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★★ VERY IMPORTANT

Q35 Major Swathi Shantha Kumar, recently in the news, received the UN Secretary-General's Award 2025 for her contribution in which country?

A Lebanon
B Democratic Republic of the Congo
C South Sudan
D Sudan

ANSWER: C) South Sudan

KEY CONTEXT

- Major Swathi Shantha Kumar received the UN Secretary-General's Award 2025.
- She was honoured for the "Equal Partners, Lasting Peace" project in South Sudan.
- The initiative supported around 5,000 women through female peacekeeper deployment.
- The award recognizes exceptional leadership, innovation, and commitment to UN values.



WHAT DO THE PRIORITY TAGS MEAN?

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Important for the exam. Make sure you know and revise it. Good chance of being asked.

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Higher exam relevance. Give this extra attention. Higher chances of being asked.

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Highest exam relevance. Do not skip. Give this the highest priority.

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Even if a Defence question is not marked ★ IMPORTANT, ★★ VERY IMPORTANT, or ★★★ MOST IMPORTANT, do not skip it. Make sure you cover every Defence question carefully.

Q1 What is the name of India's first cooperative-based ride-hailing platform launched by the Government of India?

- A** Bharat Cab
- B** Bharat Taxi
- C** Bharat Ride
- D** Bharat Go

✓ **ANSWER B) Bharat Taxi**



Q2 What was the theme of the India AI Impact Summit 2026?

- A AI for Inclusive Growth
- B One Earth, One Future
- C Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaya
- D Digital India, Empowered India

✓ ANSWER **C) Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaya**

KEY CONTEXT

- The India AI Impact Summit 2026 was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Theme: "Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaya" (Welfare for All, Happiness for All).



Q3 The M.A.N.A.V. Vision, recently unveiled by India for AI governance, governance, stands for:

- A** Moral and National AI Vision
- B** Moral and Accountable Network for AI Vision
- C** Moral and Ethical Systems, Accountable Governance, National Sovereignty, Accessible and Inclusive AI, and Valid and Legitimate AI Systems
- D** Modern AI Network for Accountable Vision
- ✓ **ANSWER C) Moral and Ethical Systems, Accountable Governance, National Sovereignty, Accessible and Inclusive AI, and Valid and Legitimate AI Systems**

KEY CONTEXT

- M – Moral and Ethical Systems
- A – Accountable Governance
- N – National Sovereignty (Data ownership rights)
- A – Accessible and Inclusive AI
- V – Valid and Legitimate AI Systems
- The framework was unveiled at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 to promote ethical, inclusive, and responsible AI governance.



Q4 The 16th Finance Commission has recommended retaining the States' share of the divisible tax pool at:

- A 38%
- B 40%
- C 41%
- D 42%

✓ ANSWER **C) 41%**

KEY CONTEXT

- The 16th Finance Commission retained the States' share at 41% of the divisible tax pool.
- Its recommendations will be applicable for the award period 2026–27 to 2030–31.
- The Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission is Dr. Arvind Panagariya.
- The Finance Commission is a constitutional body constituted under Article 280 of the Constitution by the President of India every five years or earlier.
- The Commission recommended introducing GDP contribution as a new criterion for tax devolution and ending revenue deficit grants.



Q5 The newly inaugurated Prime Minister's Office, recently in the news, has news, has been named:

- A** Kartavya Bhavan
- B** Seva Teerth
- C** Sankalp Sadan
- D** Lok Seva Bhavan

✓ **ANSWER B) Seva Teerth**

KEY CONTEXT

- The new office marks a shift from the colonial-era South Block.



Q6 The Union Cabinet recently approved the proposal to change the name the name of the State of Kerala to:

- A** Keraladesh
- B** Keralam
- C** Cheranadu
- D** Malayalanadu

✓ **ANSWER B) Keralam**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Union Cabinet approved the proposal to rename Kerala as "Keralam."
- The proposal is made under Article 3 of the Constitution of India.
- Under Article 3, Parliament has the power to alter the name, area, or boundaries of a State.
- Before introducing such a Bill in Parliament, President refers it to concerned State Legislature for expressing its views.



Q7 According to the recent Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) guidelines, guidelines, 'Vande Mataram' should be sung in:

- A** The first two stanzas only
- B** Three stanzas
- C** Full six stanzas
- D** Only the first stanza

✓ **ANSWER C) Full six stanzas**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued guidelines stating that "Vande Mataram" should be sung in full (all six stanzas) before the National Anthem.
- Vande Mataram was written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1875.
- It was first published in the novel Anandamath (1882).
- The first two stanzas of Vande Mataram were adopted as the National Song of India on 24 January 1950.



Q8 Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who visited India recently, is the President of President of which country?

- A** Argentina
- B** Brazil
- C** Chile
- D** Mexico

✓ **ANSWER B) Brazil**

KEY CONTEXT

- India and Brazil are members of BRICS, G20, and IBSA.



Q9 India recently became the world's second-largest smartphone market after which country?

- A** United States
- B** China
- C** Japan
- D** South Korea

✓ **ANSWER B) China**

KEY CONTEXT

- India's active smartphone user base reached 740 million.
- India became the world's second-largest smartphone market, after China.
- The growth reflects rapid expansion in digital connectivity and smartphone adoption across the country.



Q10 Dr. Patrick Herminie, who visited India recently, is the President of which of which country?

- A** Mauritius
- B** Seychelles
- C** Maldives
- D** Madagascar

✓ **ANSWER B) Seychelles**



Q11 Chhari-Dhand, recently designated as India's 98th Ramsar Site, is located in which state?

- A Rajasthan
- B Gujarat
- C Madhya Pradesh
- D Maharashtra

✓ ANSWER **B) Gujarat**

KEY CONTEXT

- Chhari-Dhand is located in Kutch district, Gujarat.
- It is an important seasonal wetland supporting a rich diversity of migratory birds.



Q12 White Revolution 2.0, recently launched by the Ministry of Cooperation, Cooperation, is primarily aimed at:

- A** Increasing wheat production
- B** Increasing milk procurement and strengthening dairy cooperatives
- C** Promoting organic farming
- D** Expanding fisheries and aquaculture

✓ **ANSWER B) Increasing milk procurement and strengthening dairy cooperatives**

KEY CONTEXT

- White Revolution 2.0 is an initiative of the Ministry of Cooperation.
- It aims to increase milk procurement by 50% over the next five years.



Q13 The Pax Silica Coalition, recently joined by India, is primarily related to:
related to:

- A Climate change and carbon trading
- B Semiconductor supply chains and critical technologies
- C Maritime security in the Indo-Pacific
- D Global food security and agriculture

✓ ANSWER **B) Semiconductor supply chains and critical technologies**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Pax Silica Coalition is a US-led initiative.
- It aims to strengthen semiconductor supply chains and cooperation in critical technologies.
- India joined the coalition to enhance resilience in semiconductor manufacturing and technology security.
- India joined the Pax Silica Coalition as its 12th member.
- The coalition also promotes collaboration in artificial intelligence (AI), critical minerals, and advanced technologies.



Q14 Yoon Suk Yeol, who was recently sentenced to life imprisonment, served imprisonment, served as the President of which country?

- A** Japan
- B** South Korea
- C** North Korea
- D** Mongolia

✓ **ANSWER B) South Korea**

KEY CONTEXT

- He was sentenced to life imprisonment over the 2024 martial law crisis.



Q15 The World Government Summit 2026 was held in which city?

A Abu Dhabi

B Doha

C Dubai

D Riyadh

✓ **ANSWER C) Dubai**



Q16 PRAHAAR, recently launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), is (MHA), is India's National Policy related to:

- A Cyber Security
- B Counter-Terrorism
- C Disaster Management
- D Border Infrastructure Development

✓ ANSWER **B) Counter-Terrorism**

KEY CONTEXT

- PRAHAAR is India's National Counter-Terrorism Policy. It was launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- The policy is based on seven pillars to strengthen India's counter-terrorism framework.
- It aims to improve prevention, intelligence sharing, coordination, response, and capacity building against terrorism.



Q17 Exercise KHANJAR-XIII, recently conducted in India, is a joint military military exercise between India and which country?

- A Kazakhstan
- B Kyrgyzstan
- C Uzbekistan
- D Tajikistan

✓ ANSWER **B) Kyrgyzstan**

KEY CONTEXT

- Exercise KHANJAR-XIII is the 13th edition of the India–Kyrgyzstan joint military exercise.
- It was conducted at Missamari, Assam.
- The exercise focuses on counter-terrorism operations and enhancing interoperability between the two armies.



Q18 India recently conducted a joint in-situ air exercise with the Air Force of Force of which country?

- A** Vietnam
- B** Malaysia
- C** Thailand
- D** Indonesia

✓ **ANSWER C) Thailand**



Q19 Exercise Vayushakti-26, recently conducted by the Indian Air Force, was Force, was held at:

- A** Pokhran Air-to-Ground Range, Rajasthan
- B** Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- C** Babina Field Firing Range, Uttar Pradesh
- D** Chandipur Integrated Test Range, Odisha

✓ **ANSWER A) Pokhran Air-to-Ground Range, Rajasthan**



Q20 Exercise MILAN 2026, recently held in India, took place at which city?
which city?

- A Kochi
- B Mumbai
- C Visakhapatnam
- D Chennai

✓ ANSWER **C) Visakhapatnam**

KEY CONTEXT

- It was the largest-ever edition, with participation from 74 countries.
- Theme: "Camaraderie, Cooperation, Collaboration."
- MILAN Village was inaugurated during the exercise, highlighting India's growing role in multilateral naval cooperation.



Q21 Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR-XVI, recently conducted by India, is a joint joint Special Forces exercise with which country?

- A** Australia
- B** France
- C** United States of America (USA)
- D** United Kingdom

✓ **ANSWER C) United States of America (USA)**

KEY CONTEXT

- 16th edition of the India–USA Joint Special Forces Exercise.
- It was conducted at the Special Forces Training School, Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.



Q22 Exercise Agni Varsha, recently conducted by the Indian Army, was organised by which Command?

- A** Northern Command
- B** Eastern Command
- C** Southern Command
- D** Western Command

✓ **ANSWER C) Southern Command**

KEY CONTEXT

- It was held at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges.



Q23 Which team won the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2026 title?
title?

- A** Mumbai Indians
- B** Delhi Capitals
- C** Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)
- D** Gujarat Giants

✓ **ANSWER C) Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)**

KEY CONTEXT

- Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) won the WPL 2026 title.
- Delhi Capitals (DC) finished as the runners-up.
- Smriti Mandhana won the Orange Cap for scoring the most runs.
- Sophie Devine won both the Purple Cap (most wickets) and the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award.
- Nandini Sharma was named the Emerging Player of WPL 2026.



Q24 Which country won the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2026 by defeating England in the final?

- A Australia
- B India
- C Pakistan
- D South Africa

✓ ANSWER **B) India**

KEY CONTEXT

- India won its 6th ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup title.
- India defeated England in the final.
- Vaibhav Suryavanshi scored a record 175 runs, powering India to victory.
- India is the most successful team in the history of the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup.



Q25 Who won the Men's Singles title at the Australian Open 2026?

- A** Novak Djokovic
- B** Jannik Sinner
- C** Carlos Alcaraz
- D** Daniil Medvedev

✓ **ANSWER** **C) Carlos Alcaraz**

KEY CONTEXT

- Men's Singles Champion: Carlos Alcaraz.
- Women's Singles Champion: Elena Rybakina.
- The Australian Open is played at Melbourne Park, Melbourne (Australia) on Hard Courts.
- The French Open (Roland Garros) is held in Paris, France on Clay Courts.
- Wimbledon Championships are held in London, England on Grass Courts.
- The US Open is held in New York City, USA on Hard Courts.



Q26 The 25th Winter Olympics (Milano Cortina 2026), recently in the news, the news, were hosted by which country?

- A** France
- B** Switzerland
- C** Italy
- D** Austria

✓ **ANSWER** **C) Italy**

KEY CONTEXT

- They featured 16 winter sports and 116 medal events.
- The Games were jointly hosted by Milan (Milano) and Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- Norway topped the medal tally at the Winter Olympics 2026 with a record 17 gold medals.
- Johannes Dale-Skjevdal won the men's 15-km biathlon mass start with a perfect 20/20 shooting record.



Q27 Which team won the 78th Santosh Trophy by defeating Kerala in the final?

- A** West Bengal
- B** Services
- C** Punjab
- D** Goa

✓ **ANSWER** **B) Services**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Santosh Trophy is India's premier national football championship contested by state teams and government institutions.



Q28 "Boong", which was recently in the news, became the first Indian film to win the Best Children's & Family Film award at which international award ceremony?

- A** Academy Awards (Oscars)
- B** Golden Globe Awards
- C** BAFTA Awards
- D** Cannes Film Festival

✓ **ANSWER C) BAFTA Awards**

KEY CONTEXT

- "Boong" is a Manipuri-language film.
- It became the first Indian film to win the Best Children's & Family Film award at the 79th BAFTA Awards.
- The film was directed by Lakshmipriya Devi.



Q29 Which musician won the 'Album of the Year' award at the Grammy Awards 2026?

- A** Taylor Swift
- B** Beyoncé
- C** Bad Bunny
- D** Ed Sheeran

✓ **ANSWER C) Bad Bunny**

KEY CONTEXT

- Bad Bunny won the Album of the Year award at the Grammy Awards 2026.
- Dalai Lama won a Grammy Award in 2026.



Q30 Smriti Mandhana, recently in the news, received which award?

- A** Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award
 - B** BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2025
 - C** Wisden Cricketer of the Year
 - D** ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year
- ✓ **ANSWER B) BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2025**



Q31 Sanae Takaichi, recently in the news, became the first female Prime Minister of which country?

A South Korea

B Japan

C Singapore

D Taiwan

✓ **ANSWER B) Japan**



Q32 Sachin Tendulkar, recently seen in the news, was appointed as the UN the UN Global Champion for which campaign?

- A** Road Safety
- B** Climate Action
- C** Sports for Peace
- D** Digital Literacy

✓ **ANSWER A) Road Safety**



Q33 Abhinav Bindra recently completed his tenure as the Vice-Chair of which of which international body?

- A** World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)
- B** International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes' Commission
- C** Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
- D** International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)

✓ **ANSWER B) International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes' Commission**

KEY CONTEXT

- Abhinav Bindra completed his 8-year tenure (2018–2026) as the Vice-Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission.
- He is India's first individual Olympic gold medallist. His IOC membership continues until 2028.



Q34 What was the theme of World Wetlands Day 2026?

- A Wetlands for Climate Action
- B Wetlands and Water Security
- C Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage
- D Protecting Wetlands for Biodiversity

✓ ANSWER **C) Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage**

KEY CONTEXT

- World Wetlands Day is observed every year on 2 February.
- Theme (2026): "Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage."
- The day marks the adoption of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971.
- It promotes the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.

**World
Wetlands Day**
2 February 2026



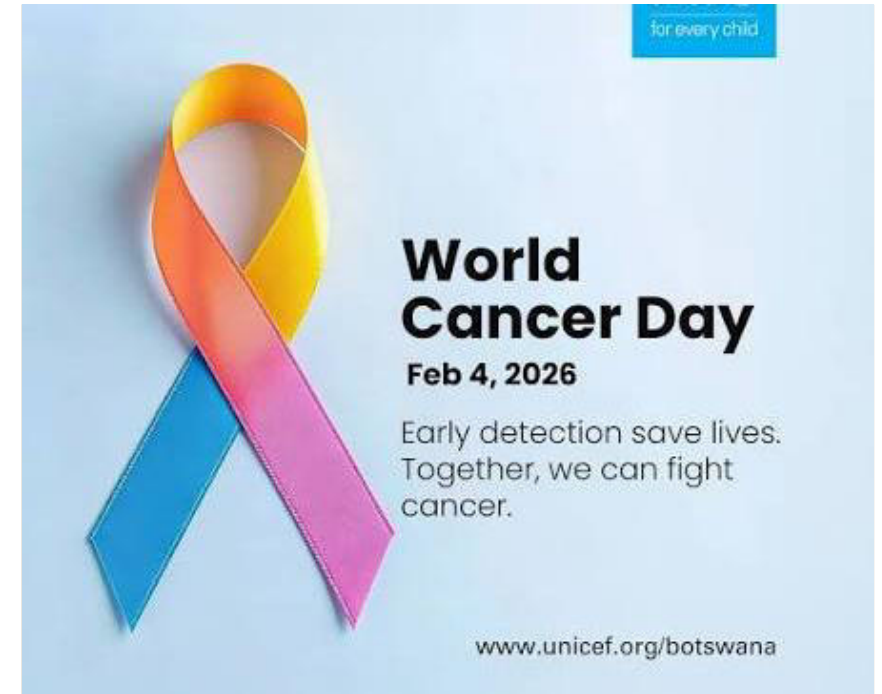
Q35 What was the theme of World Cancer Day 2026?

- A** Close the Care Gap
- B** Together We Can
- C** United by Unique
- D** Cancer Care for All

✓ **ANSWER C) United by Unique**

KEY CONTEXT

- World Cancer Day is observed every year on 4 February. Theme (2026): "United by Unique."
- The campaign emphasizes people-centred cancer care, recognizing that every patient's experience is unique.
- The day is led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) to raise awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment.



Q36 What was the theme of National Science Day 2026?

- A** Science for Sustainable Development
- B** Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat
- C** Science and Innovation for Atmanirbhar Bharat
- D** Empowering Youth through Science

✓ **ANSWER** **B) Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat**

KEY CONTEXT

- National Science Day is observed every year on 28 February to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir C.V. Raman in 1928.
- 2026 marked the 40th observance of National Science Day.

