Q1 TRENDING APPOINTMENTS

Which Union minister is set to be elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh in November 2026 after rival nominations were rejected?

(a) Hardeep Singh Puri
(b) Kailash Vijayvargiya
(c) Jyotiraditya Scindia
(d) Narendra Singh Tomar

Ans: (a) Hardeep Singh Puri

- Hardeep Singh Puri is set to be elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh.
- The returning officer rejected the nominations of independent candidates Rajkumar Lohani and Kante Sayanna due to incomplete Form 26 affidavits.
- Congress leader Hemant Katare's objections against Puri's nomination were also overruled.

Q2 TRENDING SUMMITS

How many seats of the US House of Representatives were up for election in the US midterm elections held on 3 November 2026?

(a) 218
(b) 535
(c) 435
(d) 100

Ans: (c) 435

- All 435 seats of the US House of Representatives were up for election in the midterms held on 3 November 2026.
- Senate seats contested were reported variably as 35 or 37 across the article, and governorships in 36 states were also at stake.
- About 210 million Americans were registered to vote.

Q3 APPOINTMENTS

Who was appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Arunachal Pradesh in November 2026?

(a) Shiv Darshan Singh Jamwal
(b) Rajesh Kumar Singh
(c) Rajesh Kumar
(d) Sanjeev Kumar

Ans: (c) Rajesh Kumar

- Rajesh Kumar, a 1995-batch IPS officer, was appointed DGP of Arunachal Pradesh in November 2026.
- He succeeded Shiv Darshan Singh Jamwal, who was transferred to Delhi.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (14 Jun 2025)
Who among the following was appointed the new Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in January 2025? Ans: Gyanendra Pratap Singh

Q4 INDICES

Which university topped the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2027, released in November 2026?

(a) University of Hong Kong
(b) Peking University
(c) National University of Singapore
(d) Tsinghua University

Ans: (a) University of Hong Kong

- The University of Hong Kong retained the number one position in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2027.
- IIT Delhi remained India's highest-ranked university, slipping to 66th place.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (21 Aug 2026)
According to the QS World University Rankings 2026, which Indian institution emerged as the highest-ranked Indian institute globally by securing the 123rd position and improving from 150th rank in 2025? Ans: Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)

Q5 NATIONAL

Which organisation launched the 'India S&T Scoreboard' in New Delhi on 3 November 2026?

(a) Department of Science and Technology
(b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
(c) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(d) NITI Aayog

Ans: (d) NITI Aayog

- NITI Aayog launched the India S&T Scoreboard on 3 November 2026 at CSOI, New Delhi.
- It was unveiled by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (11 Aug 2026)
In April 2026, the Government of India reconstituted which national policy think tank by appointing Ashok Lahiri as its Vice-Chairman? Ans: NITI Aayog

Q6 SCHEMES

In which state did Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh inaugurate a microbiology laboratory and launch the 'Churpi Traceability Initiative' in November 2026?

(a) Meghalaya
(b) Sikkim
(c) Assam
(d) Mizoram

Ans: (b) Sikkim

- Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh) inaugurated the Sikkim Milk Union's microbiology laboratory and launched the Churpi Traceability Initiative in Gangtok.
- Milk production in Sikkim rose 79% over the last decade, reaching 2.45 lakh litres per day.

Asked in exam: SSC GD (20 May 2026)
Prem Singh Tamang (P.S. Golay) took oath for the second term as Chief Minister of which northeastern state in 2024? Ans: Sikkim

Q7 SCHEMES

By which year does the government aim to double India's coastal and inland waterway share in freight movement to 12%, as announced by Sarbananda Sonowal in November 2026?

(a) 2030
(b) 2050
(c) 2035
(d) 2047

Ans: (d) 2047

- Sarbananda Sonowal announced the target of raising coastal and inland waterway freight share from 6% to 12% by 2047.
- The plan involves the Coastal Cargo Incentivisation Scheme and the Cruise Bharat Mission.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (24 Nov 2025)
Which scheme was launched by the Union Government in December 2024 to incentivise cargo movement via inland waterways? Ans: Jalvahak

Q8 DEFENCE

By which year does Defence Minister Rajnath Singh aim to achieve defence production worth Rs 3 lakh crore, as stated at the Jaisalmer meeting in November 2026?

(a) 2032
(b) 2027
(c) 2029
(d) 2030

Ans: (c) 2029

- Rajnath Singh set a target of Rs 3 lakh crore in defence production and Rs 50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029.
- The FY 2026-27 defence budget was raised to a record Rs 7.85 lakh crore.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (29 Aug 2025)
By when has India aimed to achieve its defence production of ₹3 lakh crore, which will strengthen its position as a global defence manufacturing hub? Ans: 2029

Q9 NATIONAL

The 9th high-level meeting between the Indian Coast Guard and the coastal force of which country was held at Mirissa on 3 November 2026?

(a) Sri Lanka
(b) Myanmar
(c) Maldives
(d) Bangladesh

Ans: (a) Sri Lanka

- The 9th high-level meeting between the Indian Coast Guard and the Sri Lanka Coast Guard was held at Mirissa, Sri Lanka, on 3 November 2026.
- The Indian delegation was led by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, and the Sri Lankan side by Rear Admiral Ruwan Rupasena.

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

Q10 NATIONAL

Which national intergenerational engagement campaign, launched under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana, did Union Minister Virendra Kumar launch in New Delhi in November 2026?

(a) Senior Citizen Sahayata Abhiyan
(b) Vayo Sathi Yojana
(c) Atal Vayo Mission
(d) Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan

Ans: (d) Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan

- Union Minister Virendra Kumar launched the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan, a national intergenerational engagement campaign, in New Delhi.
- It operates under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The campaign is based on a '5C' model: Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue.

Q11 SCIENCE & TECH

Soket AI, a government-backed startup, launched which sovereign AI model for maths and coding that can run in air-gapped environments, as announced in November 2026?

(a) Dhir 2B
(b) EKA-1
(c) Dhir 5B
(d) BharatGPT

Ans: (b) EKA-1

- Soket AI launched EKA-1, a 26.3 billion parameter model for maths and coding, trained on about 7.5 trillion tokens.
- ZenteiQ, another India AI Mission-backed startup, released Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B multilingual models.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (4 Sep 2025)
In 2025, the Central government selected which of the following start-ups to build India's first indigenous artificial intelligence (AI) large language model (LLM)? Ans: Sarvam

Q12 NATIONAL

The EARAZA Annual Conference 2026, held from 26 to 29 October 2026, took place at Vantara in which Indian city?

(a) Jamnagar
(b) Ahmedabad
(c) Vadodara
(d) Surat

Ans: (a) Jamnagar

- The EARAZA Annual Conference 2026 was held at Vantara in Jamnagar, Gujarat, from 26 to 29 October 2026.
- It brought together 98 institutions from 30 countries under the theme 'Strengthening Global Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation'.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (21 Jun 2025)
In March 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Vantara' in Jamnagar, Gujarat. What is the primary purpose of this facility? Ans: To act as an advanced animal rescue, conservation and rehabilitation centre

Q13 NATIONAL

West Bengal's first relocated tigress, translocated to Buxa Tiger Reserve from Bihar's Valmiki Tiger Reserve, was captured in November 2026 after straying into a national park in which state?

(a) Nagaland
(b) Assam
(c) Meghalaya
(d) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans: (b) Assam

- The tigress, Dooars Rani, strayed from Buxa into Raimona National Park in Assam and was recaptured on 3 November 2026.
- She was released in Buxa on 2 October 2026 under West Bengal's first tiger relocation project from Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar.

Asked in exam: SSC Delhi Police Constable (Exe) (5 Jan 2026)
A rare 'Golden Tiger', known for a color variation, was spotted in which national park in 2024? Ans: Kaziranga

Q14 SCHEMES

Which state government released a three-year Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Policy 2026, envisaging deployment of 2.5 GW/10 GWh capacity?

(a) Karnataka
(b) Gujarat
(c) Tamil Nadu
(d) Andhra Pradesh

Ans: (c) Tamil Nadu

- Tamil Nadu released its three-year Battery Energy Storage Systems Policy 2026, targeting 2.5 GW/10 GWh BESS deployment.
- Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited is the nodal agency for implementation.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (22 Nov 2025)
What is India's cumulative solar power capacity (in GW) as of July 2025? Ans: 02

Q15 NATIONAL

Which Indian company developed the US FDA-approved generic version of lenacapavir, the twice-a-year HIV-prevention injection, announced in November 2026?

(a) Sun Pharma
(b) Dr Reddy's Laboratories
(c) Cipla
(d) Cadila Healthcare

Ans: (b) Dr Reddy's Laboratories

- Dr Reddy's Laboratories developed the FDA-approved generic version of lenacapavir, a twice-yearly HIV-prevention shot.
- The agreement was brokered by Unitaid, the Clinton Health Access Initiative and Wits RHI. The brand-name version, Yeztugo, is made by Gilead Sciences, the original patent holder.

Asked in exam: SSC GD (7 May 2026)
According to an announcement made in January 2025, which organisation has developed indigenously produced 'Paracetamol'? Ans: Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)