

Q1

TRENDING

AWARDS

Harry Kane, who won the Ballon d'Or 2026, became the first Englishman to win the award in 25 years after which footballer last won it in 2001?

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| (a) Wayne Rooney | (b) Steven Gerrard |
| (c) David Beckham | (d) Michael Owen |

Ans: (d) Michael Owen

- Michael Owen was the last Englishman to win the Ballon d'Or before Harry Kane, in 2001.
- Kane, a Bayern Munich striker, won it in October 2026 after a record-breaking season.
- Spain's Alexia Putellas won the women's Ballon d'Or Feminin for the third time.

Q2

TRENDING

NATIONAL

Researchers at IIT Bombay, led by Mahesh Tirumkudulu, developed a low-cost device in October 2026 to screen for anaemia and which other blood disorder using blood smear length?

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| (a) Haemophilia | (b) Sickle cell disease |
| (c) Thalassemia | (d) Leukaemia |

Ans: (b) Sickle cell disease

- IIT Bombay's Chemical Engineering department, led by Mahesh Tirumkudulu, developed a device to screen for anaemia and sickle cell disease using blood smear length, announced in October 2026.
- The technology is licensed to IIT Bombay startup Rheoheme Private Limited.

Asked in exam: SSC GD (7 May 2026)

In April 2025, which Indian research institution developed an affordable electro-fluidic device for early screening of Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)? Ans: Raman Research Institute

Q3

DEFENCE

In October 2026, the Defence Acquisition Council approved military purchases worth how much, including destroyers, K9 Vajra-T guns and drones?

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) Rs 3 lakh crore | (b) Rs 1.78 lakh crore |
| (c) Rs 2.12 lakh crore | (d) Rs 1.1 lakh crore |

Ans: (c) Rs 2.12 lakh crore

- The Defence Acquisition Council, chaired by Rajnath Singh, approved purchases worth Rs 2.12 lakh crore in October 2026.
- About 82% of the hardware will be sourced domestically.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (8 Sep 2025)

According to the 'List of India's Major Defence Deals of 2024-2025' report, what is the primary objective of India's ₹20,506.65 crore acquisition of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles? Ans: Strengthen the Indian Navy's maritime strike capacity

Q4

SCHEMES

At the fifth edition of 'Swavalamban' naval seminar in October 2026, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called for the next phase of defence self-reliance named what?

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Make in India 2.0 | (b) Vikas Bharat Defence |
| (c) Swavalamban Bharat | (d) Atmanirbharta 2.0 |

Ans: (d) Atmanirbharta 2.0

- Rajnath Singh called for 'Atmanirbharta 2.0' at the fifth edition of Swavalamban in New Delhi in October 2026.
- Swavalamban is the Indian Navy's naval innovation and indigenisation seminar.
- It aims to reduce import dependence and achieve technological superiority for Viksit Bharat@2047.

Q5

SUMMITS

The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum was inaugurated in October 2026 in the Central Hall of Parliament in which city?

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| (a) Johannesburg | (b) Mumbai |
| (c) New Delhi | (d) Rio de Janeiro |

Ans: (c) New Delhi

- The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held in the Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi, in October 2026.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla chaired it while Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh gave the welcome address.

Asked in exam: SSC GD (8 May 2026)

The 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held in ____ in June 2025. Ans: Brasilia

Q6

APPOINTMENTS

In October 2026, the Supreme Court Collegium recommended Justice P. Sam Koshy, currently acting Chief Justice of Telangana High Court, as the Chief Justice of which High Court?

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) Delhi High Court | (b) Calcutta High Court |
| (c) Uttarakhand High Court | (d) Gujarat High Court |

Ans: (a) Delhi High Court

- Justice P. Sam Koshy was recommended as Chief Justice of Delhi High Court by the Supreme Court Collegium in October 2026.
- His parent high court is Chhattisgarh.

Asked in exam: SSC CGL Tier-1 (22 Sep 2025)

Who was appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in April 2025? Ans: Justice Arun Palli

Q7

SUMMITS

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio hosted the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting on October 30-31, 2026 in which city?

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|--------------|---------------------|
| (a) Miami | (b) Atlanta |
| (c) New York | (d) Washington D.C. |

Ans: (b) Atlanta

- The G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting was hosted by Marco Rubio in Atlanta on October 30-31, 2026.
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar attended from India.

Asked in exam: SSC CPO Paper-1 (11 Dec 2025)

Where was the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting held on 1 July 2025? Ans: Washington, USA

Q8

SCHEMES

In October 2026, the Gujarat government declared Devbhoomi Dwarka, Kutch, Jamnagar and which other district as drought-affected?

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|---------------|---------------|
| (a) Porbandar | (b) Bhavnagar |
| (c) Rajkot | (d) Surat |

Ans: (a) Porbandar

- Gujarat declared Devbhoomi Dwarka, Kutch, Jamnagar and Porbandar as drought-affected in October 2026 due to low rainfall.
- Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel announced SDRF assistance of Rs 8,500 per hectare for farmers.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (1 Sep 2025)

In January 2025, the Gujarat government declared the 'Inland Mangrove of Guneri', located in which district, as its first Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS)? Ans: Kutch

Q9

NATIONAL

In October 2026, Maharashtra's State Board for Wildlife approved upgrading the Kolamarka Conservation Reserve, known for wild buffaloes, in which district into a wildlife sanctuary?

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|----------------|----------------|
| (a) Nashik | (b) Raigad |
| (c) Chandrapur | (d) Gadchiroli |

Ans: (d) Gadchiroli

- Kolamarka Conservation Reserve in Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra, known for wild buffaloes, was approved as a wildlife sanctuary in October 2026.
- The decision came at the 26th meeting of the State Board for Wildlife chaired by CM Devendra Fadnis.

Asked in exam: SSC GD (22 May 2026)

Which state government established Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Sanctuary as a new wildlife sanctuary? Ans: Madhya Pradesh

Q10

NATIONAL

In October 2026, the Railway Board approved an Alstom-powered Vande Bharat trainset manufactured at Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, for speeds up to how much?

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|--------------|--------------|
| (a) 180 kmph | (b) 130 kmph |
| (c) 160 kmph | (d) 200 kmph |

Ans: (c) 160 kmph

- The Railway Board approved the Alstom-powered Vande Bharat trainset from RCF Kapurthala for speeds up to 160 kmph in October 2026.
- It is a 16-car Chair Car trainset cleared after RDSO and CCRS technical clearances.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (14 Jun 2026)

Through which two Indian states will the newly approved Greenfield High-Speed Corridor, sanctioned in April 2025, pass? Ans: Meghalaya and Assam

Q11

NATIONAL

The Santragachi-Khatipura (Jaipur) Express, flagged off in October 2026, connects West Bengal with which state, covering over 1,500 km in about 32 hours 45 minutes?

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|---------------|--------------------|
| (a) Rajasthan | (b) Punjab |
| (c) Gujarat | (d) Madhya Pradesh |

Ans: (a) Rajasthan

- The Santragachi-Khatipura (Jaipur) Express connects West Bengal and Rajasthan, flagged off by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in October 2026.
- It is operated by South Eastern Railway and runs as train number 18061/18062.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (19 Mar 2026)

During October–November 2025, which two Indian states hosted the Trishul 2025 tri-services exercise? Ans: Gujarat and Rajasthan

Q12

NATIONAL

The Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament held in October 2026 marked the first international tournament hosted by which Punjab city, at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium?

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|--------------|---------------|
| (a) Patiala | (b) Jalandhar |
| (c) Ludhiana | (d) Amritsar |

Ans: (b) Jalandhar

- Jalandhar hosted its first-ever international hockey tournament, the Asian Champions Trophy, in October 2026 at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium.
- India is a five-time winner and two-time defending champion of the tournament.

Asked in exam: SSC Stenographer (10 Sep 2026)

Which Indian city will host the Men's FIH Hockey Junior World Cup in December 2025? Ans: Chennai and Madurai

Q13

SPORTS

Team MRF Tyres won its fourth FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) Teams' title in five years in October 2026, with the final round held in which country?

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|--------------|-----------|
| (a) France | (b) Italy |
| (c) Portugal | (d) Spain |

Ans: (c) Portugal

- Team MRF Tyres won its fourth ERC Teams' Championship title in five years, confirmed at the final round in Portugal (Rally 6 Cities North of Portugal) in October 2026.
- The team finished with 233 points, 98 ahead of its nearest rival.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (21 Nov 2025)

The final round of 78th Senior National Football for Santosh Trophy was held in which city? Ans: Hyderabad

Q14

POLITY

In October 2026, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta appeared before the Supreme Court for which state government in the bike-taxi case appeal?

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|---------------|-----------------|
| (a) Karnataka | (b) Tamil Nadu |
| (c) Telangana | (d) Maharashtra |

Ans: (a) Karnataka

- Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta represented the Karnataka government in the Supreme Court bike-taxi case appeal in October 2026.
- The Karnataka High Court's Division Bench had earlier allowed bike-taxis, overturning a Single Bench stay.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (9 Aug 2026)

In its judgment on February 2, 2026, the Supreme Court directed the Union Government to constitute an inter-state water disputes tribunal to adjudicate a river water sharing conflict between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Which river is at the centre of this dispute? Ans: Pennaiyar River

Q15

POLITY

In October 2026, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways amended motor vehicle rules to allow flex-fuel vehicles to run on E100 fuel alongside which existing blend?

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| (a) E10 | (b) E85 |
| (c) E20 | (d) E50 |

Ans: (b) E85

- The government added E100 as an approved fuel alongside E85 for flex-fuel vehicles in October 2026.
- E100 refers to fuel with nearly 100% ethanol content.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (28 Nov 2025)

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has on 4 August 2025 issued a detailed response to certain concerns raised on the impact of ____ percent Ethanol Blended Petrol on mileage and vehicle life. Ans: 20

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