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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.



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Q1 Which of the following are the official mascots of Census-2027?

- A** Pragati and Vikas
- B** Shakti and Veer
- C** Bharat and Nari
- D** Ganga and Yamuna

✓ **ANSWER A) Pragati and Vikas**



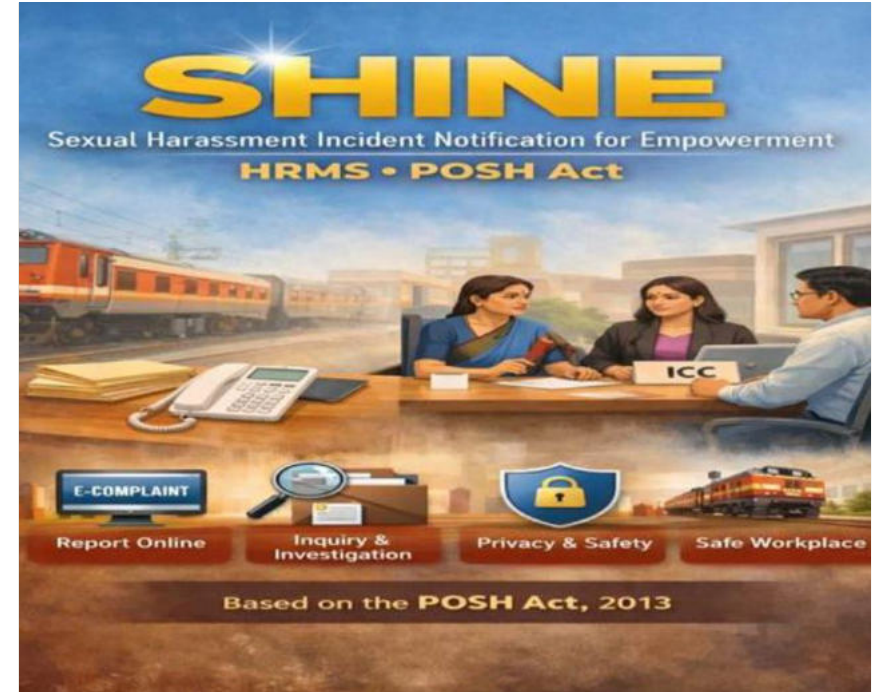
Q2 What is the name of the app launched by Indian Railways to enable enable confidential reporting of workplace sexual harassment?

- A SHAKTI
- B SHINE
- C SURAKSHA
- D SAKSHAM

✓ ANSWER **B) SHINE**

KEY CONTEXT

- SHINE stands for Sexual Harassment Incident Notification for Empowerment.
- It was launched by Indian Railways on International Women's Day (8 March).

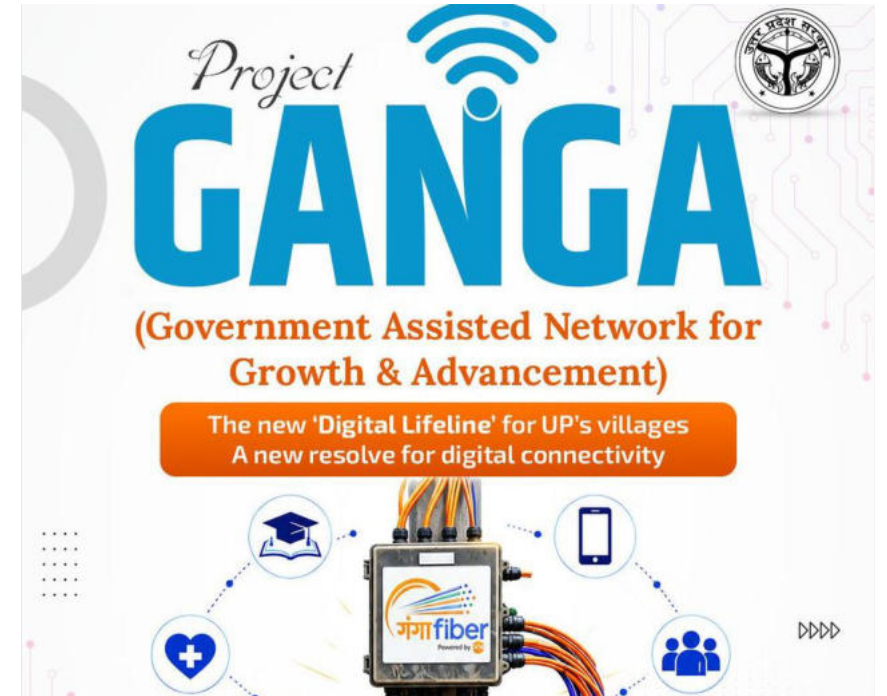


Q3 Recently launched Project GANGA by the Uttar Pradesh Government is Government is related to:

- A Cleaning and conservation of the River Ganga
 - B Providing high-speed internet connectivity to rural households
 - C Construction of rural roads along the Ganga basin
 - D Promotion of inland water transport on the Ganga
- ✓ ANSWER **B) Providing high-speed internet connectivity to rural households**

KEY CONTEXT

- It aims to provide high-speed internet connectivity to around 20 lakh rural households.



Q4 Recently, three inland waterways projects were inaugurated on which which National Waterway?

- A** National Waterway-1 (Ganga)
- B** National Waterway-2 (Brahmaputra)
- C** National Waterway-3 (West Coast Canal)
- D** National Waterway-16 (Barak River)

✓ **ANSWER B) National Waterway-2 (Brahmaputra)**

KEY CONTEXT

- National Waterway-2 (NW-2) is on the Brahmaputra River.
- The projects were inaugurated in Dibrugarh and Dhubri, Assam, to strengthen inland water transport infrastructure.



Q5 Recently, the restored Chungthang–Lachen Axis and Taram Chu Bridge were inaugurated in which state?

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

✓ **ANSWER B) Sikkim**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Chungthang–Lachen Axis is a 28-km strategic road, and the Taram Chu Bridge is a 400-foot Bailey Suspension Bridge.
- Both were restored by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) after being damaged by the 2023 Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) and subsequent natural disasters.



Q6 Recently, Kalinjar Fort, declared a National Geo-Heritage Site by the Geological Survey of India (GSI), is located in:

- A** Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh
- B** Banda, Uttar Pradesh
- C** Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
- D** Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh

✓ **ANSWER B) Banda, Uttar Pradesh**



Q7 The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, Asia's largest tulip garden, is garden, is located in:

- A** Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- B** Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
- C** Gangtok, Sikkim
- D** Darjeeling, West Bengal

✓ **ANSWER B) Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir**



Q8 Recently, Purple Fest 2026, organised at Rashtrapati Bhavan, was held to celebrate and promote the inclusion of:

- A Women Entrepreneurs
- B Divyangjan (Persons with Disabilities)
- C Tribal Communities
- D Senior Citizens

✓ **ANSWER B) Divyangjan (Persons with Disabilities)**

KEY CONTEXT

- Purple Fest 2026 was organised by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- The festival aimed to promote inclusion, awareness, respect, and equal opportunities for Divyangjan (Persons with Disabilities).



Q9 What was the theme of the Bharat Electricity Summit (BES) 2026?
2026?

- A** Powering a Sustainable India
- B** Electrifying Growth
- C** Energy for Viksit Bharat
- D** Green Power, Green Future

✓ **ANSWER B) Electrifying Growth**

KEY CONTEXT

- Bharat Electricity Summit (BES) 2026 was held in New Delhi in March 2026.
- The Carbon Market Portal was launched during the summit.
- The next edition (2028) will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.



Q10 Recently, who became the second Indian woman to scale Nevado Ojos del Salado, the world's highest volcano?

- A** Arunima Sinha
- B** Arpita Patra
- C** Santosh Yadav
- D** Premlata Agarwal

✓ **ANSWER B) Arpita Patra**

KEY CONTEXT

- Arpita Patra, a professor at IISc Bengaluru, successfully summited Nevado Ojos del Salado in Chile.
- Nevado Ojos del Salado is the world's highest volcano.



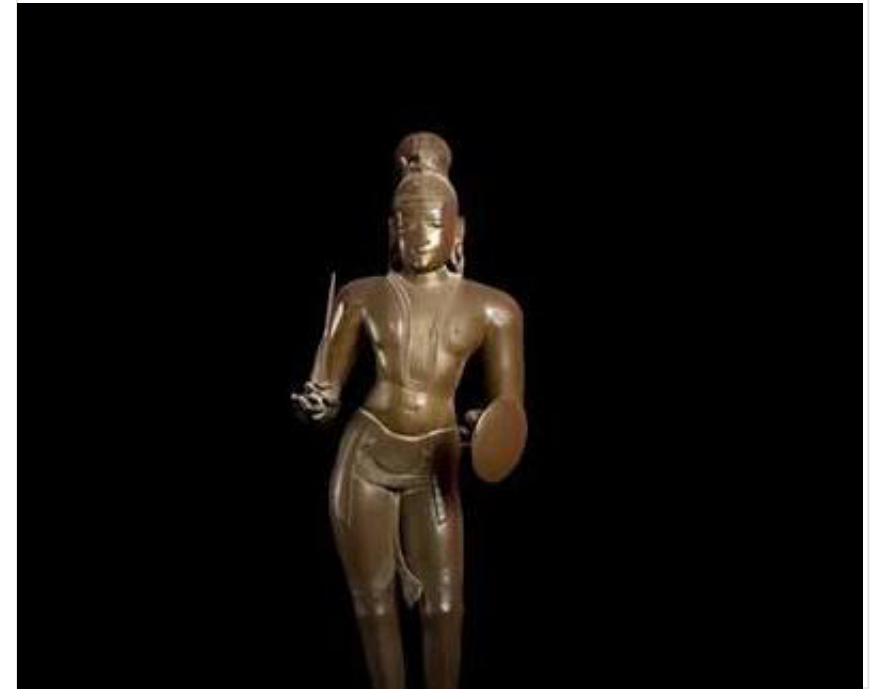
Q11 Recently, the 16th-century Saint Thirumankai Alvar idol was returned to India by which museum?

- A British Museum
- B Ashmolean Museum
- C Louvre Museum
- D Metropolitan Museum of Art

✓ ANSWER **B) Ashmolean Museum**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford (United Kingdom), returned the 16th-century Saint Thirumankai Alvar idol to India.
- The idol was restored to Shri Soundararaja Perumal Temple, Tamil Nadu, reflecting India's efforts to repatriate stolen cultural artefacts.



Q12 The Supreme Court's judgment in the Harish Rana case, related to to passive euthanasia (Right to Die with Dignity), is primarily associated associated with which Article of the Constitution of India?

A Article 14

B Article 19

C Article 21

D Article 32

✓ ANSWER **C) Article 21**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Supreme Court permitted the withdrawal of artificial life support for Harish Rana under the legal framework governing passive euthanasia.
- The Right to Die with Dignity is derived from Article 21 (Right to Life and Personal Liberty) of the Constitution.
- Passive euthanasia is permitted in India under strict legal and medical safeguards.



Q13 India launched the Climate Resilience Initiative under the International International Climate Initiative (IKI) in collaboration with which country?
country?

- A** France
- B** Germany
- C** Japan
- D** Australia

✓ **ANSWER B) Germany**

KEY CONTEXT

- It aims to strengthen ecosystem-based adaptation in the Himalayas, Western Ghats, and North-East India.



Q14 Recently, India launched the Indo-CIS Pharma-Nutraceutical Corridor in Corridor in collaboration with which country?

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

✓ **ANSWER B) Uzbekistan**

KEY CONTEXT

- The corridor aims to provide access to the CIS and Eurasian healthcare market.
- It was jointly launched by India and Uzbekistan.



Q15 India recently decided to collaborate in the restoration of the Prambanan Prambanan Temple. This temple is located in which country?

- A Cambodia
- B Indonesia
- C Thailand
- D Vietnam

✓ ANSWER **B) Indonesia**

KEY CONTEXT

- Prambanan Temple is the largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia and is located in Yogyakarta.
- It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, dedicated to the Hindu Trimurti (Shiva, Vishnu, and Brahma).



Q16 Recently, which country became the first in the Americas to eliminate leprosy as a public health problem?

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

✓ **ANSWER B) Chile**



Q17 Recently, which country legalized water cremation (alkaline hydrolysis)?

- A** England
- B** Scotland
- C** Ireland
- D** Wales

✓ **ANSWER B) Scotland**

KEY CONTEXT

- Scotland became the first country in the United Kingdom to legalize water cremation.
- It is an eco-friendly alternative to traditional cremation with significantly lower carbon emissions.



Q18 Recently, Jose Antonio Kast was sworn in as the President of which country?

- A** Argentina
- B** Chile
- C** Peru
- D** Uruguay

✓ ANSWER **B) Chile**



Q19 Recently, Balendra Shah became the youngest Prime Minister of which of which country?

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

✓ **ANSWER B) Nepal**

KEY CONTEXT

- At the age of 35.
- He belongs to the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP).



Q20 Recently, the Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2026 was held in:

- A** Paris, France
- B** Barcelona, Spain
- C** Berlin, Germany
- D** Geneva, Switzerland

✓ **ANSWER** **B) Barcelona, Spain**

KEY CONTEXT

- The theme of the event was "The IQ Era."



Q21 The United Nations has declared 2026 as the International Year of the:
of the:

- A Family Farming
- B Woman Farmer
- C Sustainable Agriculture
- D Rural Development

✓ ANSWER **B) Woman Farmer**

KEY CONTEXT

- The declaration recognizes the critical role of women in agriculture and food security.



Q22 The Chief Guest at the 11th Raisina Dialogue 2026 was the President of President of which country?

- A Norway
- B Finland
- C Sweden
- D Denmark

✓ ANSWER **B) Finland**

KEY CONTEXT

- The 11th Raisina Dialogue 2026 was held in New Delhi from 5–7 March 2026.
- The theme of the dialogue was "Samskara".
- The Chief Guest was Alexander Stubb, President of Finland.
- The event was organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- Representatives from 110+ countries participated.



Q23 Recently, India agreed to grant Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status status under the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with which organisation? organisation?

- A** ASEAN
- B** European Union (EU)
- C** BRICS
- D** European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

✓ **ANSWER B) European Union (EU)**

KEY CONTEXT

- The agreement aims to boost bilateral trade by reducing or eliminating tariffs on most traded goods.



Q24 Recently, Mark Carney visited India. He is the Prime Minister of which country?

- A** Australia
- B** Canada
- C** New Zealand
- D** United Kingdom

✓ **ANSWER B) Canada**



Q25 Exercise Kalari Leap, recently seen in the news, was conducted across:
across:

- A** Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- B** Lakshadweep and Minicoy Archipelago
- C** Gulf of Kutch
- D** Palk Strait

✓ **ANSWER B) Lakshadweep and Minicoy Archipelago**

KEY CONTEXT

- It was conducted by the Southern Air Command of the Indian Air Force.
- The exercise involved the Indian Coast Guard.



Q26 Exercise Vayushakti-26, recently seen in the news, was conducted at:
conducted at:

- A** Chandipur, Odisha
- B** Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- C** Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- D** Tezpur Air Force Station, Assam

✓ **ANSWER B) Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan**



Q27 Recently, the "Cold Response 2026" Arctic military exercise was conducted by which organisation?

- A** European Union (EU)
- B** North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- C** Arctic Council
- D** United Nations (UN)

✓ **ANSWER B) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**

KEY CONTEXT

- It is a biennial Arctic military exercise conducted by NATO.
- The exercise was held across Norway and Finland.



Q28 Exercise LAMITIYE-2026, recently seen in the news, is a joint military military exercise between India and which country?

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

✓ ANSWER **C) Seychelles**

KEY CONTEXT

- LAMITIYE-2026 is the 11th edition of the joint military exercise.



Q29 Exercise Dharma Guardian 2026, recently seen in the news, is a joint joint military exercise between India and which country?

- A** South Korea
- B** Japan
- C** Vietnam
- D** Indonesia

✓ **ANSWER B) Japan**

KEY CONTEXT

- Dharma Guardian is a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.
- The exercise focuses on counter-insurgency (CI) and counter-terrorism (CT) operations.



Q30 Recently, Exercise Kalari Leap was conducted by which armed force?
force?

- A** Indian Army
- B** Indian Air Force
- C** Indian Navy
- D** Indian Coast Guard

✓ **ANSWER B) Indian Air Force**

KEY CONTEXT

- Exercise Kalari Leap was conducted by the Southern Air Command (SAC) of the Indian Air Force.
- The exercise was held in the Arabian Sea across the Lakshadweep and Minicoy Archipelago, with participation from AFSOD and the Indian Coast Guard.



Q31 Recently, Exercise 'Amogh Jwala' was conducted by which armed force?
armed force?

- A** Indian Navy
- B** Indian Army
- C** Indian Air Force
- D** Indian Coast Guard

✓ **ANSWER B) Indian Army**

KEY CONTEXT

- Exercise Amogh Jwala was conducted at the Babina Field Firing Ranges, Uttar Pradesh.



Q32 Recently, which Indian Naval Ship participated in Exercise Kakadu 2026, Kakadu 2026, hosted by Australia, and won the Kakadu Shield Trophy?

- A INS Surat
- B INS Nilgiri
- C INS Trikand
- D INS Anjadip

✓ ANSWER **B) INS Nilgiri**

KEY CONTEXT

- Exercise Kakadu 2026 is a multinational maritime exercise hosted by Australia, with the participation of over 19 countries.



Q33 What is the name of the Indian Navy's mission launched to escort and safeguard India-bound energy vessels through the Strait of Hormuz?

- A Operation Sankalp
- B Operation Urja Suraksha
- C Operation Sea Shield
- D Operation Samudra Rakshak

✓ ANSWER **B) Operation Urja Suraksha**



Q34 Operation Sankalp, recently seen in the news, was launched by which which armed force?

- A** Indian Army
- B** Indian Navy
- C** Indian Air Force
- D** Indian Coast Guard

✓ **ANSWER B) Indian Navy**

KEY CONTEXT

- Operation Sankalp was launched by the Indian Navy in 2019.
- It ensures the security of Indian merchant ships in the Gulf of Oman and Gulf of Aden.
- Operation Sankalp → Indian Navy mission for merchant ship security.
- Operation Urja Suraksha → Indian Navy mission to escort India-bound energy vessels.



Q35 Recently, which Iranian warship was in the news after reportedly being reportedly being struck near the Sri Lankan Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)?

- A IRIS Sahand
- B IRIS Dena
- C IRIS Alvand
- D IRIS Makran

✓ ANSWER **B) IRIS Dena**

KEY CONTEXT

- It was returning from the MILAN-2026 multinational naval exercise hosted by India before the reported incident.



Q36 Recently, which Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) (ASW SWC) was commissioned into the Indian Navy?

- A INS Arnala
- B INS Anjadip
- C INS Nilgiri
- D INS Surat

✓ ANSWER **B) INS Anjadip**

KEY CONTEXT

- INS Anjadip is the third of eight indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC).
- Nicknamed the "Dolphin Hunter", it was commissioned at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The ship was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata with over 80% indigenous content.



Q37 Recently, INS Sudarshini made a historic arrival at which city after transiting the Suez Canal?

- A** Port Said, Egypt
- B** Alexandria, Egypt
- C** Athens, Greece
- D** Istanbul, Türkiye

✓ **ANSWER B) Alexandria, Egypt**

KEY CONTEXT

- INS Sudarshini reached Alexandria, Egypt as part of the Lokayan-26 transoceanic expedition.
- The ship successfully transited the Suez Canal and is a traditional sail training vessel of the Indian Navy, built using ancient Indian shipbuilding techniques.



Q38 In the IOS SAGAR Initiative, the term SAGAR stands for:

- A Security and Growth Across Regions
- B Security and Growth for All in the Region
- C Strategic Alliance for Global and Regional Security
- D Sustainable Advancement for Global and Regional Cooperation

✓ ANSWER **B) Security and Growth for All in the Region**

KEY CONTEXT

- IOS SAGAR is an initiative of the Indian Navy to strengthen maritime cooperation with friendly Indian Ocean countries.
- The programme aligns with India's SAGAR Vision and MAHASAGAR framework, promoting training, interoperability, and maritime security.



Q39 Recently, INS Sudarshini reached the port of Valletta in which country as country as part of the Lokayan-26 expedition?

- A** Greece
- B** Malta
- C** Cyprus
- D** Italy

✓ **ANSWER B) Malta**

KEY CONTEXT

- Valletta is the capital and principal port of Malta.
- INS Sudarshini reached Malta after transiting the Suez Canal and making a port call at Alexandria, Egypt, as part of the Lokayan-26 transoceanic expedition.



Q40 Recently, which Indian Naval Ship participated in the 58th Mauritius National Day Parade?

- A** INS Nilgiri
- B** INS Trikand
- C** INS Surat
- D** INS Anjadip

✓ **ANSWER B) INS Trikand**

KEY CONTEXT

- INS Trikand participated in the 58th Mauritius National Day Parade held at Port Louis, Mauritius.
- The ship also conducted a PASSEX (Passage Exercise) and EEZ surveillance with the Mauritius Coast Guard.



Q41 Recently, INS Taragiri (F41) was commissioned as the fourth ship under ship under which Indian Navy project?

- A** Project 15B
- B** Project 17A
- C** Project 75(I)
- D** Project 28

✓ **ANSWER B) Project 17A**

KEY CONTEXT

- Project 17A is the Indian Navy's stealth guided-missile frigate programme, comprising seven warships being built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- INS Nilgiri (F33), INS Udaygiri (F35), INS Himgiri (F34), and INS Taragiri (F41) are the first four ships of Project 17A.
- Project 17A is the successor to the Project 17 (Shivalik-class) frigate programme and features advanced stealth technology, modern sensors, and state-of-the-art weapon systems.



Q42 Recently, DRDO successfully conducted flight trials of which indigenously developed missile system?

- A** Akash-NG
- B** VSHORADS
- C** QRSAM
- D** Astra Mk-I

✓ **ANSWER B) VSHORADS**

KEY CONTEXT

- VSHORADS (Very Short-Range Air Defence System) is an indigenously developed Man-Portable Air Defence System (MANPADS).
- The flight trials were successfully conducted at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.



Q43 Recently, DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully tested which indigenously developed Air Droppable Container?

- A ADC-100
- B ADC-150
- C ADC-200
- D ADC-250

✓ ANSWER **B) ADC-150**

KEY CONTEXT

- ADC-150 is an indigenously developed Air Droppable Container designed to deliver 150 kg of payload to naval ships operating far from the coast.
- The trials were conducted from a P-8I (Boeing P-8I Poseidon) aircraft off the Goa coast.



Q44 Recently, IG Drones unveiled its indigenous long-range strike drone under which project?

- A** Project Garuda
- B** Project KAL
- C** Project Vajra
- D** Project Trishul

✓ **ANSWER B) Project KAL**

KEY CONTEXT

- The drone has a range of about 1,000 km and is designed for deep-strike precision missions.



Q45 What is the name of the Indian Air Force project for India's first helicopter-launched Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)?

- A** Project Garuda
- B** Project Vayu Baan
- C** Project Trishul
- D** Project Vajra

✓ **ANSWER B) Project Vayu Baan**

KEY CONTEXT

- The drone can be launched from a moving helicopter and engage targets from a 50+ km stand-off distance.
- With this capability, India will become the third country, after the USA and China, to possess a helicopter-launched drone capability.



Q46 Recently, the Ministry of Defence signed a contract with Rosoboronexport (Russia) for the procurement of which air defence missile system?

- A** S-400 Triumph
- B** Tunguska Air Defence Missile System
- C** Akash-NG
- D** Spyder Air Defence System

✓ **ANSWER B) Tunguska Air Defence Missile System**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Tunguska Air Defence Missile System is being procured for the Indian Army to strengthen its multi-layered air defence against aircraft, drones, and cruise missiles.
- The Ministry of Defence also signed a contract with Boeing India Defense for depot-level maintenance of P-8I Maritime Reconnaissance Aircraft under the 'Buy Indian' category.



Q47 Recently, the United States successfully tested which Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)?

- A** Trident II D5
- B** Minuteman III
- C** Tomahawk
- D** Patriot PAC-3

✓ **ANSWER B) Minuteman III**

KEY CONTEXT

- Minuteman III (LGM-30G) is the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) of the United States.
- It was successfully tested from Vandenberg Space Force Base, California.
- Minuteman III forms the land-based leg of the U.S. nuclear triad.



Q48 Recently, the Ministry of Defence signed a contract with HAL for the procurement of which helicopter?

- A** Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand
- B** Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk-III
- C** Apache AH-64E
- D** LUH (Light Utility Helicopter)

✓ **ANSWER B) Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk-III**

KEY CONTEXT

- The contract includes the procurement of six Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH) Mk-III (Maritime Role) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- The Ministry of Defence also signed a contract for VL-Shtil surface-to-air missile systems for the Indian Navy.



Q49 Recently, who took charge as the Director General of Naval Armament Armament (DGONA)?

- A** B. P. Singh
- B** Divakar Jayant
- C** Dinesh K. Tripathi
- D** Sanjay J. Singh

✓ **ANSWER A) B. P. Singh**

KEY CONTEXT

- DGONA is responsible for the procurement, maintenance, and lifecycle management of the Indian Navy's weapon systems.



Q50 Exercise Freedom Shield 2026, recently seen in the news, is a joint joint military exercise between:

- A** United States and Japan
- B** United States and South Korea
- C** South Korea and Australia
- D** United States and Philippines

✓ **ANSWER B) United States and South Korea**



Q51 Recently, ISRO successfully conducted the sea-level hot test of which cryogenic engine?

- A CE-7.5
- B CE-20
- C Vikas Engine
- D S200 Booster

✓ ANSWER **B) CE-20**

KEY CONTEXT

- CE-20 is the cryogenic engine that powers the LVM3 (Launch Vehicle Mark-3) rocket.
- The hot test was conducted at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
- The test will enhance the payload carrying capacity of the LVM3 for future space missions.



Q52 Recently, India successfully tested the Floating LiDAR Buoy System for System for measuring:

- A** Ocean salinity
- B** Wind conditions over the sea
- C** Marine biodiversity
- D** Sea surface temperature

✓ **ANSWER B) Wind conditions over the sea**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Floating LiDAR Buoy System was developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).
- It measures wind speed, wind direction, and atmospheric conditions over the sea.
- The system will help improve weather forecasting, cyclone tracking, and climate studies.



Q53 Recently, which Indian company successfully tested the world's first fully first fully 3D-printed booster engine, 'Agnite'?

- A Skyroot Aerospace
- B Agnikul Cosmos
- C Bellatrix Aerospace
- D Pixxel

✓ ANSWER **B) Agnikul Cosmos**

KEY CONTEXT

- Agnrite is the world's first fully 3D-printed booster engine.
- The successful test was conducted at the Agnikul Launchpad (ALP-01), Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The 3D-printed engine significantly reduces manufacturing time and production cost.



Q54 Recently, ISRO signed an agreement for Earth Observation Missions with Missions with which space agency?

- A NASA
 - B European Space Agency (ESA)
 - C Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
 - D Roscosmos
- ✓ ANSWER **B) European Space Agency (ESA)**

KEY CONTEXT

- The agreement was signed between ISRO and the European Space Agency (ESA) for Earth Observation Missions.
- The collaboration will support the FLEX (Fluorescence Explorer) mission for global vegetation health monitoring.



Q55 Recently, which team won its first-ever Ranji Trophy title (2025–26)?

- A** Karnataka
- B** Mumbai
- C** Jammu & Kashmir
- D** Vidarbha

✓ **ANSWER C) Jammu & Kashmir**

KEY CONTEXT

- Jammu & Kashmir won its first-ever Ranji Trophy by defeating Karnataka in the final.
- Aquib Nabi was named the Player of the Tournament.
- Abdul Samad finished as J&K's highest run-scorer in the tournament.



Q56 Recently, Carolina Marín announced her retirement from professional professional sports. She is associated with which sport?

- A** Tennis
- B** Badminton
- C** Table Tennis
- D** Squash

✓ **ANSWER B) Badminton**

KEY CONTEXT

- Carolina Marín is a Spanish Olympic and World Champion badminton player.
- She won the gold medal at the Rio Olympics (2016).



Q57 Recently, Lakshya Sen finished runner-up at which badminton tournament?

- A** BWF World Championships
- B** All England Open 2026
- C** Indonesia Open
- D** Malaysia Open

✓ **ANSWER B) All England Open 2026**

KEY CONTEXT

- Lakshya Sen finished runner-up at the All England Open 2026.
- Prakash Padukone (1980) and Pullela Gopichand (2001) are the only Indians to have won the men's singles title at the tournament.



Q58 Recently, Mayank Chakraborty, who became India's 94th Grandmaster Grandmaster (GM), belongs to which state?

A West Bengal

B Assam

C Tripura

D Manipur

✓ **ANSWER B) Assam**



Q59 Recently, who set a Guinness World Record for the fastest ascent of the ascent of the Seven Volcanic Summits?

- A** Satendra Singh Lohiya
- B** Bhupathiraju Anmish Varma
- C** Arjun Vajpai
- D** Satyarup Siddhanta

✓ **ANSWER B) Bhupathiraju Anmish Varma**

KEY CONTEXT

- Bhupathiraju Anmish Varma, a mountaineer from Andhra Pradesh, completed the Seven Volcanic Summits in 92 days, 4 hours, and 45 minutes.



Q60 Recently, which country topped the medal tally at the World Para Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026?

- A** Russia
- B** India
- C** Bosnia & Herzegovina
- D** Nepal

✓ **ANSWER B) India**

KEY CONTEXT

- The World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 was held in New Delhi in March 2026.
- India topped the medal tally with 208 medals (75 Gold, 69 Silver, 64 Bronze).
- Russia finished second, while Bosnia & Herzegovina secured third place.
- Shailesh Kumar won the gold medal in the Men's High Jump T63 event.



Q61 Recently, who won India's only gold medal at the World Boxing Futures Cup 2026?

- A** Gunjan
- B** Chandrika Pujari
- C** Joyshree Devi
- D** Radhamani Longjam

✓ **ANSWER** **B) Chandrika Pujari**

KEY CONTEXT

- India won five medals at the World Boxing Futures Cup 2026 held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Chandrika Pujari won the gold medal in the Women's 51 kg category.
- India finished with 1 Gold, 3 Silver, and 1 Bronze medal.



Q62 India will host the World Indoor Athletics Championships (WIAC) 2028 at (WIAC) 2028 at which city?

- A** New Delhi
- B** Bhubaneswar
- C** Hyderabad
- D** Ahmedabad

✓ **ANSWER B) Bhubaneswar**

KEY CONTEXT

- The 22nd World Indoor Athletics Championships (WIAC) 2028 will be held at the Kalinga Indoor Athletics Stadium (KIAS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- India will host the championships for the first time.



Q63 Recently, which team won the Khelo India Winter Games 2026 title?

- A Himachal Pradesh
- B Haryana
- C Indian Army
- D Jammu & Kashmir

✓ ANSWER **C) Indian Army**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Indian Army successfully defended its Khelo India Winter Games team championship title.
- The Khelo India Winter Games 2026 were hosted by Jammu & Kashmir.
- The official mascot of the Games was Sheen-E-She (Snow Leopard).



Q64 The first Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 will be held in which state?
state?

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

✓ **ANSWER C) Chhattisgarh**



Q65 Recently, India launched the Centenary Sports Cooperation Programme 2026 with which country?

- A** Australia
- B** New Zealand
- C** United Kingdom
- D** South Africa

✓ **ANSWER B) New Zealand**

KEY CONTEXT

- The programme commemorates 100 years of sporting relations between India and New Zealand.
- The initiative identifies rugby, rowing, canoeing, sailing, athletics, and cycling as priority sports.



Q66 Recently, who was honoured with the Colonel C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honour of the BCCI?

- A** Rahul Dravid
- B** Roger Binny
- C** Sunil Gavaskar
- D** Kapil Dev

✓ **ANSWER B) Roger Binny**

KEY CONTEXT

- The award was presented at the BCCI Naman Awards 2026.
- Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award (Women): Mithali Raj
- Polly Umrigar Award (Best International Cricketer – Men): Shubman Gill
- Best International Cricketer (Women): Smriti Mandhana
- Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy (Best Woman Cricketer in Domestic Cricket): Shafali Verma
- Best International Debut Award (Men): Harshit Rana
- Best International Debut Award (Women): N. Sree Charani



Q67 Recently, the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025 were announced for literary excellence in how many Indian languages?

A 18

B 22

C 24

D 28

✓ **ANSWER C) 24**

KEY CONTEXT

- The Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025 recognized literary excellence in 24 Indian languages.
- The award is presented by the Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters.
- Each award carries a ₹1 lakh cash prize, an engraved copper plaque, and a shawl.



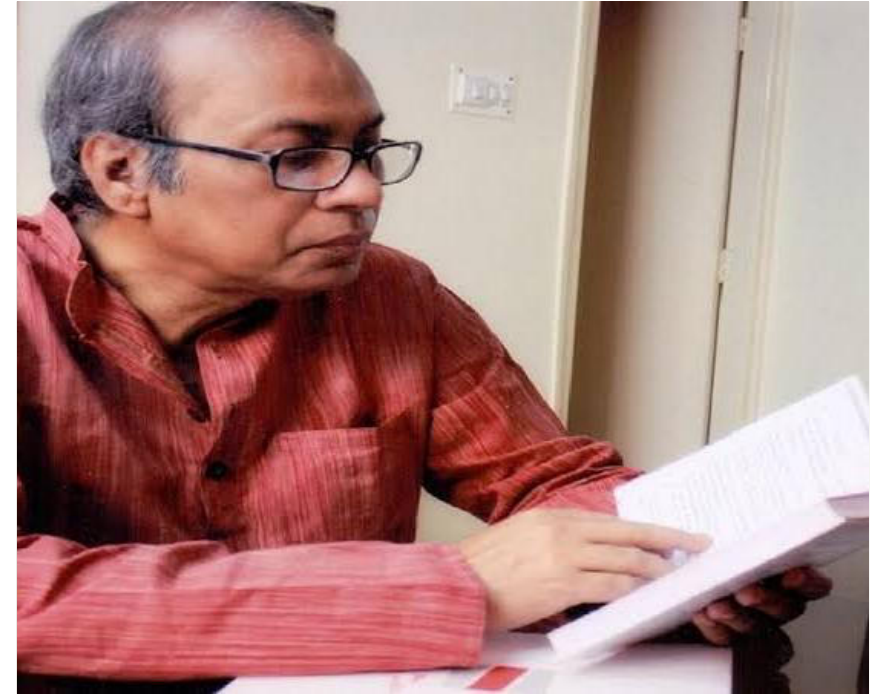
Q68 Recently, who was selected for the 35th Saraswati Samman (2025)? (2025)?

- A** Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay
- B** R. Vairamuthu
- C** Perumal Murugan
- D** Navtej Sarna

✓ **ANSWER A) Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay**

KEY CONTEXT

- Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay, a Bengali writer, received the 35th Saraswati Samman (2025) for his novel "Hara Parbati Katha" (2020).
- The Saraswati Samman is one of India's highest literary honours, instituted by the K. K. Birla Foundation in 1991.



Q69 Recently, who was selected for the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025)? (2025)?

- A** Javed Akhtar
- B** R. Vairamuthu
- C** Perumal Murugan
- D** S. L. Bhyrappa

✓ **ANSWER B) R. Vairamuthu**

KEY CONTEXT

- R. Vairamuthu became the third Tamil writer to receive the Jnanpith Award, after Akilan (1975) and Jayakanthan (2002).
- The Jnanpith Award is India's highest literary honour, presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith for outstanding contributions to literature in the Eighth Schedule languages.



Q70 Recently, who was featured in the TIME Women of the Year 2026 list?

- A** Safeena Husain
- B** Sudha Murty
- C** Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- D** Falguni Nayar

✓ **ANSWER A) Safeena Husain**

KEY CONTEXT

- Safeena Husain, founder of the NGO Educate Girls.
- She was among 16 global leaders recognized for their contributions.



Q71 Recently, who was conferred France's Légion d'honneur (Commandeur (Commandeur Rank))?

- A** S. Jaishankar
- B** Jawed Ashraf
- C** Ajit Doval
- D** Shashi Tharoor

✓ **ANSWER B) Jawed Ashraf**

KEY CONTEXT

- Jawed Ashraf, former Ambassador of India to France.
- He became the first Indian Ambassador to receive this honour.



Q72 Which film won the Best Picture award at the 98th Academy Awards Awards (Oscars 2026)?

- A** Sinners
- B** One Battle After Another
- C** Hamlet
- D** Emilia Pérez

✓ **ANSWER B) One Battle After Another**

KEY CONTEXT

- It was the biggest winner, securing six Oscars, including Best Director.



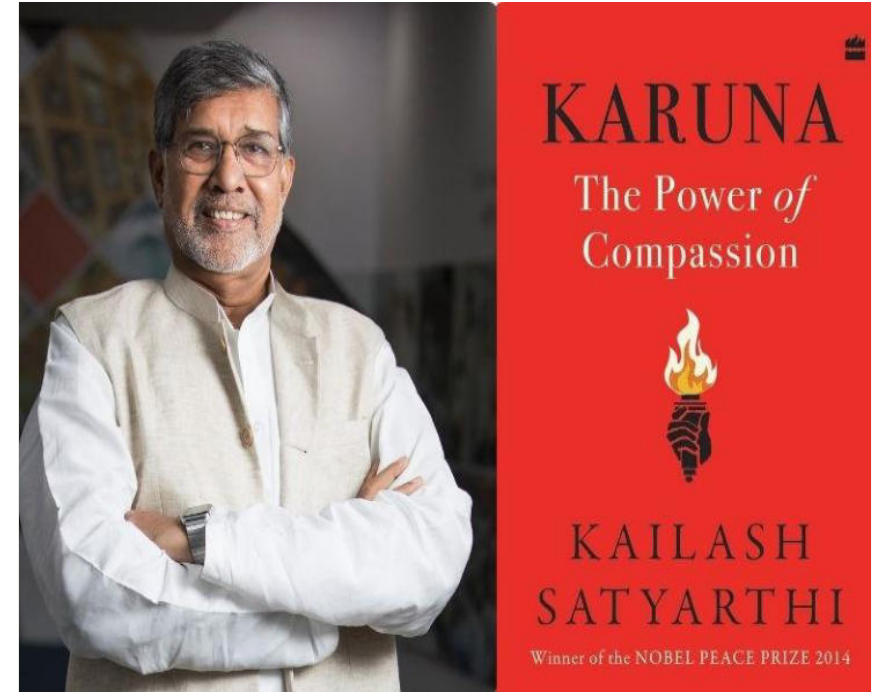
Q73 Recently, who is the author of the book "Karuna: The Power of Compassion"?

- A** Sudha Murty
- B** Kailash Satyarthi
- C** Gurcharan Das
- D** Amartya Sen

✓ **ANSWER B) Kailash Satyarthi**

KEY CONTEXT

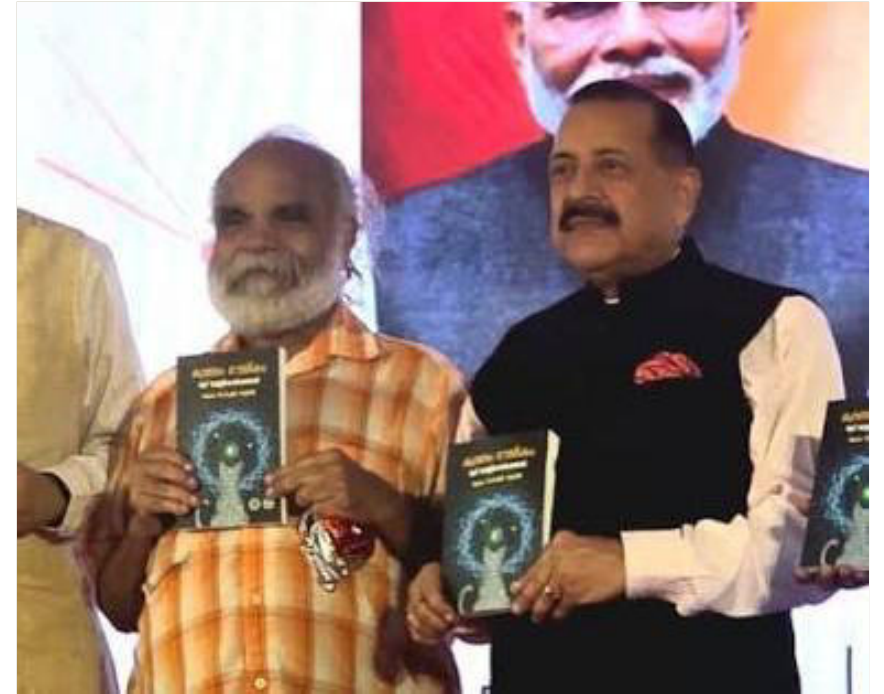
- Kailash Satyarthi is the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize laureate.



Q74 Recently, who is the author of the book "Quantum Physics: One Hundred Hundred Magical Years"?

- A** C. N. R. Rao
- B** V. P. Nampoothiri
- C** Roddam Narasimha
- D** G. Madhavan Nair

✓ **ANSWER B) V. P. Nampoothiri**



Q75 According to the Global Terrorism Index 2026, which country was ranked as the most affected by terrorism?

- A Afghanistan
- B Pakistan
- C Syria
- D Iraq

✓ ANSWER **B) Pakistan**

KEY CONTEXT

- Pakistan ranked 1st in the Global Terrorism Index 2026.
- India was ranked 13th in the index.



Q76 According to the SIPRI Report 2025, which country was the world's world's largest importer of major arms?

- A** India
- B** Ukraine
- C** Saudi Arabia
- D** Pakistan

✓ **ANSWER B) Ukraine**

KEY CONTEXT

- Ukraine emerged as the world's largest arms importer, while India remained the second-largest importer.
- The SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) publishes the Trends in International Arms Transfers report.



Q77 According to the World Happiness Report 2026, which country was ranked as the happiest country in the world?

- A Denmark
- B Finland
- C Sweden
- D Norway

✓ ANSWER **B) Finland**

KEY CONTEXT

- Finland topped for the 9th consecutive year.
- India was ranked 116th in the report.



Q78 Recently, who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the BHIM the BHIM Payments App?

- A** Virat Kohli
- B** M. S. Dhoni
- C** Rohit Sharma
- D** Jasprit Bumrah

✓ **ANSWER B) M. S. Dhoni**

KEY CONTEXT

- BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) is a UPI-based digital payment application developed by NPCI.



Q79 Recently, who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)?

- A** Smriti Irani
- B** Niranjana Jyoti
- C** Anupriya Patel
- D** Meenakshi Lekhi

✓ **ANSWER B) Niranjana Jyoti**

KEY CONTEXT

- NCBC is a constitutional body established under Article 338B of the Constitution.



Important Dates - March 2026

Date	Day / Observance	Theme (2026)	Key Facts
March 1	World Civil Defence Day		
March 3	World Wildlife Day	Medicinal and Aromatic Plants	
March 8	International Women's Day	Rights. Justice. Action	
March 14	International Day of Mathematics	Mathematics, Art and Creativity	
March 15	Consumer Rights Day	Safe Products	
March 18	Global Recycling Day	Think Opportunity	
March 28	Earth Hour	Give an Hour for Earth	Started by WWF (2007); observed on the last Saturday of March.

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