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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.



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Q1 India's first Hydrogen-Powered Train recently operated between which between which two stations?

- A** Kalka – Shimla
- B** Jind – Sonipat
- C** Delhi – Meerut
- D** Mumbai – Ahmedabad

✓ **ANSWER B) Jind – Sonipat**

KEY CONTEXT

- It uses Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cell technology and emits only water vapour and heat during operation.
- The hydrogen storage and refuelling facility has been established at Jind, Haryana.



Q2 India's CG Semi Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) Facility, inaugurated recently, is located in which state?

- A** Maharashtra
- B** Gujarat
- C** Tamil Nadu
- D** Karnataka

✓ **ANSWER B) Gujarat**



Q3 India's first Greenfield Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex, inaugurated recently, is located at Pachpadra in which state?

- A** Gujarat
- B** Rajasthan
- C** Odisha
- D** Andhra Pradesh

✓ **ANSWER B) Rajasthan**



Q4 Sarnath, recently inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, in which in which Indian state?

- A** Bihar
- B** Uttar Pradesh
- C** Madhya Pradesh
- D** Odisha

✓ **ANSWER B) Uttar Pradesh**

KEY CONTEXT

- During the 48th Session of the World Heritage Committee held in Busan, South Korea.
- With this inscription, India now has 45 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- Sarnath is the place where Gautama Buddha delivered his first sermon (Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta) after attaining enlightenment at Bodh Gaya.
- Major monuments at Sarnath include the Dhamek Stupa, Dharmarajika Stupa, and Chaukhandi Stupa.



Q5 Sushruta, in whose honour Sushrutam 2026 was organized, is known as known as the:

- A** Father of Ayurveda
- B** Father of Yoga
- C** Father of Surgery
- D** Father of Anatomy

✓ **ANSWER C) Father of Surgery**



Q6 The recently launched PRAGATI initiative is related to which sector?
sector?

A Healthcare

B Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods

C Skill Development

D Renewable Energy

✓ **ANSWER B) Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods**



Q7 NIDAR 2.0, recently launched under the SwaYaan Initiative, aims to aims to promote:

- A** Artificial Intelligence
- B** Indigenous Drone Technology
- C** Semiconductor Manufacturing
- D** Quantum Computing

✓ **ANSWER B) Indigenous Drone Technology**



Q8 The GlobalSkills Challenge 2026, in which India won five medals, was held in which country?

- A** Germany
- B** Australia
- C** Singapore
- D** China

✓ **ANSWER B) Australia**



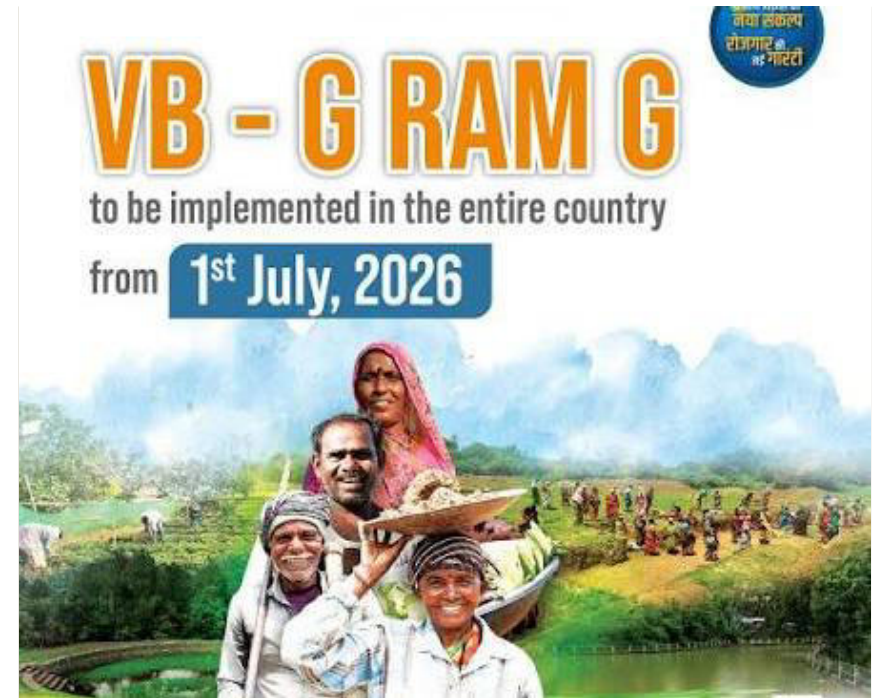
Q9 The VB-GRAM G Act, 2025, recently implemented, replaced which of the which of the following schemes?

- A** PMGSY
- B** MGNREGA
- C** DAY-NRLM
- D** PM-KISAN

✓ **ANSWER B) MGNREGA**

KEY CONTEXT

- VB-GRAM G stands for Village-Based Guaranteed Rural Employment and Agricultural Modernization Guarantee Act.
- The VB-GRAM G Act, 2025 replaced the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
- The Act guarantees 125 days of rural wage employment.
- It is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.



Q10 Which messaging platform recently introduced the 'Username' feature, allowing users to communicate without sharing their mobile mobile numbers?

A Telegram

B Signal

C WhatsApp

D Snapchat

✓ **ANSWER C) WhatsApp**



Q11 The recently launched MANAS portal helpline is primarily related to:
related to:

- A** Cybercrime Reporting
- B** Drug Trafficking and Narcotics Reporting
- C** Women's Safety
- D** Road Safety

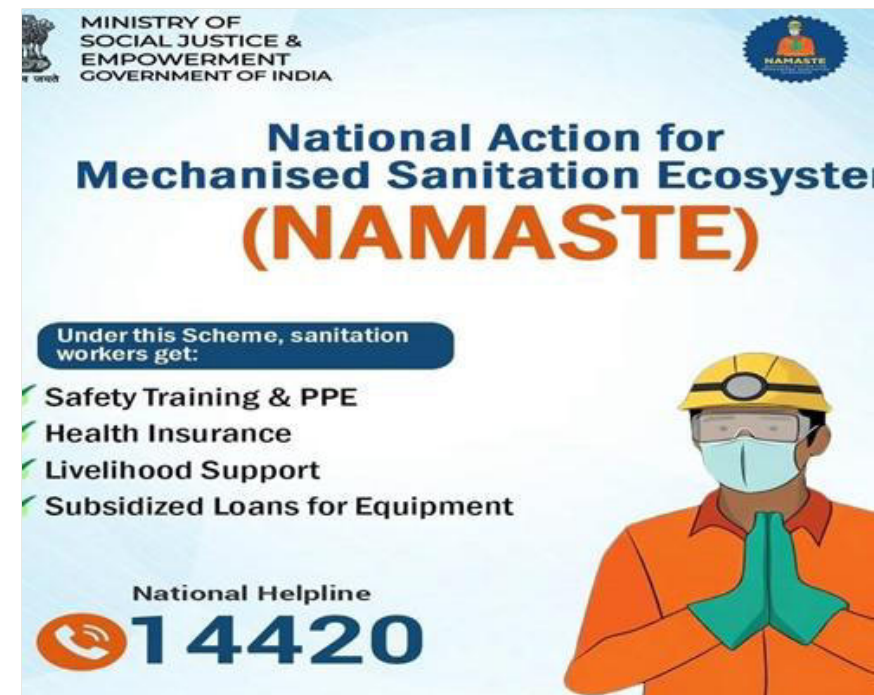
✓ **ANSWER B) Drug Trafficking and Narcotics Reporting**



Q12 On 14th July, NAMASTE Day, observed recently in India, is primarily primarily associated with the welfare of:

- A Farmers
- B Sanitation Workers
- C Anganwadi Workers
- D ASHA Workers

✓ ANSWER **B) Sanitation Workers**



Q13 The India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026 is jointly organized by the the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and which organization? organization?

A NASSCOM

B Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

C Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)

D Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL)

✓ **ANSWER C) Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)**

KEY CONTEXT

- The theme is "Scale without Boundaries."



Q14 The Natural History Museum (NHM), Mizoram University, recently recently designated as India's 21st Designated Repository, is primarily primarily associated with:

- A** Geological Survey
- B** Biodiversity Conservation
- C** Archaeological Research
- D** Climate Forecasting

✓ **ANSWER B) Biodiversity Conservation**

KEY CONTEXT

- It is located in the Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot, one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.



Q15 The Geological Survey of India (GSI) recently discovered thorium-bearing thorium-bearing deposits at which place?

- A Kudremukh
- B Gundlupet
- C Chitradurga
- D Hospet

✓ ANSWER **B) Gundlupet, Karnataka**

KEY CONTEXT

- The deposits occur in monazite, a mineral rich in thorium, rare earth elements, and uranium.
- Thorium can be used to produce Uranium-233 (U-233), an important fuel for advanced nuclear reactors.
- India possesses one of the world's largest thorium reserves.



Q16 As per the Global Tiger Day 2026 report, how many Tiger Reserves are there in India?

A 55

B 56

C 58

D 60

✓ ANSWER **C) 58**

KEY CONTEXT

- India's tiger population has increased to 3,682, the highest in the world.
- The number of Tiger Reserves in the country has increased to 58.
- Global Tiger Day is observed annually on 29 July.
- The event was organized by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in New Delhi.
- NTCA functions under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).



Q17 The recently constituted Exam Reform Task Force has been formed under the chairmanship of:

- A** Amitabh Kant
- B** Nandan Nilekani
- C** Sam Pitroda
- D** Rajeev Chandrasekhar

✓ **ANSWER B) Nandan Nilekani**

KEY CONTEXT

- Nandan Nilekani is co-founder of Infosys.
- The panel will recommend measures to prevent paper leaks, curb unfair practices, enhance transparency, and strengthen technology-based monitoring.
- The initiative is linked to the proposed Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026.



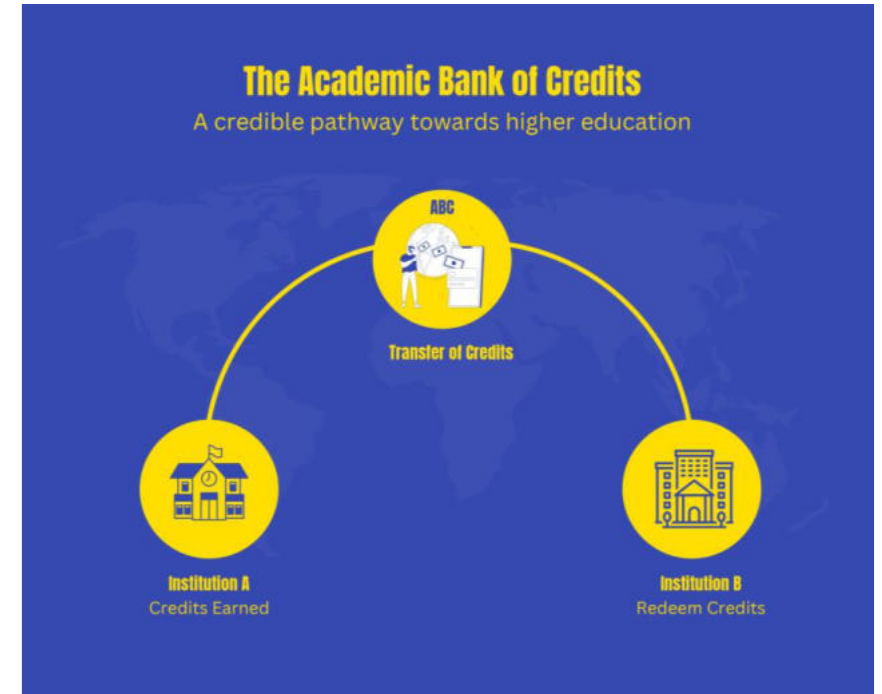
Q18 In the context of NEP 2020, what does ABC stand for?

- A** Academic Board of Curriculum
- B** Academic Bank of Credits
- C** Automated Bank of Credits
- D** Academic Benefit Card

✓ **ANSWER B) Academic Bank of Credits**

KEY CONTEXT

- Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) is managed by the University Grants Commission (UGC).
- ABC enables students to store, transfer, accumulate, and redeem academic credits across higher education institutions.
- APAAR stands for Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry, a 12-digit lifelong student ID.
- APAAR integrates students' academic records with DigiLocker and the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC).



Q59 Who has recently been conferred the Lokmanya Tilak National Award Award 2026?

- A** Amit Shah
- B** Rajnath Singh
- C** Ajit Doval
- D** S. Jaishankar

✓ **ANSWER C) Ajit Doval**



Q19 The 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' Presidential Distinction, conferred on conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is the highest civilian civilian honour of which country?

- A** Mauritius
- B** Seychelles
- C** Maldives
- D** Sri Lanka

✓ **ANSWER B) Seychelles**

KEY CONTEXT

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first recipient of Seychelles' highest civilian honour, the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' Presidential Distinction.
- The award was presented during the 50th anniversary of India–Seychelles diplomatic relations.



Q20 The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project, recently discussed during the India–Myanmar Border Coordination Meeting, Meeting, connects India with which country?

- A** Bangladesh
- B** Myanmar
- C** Thailand
- D** Nepal

✓ **ANSWER B) Myanmar**



Q21 India recently launched the PACTS (Partnership for Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains) initiative with which country?

- A Japan
- B Australia
- C France
- D United States

✓ ANSWER **B) Australia**

KEY CONTEXT

- It promotes cooperation in cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, critical minerals, digital resilience, and defence research.
- Alongside PACTS, India, Australia, and Canada launched the Australia–Canada–India Supply Chain Resilience Initiative.



Q22 India recently delivered medical aid to enhance Ebola preparedness in preparedness in which country?

A Uganda

B Kenya

C Rwanda

D Tanzania

✓ **ANSWER B) Kenya**



Q23 India's first direct commercial container freight train recently reached reached which city in Nepal?

A Kathmandu

B Birgunj

C Biratnagar

D Pokhara

✓ **ANSWER C) Biratnagar**

KEY CONTEXT

- India's first-ever direct commercial container freight train operated from Kolkata Port (India) to Biratnagar (Nepal).



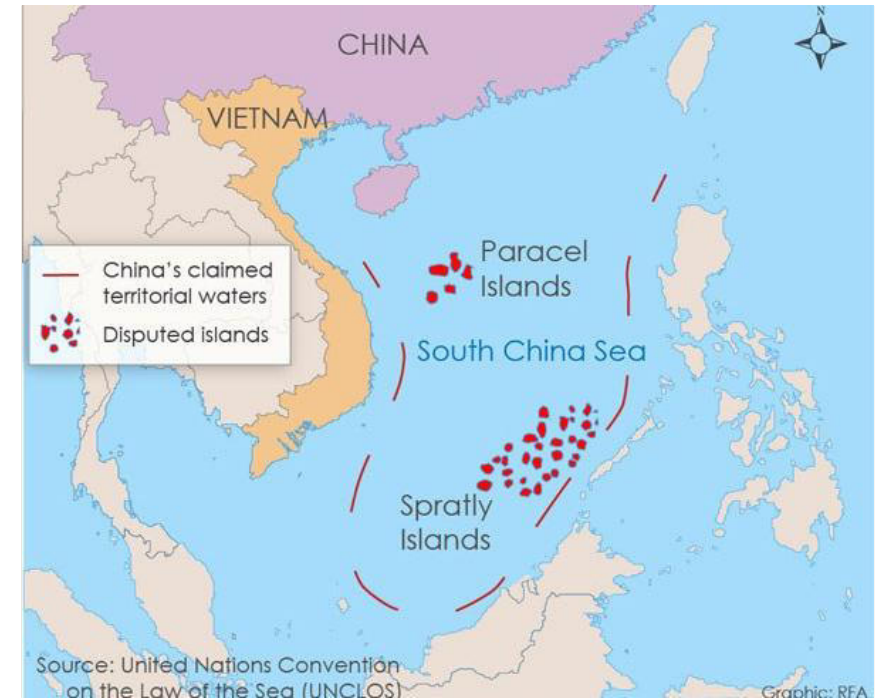
Q24 China's 'Nine-Dash Line' claim, frequently seen in the news, is related to related to which of the following regions?

- A** East China Sea
- B** South China Sea
- C** Yellow Sea
- D** Sea of Japan

✓ **ANSWER B) South China Sea**

KEY CONTEXT

- In 2016, an arbitral tribunal constituted under UNCLOS ruled that China's Nine-Dash Line claim had no legal basis under international law.
- Recently, 14 countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, and the Philippines, reaffirmed the 2016 South China Sea Arbitration Award on its 10th anniversary.
- The countries reaffirmed support for freedom of navigation, peaceful dispute resolution, international law, and a rules-based maritime order.
- China continues to reject the arbitral ruling despite it being described as final and legally binding under UNCLOS.



Q25 Which European country recently became the first to ban children under 15 from accessing social media platforms?

A Germany

B France

C Italy

D Spain

✓ **ANSWER B) France**



Q26 The largest-ever wildfire in the Guadalajara in Castilla-La Mancha, Mancha, recently in the news, occurred in which country?

A Portugal

B Italy

C Spain

D Greece

✓ **ANSWER C) Spain**



Q27 The Rome Statute, recently in the news after Venezuela announced its withdrawal, is the founding treaty of which international organization?

- A International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- B International Criminal Court (ICC)
- C International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- D Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

✓ ANSWER **B) International Criminal Court (ICC)**

KEY CONTEXT

- The ICC is headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands.



Q28 Match the following armed groups with the countries/territories where they are primarily based:

List I (Armed Group)

- A. Hezbollah
- B. Hamas
- C. Houthis

List II (Country/Territory)

- 1. Yemen
- 2. Lebanon
- 3. Gaza Strip

A A-2, B-3, C-1

B A-3, B-1, C-2

C A-1, B-2, C-3

D A-2, B-1, C-3

✓ **ANSWER A) A-2, B-3, C-1**

KEY CONTEXT

- Hezbollah → Lebanon
- Hamas → Gaza Strip (Palestine)
- Houthis (Ansar Allah) → Yemen
- They are part of Iran's **Axis of Resistance**.



Q29 Kharg Island, frequently seen in the news, is primarily known for:

- A Iran's largest naval base
- B Iran's major crude oil export terminal
- C Iran's main uranium enrichment facility
- D Headquarters of the Iranian Navy

✓ ANSWER **B) Iran's major crude oil export terminal**

KEY CONTEXT

- Kharg Island handles around 90% of Iran's crude oil exports.
- It is located in the Persian Gulf.
- It became a strategic target during the Iran–US/Israel conflict due to its importance for Iran's economy.



Q30 The Strait of Hormuz, frequently in the news during the Iran conflict, connects:

- A Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
- B Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman
- C Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal
- D Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea

✓ ANSWER **B) Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman**

KEY CONTEXT

- It is one of the world's busiest oil shipping chokepoints.
- Iran repeatedly threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz during the conflict.



Q31 Natanz, recently in the news, is a nuclear facility located in which country and primarily associated with:

- A** Saudi Arabia – Oil exports
- B** Iran – Uranium enrichment
- C** Iraq – Missile testing
- D** Syria – Naval shipbuilding

✓ **ANSWER B) Iran – Uranium enrichment**



Q32 Which of the following countries has recently signed a deal with India to purchase the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system?

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

✓ ANSWER **B) Indonesia**

KEY CONTEXT

- India and Indonesia strengthened their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership by signing 14 agreements, including defence cooperation.
- Indonesia agreed to procure BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and became the first foreign customer of India's Astra Beyond-Visual-Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM).
- Three countries have now signed agreements with India to procure the BrahMos missile system: Philippines (2022), Vietnam (2026), and Indonesia (2026).
- India and Indonesia also reaffirmed support for a free, open, inclusive, and rules-based Indo-Pacific.



Q33 General Dhiraj Seth, the 31st Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), belongs to belongs to which corps of the Indian Army?

- A** Corps of Engineers
- B** Armoured Corps
- C** Regiment of Artillery
- D** Army Air Defence Corps

✓ **ANSWER B) Armoured Corps**



Q34 The Indian Army's first Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs), recently recently operationalised, are under which Corps?

- A III Corps
- B XV Corps
- C XVII Corps (Mountain Strike Corps)
- D XVI Corps

✓ ANSWER **C) XVII Corps (Mountain Strike Corps)**

KEY CONTEXT

- The first Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs) were operationalised under the XVII Corps (Mountain Strike Corps) at Panagarh, West Bengal.
- An IBG is a brigade-sized, self-sufficient combat formation with over 5,000 troops.
- It integrates infantry, artillery, armour, engineers, air defence, signals, logistics, and medical support.
- The concept was proposed by General Bipin Rawat and tested during Exercise HimVijay (2019).
- IBGs are designed for rapid deployment within 48 hours, enhancing India's readiness for multi-domain warfare.

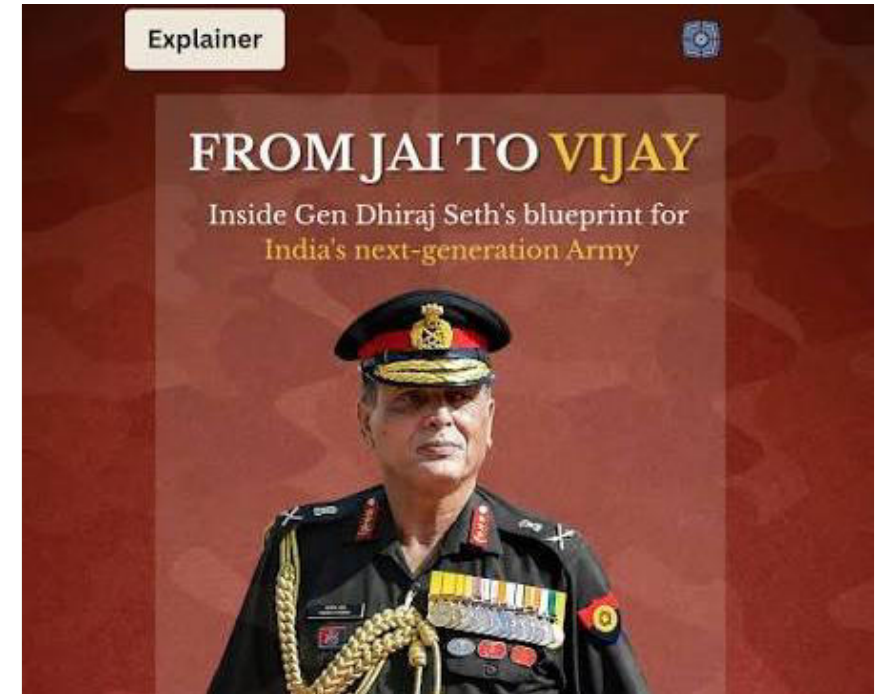


Q35 The 'VIJAY' vision, recently unveiled by the Chief of the Army Staff, stands for:

- A Vigilance and Integration for Joint Army Yield
 - B Vigilance and Readiness, Innovation and Transformation, Jointness and Integration, Aatmanirbharta, and Yoddha First
 - C Victory in Joint Army Operations and Youth Development
 - D Vision for Integrated Joint Action and Yield
- ✓ **ANSWER B) Vigilance and Readiness, Innovation and Transformation, Jointness and Integration, Aatmanirbharta, and Yoddha First**

KEY CONTEXT

- It aims to build a technology-driven, future-ready Indian Army.
- It emphasizes tri-service integration and aligns the Army with the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.



Q36 Project BRAHMANK, recently in news, is a flagship project of the Border the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in which Indian state?

- A** Sikkim
- B** Arunachal Pradesh
- C** Uttarakhand
- D** Himachal Pradesh

✓ **ANSWER B) Arunachal Pradesh**

KEY CONTEXT

- It recently celebrated its 16th Raising Day.



Q37 ICGS Akshay, recently commissioned into service, belongs to which of the which of the following forces?

- A Indian Navy
- B Indian Coast Guard
- C Border Security Force (BSF) Water Wing
- D Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

✓ ANSWER **B) Indian Coast Guard**

KEY CONTEXT

- ICGS Akshay is a Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard fleet.



Q38 INS Mahendragiri (F38), recently commissioned, belongs to which class of which class of warships?

- A Shivalik-class
- B Nilgiri-class (Project 17A)
- C Kamorta-class
- D Visakhapatnam-class

✓ ANSWER **B) Nilgiri-class (Project 17A)**

KEY CONTEXT

- INS Mahendragiri (F38) is the sixth indigenous stealth frigate under Project 17A (Nilgiri-class).
- It has over 75% indigenous content, supporting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- INS Mahendragiri is equipped with surface-to-air missiles, surface-to-surface missiles, anti-submarine warfare systems, and advanced stealth features.



Q39 INS Malvan, recently commissioned into the Indian Navy, is a part of part of which class of warships?

- A** Nilgiri-class Anti-Submarine Water Craft
- B** Kamorta-class Anti-Submarine Water Craft
- C** Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Water Craft
- D** Visakhapatnam-class Anti-Submarine Water Craft

✓ **ANSWER C) Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Water Craft (ASW-SWC)**

KEY CONTEXT

- INS Malvan is second Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) commissioned into Indian Navy.
- It is designed for anti-submarine warfare, underwater surveillance, mine warfare, and coastal security operations.



Q40 'Samudra Pradakshina', recently in the news, is:

- A** India's first indigenous aircraft carrier mission
- B** India's first tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition
- C** An Indian Navy anti-piracy operation
- D** A joint India–Australia naval exercise

✓ **ANSWER B) India's first tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition**

KEY CONTEXT

- Samudra Pradakshina is India's first tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition.
- The expedition was undertaken by nine women officers from the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force aboard the indigenous IASV Triveni.



Q41 INS Machilipatnam, recently launched by the Indian Navy, is named after named after a historic port city in which Indian state?

- A** Tamil Nadu
- B** Kerala
- C** Andhra Pradesh
- D** Odisha

✓ **ANSWER C) Andhra Pradesh**

KEY CONTEXT

- INS Machilipatnam is the seventh of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) being built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).



Q42 India recently successfully flight-tested the Pinaka Long-Range Guided Guided Rocket (LRGR). Pinaka is a:

- A** Surface-to-Air Missile System
 - B** Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) System
 - C** Ballistic Missile
 - D** Anti-Tank Guided Missile
- ✓ ANSWER **B) Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) System**



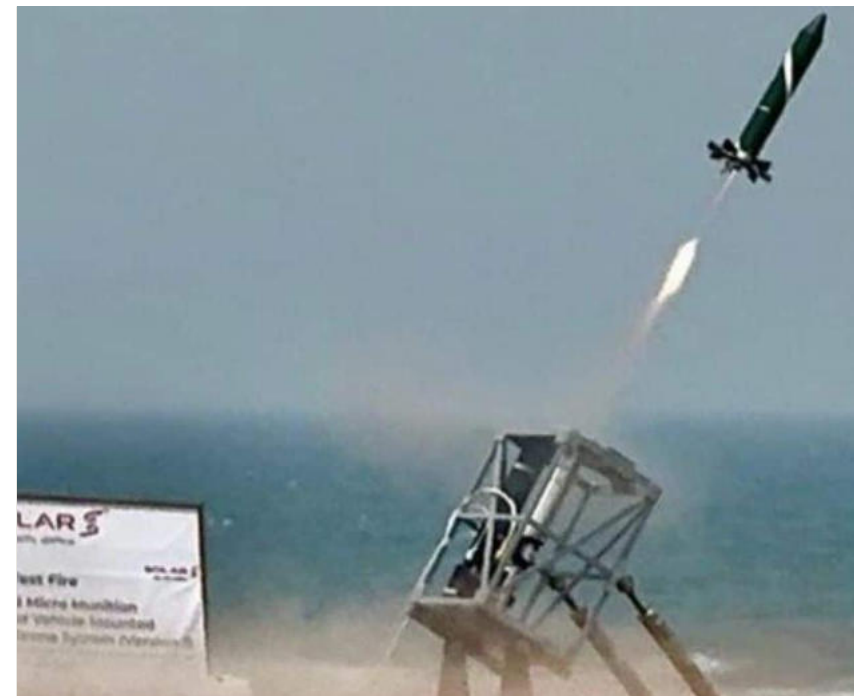
Q43 Bhargavastra, recently showcased to the Indian Army, is a:

- A** Surface-to-Air Missile System
- B** Anti-Swarm Drone Defence System
- C** Ballistic Missile Defence System
- D** Electronic Warfare Aircraft

✓ **ANSWER B) Anti-Swarm Drone Defence System**

KEY CONTEXT

- Bhargavastra is an indigenously developed Anti-Swarm Drone Defence System.



Q44 Gaganyaan, recently in the news, is India's first:

- A** Reusable satellite launch mission
- B** Indigenous human spaceflight mission
- C** Space station programme
- D** Lunar sample return mission

✓ **ANSWER B) Indigenous human spaceflight mission**

KEY CONTEXT

- Gaganyaan is India's first indigenous human spaceflight mission.
- The mission aims to send three astronauts (Gaganyatris) into Low Earth Orbit for about 3 days and safely return them to Earth.
- It will be launched using the Human-rated LVM3 (Launch Vehicle Mark-3) rocket.
- The mission is expected to be launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota.
- Vyommित्रा, a female humanoid robot, will fly on an uncrewed Gaganyaan mission before the crewed mission.



Q45 The White Rabbit Technology (WRT)-based Indian Standard Time (IST) Time (IST) Dissemination Network, recently in the news, aims to:

- A Provide satellite internet services
 - B Synchronize Indian Standard Time (IST) with sub-nanosecond accuracy
 - C Develop quantum communication networks
 - D Secure digital payments using blockchain
- ✓ **ANSWER B) Synchronize Indian Standard Time (IST) with sub-nanosecond accuracy**

KEY CONTEXT

- India commissioned the White Rabbit Technology (WRT)-based Indian Standard Time (IST) Dissemination Network under the One Nation, One Time initiative.
- The network was developed by the Department of Consumer Affairs, CSIR, and ISRO.
- The network will support banking, financial markets, telecommunications, power grids, cybersecurity, and transportation.



Q46 Which country won the FIFA World Cup 2026 title?

- A Argentina
- B Spain
- C England
- D France

✓ ANSWER **B) Spain**

KEY CONTEXT

- Spain defeated Argentina in the final to win FIFA World Cup 2026, while England finished third and France secured fourth place.
- Jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico — the first FIFA World Cup hosted by three countries, and the first edition with 48 teams.
- The final was played at the MetLife Stadium (New Jersey), USA.



Full tournament detail on the following slide.

FIFA World Cup 2026 — full detail

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- Golden Ball: Rodri (Spain). Golden Boot: Kylian Mbappé (France). Golden Glove: Unai Simón (Spain). Best Young Player: Pau Cubarsí (Spain).

- FIFA Fair Play Trophy: Netherlands.
- Next FIFA World Cup (2030): Spain, Portugal, and Morocco (main hosts), with centenary opening matches in Uruguay, Argentina, and Paraguay — the centenary World Cup, featuring 48 teams and six host nations.
- Previous FIFA World Cup (2022): Hosted by Qatar — the first FIFA World Cup held in the Middle East.
- FIFA Headquarters: Zurich, Switzerland. FIFA President: Gianni Infantino.

Q47 The 23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 were hosted by which city?

- A** Birmingham
- B** Glasgow
- C** Edinburgh
- D** Cardiff

✓ **ANSWER B) Glasgow (Scotland)**

KEY CONTEXT

- Dates: 23 July – 2 August 2026. Participating Nations: 74 Commonwealth nations and territories.
- Sports: 10 sports with 215 medal events. India's Contingent: 120 members.
- Opening Ceremony Flag Bearers (India): Mirabai Chanu and Lovlina Borgohain, declared open by King Charles III.



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- Opening Ceremony Flag Bearers (India): Mirabai Chanu and Lovlina Borgohain, declared open by King Charles III.
- Official Mascot: Finnie, inspired by Scotland's national animal — the Unicorn.
- Previous Commonwealth Games (2022): Birmingham, England. Next Commonwealth Games (2030): Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India (Centenary Games).

- Closing Ceremony (India): Jaismine Lamboria was India's flag bearer; Neeraj Chopra and P. T. Usha received the flag for Ahmedabad 2030.
- Medal Tally (Top 3): Australia, England, Canada.
- India's Rank: 13 Gold, 17 Silver, 9 Bronze = 39 medals.
- Notable Sports Absent: Badminton, Shooting, Wrestling.

Q48 Cricket will return to the Olympic Games at which edition after more than a century?

A Paris 2024

B Los Angeles 2028 (LA28)

C Brisbane 2032

D Tokyo 2020

✓ **ANSWER B) Los Angeles 2028 (LA28)**

KEY CONTEXT

- Cricket will return to the Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) Olympic Games after 128 years.
- Both the men's and women's T20 competitions will feature six teams each.
- Cricket last featured at the 1900 Paris Olympics, where Great Britain won the gold medal and France won the silver medal.



Q49 Which state will host the 8th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2026?
2026?

- A** Odisha
- B** Haryana
- C** Telangana
- D** Karnataka

✓ **ANSWER C) Telangana**



Q50 Kidambi Srikanth won the silver medal in the men's singles event at the event at the US Open 2026 after losing the final to:

- A** Kodai Naraoka
- B** Su Li-yang
- C** Kunlavut Vitidsarn
- D** Loh Kean Yew

✓ **ANSWER B) Su Li-yang (Chinese Taipei)**

KEY CONTEXT

- Kidambi Srikanth won the silver medal in the men's singles event at the US Open 2026.
- He finished runner-up to Su Li-yang of Chinese Taipei.



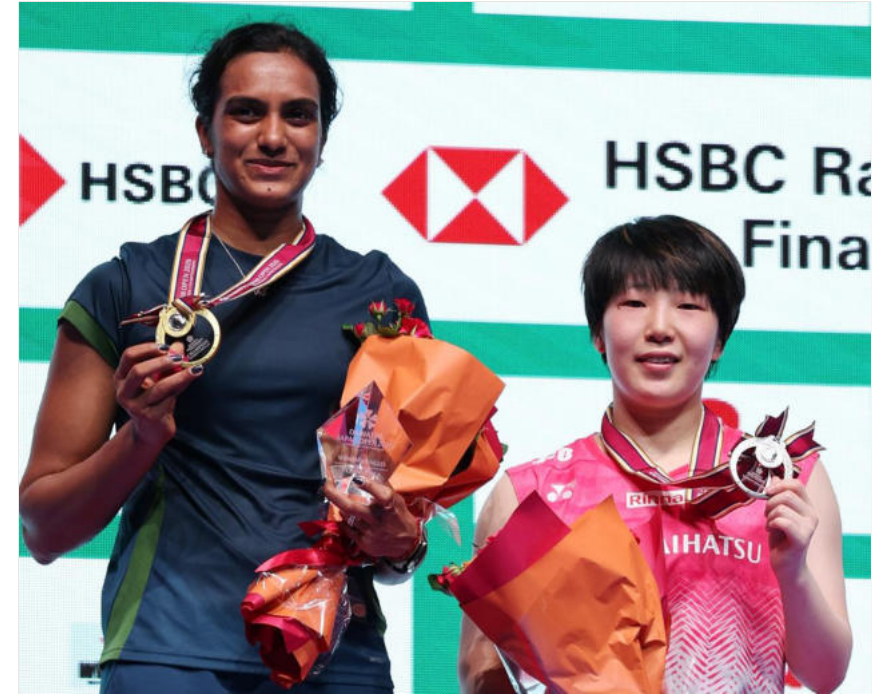
Q51 PV Sindhu recently became the first Indian badminton player to win a to win a BWF Super 750 title by winning which tournament?

- A** China Open
- B** Malaysia Open
- C** Japan Open
- D** Indonesia Open

✓ **ANSWER C) Japan Open**

KEY CONTEXT

- PV Sindhu won the BWF Japan Open 2026, defeating Akane Yamaguchi (Japan) in the final.
- She became the first Indian badminton player to win a BWF Super 750 title.



Q52 Kerala's Ancy Sojan recently broke whose 22-year-old national record in record in the women's long jump?

- A** Shiny Wilson
- B** Anju Bobby George
- C** P. T. Usha
- D** Jyotirmoyee Sikdar

✓ **ANSWER B) Anju Bobby George**



Q53 India won its first-ever gold medal at the World Rowing Cup 2026 in 2026 in which event?

- A** Men's Single Sculls
 - B** Men's Coxless Pair
 - C** Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x)
 - D** Men's Quadruple Sculls
- ✓ **ANSWER C) Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x)**



Q54 Who has been recently inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame?

- A Yuvraj Singh
- B Ravichandran Ashwin
- C Sourav Ganguly
- D Rohit Sharma

✓ ANSWER **C) Sourav Ganguly**

KEY CONTEXT

- He will be the 12th Men's cricketer to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.
- The 1st Indian cricketer was Bishan Singh Bedi.
- Two women cricketers were also earlier inducted.



Q55 Kranti Gaud, recently in the news, became the first woman cricketer to cricketer to feature on the Lord's Honours Board for which achievement?

- A** Test century
- B** Five-wicket haul in a Test innings
- C** Double century in a Test
- D** Hat-trick in a Test

✓ **ANSWER B) Five-wicket haul in a Test innings**

KEY CONTEXT

- Yastika Bhatia became the first woman to score a Test century at Lord's, scoring 113 against England, also earning a place on the Lord's Honours Board.
- The match was the first-ever Women's Test played at the historic Lord's Cricket Ground.
- India defeated England by 270 runs, registering its first-ever Women's Test victory at Lord's.
- The Lord's Honours Board traditionally recognizes Test centurions and five-wicket haul achievers at the venue.



Q56 Rohit Sharma recently became the first Indian men's cricketer to achieve to achieve which feat at Lord's Cricket Ground?

- A** Score a Test double century
 - B** Score an ODI century
 - C** Take five wickets in an ODI
 - D** Score a T20I century
- ✓ ANSWER **B) Score an ODI century**



Q57 Who won the Men's Singles title at Wimbledon 2026?

- A** Carlos Alcaraz
- B** Alexander Zverev
- C** Jannik Sinner
- D** Novak Djokovic

✓ **ANSWER** **C) Jannik Sinner**

KEY CONTEXT

- Jannik Sinner (Italy) won the Men's Singles title by defeating Alexander Zverev (Germany) in the final.
- Linda Nosková (Czech Republic) won the Women's Singles title by defeating Karolína Muchová (Czech Republic) in the final.
- Wimbledon is played on grass courts at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London.



Q58 What is the official mascot of the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026?

- A** Shera
- B** Mayur
- C** Veera
- D** Chetak

✓ **ANSWER B) Mayur**



Q60 Who has recently been appointed as the Prime Minister of Ukraine?
Ukraine?

- A** Denys Shmyhal
- B** Serhii Koretskyi
- C** Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- D** Oleksii Reznikov

✓ **ANSWER B) Serhii Koretskyi**



Q61 Who has recently become the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?
Kingdom?

- A** Keir Starmer
- B** Andy Burnham
- C** David Lammy
- D** Rishi Sunak

✓ **ANSWER B) Andy Burnham**



Q62 Anurag Jain has recently been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer Officer (CEO) of which organization?

- A** Finance Commission
- B** NITI Aayog
- C** National Development Council
- D** National Skill Development Corporation

✓ **ANSWER B) NITI Aayog**



Q63 Varsha Ashok Aglawe, recently in the news, became the first woman woman Director General of which organization?

- A** Geological Survey of India (GSI)
- B** Survey of India (SOI)
- C** Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM)
- D** National Mineral Development Corporation

✓ **ANSWER A) Geological Survey of India (GSI)**



Q64 Girish Bharadwaj, who recently passed away, was popularly known as:
known as:

- A** Metro Man of India
- B** Missile Man of India
- C** Bridge Man of India
- D** Water Man of India

✓ **ANSWER C) Bridge Man of India**

KEY CONTEXT

- He constructed over 140 low-cost suspension bridges across Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, and Odisha.



Q65 Sir Garfield Sobers, who recently passed away, represented which which country in international cricket?

- A** England
- B** Australia
- C** West Indies
- D** South Africa

✓ **ANSWER C) West Indies**

KEY CONTEXT

- Sir Garfield Sobers is regarded as one of cricket's greatest all-rounders.
- He became the first cricketer to hit six sixes in an over in first-class cricket.
- He was knighted in 1975 and inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.



Important Dates — July 2026

Date	Day	Theme
1 July	National Doctors' Day	Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers? Commemorates the birth and death anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy.
11 July	World Population Day	Realizing the hopes and aspirations of young people: today and in the future.
15 July	World Youth Skills Day	Skills for a Shared Future.
22 July	World Brain Day	Brain Health: Access for All.
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	Hepatitis: Let's Break It Down.

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