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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 Recently, India achieved a major milestone with the breakthrough of the breakthrough of the Zojila Tunnel main tunnel. It will provide all-weather all-weather connectivity between:

- A** Jammu and Srinagar
- B** Srinagar and Kargil
- C** Kashmir and Ladakh
- D** Leh and Manali

✓ **ANSWER C) Kashmir and Ladakh**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Zojila Tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity between Kashmir and Ladakh.
- It is being constructed beneath the Zoji La Pass on National Highway-1 (NH-1).
- Once completed, it will be India's longest road tunnel and one of Asia's longest bi-directional road tunnels.
- The tunnel will significantly improve civilian transport, tourism, and strategic military logistics.



Q2 India recently established its first Model Border Village under the Vibrant the Vibrant Villages Programme at:

- A** Turtuk, Ladakh
- B** Kibithu, Arunachal Pradesh
- C** Chumur, Ladakh
- D** Mana, Uttarakhand

✓ **ANSWER C) Chumur, Ladakh**

KEY CONTEXT

- The project focuses on border infrastructure, climate-resilient housing, tourism, livelihood generation, and strengthening border security.
- Chumur is located near the India–China (LAC) border.



Q3 The proposed Fotu La Tunnel Project, recently approved by the Government, is being constructed on which of the following highways? highways?

- A Manali–Leh Highway
- B Srinagar–Kargil–Leh Highway
- C Jammu–Srinagar Highway
- D Leh–Nimu Highway

✓ ANSWER **B) Srinagar–Kargil–Leh Highway**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Fotu La Tunnel Project consists of twin tunnels on the Srinagar–Kargil–Leh Highway (NH-1).
- It will provide all-weather connectivity to Ladakh and reduce disruptions caused by heavy snowfall.



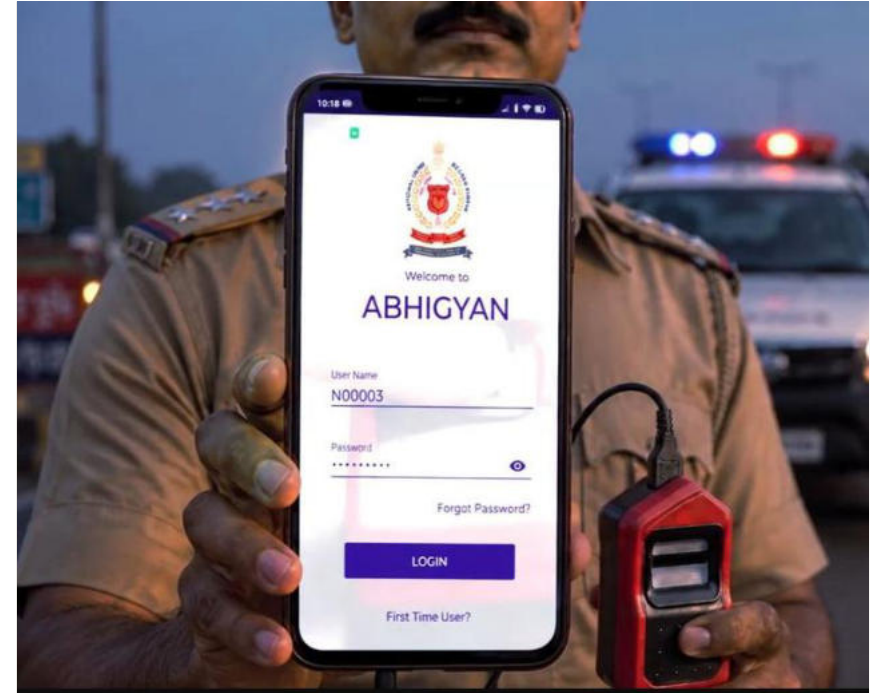
Q4 Recently, the Government launched four digital policing applications to applications to strengthen the Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS). Which one of the following is NOT one of these applications?

- A** Abhigyan
- B** CrPI
- C** e-Prosecution 2.0
- D** DigiLocker

✓ **ANSWER D) DigiLocker**

KEY CONTEXT

- The four digital policing applications are: Abhigyan, CrPI, e-Prosecution 2.0, and e-Forensics 2.0.
- They aim to strengthen the Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS).



Q5 Which wetland was recently designated as India's 100th Ramsar Site?

- A** Harike Wetland
- B** Bhoj Wetland
- C** Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal)
- D** Wular Lake

✓ **ANSWER C) Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal)**

KEY CONTEXT

- It was designated on World Environment Day (5 June 2026).
- A Ramsar Site is a wetland of international importance designated under the Ramsar Convention (1971).
- India is a Contracting Party to the Ramsar Convention since 1982.



Q6 Recently, the Indian Air Force assisted in controlling a major forest fire in forest fire in which hill station of Himachal Pradesh?

- A** Dalhousie
- B** Chail
- C** Kasauli
- D** Dharamshala

✓ **ANSWER C) Kasauli**

KEY CONTEXT

- The major forest fire occurred in Kasauli, located in Solan district, Himachal Pradesh.
- The operation was carried out jointly by the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, civil administration, and Forest Department.
- The Indian Air Force deployed Mi-17V5 helicopters equipped with Bambi Buckets for aerial firefighting operations.



Q7 Recently, the Supreme Court directed the removal of encroachments from the Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve. The reserve is located in which of the following states?

- A** Kerala and Karnataka
- B** Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- C** Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
- D** Karnataka and Goa

✓ **ANSWER B) Tamil Nadu and Kerala**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve is located in the southern Western Ghats, spanning Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
- It is part of the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves.
- The reserve is known for its rich biodiversity and includes the Kalakad–Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.



Q8 Ethanol, which was in the news, is NOT commonly produced from which from which of the following?

- A** Sugarcane
 - B** Maize
 - C** Damaged Food Grains
 - D** Tea Leaves
- ✓ **ANSWER D) Tea Leaves**



Q9 Recently, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) (FSSAI) introduced India's official Vegan Logo. FSSAI functions under under which Union Ministry?

- A** Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
- B** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C** Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- D** Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

✓ **ANSWER B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

KEY CONTEXT

- FSSAI is a statutory body established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
- FSSAI functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Vegan foods contain no ingredients, additives, or processing aids derived from animals.



Q10 Recently, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) restored the historic historic Mantapa at the Virupaksha Temple. This temple is located at located at which UNESCO World Heritage Site?

- A** Mahabalipuram
- B** Hampi
- C** Pattadakal
- D** Badami

✓ **ANSWER B) Hampi**

KEY CONTEXT

- Virupaksha Temple is located at Hampi, Karnataka, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) restored the historic Mantapa by removing later constructions and preserving its original architectural design.
- Hampi was the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire.
- The Group of Monuments at Hampi was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986.



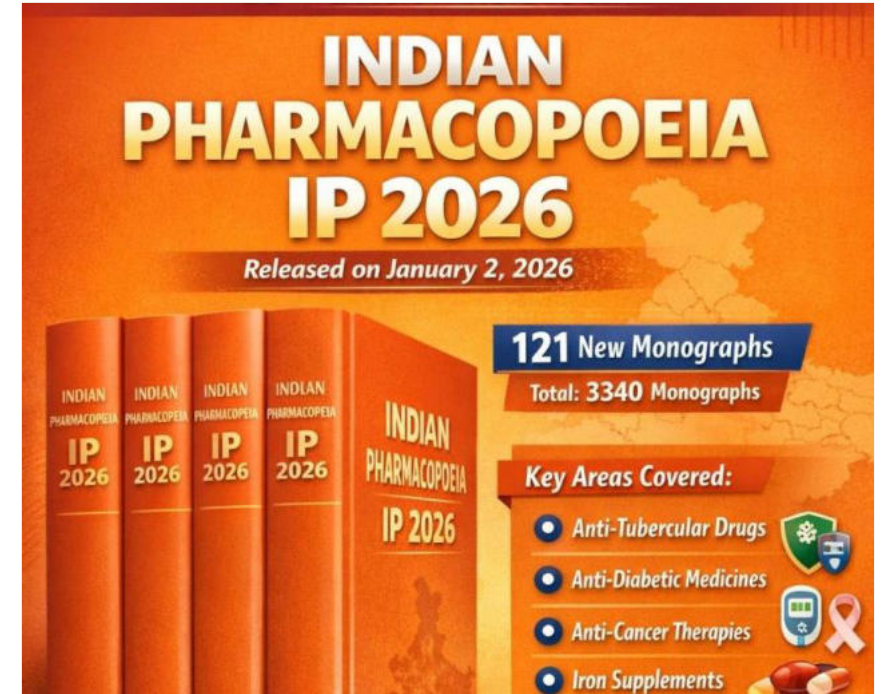
Q11 India recently became the first country to establish dedicated quality quality standards for:

- A Vaccines
- B Medical Devices
- C Blood and Blood Components
- D Organ Transplantation

✓ ANSWER **C) Blood and Blood Components**

KEY CONTEXT

- India released the Indian Pharmacopoeia 2026.
- India became the first country to establish dedicated quality standards for blood and blood components.



Q12 India's first nuclear heat-based hydrogen production facility, recently inaugurated, is located at:

- A Trombay, Maharashtra
- B Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu
- C Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu
- D Tarapur, Maharashtra

✓ ANSWER **B) Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu**

KEY CONTEXT

- India's first nuclear heat-based hydrogen production facility was established at IGCAR, Kalpakkam (Tamil Nadu).
- The facility uses the Copper–Chlorine (Cu–Cl) Thermochemical Cycle to produce green hydrogen.
- It was developed by BARC using heat from the Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR).
- The project supports India's National Green Hydrogen Mission by producing zero-carbon hydrogen.



Q13 According to the recent Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report on (CAG) report on State Finances, the recommended fiscal deficit limit for limit for States is:

- A** 2% of GSDP
- B** 3% of GSDP
- C** 4% of GSDP
- D** 5% of GSDP

✓ **ANSWER B) 3% of GSDP**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) reported that 18 States exceeded the recommended fiscal deficit limit during FY 2024–25.
- The report highlighted rising expenditure on salaries, pensions, subsidies, and interest payments as major reasons for higher borrowing.



Q14 The 52nd G7 Summit 2026 was held in which country?

- A** Italy
- B** Germany
- C** France
- D** Canada

✓ **ANSWER C) France**

KEY CONTEXT

- The 52nd G7 Summit 2026 was held at Évian-les-Bains, France.
- Theme: "Forging New Partnerships and Rebuilding International Solidarity."
- G7 members: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- India is not a part of the G7; it regularly participates in the G7 Outreach Sessions as an invited guest country.



Q15 India, under its BRICS Presidency 2026, hosted the five-day BRICS BRICS Agriculture Meeting at which place?

- A Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- B Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- C Nagpur, Maharashtra
- D Jaipur, Rajasthan

✓ ANSWER **B) Indore, Madhya Pradesh**

KEY CONTEXT

- The five-day BRICS Agriculture Meeting was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- India hosted the meeting under its BRICS Presidency 2026.
- **India holds the current presidency of BRICS for 2026. ★**



Q16 Recently, five countries were elected as non-permanent members of the members of the UN Security Council (UNSC) for the 2027–28 term. Which term. Which one of the following is NOT among them?

- A Kyrgyzstan
- B Portugal
- C Zimbabwe
- D Kazakhstan

✓ ANSWER **D) Kazakhstan**

KEY CONTEXT

- The newly elected non-permanent members for the 2027–28 term are Austria, Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago, and Zimbabwe.
- Kyrgyzstan was elected to the UNSC for the first time.
- The five permanent members (P5) of the UN Security Council are China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, and United States.
- The UNSC consists of 15 members—5 permanent and 10 non-permanent members.



Q17 The Bonn Climate Conference 2026, recently in the news, was organised organised under which international convention?

- A Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
 - B United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
 - C United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
 - D Ramsar Convention
- ✓ **ANSWER B) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Bonn Climate Conference 2026 was held in Bonn, Germany.
- It serves as the mid-year climate negotiations before the annual Conference of the Parties (COP).



Q18 Recently, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) expanded its international footprint by launching payment services in which country?

- A Germany
- B France
- C Italy
- D Spain

✓ ANSWER **B) France**

KEY CONTEXT

- UPI services were launched at Galeries Lafayette Nice Massena in France through NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and Lyra Collect.
- With this expansion, UPI is now operational in 9 countries: France, Singapore, UAE, Nepal, Bhutan, Mauritius, Qatar, Sri Lanka, and Cambodia.
- NIPL is the international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).



Q19 The Second Pax Silica Summit, recently in the news, was held in:
in:

- A** New York, USA
- B** Washington, D.C., USA
- C** San Francisco, USA
- D** Geneva, Switzerland

✓ **ANSWER B) Washington, D.C., USA**

KEY CONTEXT

- Representatives from 35 countries, including India, participated in the summit.
- The summit concluded with the adoption of the Joint Statement on AI Opportunity.
- The Pax Silica Initiative was launched by the United States to strengthen secure and resilient AI supply chains.



Q20 Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit which country since its independence in 1993?

- A** Croatia
- B** Slovakia
- C** Slovenia
- D** Serbia

✓ **ANSWER B) Slovakia**

KEY CONTEXT

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Slovakia since its independence in 1993.
- Slovakia is a member of the European Union (EU) and NATO.



Q21 The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project, recently seen in the news, connects India's Kolkata Port with which neighbouring country?

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

✓ **ANSWER C) Myanmar**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMMTTP) connects Kolkata Port with Sittwe Port in Myanmar through sea, river, and road transport.
- The project provides an alternative route to Mizoram and India's North-Eastern States, reducing dependence on the Siliguri Corridor.
- It is a key component of India's Act East Policy and Neighbourhood First Policy.



Q22 India launched the Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory Observatory (GSCO) in collaboration with which country?

- A** Australia
- B** Japan
- C** United Kingdom (UK)
- D** France

✓ **ANSWER C) United Kingdom (UK)**

KEY CONTEXT

- Launched jointly by India and the United Kingdom.
- The GSCO was launched in New Delhi.
- It monitors global supply chains of critical minerals used in EVs, semiconductors, and clean energy technologies.
- The initiative was developed with IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and the University of Cambridge.



Q23 India launched the "Bharat Innovates 2026" initiative in partnership with partnership with which country?

- A Germany
- B Japan
- C France
- D United Kingdom

✓ ANSWER **C) France**

KEY CONTEXT

- It focuses on semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence (AI), space, biotechnology, and energy.



Q24 The 114th International Labour Conference (ILC), recently in the news, the news, was held at which place?

- A** Vienna, Austria
- B** Geneva, Switzerland
- C** Paris, France
- D** Brussels, Belgium

✓ **ANSWER B) Geneva, Switzerland**

KEY CONTEXT

- The conference was organised by the International Labour Organization (ILO).
- The conference focused on labour standards, employment policies, skill development, and worker welfare.



Q25 Recently, which country became the 27th member of the International International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?

- A** Nepal
- B** Bangladesh
- C** Bhutan
- D** Sri Lanka

✓ **ANSWER B) Bangladesh**

KEY CONTEXT

- The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was launched by India in 2023.
- Bangladesh became the 27th member of the alliance.
- The headquarters of IBCA is located in New Delhi.
- The alliance aims to conserve seven big cat species—Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.



Q26 Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the Five Eyes Eyes Alliance?

- A Canada
- B Australia
- C France
- D New Zealand

✓ ANSWER **C) France**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Five Eyes Alliance is an intelligence-sharing alliance comprising the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.
- It is one of the world's oldest and most trusted intelligence-sharing partnerships.



Q27 Which country became the first Central Asian nation to join the New Development Bank (NDB) in 2026?

- A** Kazakhstan
- B** Tajikistan
- C** Uzbekistan
- D** Turkmenistan

✓ **ANSWER C) Uzbekistan**

KEY CONTEXT

- Uzbekistan became the first Central Asian country to join the New Development Bank (NDB).
- It became the 10th member of the NDB.
- The New Development Bank (NDB) was established by the BRICS nations in 2015.
- The NDB finances infrastructure and sustainable development projects.



Q28 Operation Amistad was launched by India to provide humanitarian humanitarian assistance to which country?

- A Chile
- B Peru
- C Venezuela
- D Ecuador

✓ ANSWER **C) Venezuela**

KEY CONTEXT

- Operation Amistad was launched to provide humanitarian assistance to Venezuela after an earthquake.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) deployed a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft for the relief mission.
- The operation was conducted under India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) framework.
- It reflects India's role as a first responder in global disasters.



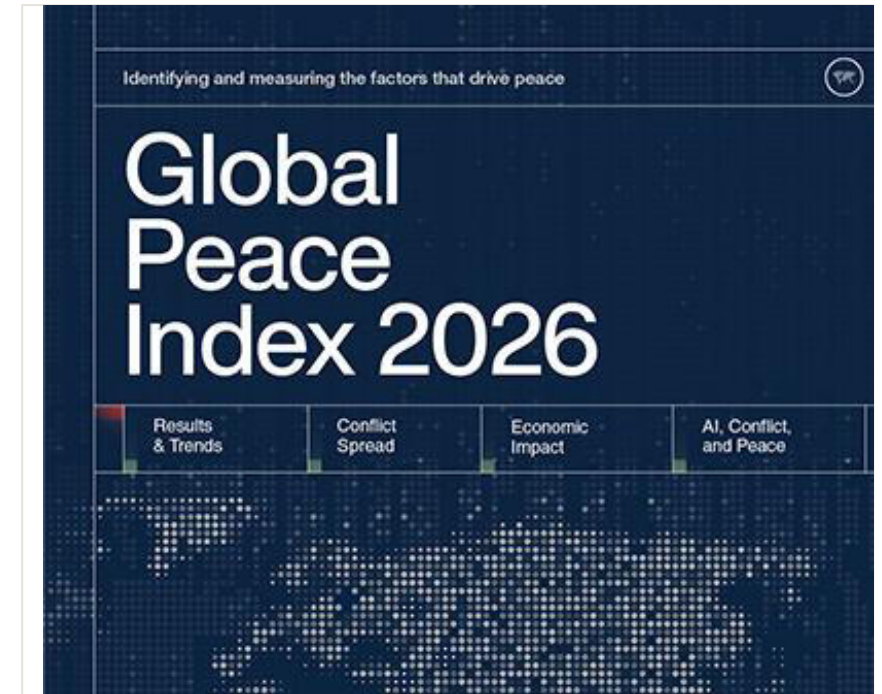
Q29 The Global Peace Index (GPI) 2026, recently in the news, is released by released by which organisation?

- A** Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- B** Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
- C** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- D** World Economic Forum (WEF)

✓ **ANSWER B) Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)**

KEY CONTEXT

- Iceland retained its position as the world's most peaceful country for the 19th consecutive year.
- Russia was ranked as the least peaceful country in the index.
- India was ranked 127th among 163 countries.
- Bhutan emerged as the most peaceful country in South Asia, ranking 16th globally.



Q30 India secured which rank in the QS World Future Skills Index 2027?

- A 11th
- B 13th
- C 15th
- D 18th

✓ ANSWER **B) 13th**

KEY CONTEXT

- The QS World Future Skills Index 2027 was released by QS Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).
- The index evaluates countries on higher education, labour markets, AI readiness, and economic transformation.
- The United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom secured the top three positions.
- India ranked 5th globally in the Future of Work pillar.



Q31 Project UDAYAK of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), recently in the news, is primarily associated with which region of India?

- A Western Himalayas
- B North-Eastern Region
- C Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- D Coastal Region

✓ ANSWER **B) North-Eastern Region**

KEY CONTEXT

- The project recently completed 37 years of service.
- It is responsible for the construction and maintenance of strategic roads and infrastructure in the North-East.



Q32 RudraM-II, recently tested by India, is a:

- A Surface-to-Surface Missile
- B Air-to-Air Missile
- C Air-to-Surface Missile
- D Surface-to-Air Missile

✓ ANSWER **C) Air-to-Surface Missile**

KEY CONTEXT

- RudraM-II is an indigenously developed Air-to-Surface missile jointly developed by DRDO and the Indian Air Force (IAF).



Q33 HELINA, recently in the news, is a:

- A** Surface-to-Air Missile
- B** Air-to-Air Missile
- C** Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)
- D** Ballistic Missile

✓ **ANSWER C) Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)**

KEY CONTEXT

- HELINA (Helicopter-launched Nag) is a third-generation, fire-and-forget Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) developed by DRDO.
- It is being integrated with the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand.
- The missile uses an infrared seeker and has a strike range of about 7 km.
- Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has received production contracts for the missile system.



Q34 Lieutenant Commander Suraj Prashar, recently in news, belongs to which belongs to which special force of Indian Armed Forces?

- A** Garud Commando Force
- B** Para (Special Forces)
- C** Marine Commandos (MARCOS)
- D** National Security Guard (NSG)

✓ **ANSWER C) Marine Commandos (MARCOS)**

KEY CONTEXT

- Lieutenant Commander Suraj Prashar of the Marine Commandos (MARCOS) was awarded the Shaurya Chakra.
- He was honoured for displaying exceptional courage during Operation Chuntawadi, an anti-terror operation in Bandipora district, Jammu & Kashmir.
- The Shaurya Chakra is India's third-highest peacetime gallantry award.



Q35 INS Agray, recently inducted into the Indian Navy, belongs to which class of warships?

- A Nilgiri-class Frigate
 - B Kalvari-class Submarine
 - C Arnala-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)
 - D Visakhapatnam-class Destroyer
- ✓ **ANSWER C) Arnala-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)**

KEY CONTEXT

- INS Agray is the fifth vessel of the Arnala-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) programme.
- The vessel was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.



Q36 INS Dunagiri, recently commissioned into the Indian Navy, belongs to which class of warships?

- A** Nilgiri-class Frigate
- B** Project 17A Stealth Frigate
- C** Visakhapatnam-class Destroyer
- D** Kamorta-class Corvette

✓ **ANSWER B) Project 17A Stealth Frigate**

KEY CONTEXT

- INS Dunagiri is a Project 17A stealth-guided missile frigate.
- It is capable of surface, air, and anti-submarine warfare.
- The frigate can deploy BrahMos missiles.
- It was designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers.



Q37 Exercise Pitch Black 2026 is a multinational air exercise hosted by by Australia. India participates in the exercise along with Australia and Australia and which of the following countries?

- A** Japan
- B** United States
- C** France
- D** All of the above

✓ **ANSWER D) All of the above**

KEY CONTEXT

- Exercise Pitch Black 2026 is hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in Australia.
- It is a multinational air combat exercise involving air forces from 19 countries.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) participates alongside countries including Australia, the United States, France, Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany, Singapore, Indonesia, and South Korea.



Q38 Exercise Khaan Quest 2026, in which the Indian Army participated is participated is hosted by which country?

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

✓ ANSWER **B) Mongolia**

KEY CONTEXT

- Exercise Khaan Quest 2026 was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.



Q39 Recently, India decided to acquire retired SEPECAT Jaguar fighters for fighters for spare parts from which country?

- A** France
- B** Russia
- C** United Kingdom
- D** Germany

✓ **ANSWER C) United Kingdom**

KEY CONTEXT

- Indian Air Force will acquire nine retired SEPECAT Jaguar aircraft from United Kingdom for spare parts, engines, and avionics.
- The aircraft will not be inducted into operational service but will support the maintenance of India's existing Jaguar fleet.
- India is currently the only country operating Jaguar aircraft in frontline service.



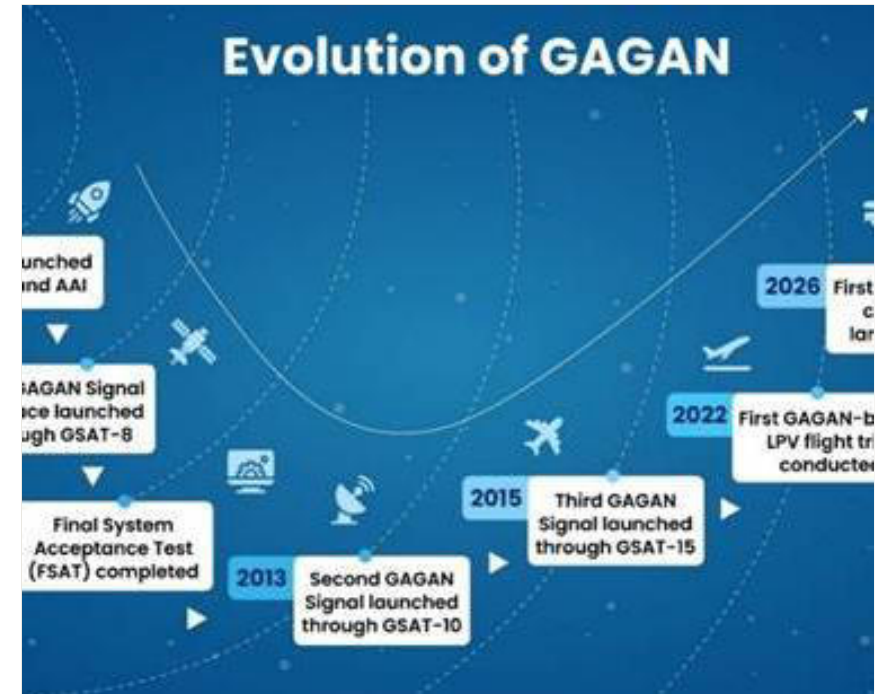
Q40 GAGAN, recently in the news for India's first GAGAN-based jet landing, landing, stands for:

- A Global Air Guidance and Navigation
- B GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation
- C Geo Aviation Guidance and Network
- D General Aviation GPS Network

✓ **ANSWER B) GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation**

KEY CONTEXT

- GAGAN stands for GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation.
- It is a Satellite-Based Augmentation System (SBAS) jointly developed by ISRO and the Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- India successfully performed its first GAGAN-based jet landing using an IndiGo Airbus A320 at Udaipur Airport.
- GAGAN improves GPS accuracy and enables precision landing guidance, especially at airports without Instrument Landing Systems (ILS).



Q41 Recently, the Indian Air Force integrated the BrahMos supersonic missile with which fighter aircraft?

- A Rafale
- B Tejas Mk-1A
- C Su-30MKI
- D Mirage 2000

✓ ANSWER **C) Su-30MKI**

KEY CONTEXT

- The BrahMos supersonic cruise missile has been integrated with the Su-30MKI fighter aircraft.
- BrahMos is a jointly developed missile by India and Russia with a strike range of about 450 km and speed of around Mach 3.
- The integration significantly enhances the IAF's long-range precision strike capability against land and naval targets.



Q42 Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty recently won the Men's Men's Doubles title at which badminton tournament?

- A Malaysia Open 2026
- B Singapore Open 2026 ★★★
- C Indonesia Open 2026
- D All England Open 2026

✓ ANSWER **B) Singapore Open 2026**

KEY CONTEXT

- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the Singapore Open 2026 Men's Doubles title.
- They became the first Indian men's doubles pair to win the Singapore Open.
- They defeated an Indonesian pair in the final.



Q43 R. Praggnanandhaa recently won the title of which international chess international chess tournament?

- A** Tata Steel Chess Tournament
- B** Norway Chess 2026
- C** Sinquefield Cup
- D** FIDE Grand Swiss

✓ **ANSWER B) Norway Chess 2026**

KEY CONTEXT

- R. Praggnanandhaa became the first Indian to win the Norway Chess title.
- He defeated World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen twice during the tournament.
- Norway Chess is one of the world's most prestigious classical chess tournaments, held annually in Stavanger, Norway.



Q44 India won the SAFF Women's Championship 2026 by defeating which country in the final?

- A** Nepal
- B** Bangladesh
- C** Sri Lanka
- D** Pakistan

✓ **ANSWER B) Bangladesh**



Q45 Who won the Men's Singles title at the French Open 2026?

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

✓ **ANSWER** **B) Alexander Zverev**

KEY CONTEXT

- He defeated Flavio Cobolli (Italy) in the final. It was Zverev's maiden Grand Slam title.
- Mirra Andreeva won the Women's Singles title by defeating Maja Chwaleńska (Poland) in the final.



Q46 Kane Williamson, who recently announced his retirement from international cricket, belongs to which country?

- A** Australia
- B** England
- C** New Zealand
- D** South Africa

✓ **ANSWER C) New Zealand**



Q47 Deepti Sharma recently equalled the record for the most wickets in wickets in Women's International Cricket held by:

- A Mithali Raj
- B Jhulan Goswami
- C Ellyse Perry
- D Meg Lanning

✓ ANSWER **B) Jhulan Goswami**

KEY CONTEXT

- Deepti Sharma equalled the record of 355 wickets in Women's International Cricket.



Q48 Who became the first cricketer, male or female, to play 200 T20 Internationals (T20Is)?

- A** Smriti Mandhana
- B** Harmanpreet Kaur
- C** Ellyse Perry
- D** Virat Kohli

✓ **ANSWER B) Harmanpreet Kaur**

KEY CONTEXT

- Harmanpreet Kaur became the first cricketer (male or female) to play 200 T20 Internationals (T20Is).
- She achieved the milestone during India's ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 match against South Africa.
- The milestone match was played at Old Trafford, Manchester (England).



Q49 Which team won the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 title?

- A** Gujarat Titans
- B** Royal Challengers Bengaluru
- C** Mumbai Indians
- D** Rajasthan Royals

✓ **ANSWER** **B) Royal Challengers Bengaluru**

KEY CONTEXT

- Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) defeated Gujarat Titans. The final was played at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.
- Virat Kohli was named the Player of the Match in the final.
- Orange Cap: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (Rajasthan Royals) – 776 runs.
- Purple Cap: Kagiso Rabada (Gujarat Titans) – 29 wickets.
- MVP and Emerging Player of the Season: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (Rajasthan Royals).
- Fair Play Award: Punjab Kings.



Q50 India won the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2026 by defeating which country in the final?

- A** Australia
- B** New Zealand
- C** Japan
- D** South Africa

✓ ANSWER **B) New Zealand**



Q51 Recently, who was named the Best Female Athlete of the Year at the at the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2025?

- A** Pooja Singh
- B** Parul Chaudhary
- C** Anju Bobby George
- D** PT Usha

✓ **ANSWER B) Parul Chaudhary**

KEY CONTEXT

- Organised by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).
- Neeraj Chopra was named the Best Male Athlete of the Year.
- The Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred on PT Usha, Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, Bahadur Singh Chauhan, and Anju Bobby George.



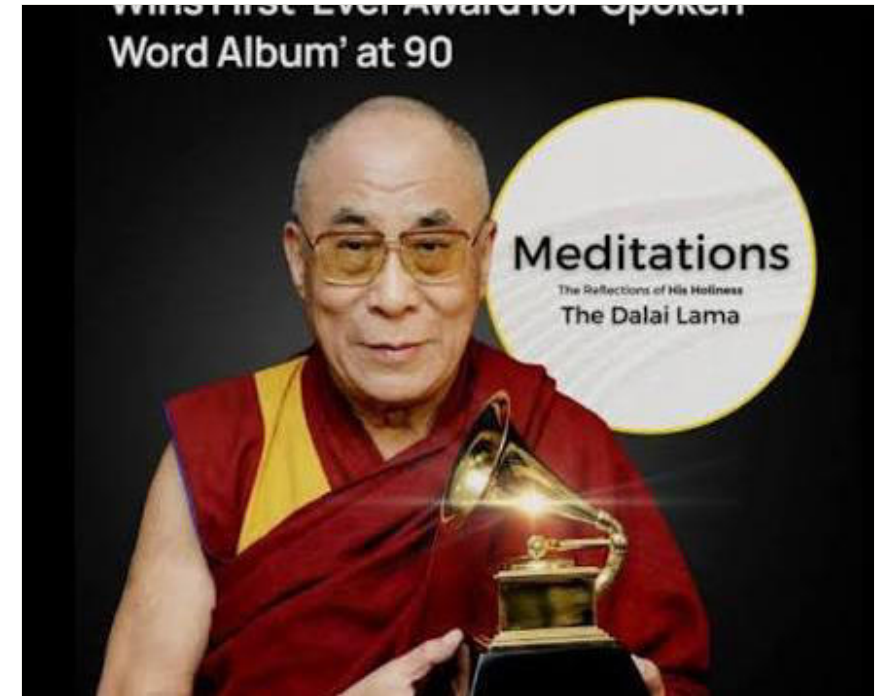
Q52 Dalai Lama recently received a Grammy Award for which audiobook?

- A** The Art of Happiness
- B** Meditations
- C** The Book of Joy
- D** Freedom in Exile

✓ **ANSWER B) Meditations**

KEY CONTEXT

- The audiobook features sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan and his sons Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash.
- The audiobook highlights the themes of peace, compassion, and non-violence.



Q53 Recently, Lionel Messi became the first footballer to receive which which prestigious international award?

- A** Laureus World Sports Award
- B** Princess of Asturias Sports Award
- C** Ballon d'Or Excellence Award
- D** FIFA Fair Play Award

✓ **ANSWER B) Princess of Asturias Sports Award**

KEY CONTEXT

- Lionel Messi became the first footballer to receive the Princess of Asturias Sports Award.
- Princess of Asturias Awards are among Spain's most prestigious international awards, presented annually in Oviedo, Spain.



Q54 Recently, Jaimeendra K. Jain became the first person of Indian origin to origin to receive which prestigious international award in Physics?
Physics?

- A** Nobel Prize in Physics
- B** Wolf Prize in Physics
- C** Breakthrough Prize in Physics
- D** Dirac Medal

✓ **ANSWER B) Wolf Prize in Physics**



Q55 Recently, which two Indian conservationists received the 2026 Whitley Whitley Awards?

- A** Parveen Shaikh and Dr. Barkha Subba
- B** Valmik Thapar and Romulus Whitaker
- C** Sunita Narain and Bittu Sahgal
- D** Ravi Chellam and Ullas Karanth

✓ **ANSWER A) Parveen Shaikh and Dr. Barkha Subba**



Q56 The memoir "The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man... Dreams of 1.4 Billion Billion Hearts" has been written by:

- A** Rakesh Sharma
- B** Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla
- C** Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh
- D** Dr. S. Somanath

✓ **ANSWER B) Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla**



Q57 Professor Dr. Bimal Patel was recently elected as a Judge of which which international judicial body?

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

✓ **ANSWER B) International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)**

KEY CONTEXT

- International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) is headquartered in Hamburg, Germany.
- It was established under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
- ITLOS adjudicates disputes related to maritime boundaries, navigation, marine resources, fisheries, and protection of the marine environment.
- Neeru Chadha currently serves as the Vice-President of ITLOS.



Q58 Who was elected as a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in 2026?

- A** Neeru Chadha
- B** Harish Salve
- C** Bimal Patel
- D** Dalveer Bhandari

✓ **ANSWER C) Bimal Patel**

KEY CONTEXT

- Professor Dr. Bimal Patel was elected as a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS).
- ITLOS was established under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
- ITLOS is headquartered in Hamburg, Germany.



Q59 Recently, Vivek Aggarwal became the first Indian to be elected as the Vice-President of which international organisation?

- A** Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- B** International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C** Financial Stability Board (FSB)
- D** World Bank

✓ **ANSWER A) Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**

KEY CONTEXT

- Vivek Aggarwal became the first Indian to be elected as the Vice-President of FATF.
- FATF was established in 1989 to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing.
- The FATF Secretariat is located in Paris (France).
- India has been a member of FATF since 2010.



Q60 Raja Randhir Singh, who passed away recently, was associated with with which sport?

- A** Wrestling
- B** Boxing
- C** Shooting
- D** Athletics

✓ **ANSWER C) Shooting**

KEY CONTEXT

- He became the first Indian shooter to win an Asian Games gold medal by winning the Men's Trap event at the 1978 Asian Games.



Q61 Jaspal Rana, who passed away recently, was associated with which which sport?

- A Boxing
- B Wrestling
- C Shooting
- D Archery

✓ ANSWER **C) Shooting**

KEY CONTEXT

- Jaspal Rana was one of India's most decorated pistol shooters.
- He was a recipient of the Padma Shri, Arjuna Award, and Dronacharya Award.



Q62 Suman Kalyanpur, who passed away recently, was associated with which with which field?

- A** Classical Dance
- B** Playback Singing
- C** Theatre
- D** Painting

✓ **ANSWER B) Playback Singing**



Q63 Gavri Devi, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?
which field?

- A** Kathak Dance
- B** Mand Folk Singing
- C** Hindustani Classical Music
- D** Theatre

✓ **ANSWER B) Mand Folk Singing**

KEY CONTEXT

- Gavri Devi was a renowned Mand folk singer from Rajasthan.
- She was best known for her iconic rendition of "Kesariya Balam".
- She was honoured with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and the Rajasthan Ratna Award.



Q64 Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap, who passed away recently, was primarily primarily associated with which field?

- A** Space Science
- B** Constitutional Expert
- C** Classical Music
- D** Economics

✓ **ANSWER B) Constitutional Expert**

KEY CONTEXT

- Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap was a renowned constitutional expert and former Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha.



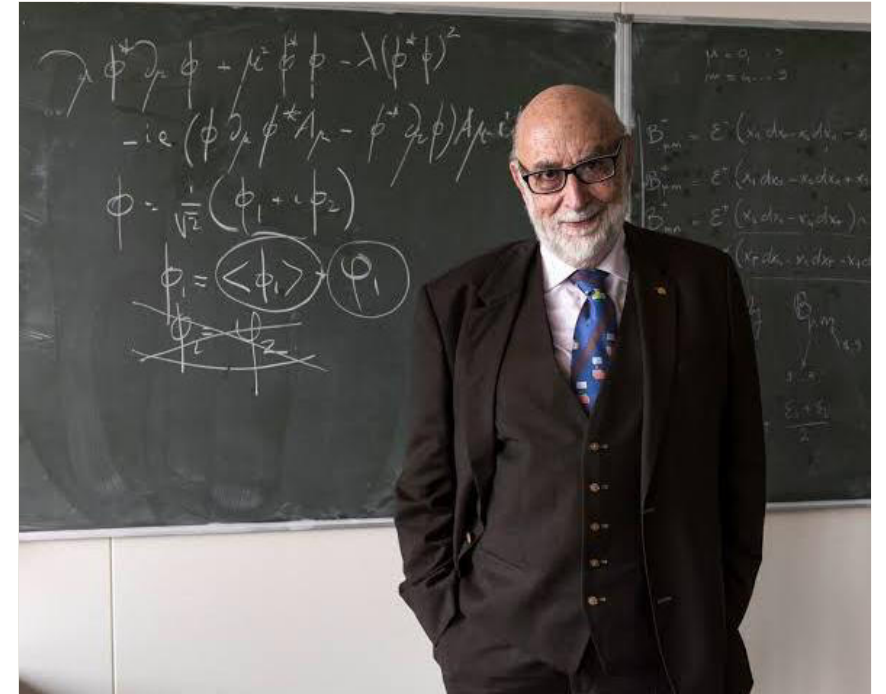
Q65 François Englert, who passed away recently, was associated with which with which field?

- A Chemistry
- B Physics
- C Mathematics
- D Astronomy

✓ ANSWER **B) Physics**

KEY CONTEXT

- François Englert was a Belgian theoretical physicist and recipient of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics.
- He jointly developed the Brout–Englert–Higgs (BEH) mechanism with Peter Higgs.
- The Higgs Boson was experimentally discovered at CERN in 2012, confirming the BEH mechanism.
- The BEH mechanism explains how fundamental particles acquire mass through the Higgs field.



Important Dates — June 2026

Date	Day	Theme (2026)	Key Point
3 June	World Bicycle Day	Cycling for a Greener Future	Promotes cycling as an eco-friendly, sustainable mode of transport.
5 June	World Environment Day	Inspired by Nature: For Climate. For Our Future	Host Country: Azerbaijan.
8 June	World Oceans Day	Reimagine: Beyond the World We Know, a New Relationship with the Ocean	Highlighted ocean conservation, marine biodiversity and sustainable use.
23 June	Olympic Day	You Can Do This. Let's Move.	Commemorates establishment of the IOC in 1894; promotes global participation in sport.

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