largest multi-sport event. Participants can walk, run, cycle, or swim, promoting daily movement, health, and fitness under the theme "Every Step Makes a Difference."

23. Which state government has launched a new incentive scheme for cooperative and private sugar mills in November 2025?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Karnataka

**Correct Answer: B [Maharashtra]**

Notes:

In November 2025, Maharashtra government has launched a new incentive scheme for cooperative and private sugar mills to strengthen their financial capacity and promote quality performance. The scheme was introduced to mark the International Year of Cooperatives and the Diamond Jubilee of the cooperative sugar industry. It aims to identify and reward top-performing sugar factories with competitive quality standards. Mills will be evaluated annually across nine key parameters for quality and efficiency.

24. Which organisation released the Global Antibiotic Resistance Surveillance Report (GLASS) 2025?

- [A] United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- [B] World Health Organization (WHO)
- [C] Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- [D] United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Correct Answer: B [World Health Organization (WHO)]**

Notes:

The WHO released the Global Antibiotic Resistance Surveillance Report 2025 (GLASS), highlighting that Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in India remains one of the highest globally. The report revealed that one in three bacterial infections in India in 2023 was resistant to common antibiotics, far above the global average of one in six. Experts observed that India's surveillance data—mainly from tertiary hospitals—overestimates national resistance levels, as primary and secondary care settings are underrepresented. The WHO urged India to expand nationwide surveillance and strengthen antibiotic stewardship. The report acknowledged India's initiatives, including the National Programme on AMR Containment and Kerala's AMRITH, which reduced over-the-counter antibiotic sales and showed early declines in AMR.

25. Which state has launched KEO, a compact, affordable and AI-ready personal computer, in November 2025?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Gujarat

**Correct Answer: A [Karnataka]**

Notes:

On November 17, 2025, Karnataka's Department of Electronics, IT & BT, with KEONICS, launched KEO, a compact, affordable and AI-ready personal computer designed entirely in Karnataka. KEO stands for Knowledge-driven, Economical, Open-source, built on an open-source RISC-V processor with a Linux-based OS. It features an on-device AI core that works without internet and includes BUDDH, an AI agent trained on the Karnataka DSERT syllabus to help students in low-connectivity areas. KEO will be deployed across schools, universities, businesses, homes and government offices, supporting locally adaptable, home-grown computing.

26. Which state has approved the draft Gig Workers' Act 2025 to give platform workers a legal identity and unique ID in November 2025?

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Telangana
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Haryana

**Correct Answer: B [Telangana]**

Notes:

Telangana approved the draft Gig Workers' Act 2025, giving platform workers legal identity and a unique ID for the first time in India. It mandates platforms to explain algorithm impacts on jobs, incentives, and ratings in a language workers understand. A 20-member Social Security Board will oversee welfare, registration, and data sharing. A welfare fund will be created from a 1–2% welfare fee, govt grants, CSR, and donations. Workers will get minimum wages, notice periods, safety rights, and grievance redressal. A digital welfare fee verification system will track payments, with strict penalties for non-compliance.

27. Which UN body developed the Convention against Cybercrime?

- [A] UN Security Council
- [B] UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

[C] International Court of Justice (ICJ)

[D] UN Human Rights Council

**Correct Answer: B [UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)]**

Notes:

The Supreme Court recently asked the Centre to decide on ratifying the United Nations Convention Against Cybercrime, stressing its global relevance. It was adopted by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in December 2024 to boost global cooperation against cybercrime. It aims to strengthen prevention, support capacity-building for developing countries, and promote international coordination. It will come into force 90 days after 40 countries ratify it, and India has not signed it yet. It is the first universal legally binding treaty against cybercrime, developed by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

28.What is the theme of World AMR (Antimicrobial Resistance) Awareness Week (WAAW) 2025?

[A] Save Antibiotics, Save Life

[B] Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future

[C] One Health – One Planet

[D] Prevent Resistance, Promote Safety

**Correct Answer: B [Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future]**

Notes:

World AMR Awareness Week (World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week) is observed every year from 18–24 November to raise awareness about antimicrobial resistance. The week highlights that misuse and overuse of antimicrobials make microbes resistant, causing drug-resistant infections that are harder to treat. It promotes the One Health approach, which links human, animal, and environmental health to tackle resistance together. It is a global initiative led by the World Health Organization (WHO). The 2025 theme is “Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future,” urging immediate action to safeguard medicines for today and future generations.

29.World Television Day is observed every year on which day?

[A] November 18

[B] November 19

[C] November 20

[D] November 21

**Correct Answer: D [November 21]**

Notes:

World Television Day is observed every year on 21 November, based on a 1996 United Nations General Assembly Resolution. The day recognises television as a vital medium for informing, educating, shaping public opinion and promoting global understanding. In India, the observance is led by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) along with Prasar Bharati, the national public broadcaster. Doordarshan and All India Radio conduct special programmes to highlight television’s role in public service communication and national integration. India has over 230 million television households reaching nearly 900 million viewers, showing TV’s massive influence in awareness creation and participatory governance.

30.National Philosophy Day 2025 is observed every year on which day?

[A] November 19

[B] November 20

[C] November 21

[D] November 22

**Correct Answer: B [November 20]**

Notes:

National Philosophy Day is observed every year on the third Thursday of November. In 2025, it falls on November 20. The day honours philosophical reflections worldwide. It encourages individual dialogues, public debates, discussion of new ideas, and intellectual curiosity. It focuses on addressing social and global challenges through philosophy. National Philosophy Day highlights the value of teaching philosophy to promote open-mindedness, tolerance, critical thinking, and respectful engagement. The 2025 theme is “Philosophy and Global Dialogue in the Digital Era”

31. Where was Asia's largest and India's first elevated metro depot inaugurated?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Mumbai
- [D] Bengaluru

**Correct Answer: C [Mumbai]**

Notes:

Mumbai Metro 2B Mandale Depot has been inaugurated, making it Asia's largest and first elevated metro depot. It is located in Mankhurd, connecting DN Nagar to Mandale. The depot is spread over 30.45 hectares and can accommodate 72 eight-coach trains simultaneously. It is a double-decker facility, with 36 trains on each of the two levels. It was built by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA). It features advanced technology, eco-friendly amenities, and future-ready facilities. The depot will increase Metro 2B speed and improve daily travel, especially connecting east and west Mumbai.

32. Which country's airport has become the first airport in the world to deploy Wi-Fi 7?

- [A] Singapore
- [B] Qatar
- [C] Oman
- [D] India

**Correct Answer: C [Oman]**

Notes:

Oman Airports has become the world's first airport operator to deploy Wi-Fi 7 across all its airports. The upgrade was implemented in partnership with Huawei, marking a major leap in airport digital infrastructure. Wi-Fi 7 provides much faster speeds, stronger security, and highly reliable connectivity even during peak traffic. The initiative enhances passenger comfort by enabling smooth streaming, quick downloads, and seamless online services from check-in to boarding. It also boosts operational efficiency with faster, secure systems supporting airport staff and operations. This deployment aligns with Oman Vision 2040, which focuses on smart infrastructure, global-standard services, and advanced technology adoption.

33. The Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction System (Mark-2) is developed by which organisation?

- [A] Indian Space Research Organisation
- [B] Defence Research and Development Organisation
- [C] Bharat Electronics Limited
- [D] Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

**Correct Answer: B [Defence Research and Development Organisation]**

Notes:

India is set to strengthen counter-drone warfare as the Army and Indian Air Force plan to procure 16 indigenous Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction System (Mark-2) units. The Mark-2 is developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), led by its lab CHESS – Centre for High Energy Systems & Sciences with the Armed Forces. It detects, tracks and neutralises hostile drones using sensors, jammers and high-energy laser weapons.

34. Which state has approved the draft Gig Workers' Act 2025 to give platform workers a legal identity and unique ID in November 2025?

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Telangana
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Haryana

**Correct Answer: B [Telangana]**

Notes:

Telangana approved the draft Gig Workers' Act 2025, giving platform workers legal identity and a unique ID for the first time in India. It mandates platforms to explain algorithm impacts on jobs, incentives, and ratings in a language workers understand. A 20-member Social Security Board will oversee welfare, registration, and data sharing. A welfare fund will be created from a 1–2% welfare fee, govt grants, CSR, and donations. Workers will get minimum wages, notice periods,

safety rights, and grievance redressal. A digital welfare fee verification system will track payments, with strict penalties for non-compliance.

35. Kwar Hydroelectric Project is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Jammu and Kashmir
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] Himachal Pradesh
- [D] Gujarat

**Correct Answer: A [Jammu and Kashmir]**

Notes:

A recent incident at the Kwar Hydroelectric Project tunnel in Kishtwar, Jammu region saw several labourers safely rescued after a truck caught fire. The Kwar Hydroelectric Project is a 540 Megawatt (MW) run-of-river project on the Chenab River in Jammu and Kashmir. It is being developed by Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Ltd (CVPPL), a joint venture of NHPC Ltd (51%) and Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC) (49%). The project will generate 1,975.54 million units in a 90% dependable year.

36. Dariya Bahadur Island, that was recently seen in news, is located in which state?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Karnataka

**Correct Answer: D [Karnataka]**

Notes:

Udupi Police recently filed a case against eight people for entering the restricted Dariya Bahadur Island, highlighting its protected status. The island, also called Bhadrada Island or Lighthouse Island, lies near Malpe Beach in Udupi district, Karnataka. It is a small rocky island with a breadth of about 1.6 sq km and an area of less than 250 yards. It is known for its scenic buildings and the historic Daira Bahadurgarh Fort built by Basavappa Naik of Bidanur.

37. Which Indian city is the host of International Poetry Festival 2025?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Kolkata
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Hyderabad

**Correct Answer: B [Kolkata]**

Notes:

Kolkata will host the 8th Chair Poetry Evenings – International Poetry Festival from 28–30 November 2025. Poets from 13 countries will present works in 16 languages, highlighting global linguistic diversity. Events will be held at Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad, Cloud Tavern (Samilton Hotel), and the signature “Poetry on the Cruise” on the Hooghly River. Two translated titles — Buried History of Poverty and Lost and Recovered Light — will be launched.

38. Which ministry launched the ‘Hamara Shauchalaya, Hamara Bhavishya’ campaign on World Toilet Day 2025?

- [A] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- [B] Ministry of Rural Development
- [C] Ministry of Jal Shakti
- [D] Ministry of Urban Development

**Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Jal Shakti]**

Notes:

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, launched the nationwide campaign ‘Hamara Shauchalaya, Hamara Bhavishya’ (Our Toilet, Our Future) on World Toilet Day 2025. The campaign focuses on the importance, maintenance, repair, and aesthetic upliftment of rural toilets, including Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) and Individual Household Latrines (IHHs). It aligns with the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) objectives, promoting Open Defecation Free (ODF) sustainability and ODF Plus Model villages.

39. The recently discovered owl species *Protidricerus albocapitatus* was found in which state?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Kerala

**Correct Answer: D [Kerala]**

Notes:

Scientists have discovered a new owl species in Kerala after 134 years, named *Protidricerus albocapitatus*, marking a major entomological finding. It was found in the Nedumkayam forest in the Malappuram district of Kerala. The species belongs to the family Myrmeleontidae and the order Neuroptera. With this discovery, Kerala now has five known owl species, and India's total has increased to 37 species. The owl has a white tufted head and clubbed antennae, making it easily identifiable.

40. Which state/UT is the host of 69th National School Games U-19 Table Tennis Tournament?

- [A] Jammu and Kashmir
- [B] Ladakh
- [C] Uttarakhand
- [D] Himachal Pradesh

**Correct Answer: A [Jammu and Kashmir]**

Notes:

Jammu & Kashmir is hosting the 69th National School Games Under-19 Table Tennis Tournament. Around 400 players from 34 States, Union Territories, and organisations across India are participating. The tournament promises a showcase of skill, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit among young players.

41. India has launched the Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership with which countries during the G20 Summit in Johannesburg?

- [A] Australia and Canada
- [B] USA and Canada
- [C] Japan and Australia
- [D] USA and Japan

**Correct Answer: A [Australia and Canada]**

Notes:

India, Australia and Canada launched a new trilateral technology and innovation framework called the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership. The agreement was made on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Johannesburg. The partnership focuses on enhancing cooperation on critical and emerging technologies, complementing existing bilateral initiatives. It emphasises green energy innovation and resilient supply chains, especially in critical minerals. ACITI aims to support net-zero emission goals, secure and diversify global supply chains, and build a sustainable and resilient tech ecosystem. The three countries will explore fast development and mass adoption of artificial intelligence for public benefit.

42. Hussainsagar Lake, that was recently seen in news, is an artificial lake located in which city?

- [A] Chennai
- [B] Kolkata
- [C] Chandigarh
- [D] Hyderabad

**Correct Answer: D [Hyderabad]**

Notes:

Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) will use bioremediation with enzyme solutions and biochar-based Bokashi balls to reduce algal blooms, bad smell and poor water quality in Hussainsagar Lake. Hussainsagar Lake is an artificial lake located in Hyderabad, Telangana. It is also known as Tank Bund and lies on a tributary of the River Musi.

43. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

- [A] Tripura
- [B] Nagaland
- [C] Assam
- [D] Manipur

**Correct Answer: C [Assam]**

Notes:

Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary in Morigaon district of Assam is recording an early arrival of migratory birds with winter beginning. Birds are coming from Europe America and the Tibetan region attracting wildlife lovers. Pobitora is located in the eastern region of Guwahati, Assam, and lies near Mayong village known as the Black Magic capital of India. The sanctuary was established in 1998 and covers 48.81 sq km area. It includes Rajamayong Reserve Forest and Pobitora Reserve Forest. The region was once part of the Brahmaputra River floodplains and is known for rich flora and fauna

44. Tex-RAMPS scheme, that was recently approved by government, is related to which sector?

- [A] Agriculture
- [B] Pharmaceuticals
- [C] Information Technology
- [D] Textiles

**Correct Answer: D [Textiles]**

Notes:

The Government of India approved the Textiles Focused Research, Assessment, Monitoring, Planning and Start-up Scheme which is Tex-RAMPS to boost the textile sector. The scheme has an outlay of 305 crore rupees for FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31. It is a Central Sector Scheme fully funded by the Ministry of Textiles. It aims to strengthen research, innovation, data systems, and competitiveness in textiles and apparel sector. It promotes smart textiles, sustainability, and new technologies. It creates strong data systems and the Integrated Textiles Statistical System (ITSS).

45. Who has been selected for the Lok Nayak Foundation (LNF) Literary Award 2025?

- [A] Anantha Sriram
- [B] Seetharama Sastry
- [C] Velamala Simmanna
- [D] Harish Shankar

**Correct Answer: C [Velamala Simmanna]**

Notes:

Velamala Simmanna has been selected for the Lok Nayak Foundation (LNF) Literary Award 2025. He has written over 100 books and is a former Head of Department of Telugu at Andhra University. The award carries a cash prize of 2 lakh rupees and will be given on 18 January 2026. The award is presented every year by the Lok Nayak Foundation. It commemorates the death anniversaries of N. T. Rama Rao and Harivansh Rai Bachchan.

46. Which city in Maharashtra is home to India's largest municipal solid waste (MSW)-to-compressed biogas (CBG) plant?

- [A] Pune
- [B] Nagpur
- [C] Mumbai
- [D] Nashik

**Correct Answer: B [Nagpur]**

Notes:

Nagpur, the second capital of Maharashtra, is set to host India's largest municipal solid waste (MSW)-to-compressed biogas (CBG) plant at Bhandewadi on 30 acres of Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) land. Plant uses dry anaerobic digestion technology and is expected to be fully commissioned by March 2026, with cold commissioning starting on 7 December 2025. It is developed by Keva Group and Netherlands-based Waste Treatment Technologies (WTT) and inspired by Swachh Bharat Mission. Plant is a first-of-its-kind blueprint for Indian urban waste-to-energy transformation, promoting sustainable development.

47. Where was India's first single-use bioprocess design and scale-up facility inaugurated in November 2025?

- [A] Bengaluru
- [B] Kolkata
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Chennai

**Correct Answer: C [Hyderabad]**

Notes:

Telangana's 1 Bio, India's first single-use bioprocess design and scale-up facility, was inaugurated at Genome Valley, Hyderabad. It was created to solve the lack of affordable bioprocess scale-up infrastructure despite Telangana's strong biotech talent. The facility supports start-ups and big companies with end-to-end process development and pilot validation. It was developed by the Government of Telangana, Telangana Lifesciences, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, and Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC). It has 500-litre bioreactors, advanced processing systems, and analytical labs.

48. National Mission for Mentoring (NMM) is a flagship initiative of which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [C] Ministry of Labour and Employment
- [D] Ministry of Education

**Correct Answer: D [Ministry of Education]**

Notes:

The University Grants Commission (UGC) asked all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to nominate teachers for the National Mission for Mentoring (NMM). National Mission for Mentoring (NMM) is a flagship scheme of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. It connects Mentors (guides) with Mentees (teachers) to share skills and improve teaching quality. The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) designed the mission and released the NMM Blue Book.

49. Where was Saras Aajeevika Food Festival 2025 inaugurated?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Bengaluru
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Hyderabad

**Correct Answer: A [New Delhi]**

Notes:

The Saras Aajeevika Food Festival 2025 was inaugurated on 1 December 2025 at Sunder Nursery, New Delhi, by Union Minister for Rural Development, and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Around 300 'Lakshpati Didis' (women entrepreneurs) and women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from 25 states are participating through 62 stalls. The festival, running till 9 December 2025, showcases Indian culture, rural products, and traditional cuisine, promoting women's empowerment under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM). The festival highlights the confluence of cultures, flavours, and social fabric of participating states, inspiring rural women and promoting Indian gastronomy.

50. What is the name of the digital project launched to digitalise all State and Union Territory Legislatures in India?

- [A] Digital Assembly Mission
- [B] e-Parliament Project
- [C] Smart Vidhan Scheme
- [D] National e-Vidhan Application

**Correct Answer: D [National e-Vidhan Application]**

Notes:

As of now, 28 State and Union Territory (UT) Legislatures have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) implementation. 20 Legislatures are now fully digital using the NeVA platform. NeVA is a Mission Mode Project under the Digital India Programme to digitalise all 37 State/UT Legislatures. It includes

backend computerisation, capacity building, and NeVA SeVA Kendras (NSKs) for member support. It follows “One Nation – One Application” with a single common platform. Fund support is provided for digitalisation of old records.

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## Current Affairs Quiz – December 2025 (GK Today)

1. Where was India's first all-composite airframe two-seater trainer aircraft, Hansa-3(NG), launched?

- [A] Bengaluru
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Mumbai

**Correct Answer: A [Bengaluru]**

Notes:

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, launched Hansa-3(NG), first indigenous all-composite two-seater trainer aircraft for Private Pilot License (PPL) and Commercial Pilot License (CPL) training at CSIR–National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru. Hansa-3(NG) reduces foreign dependence and boosts aviation entrepreneurship. The aircraft will help flying clubs meet India's growing demand for trained pilots.

2. Which space agency's Perseverance rover recently detected electrical activity in Mars' atmosphere for the first time?

- [A] National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- [B] European Space Agency (ESA)
- [C] Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- [D] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

**Correct Answer: A [National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)]**

Notes:

NASA's Perseverance Rover recently detected electrical activity in the Martian atmosphere for the first time, marking a major scientific breakthrough. Perseverance, also called "Percy", is part of the Mars 2020 Mission. It landed in 2021 inside the ancient river delta of Jezero Crater. Its main goal is to search for signs of past life and collect rock and soil samples for future return to Earth. It can detect organic matter, study minerals, map chemical composition, and closely observe distant terrain. It is the first rover to record sounds on Mars and send them back to Earth.

3. Which sports league won the 'Emerging Professional Sports Event of the Year' at the India Sports Awards 2025?

- [A] Archery Premier League
- [B] Pro Kabaddi League
- [C] Indian Street Premier League
- [D] Ultimate Kho Kho

**Correct Answer: A [Archery Premier League]**

Notes:

The Archery Premier League (APL) won the Emerging Professional Sports Event of the Year at the India Sports Awards 2025 held during FICCI TURF 2025 Global Sports Summit in New Delhi. Archery Premier League (APL) is organised by the Archery Association of India (AAI) and is the world's first professional archery league. Its first season was held at Yamuna Sports Complex, New Delhi, from 2 to 12 October 2025. It featured Indian and international men and women archers in Recurve and Compound events. The league follows a franchise-based, gender-balanced, broadcast-friendly format to make archery a mainstream spectator sport.

4. The Bonda Tribe is primarily found in which state?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] West Bengal

**Correct Answer: A [Odisha]**

Notes:

Members of the Bonda tribe in Malkangiri, Odisha, will shift from thatched huts to permanent pucca houses under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN). Bondas live mainly in Khairaput block, Odisha and are a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). They are among the oldest tribes of India with Austroasiatic origin. They are divided into Upper Bondas (hilly areas) and Lower Bondas (border regions).

5.Which organization has published The State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture (SOLAW) 2025?

- [A] World Bank
- [B] United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- [C] Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- [D] International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

**Correct Answer: C [Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)]**

Notes:

FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) publishes The State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture (SOLAW) 2025 every two years. SOLAW 2025 highlights the untapped potential of land, soil, and water to improve sustainable agricultural production, food security, ecosystem services, and resilience. By 2050, agriculture must produce 50% more food, feed, and fibre compared to 2012 and use 25% more freshwater, while expanding farmland is no longer feasible. More than 60% of human-induced land degradation occurs on agricultural lands. Agriculture accounts for more than 70% of global freshwater withdrawal. Intensive farming and excessive chemical use cause pollution and depletion of soil, land, and water resources.

6.Which telescope was used to discover the spiral galaxy "Alaknanda" ?

- [A] Hubble Space Telescope
- [B] Spitzer Space Telescope
- [C] Chandra X-ray Observatory
- [D] James Webb Space Telescope

**Correct Answer: D [James Webb Space Telescope]**

Notes:

Researchers at National Centre for Radio Astrophysics – Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (NCRA–TIFR), Pune, discovered a new spiral galaxy named Alaknanda. It lies 12 billion light years away and shows a perfect spiral structure. The name comes from the Alaknanda River and the Hindi word for the Milky Way. The galaxy spans 30,000 light years, with two clear spiral arms around a bright central bulge. It forms stars rapidly, producing 60 solar masses per year. It resembles a young Milky Way, formed when our galaxy was only 10% of its current age. The discovery was made using National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).

7.World Soil Day is observed annually on which day?

- [A] December 2
- [B] December 3
- [C] December 4
- [D] December 5

**Correct Answer: D [December 5]**

Notes:

World Soil Day is observed annually on 5 December to highlight the importance of healthy soil for food security, ecosystems, and human well-being. The theme for World Soil Day 2025 is "Healthy Soils for Healthy Cities", focusing on the role of urban soils. Urban soils face pressures from rapid urbanisation, soil sealing, pollution, and loss of organic matter. Healthy soils in cities support food production, water purification, carbon storage, temperature regulation, and biodiversity conservation. Preserving soil health is essential for climate resilience, urban planning, and sustainable development.

8.Leprosy (Hansen's disease), that was recently seen in news, is caused by which agent?

- [A] Bacteria
- [B] Virus
- [C] Fungus

[D] Protozoa

**Correct Answer: A [Bacteria]**

Notes:

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) reported that 97 central and state laws still have provisions discriminating against persons affected by leprosy. Leprosy (Hansen's disease) is a chronic bacterial infection caused by bacteria *Mycobacterium leprae* affecting skin, peripheral nerves, and eyes, which can cause permanent disabilities if untreated. The bacteria spread through droplets from the nose and mouth during close, frequent contact with untreated cases. India's prevalence rate decreased from 57.2 per 10,000 in 1981 to 0.57 per 10,000 in 2025, achieving national elimination status in 2005.

9. Which district in Madhya Pradesh has reported the highest number of child marriages in 2025?

[A] Damoh

[B] Narsinghpur

[C] Chhatarpur

[D] Guna

**Correct Answer: A [Damoh]**

Notes:

The number of child marriages of girls below 18 years has continued to rise in Madhya Pradesh, despite government efforts and awareness campaigns. The total cases increased from 366 in 2020 to 538 in 2025, marking a 47% rise over five years. Damoh district in the Bundelkhand region recorded 115 child marriages in 2025, the highest in the state and 21% of the total. Other districts reporting significant cases include Rajgarh (44), Chhatarpur (35), Guna (28), Sagar and Dewas (24 each), and Narsinghpur (23). 2025 is the first year in five years that any district has recorded more than 100 child marriages.

10. Which institution released the Roadmap on Transforming India into a leading Quantum-Powered Economy?

[A] Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

[B] Department of Science & Technology

[C] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

[D] NITI Aayog

**Correct Answer: D [NITI Aayog]**

Notes:

NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub released a Roadmap on Transforming India into a Quantum-Powered Economy to guide India's leadership in quantum technologies. Quantum technologies are set to transform healthcare, finance, logistics, materials, energy, and national security. The roadmap leverages the National Quantum Mission and outlines R&D acceleration, commercialization, talent development, and ecosystem building. It emphasizes collective action across policymakers, scientists, entrepreneurs, investors, and states for a globally trusted, competitive quantum economy. Global partnerships, infrastructure expansion, and exportable solutions are key to India becoming a quantum technology leader by 2047.

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12. Who won the Jerusalem Masters 2025 chess title?

- [A] Gukesh Dommaraju
- [B] Arjun Erigaisi
- [C] Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- [D] Viswanathan Anand

**Correct Answer: B [Arjun Erigaisi]**

Notes:

Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi won the Jerusalem Masters 2025 title. He defeated former world champion Viswanathan Anand in an all-Indian final. The victory came through a blitz tie-break after their initial rapid games ended in a draw. In the semifinals, Arjun defeated Russian Grandmaster Peter Svidler. Anand reached the final by overcoming reigning World Blitz Champion Ian Nepomniachtchi.

13. Which state government has launched the Mahadeva Football Initiative (Project Mahadeva) to train rural and remote young football players?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

**Correct Answer: A [Maharashtra]**

Notes:

Maharashtra Government launched the Mahadeva Football Initiative (Project Mahadeva) to train 60 rural and remote young football players with world-class facilities. Programme targets Under-13 (U-13) boys and girls to create a strong long-term football development pathway. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between School Education, Sports and Youth Welfare Department, Maharashtra Institute for Transformation (MITRA), Western India Football Association (WIFA) and Village Social Transformation Foundation (VSTF). The initiative is supported by Chief Minister (CM) Devendra Fadnavis and announced by Sports Minister Manikrao Kokate.

14. Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Telangana

**Correct Answer: D [Telangana]**

Notes:

Telangana's Mulugu forest officials are launching safari services for the first time inside Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary to promote eco-tourism and sustainable livelihoods. Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the state of Telangana. The sanctuary was established in 1952 and covers an area of approximately 812 square kilometres. It is divided into two parts by a stream known as Dayyam Vagu. The Godavari River flows through the sanctuary, supporting rich biodiversity.

15. What is the name of India's first solar observatory mission launched to study the Sun?

- [A] Chandrayaan-3
- [B] Aditya-L1
- [C] Astrosat
- [D] NISAR

**Correct Answer: B [Aditya-L1]**

Notes:

Aditya-L1, India's first solar observatory, helped scientists understand why the May 2024 solar storm — the strongest in 20+ years — behaved unusually. A solar storm is a sudden burst of particles, energy, magnetic fields, and solar material ejected by the Sun. It is caused when the Sun's twisted magnetic fields become overstretched and snap in a magnetic reconnection, releasing huge energy. Solar storms can produce a solar flare, radiation storm, or a coronal mass ejection (CME).

16.Which country won the FIH Men’s Junior Hockey World Cup 2025?

- [A] Germany
- [B] Spain
- [C] Argentina
- [D] India

**Correct Answer: A [Germany]**

Notes:

Germany won the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Men’s Junior Hockey World Cup 2025, defeating Spain 3-2 in a shoot-out after a 1-1 draw in regulation time. The final was held at Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in Chennai, concluding the 13-day tournament that began on November 28 and was held across Chennai and Madurai. Justus Warweg scored for Germany in the 26th minute, while Nicolas Mustaros equalised for Spain in the 33rd minute. India won the bronze medal, defeating Argentina 4-2, marking their first bronze and adding to their previous tally of two golds and one silver in the tournament.

17.Which institution released the report titled “Deepening the Corporate Bond Market in India”?

- [A] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- [B] Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- [C] NITI Aayog
- [D] Ministry of Finance

**Correct Answer: C [NITI Aayog]**

Notes:

NITI Aayog released the report “Deepening the Corporate Bond Market in India” on 11th December 2025 in New Delhi. The report highlights the importance of a robust and diversified corporate bond market to mobilise long-term, low-cost capital, reduce reliance on bank credit, and support India’s Viksit Bharat @2047 vision. It provides a comprehensive overview, comparative analysis with global markets, identifies structural gaps, and offers reform-oriented recommendations.

18.Which organization has released the report titled Right to Education: Past, Present and Future?

- [A] United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
- [B] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- [C] World Bank (WB)
- [D] Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

**Correct Answer: B [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)]**

Notes:

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) released the report Right to Education: Past, Present and Future reviewing progress since the 1960 Convention against Discrimination in Education. The report highlights major gains, including free basic education in 82% of countries and primary school completion rising to 88%. Higher education enrolment grew from 100 million in 2000 to 264 million today. Despite progress, 272 million children still drop out early and 762 million adults remain illiterate, mostly women. UNESCO warns that climate shocks, conflicts and artificial intelligence demand urgent updates to global education laws. It stresses lifelong learning as essential for workers and older adults.

19.Which ministry launched the PM Vishwakarma Scheme?

- [A] Ministry of Rural Development
- [B] Ministry of Skill Development
- [C] Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- [D] Ministry of Finance

**Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises ]**

Notes:

The National Steering Committee recently approved new measures to improve loan sanctions and disbursements under the PM Vishwakarma scheme. The scheme is a central sector initiative of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to support artisans and craftspeople following the traditional Guru-Shishya system. It provides

market linkages, skill training, and digital transaction incentives to those engaged in 18 identified traditional trades. Eligible beneficiaries aged 18+ receive a PM Vishwakarma ID, training with a ₹500 daily stipend, a ₹15,000 toolkit voucher, and collateral-free loans up to ₹3 lakh at 5% interest. The scheme aims to cover 30 lakh families over five years.

20. Which city has topped rooftop solar adoption under the Prime Minister Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme in Uttar Pradesh?

- [A] Kanpur
- [B] Ghaziabad
- [C] Varanasi
- [D] Lucknow

**Correct Answer: D [Lucknow]**

Notes:

Lucknow has emerged as the top performer in rooftop solar adoption under the Prime Minister Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme (PMSGY) in Uttar Pradesh. The city has completed 62,271 rooftop solar installations, the highest in the state. This achievement helped Uttar Pradesh cross the milestone of three lakh total rooftop solar installations.

21. Which team won the All India Football Federation (AIFF) 2025-26?

- [A] East Bengal
- [B] FC Goa
- [C] Bengaluru FC
- [D] Kerala Blasters

**Correct Answer: B [FC Goa]**

Notes:

Football Club Goa won the All India Football Federation Super Cup 2025-26, defeating East Bengal Football Club 6-5 in a penalty shootout after a goalless draw in extra time at the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Fatorda. This was the first final of the All India Football Federation Super Cup to be decided by a penalty shootout, as both teams were unable to score during regulation and extra time. In the penalty shootout, Football Club Goa converted all but one attempt, while East Bengal Football Club missed two, giving Goa the victory in sudden-death penalties. The victory also secured Football Club Goa's qualification for the 2026-27 Asian Football Confederation Champions League Two play-offs.

22. Shieldtail snake, that was recently seen in news, is endemic to which region?

- [A] India and Bangladesh
- [B] India and Sri Lanka
- [C] Nepal and Bhutan
- [D] Bangladesh and Myanmar

**Correct Answer: B [India and Sri Lanka]**

Notes:

A new shieldtail snake species, *Rhinophis siruvaniensis*, was discovered with help from citizen scientists in the Siruvani Hills, spanning Kerala and Tamil Nadu in the Western Ghats. The snake is shiny brownish-black with creamy white patches and has a dome-shaped tail tip. Shieldtail snakes are small, non-venomous, soil-burrowing snakes of the Uropeltidae family, also called uropeltids. They are named "shieldtails" because of their disc-shaped tail tip. These snakes are endemic to India and Sri Lanka, mainly found in the Western Ghats and parts of Peninsular India.

23. International Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day is observed every year on which day?

- [A] December 9
- [B] December 10
- [C] December 11
- [D] December 12

**Correct Answer: D [December 12]**

Notes:

International Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day is observed every year on 12 December. It is a UN-designated day, marking the 2012 UN resolution where all member states endorsed UHC as a global development priority. The day

urges campaigners, health defenders, and leaders to highlight the struggles of millions still lacking access to healthcare, advocate for stronger health investments, and remind the world of the importance of achieving Universal Health Coverage for all.

24. What is the name of the initiative recently launched by the Ministry of Textiles to promote awareness about handicraft traditions and entrepreneurship?

- [A] National Handicrafts Development Program
- [B] Chaupal Program
- [C] Craft India Mission
- [D] Kaushal Yojana

**Correct Answer: B [Chaupal Program]**

Notes:

As part of National Handicrafts Week, the Ministry of Textiles launched the Chaupal Program nationwide in New Delhi. The program aims to promote handicraft traditions, build entrepreneurship, and form sustainable handicraft clusters under the National Handicrafts Development Program (NHDP). Chaupals will be permanent district-level platforms in 100 handicraft aspirational districts for artisan enrolment, scheme awareness, skill development, and entrepreneurship over the plan period. Chaupal Kits with audio-visual materials and essential equipment were distributed to facilitate workshops, demonstrations, and digital onboarding of artisans.

25. How many medals won by India at the FEI Asian Equestrian Championships 2025?

- [A] Four
- [B] Five
- [C] Seven
- [D] Two

**Correct Answer: B [Five]**

Notes:

India completed the FEI Asian Equestrian Championships 2025 in Pattaya, Thailand, with a historic five-medal haul. Ashish Limaye won individual gold in eventing. Limaye, along with Shashank Singh Kataria and Shashank Kanmuri, secured team silver in eventing. In dressage, Shruti Vora won three silver medals. The championships were organised by the Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI) and featured top riders across multiple disciplines. This was the second edition of the continental meet; India did not participate in 2019.

26. Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Jharkhand
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Gujarat

**Correct Answer: A [Bihar]**

Notes:

A forest department team recently conducted a raid in the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, seizing a large number of deer heads, horns, and animal flesh, and arrested a poacher. Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Kaimur district of Bihar. It lies in the Kaimur Hills range, a region known for its rugged and historically significant terrain. The Kaimur Hills are home to two ancient forts and the Mundeshwari Temple, regarded as one of the oldest Hindu temples in India. It is the largest wildlife sanctuary in Bihar, covering an area of about 1,342 square kilometres.

27. Pax Silica is an initiative of which country?

- [A] United Kingdom
- [B] United States of America
- [C] Japan
- [D] Australia

**Correct Answer: B [United States of America]**

Notes:

India has been excluded from the new United States–led critical mineral diversification plan called Pax Silica. Pax Silica is a strategic initiative led by the United States to build a secure, resilient, and innovation-driven silicon supply chain. The initiative covers the full chain from critical minerals and energy inputs to advanced manufacturing, semiconductors, artificial intelligence infrastructure, and logistics. Its main objective is to reduce strategic dependencies and enable like-minded countries to develop and deploy advanced technologies at scale.

28. Jose Antonio Kast has been elected as new president of which country in December 2025?

- [A] Chile
- [B] Peru
- [C] Brazil
- [D] Poland

**Correct Answer: A [Chile]**

Notes:

Chile has elected Jose Antonio Kast as its new president, representing a major shift toward right-wing leadership—the most pronounced since the country’s return to democracy. Kast, leader of the Republican Party, won the runoff election against leftist rival Jeannette Jara, following a polarising campaign focused on crime, migration, and economic stagnation. Since 2010, Chile has alternated between left and right governments; this election follows that pattern but marks a stronger right-wing tilt.

29. Which institution has conducted India’s first clinical trial of the Supernova Stent for stroke?

- [A] Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- [B] National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)
- [C] All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi
- [D] Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh

**Correct Answer: C [All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi]**

Notes:

AIIMS, New Delhi has conducted India’s first clinical trial of an indigenously evaluated advanced stroke treatment device named the Supernova Stent, marking a major milestone in India’s medical research and device innovation. The Supernova Stent is specifically designed for India’s diverse patient population, where strokes tend to occur at a younger age compared to Western countries, making it more suitable for local clinical needs. AIIMS highlighted that this is India’s first stroke intervention device to receive clearance based entirely on a domestic clinical trial, strengthening confidence in indigenous clinical research capabilities.

30. Exercise Ekatha is an annual bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?

- [A] Maldives
- [B] Singapore
- [C] Bangladesh
- [D] Sri Lanka

**Correct Answer: A [Maldives]**

Notes:

Exercise Ekatha 2025 was held in Maldives from 15–17 December 2025. Exercise Ekatha, established in 2017, is an annual bilateral maritime exercise, conducted between the Indian Navy and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF). The 8th edition focused on interoperability and operational synergy through technical/combat diving, boarding operations, firing drills, demolition, explosive handling, asymmetric warfare, and special heli-borne drills.

31. Which state government launched the ‘Abhaya Brigade’ to ensure the safety of girls and women near schools, colleges, and coaching centres?

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Jharkhand
- [D] Odisha

**Correct Answer: A [Bihar]**

Notes:

Bihar government launched the 'Abhaya Brigade' to ensure the safety of girls and women near schools, colleges, and coaching centres. The initiative was flagged off by East Champaran Superintendent of Police Swarn Prabhat on directions from the police headquarters. Those harassing or making lewd remarks toward female students will be arrested and sent to jail. Special Abhaya Brigade teams have been formed in nearly all 50 police stations across the district. Each team consists of one female officer, two female constables, and one male constable.

32. ICGS Sarthak, that was recently seen in news, is classified as which type of vessel?

- [A] Submarine
- [B] Offshore Patrol Vessel
- [C] Amphibious landing craft
- [D] Missile destroyer

**Correct Answer: B [Offshore Patrol Vessel]**

Notes:

Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sarthak is an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) that made a port call at Chabahar, Iran. It is the 4th of 5 Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPVs) built by Goa Shipyard Limited for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) are multi-mission platforms for concurrent operations. It was commissioned on 28 October 2021. It functions as a command platform for search and rescue, anti-maritime crime, and marine environment protection duties.

33. Which institute has developed a peptide therapy for fungal keratitis, a severe infection of the cornea?

- [A] All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi
- [B] Bose Institute, Kolkata
- [C] Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- [D] Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

**Correct Answer: B [Bose Institute, Kolkata]**

Notes:

Researchers from Bose Institute, Kolkata, in collaboration with L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, have developed a peptide therapy for fungal keratitis, a severe infection of the cornea. They designed a 15-residue peptide, SA-XV, derived from the host-defense peptide S100A12, previously known to inhibit fungal growth. SA-XV acts by interacting with fungal cell walls and membranes, translocating into the cytoplasm, binding nuclear DNA to halt the cell cycle, and targeting mitochondria to induce apoptosis.

34. According to the latest World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) report, which country recorded the highest number of doping violations in 2024?

- [A] Russia
- [B] China
- [C] India
- [D] France

**Correct Answer: C [India]**

Notes:

Indian athletes topped the global doping charts for the third consecutive year in 2024, recording 260 adverse analytical findings (AAFs), according to the latest World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) report. India's positivity rate was 3.6%, the highest among countries conducting 5,000+ tests. The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) conducted 7,113 tests in 2024 (6,576 urine samples and 537 blood samples). Out of these, 253 urine samples and 7 blood samples tested positive for prohibited substances. NADA attributed India's high ranking partly to intensified testing and stronger detection mechanisms, not necessarily a surge in doping prevalence.

35. Hormuz Island, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

- [A] Iraq
- [B] Iran
- [C] Oman
- [D] United Arab Emirates

**Correct Answer: B [Iran]**

Notes:

Iran's Hormuz Island recently gained global attention as its coastlines turned blood-red overnight, creating a surreal natural spectacle. Hormuz Island is a hilly island located in the Strait of Hormuz, between the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman, about 8 km off the coast of Iran. The island covers an area of 41.9 sq. km and is famous for its unique scenery and colorful soil, earning it the nickname "Rainbow Island". Its terrain is composed of sedimentary rock and volcanic ash, and due to low precipitation, both the soil and water are salty.

36. Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

[A] Assam

[B] Mizoram

[C] Arunachal Pradesh

[D] Tripura

**Correct Answer: A [Assam]**

Notes:

A team of government officials recently visited encroached land areas inside Bura Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary identified for compensatory afforestation, highlighting concerns over illegal occupation. Bura Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the southern bank of the Brahmaputra River in Sonitpur district, Assam. It lies to the north of Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary, forming a connected Laokhowa–Burachapori transboundary ecosystem.

37. Which institute has been awarded the title of Best Health Technology Assessment Institute in India for the second consecutive year?

[A] Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh

[B] All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

[C] Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi

[D] Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry

**Correct Answer: A [Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh]**

Notes:

Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh was awarded Best Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Institute for the second consecutive year by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The award was presented during ARISE 2025 at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi. It was organised by Health Technology Assessment in India (HTAI), the central HTA body under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. PGIMER earlier received the same recognition at the ICMR–DHR Health Summit last year.

38. Which state/UT is the host of first International Indian Style Wrestling (Dangal) event?

[A] Uttarakhand

[B] Jammu and Kashmir

[C] Himachal Pradesh

[D] Delhi

**Correct Answer: B [Jammu and Kashmir]**

Notes:

Jammu and Kashmir is hosting its first-ever International Indian Style Wrestling (Dangal) event along with the Rustam-e-Jammu Kashmir Title 2025. The event is taking place at the Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu, and started on December 20, 2025. More than 100 national and international wrestling stars are participating in the competition. Wrestlers will compete for the Rustam-e-Jammu Kashmir Title 2025. This marks a major milestone in promoting traditional Indian wrestling in the region.

39. Dark Eagle Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW) is developed by which country?

[A] India

[B] United States

[C] France

[D] Russia

**Correct Answer: B [United States]**

Notes:

The U.S. Army and U.S. Navy recently completed integrated testing of the Dark Eagle Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon system, marking a major milestone in America's hypersonic weapons development. The Dark Eagle Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon is a non-nuclear, ground-launched hypersonic missile system being developed for the U.S. Army as part of U.S. hypersonic modernization efforts. The missile component of the Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon program is jointly developed by Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman, two leading American defense companies.

40.The National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) is a flagship project of which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Culture
- [B] Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- [C] Ministry of Tourism
- [D] Ministry of Earth Sciences

**Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways]**

Notes:

India and the Netherlands signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to cooperate on developing the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat. National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) is a flagship project of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) to showcase India's 4,500–5,000-year-old maritime legacy. It is located in Lothal, near Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It will be India's first comprehensive national institution dedicated exclusively to maritime heritage.

41.Who became the first Indian woman cricketer to score more than 4,000 runs in Women's T20 Internationals?

- [A] Harmanpreet Kaur
- [B] Smriti Mandhana
- [C] Mithali Raj
- [D] Deepti Sharma

**Correct Answer: B [Smriti Mandhana]**

Notes:

Smriti Mandhana became the first Indian woman cricketer to score more than 4,000 runs in T20 Internationals, marking a significant achievement for Indian cricket. She is only the second woman globally to reach this milestone, after New Zealand legend Suzie Bates, who has 4,716 T20I runs. Mandhana reached the milestone in 3,227 balls, which is faster than Suzie Bates, who took 3,675 balls, demonstrating Mandhana's attacking strike rate and consistency. Mandhana scored 25 runs off 25 balls in the match against Sri Lanka, and though her innings was short, it was sufficient to surpass the 4,000-run mark.

42.National Consumer Day is observed on which day in India every year?

- [A] December 21
- [B] December 22
- [C] December 23
- [D] December 24

**Correct Answer: D [December 24]**

Notes:

National Consumer Day is observed in India on 24 December every year to highlight consumer rights and protection. The day marks the President's assent to the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, which established comprehensive consumer rights. The observance promotes awareness and responsible practices among consumers and stakeholders. In 2025, the theme is "Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice." The theme reflects India's focus on technology-enabled, accessible, and timely consumer grievance redressal

43.Which institution has developed the Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based lab assistant AILA?

- [A] IIT Kanpur
- [B] IIT Delhi
- [C] IIT Ahmedabad
- [D] IIT Bombay

**Correct Answer: B [IIT Delhi]**

Notes:

IIT Delhi researchers developed an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based system called AILA (Artificially Intelligent Lab Assistant). AILA works on an AI Agentic Framework and can perform real scientific experiments like a human scientist. It has a simple chat interface where instructions in English are converted into code to execute experiments. The system has been demonstrated on an Atomic Force Microscope (AFM), a key instrument in material research. AILA can control the AFM, make real-time decisions during experiments, and analyse results independently. The technology can save time, reduce manpower requirements, and transform India's scientific research ecosystem.

44. Bezymianny Volcano, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

[A] Australia

[B] Japan

[C] France

[D] Russia

**Correct Answer: D [Russia]**

Notes:

Bezymianny Volcano, a cone-shaped stratovolcano on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia, is now rising faster than scientists expected after a massive past explosion. It lies on the southeast slope of the extinct Kamen Volcano, separated by a high narrow saddle. The east and west slopes have wide, sloping valleys; upper slopes feature several lava flows, and lower slopes have domes along the southern and western sides. Since 1955, Bezymianny has had eruptions with dome growth, explosions, pyroclastic flows, ash plumes, and ashfall. The 1956 eruption was one of the most significant explosive events of the 20th century.

45. The Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme is developed by which international organization?

[A] United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

[B] World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

[C] United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

[D] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

**Correct Answer: D [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)]**

Notes:

India will soon have over 100 tsunami-ready villages under the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme in the Indian Ocean region. It is an international community-based programme developed by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The programme aims to build resilient coastal communities through tsunami awareness and preparedness. Its main objective is to reduce loss of life, livelihoods, and property during tsunamis. Communities must meet 12 indicators covering risk assessment, preparedness, and response. Tsunami-ready villages show hazard mapping, evacuation plans, public display boards, 24-hour warning systems, and regular mock drills.

46. Vallanadu Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Karnataka

[D] Kerala

**Correct Answer: A [Tamil Nadu]**

Notes:

The blackbuck (*Antelope cervicapra*) population at Vallanadu Wildlife Sanctuary has increased to a total of 300. Vallanadu Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Tamil Nadu and was established to protect blackbuck antelopes. Blackbuck is an antelope species native to India and Nepal, primarily inhabiting open grasslands, dry scrub, and lightly forested areas. It is distributed across Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and other parts of peninsular India.

47. Narsapuram Lace Craft, that was recently seen in news, is associated with which state?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Kerala

[C] Karnataka

[D] Andhra Pradesh

**Correct Answer: D [Andhra Pradesh]**

Notes:

Recently, the Prime Minister of India praised Narsapuram Lace Craft made by self-help groups of Narsapur in Andhra Pradesh during the “Man Ki Baat” programme. Narsapuram Lace Craft is primarily made in Andhra Pradesh. Narsapur is located on the banks of the Godavari River. About 150 years ago, women from farming families began making decorative items using colourful lace. It mainly uses fine cotton threads, along with silk, rayon, synthetic threads, beads, and sequins. The main tool used is a crochet hook of different sizes. It has received the Geographical Indication tag.

48. The Regional Level Pollution Response Exercise (RPREX-2025) was conducted in which city by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)?

[A] Kolkata

[B] Hyderabad

[C] Mumbai

[D] Chennai

**Correct Answer: C [Mumbai]**

Notes:

The Indian Coast Guard conducted the Regional Level Pollution Response Exercise 2025 (RPREX-2025) in Mumbai. The exercise focused on tackling oil pollution at sea. A mock scenario involved a Motor Tanker sending a distress call after a collision with a fishing boat. The collision caused a hole in the tanker and heavy crude oil spillage into the sea. A specialised Indian Coast Guard Pollution Control Vessel and two other ships were deployed. Ships operated in full pollution response configuration. The exercise tested coordination and readiness of all stakeholders. It was conducted as per the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan.

49. YJ-20 hypersonic anti-ship missile is developed by which country?

[A] Russia

[B] China

[C] France

[D] Australia

**Correct Answer: B [China]**

Notes:

China released rare footage of the YJ-20 hypersonic anti-ship missile fired from a Type 055 guided missile destroyer warship. YJ-20, also called Eagle Strike-20, is a hypersonic anti-ship missile developed by China. It was first publicly displayed during China’s Victory Day military parade on 3 September 2025. The missile is designed to attack high-value naval assets like aircraft carriers at long ranges. It has a biconic aerodynamic shape that allows controlled glide after rocket boost. This shape creates shockwaves that protect control surfaces from extreme heat.

50. Who won the women’s trap gold medal at the National Shooting Championship held at Dr Karni Singh Range, Delhi?

[A] Kirti Gupta

[B] Pragati Dubey

[C] Neeru Dhanda

[D] Rahi Sarnobat

**Correct Answer: C [Neeru Dhanda]**

Notes:

In the National Shooting Championship held at Dr. Karni Singh Range in Delhi, Neeru Dhanda, an Asian Championships gold medallist, won the women’s trap gold medal. Kirti Gupta from Delhi secured the silver medal, while Pragati Dubey from Madhya Pradesh claimed the bronze medal in the women’s trap event. In the junior men’s trap individual event, Aryavansh Tyagi won the gold medal, Keshav Chauhan secured silver, and Zuhair Khan took bronze. The women’s trap team event was won by Madhya Pradesh, with Delhi finishing second and Punjab taking third place. In the junior men’s trap team event, Haryana claimed the gold medal, Gujarat won silver, and Rajasthan secured bronze. The junior women’s trap team event saw Delhi winning gold, Tamil Nadu finishing second, and Rajasthan taking the bronze medal.

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