Q1 TRENDING NATIONAL

Anuj Shrivatri became India's 100th Grandmaster in chess in November 2026 after winning a tournament in which country?

(a) Indonesia | (b) Vietnam | (c) Philippines | (d) Thailand

Ans: (c) Philippines

- Anuj Shrivatri became India's 100th Grandmaster by winning the 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open Chess Championship in the Philippines in November 2026.
- The 22-year-old is the first-ever Grandmaster from Madhya Pradesh.
- V.S. Rathanvel had earlier become India's 99th Grandmaster.

Q2 TRENDING APPOINTMENTS

In the Indian Olympic Association's Sportsperson of Merit (SOM) election held in November 2026, who among the following failed to get elected as a female SOM?

(a) Rani Rampal | (b) Saina Nehwal | (c) Anju Bobby George | (d) P.T. Usha

Ans: (d) P.T. Usha

- P.T. Usha, IOA President, failed to get elected as a female Sportsperson of Merit in November 2026.
- Saina Nehwal, Anju Bobby George, Dola Banerjee and Rani Rampal were the four women elected.
- The IOA Executive Council elections are scheduled for 5 December 2026.

Q3 NATIONAL

Revised MRPs of how many anti-cancer formulations came into effect from 9 November 2026, as per NPPA, saving consumers an estimated Rs 3,540 crore annually?

(a) 1,364 | (b) 1,164 | (c) 864 | (d) 1,564

Ans: (a) 1,364

- Revised MRPs of 1,364 anti-cancer formulations took effect from 9 November 2026, saving about Rs 3,540 crore yearly.
- NPPA, under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, capped trade margins on 137 anti-cancer drugs.
- The Expert Committee was constituted by the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Q4 DEFENCE

INS Surat reached Muscat, Oman in November 2026 to take part in which edition of the India-Oman bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr?

(a) 14th | (b) 16th | (c) 15th | (d) 13th

Ans: (c) 15th

- INS Surat reached Muscat on 8 November 2026 for the 15th edition of exercise Naseem Al Bahr with Oman's Royal Navy.
- The exercise is followed by a Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two navies.

> **Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (13 Aug 2025)**
> Which of the following Indian naval platforms took part in the Indo-Oman naval exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr held in October 2024? Ans: INS Trikand and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft

Q5 NATIONAL

India's first bilateral tri-service HADR exercise 'Rahat Mitra' with which country concluded in Chennai on 6 November 2026?

(a) Myanmar | (b) Bangladesh | (c) Thailand | (d) Sri Lanka

Ans: (a) Myanmar

- Exercise Rahat Mitra, India's first bilateral tri-service HADR exercise with Myanmar, concluded in Chennai on 6 November 2026.
- It involved the Indian Navy, Army and Air Force along with a Myanmar defence delegation.

> **Asked in exam: SSC GD (5 May 2026)**
> What was India's response operation for the 2025 Myanmar earthquake? Ans: Operation Brahma

Q6 NATIONAL

The passing out parade of the largest-ever batch of Agniveers and Indian Coast Guard sailors, over 3,300 trainees, was held on 13 November 2026 at which naval training institute?

(a) INS Hamla | (b) INS Valsura | (c) INS Chilka | (d) INS Shivaji

Ans: (c) INS Chilka

- INS Chilka held the passing out parade of over 3,300 Agniveers and Coast Guard sailors on 13 November 2026, its largest-ever batch.
- Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan was the chief guest and inspecting officer.

> **Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (30 Nov 2025)**
> In October 2024, who has been appointed as the Chief of the Indian Coast Guard? Ans: Paramesh Sivamani

Q7 AWARDS

President Droupadi Murmu presented the awards for which edition of Swachh Survekshan on 11 November 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi?

(a) 9th (2024-25) | (b) 8th (2023-24) | (c) 10th (2025-26) | (d) 11th (2026-27)

Ans: (c) 10th (2025-26)

- President Droupadi Murmu presented Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 awards, the 10th edition, on 11 November 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan.
- The theme was 'Swachhata ki Nai Pahal- Badhaayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'.
- It is conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban.

Q8 STATES

Delhi's first river cruise service was inaugurated on 10 November 2026 on which river, between the Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur stretch?

(a) Yamuna | (b) Hindon | (c) Gomti | (d) Ganga

Ans: (a) Yamuna

- Delhi's first Yamuna river cruise service was inaugurated on 10 November 2026 on the Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur stretch.
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched it with Lieutenant Governor Tarnjit Singh Sandhu and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta present.
- The Yamuna here is declared National Waterway No.

Q9 POLITY

TRAI's Telecommunication Interconnection (Port Charges) Third Amendment Regulations 2026, introducing IP-based port charges, will come into effect from which date?

(a) 1 March 2027 | (b) 1 December 2026

(c) 1 April 2027 | (d) 1 January 2027

Ans: (d) 1 January 2027

- TRAI's Third Amendment Regulations 2026 on interconnection port charges take effect from 1 January 2027.
- They introduce an IP port charge framework alongside existing E1/TDM-based provisions.
- TRAI, headquartered in New Delhi, was set up under the TRAI Act, 1997.

Q10 NATIONAL

Under the India-Saudi Arabia bilateral Haj agreement signed in November 2026, what is India's pilgrim quota for Haj 2027?

(a) 2,00,000 | (b) 1,36,020

(c) 1,50,000 | (d) 1,75,025

Ans: (d) 1,75,025

- India's Haj 2027 quota was fixed at 1,75,025 pilgrims under the bilateral agreement signed in Jeddah in November 2026.
- Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju signed it with Saudi Haj and Umrah Minister Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah.
- India's quota had risen from 1,36,020 in 2014 to this figure, unchanged since 2025.

Q11 APPOINTMENTS

Which Union Minister signed the India-Saudi Arabia bilateral Haj 2027 agreement in Jeddah during his official visit from 6 to 9 November 2026?

(a) S. Jaishankar | (b) Kiren Rijiju

(c) Giriraj Singh | (d) Amit Shah

Ans: (b) Kiren Rijiju

- Union Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju signed the India-Saudi Haj 2027 agreement in Jeddah.
- The agreement was signed with Saudi Minister of Hajj and Umrah Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah.
- India's Haj 2027 quota was fixed at 1,75,025 pilgrims.

Q12 SUMMITS

Bengaluru hosted India's first-ever special convention of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians' Indian Regional Unit on 17-18 November 2026, inaugurated by whom?

(a) Om Birla | (b) Jagdeep Dhankhar

(c) Droupadi Murmu | (d) Narendra Modi

Ans: (a) Om Birla

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the first-ever Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians' Indian Regional Unit convention in Bengaluru on 17-18 November 2026.
- The theme was 'Safe Foundations, Strong Voices: Cyber Safety and Mentorship Pathways for New Women Legislators'.

> **Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (19 Mar 2026)**
> Which country hosted the 68 th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in October 2025? Ans: Barbados

Q13 SCHEMES

In November 2026 the Odisha cabinet approved a Rs 4,708-crore, 600 MW pumped storage project at Ranibahal in which district?

(a) Sundargarh | (b) Kalahandi

(c) Mayurbhanj | (d) Koraput

Ans: (b) Kalahandi

- Odisha's cabinet approved the Rs 4,708-crore, 600 MW Upper Indravati Pumped Storage Project at Ranibahal, Kalahandi district, in November 2026.
- It is targeted for commissioning by 2030-31, developed by Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Ltd.
- Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi chaired the cabinet meeting.

Q14 INDICES

As per DoT data reported in November 2026, the number of Indian villages without 4G connectivity fell from 45,180 in 2022 to what figure?

(a) 9,200 | (b) 11,372

(c) 18,500 | (d) 24,680

Ans: (b) 11,372

- Villages without 4G connectivity fell from 45,180 in 2022 to 11,372, about a fourth, as per DoT data reported in November 2026.
- The reduction is partly due to BSNL's 4G saturation project, which had an initial target of 24,680 villages.
- The data was obtained under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Q15 NATIONAL

UNESCO's November 2026 policy brief 'Connected and Safe' on technology-facilitated violence in schools found that globally what fraction of students face cyber bullying?

(a) One in twenty | (b) One in ten

(c) One in five | (d) One in three

Ans: (b) One in ten

- UNESCO's 'Connected and Safe' policy brief found one in ten students worldwide faces cyber bullying, while one in three face bullying monthly.
- UNESCO Director-General is Khaled El-Enany.
- The brief warns AI tools like nudification apps and voice cloning are fuelling new school-based threats.

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