Q1 TRENDING AWARDS

Which Indian pace bowler announced his retirement from Test cricket in November 2026 after taking 229 wickets in 64 matches?

(a) Jasprit Bumrah
(b) Umesh Yadav
(c) Ishant Sharma
(d) Mohammed Shami

Ans: (d) Mohammed Shami

- Mohammed Shami announced retirement from Test cricket in November 2026, finishing with 229 wickets from 64 Tests at an average of 27.71.
- He debuted against West Indies at Eden Gardens on 6 November 2013 and last played in the 2023 World Test Championship final.

> **Asked in exam: RRB JE CBT-1 (25 Feb 2026)**
> Who among the following has overtaken Yuzvendra Chahal to become India's highest wicket-taker in T20 Internationals at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on 22 January 2025? Ans: Arshdeep Singh

Q2 TRENDING APPOINTMENTS

Who became the first Muslim elected to the United States Senate, winning the Michigan seat in the November 2026 midterm elections?

(a) Ilhan Omar
(b) Keith Ellison
(c) Rashida Tlaib
(d) Abdul El-Sayed

Ans: (d) Abdul El-Sayed

- Abdul El-Sayed, a physician and progressive Democrat, became the first Muslim elected to the US Senate in November 2026.
- He defeated Republican Mike Rogers in the closely watched Michigan race.

> **Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (25 Mar 2026)**
> Who made history in November 2025 as the first Muslim and South Asian American elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia? Ans: Ghazala Hashmi

Q3 SCIENCE & TECH

In November 2026, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the 'Semicon 2.0' web application portal under which scheme?

(a) India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)
(b) Make in India 2.0
(c) Production Linked Incentive Scheme
(d) Digital India Mission

Ans: (a) India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)

- Semicon 2.0, with an outlay of Rs 1,27,500 crore, was launched under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).
- It is the next phase after Semicon India Programme (Semicon 1.0), under which 12 projects worth over Rs 1.64 lakh crore were approved across six states.

> **Asked in exam: RRB Group D (11 Aug 2026)**
> Which platform showcased next‑generation electronics and semiconductor innovation led by DRDO in 2025? Ans: Emerging Science Technology Innovation Conclave 2025

Q4 DEFENCE

India and which country launched their first bilateral tri-services HADR exercise 'Rahat Mitra' in Chennai in November 2026?

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

Ans: (a) Myanmar

- India and Myanmar launched their first bilateral tri-services HADR exercise Rahat Mitra on 5 November 2026 in Chennai.
- The theme was 'Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership', coordinated under the Indian Navy.
- It reflects India's Neighbourhood First policy and MAHASAGAR vision.

Q5 SCHEMES

An agreement for implementing the Amended BharatNet Programme was signed in November 2026 for which state, involving Digital Bharat Nidhi, BSNL and T-Fiber?

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

Ans: (b) Telangana

- The agreement for the Amended BharatNet Programme in Telangana was signed among Digital Bharat Nidhi, Department of Telecom, Telangana government, TRIICL, BSNL and T-Fiber.
- It covers 12,769 gram panchayats with Rs 3,189 crore central assistance.
- Digital Bharat Nidhi, earlier called USOF, functions under the Department of Telecommunications.

Q6 DEFENCE

Indian Navy ship INS Trishul completed a port call in November 2026 at Souda Bay, a naval base in which country?

(a) Greece
(b) Spain
(c) Turkey
(d) Italy

Ans: (a) Greece

- INS Trishul completed a port call at Souda Bay, Greece, on 3 November 2026 during its Mediterranean deployment.
- It later held a Passage Exercise with the Greek Navy ship HS Limnos (F451).
- Souda Bay also hosts the NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre (NMIOTC).

Q7 DEFENCE

The Indian Air Force's Software Development Institute signed an MoU with which institute in November 2026 to develop an indigenous digital secure communication system for airborne platforms?

(a) IIT Delhi
(b) IIT Bombay
(c) IIT Madras
(d) IIT Kanpur

Ans: (c) IIT Madras

- IAF's Software Development Institute (SDI) signed an MoU with IIT Madras and IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation for indigenous digital secure communication systems.
- SDI's Commandant Air Vice Marshal Sarbjit Singh and Pravartak CEO Dr M. J. Shankar Raman signed the pact.

> **Asked in exam: SSC GD (7 May 2026)**
> Which institution developed the electric unmanned helicopter 'Sabal-20', acquired by the Indian Army in November 2024? Ans: IIT Kanpur

Q8 SCIENCE & TECH

In November 2026, the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser integrated the Startup India portal with which platform to improve startups' access to research infrastructure?

(a) National Single Window System
(b) NIRF portal
(c) DigiLocker
(d) I-STEM

Ans: (d) I-STEM

- The PSA Office, with DPIIT, launched API integration between the Startup India portal and the I-STEM (Indian Science, Technology and Engineering facilities Map) portal.
- It was done under Principal Scientific Adviser Professor Ajay Kumar Sood.
- By November 2026, I-STEM listed 31,540 equipment items across 4,044 registered institutions.

Q9 DEFENCE

The first BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise concluded in November 2026 at which location under the Andaman and Nicobar Command?

(a) Mumbai
(b) Kochi
(c) Sri Vijaya Puram
(d) Visakhapatnam

Ans: (c) Sri Vijaya Puram

- The first BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise concluded on 3 November 2026 at Sri Vijaya Puram under the Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- It involved naval ships from India, Myanmar and Sri Lanka, led by Commander-in-Chief Vice Admiral Vineet Mccarty.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (20 Nov 2025)
In June 2025, who took over as the 18th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command? Ans: Lt Gen Dinesh Singh Rana

Q10 SPORTS

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi was named captain of which state's team for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2026, beginning November 14?

(a) Delhi
(b) Jharkhand
(c) Bihar
(d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans: (c) Bihar

- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi was named captain of Bihar's team for the opening two matches of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2026.
- Suraj Kashyap was appointed vice-captain by the Bihar Cricket Association.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (14 Aug 2026)
Which cricket team defeated Haryana in the final to claim their maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy title in 2025? Ans: Jharkhand

Q11 NATIONAL

India concluded negotiations in November 2026 to associate with which EU flagship research and innovation programme, worth 93.5 billion euros?

(a) Erasmus+
(b) Horizon Europe
(c) European Innovation Council
(d) Digital Europe Programme

Ans: (b) Horizon Europe

- India concluded negotiations for association with Horizon Europe, the EU's 93.5 billion euro research and innovation programme, in November 2026.
- Association is expected to begin in January 2027, ahead of the India-EU trade deal signing.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (16 Mar 2026)
When was the India European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) signed, which came into effect on 1 October 2025? Ans: March 2024

Q12 APPOINTMENTS

Who became the first South Asian woman elected to the Illinois General Assembly, winning from the 84th District in the November 2026 US mid-term elections?

(a) Shamina Singh
(b) Pramila Jayapal
(c) Saba Haider
(d) Nikki Haley

Ans: (c) Saba Haider

- India-born Democrat Saba Haider won the Illinois House of Representatives seat from the 84th District with 70.9% votes in November 2026.
- She is the first South Asian woman elected to the Illinois General Assembly.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (25 Mar 2026)
Who made history in November 2025 as the first Muslim and South Asian American elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia? Ans: Ghazala Hashmi

Q13 NATIONAL

A November 2026 ICAR-CMFRI study comparing satellite images of 2017 and 2026 found an overall rise in mangrove cover in which state, despite a nearly 90% loss over five decades?

(a) Kerala
(b) Goa
(c) Tamil Nadu
(d) Karnataka

Ans: (a) Kerala

- The ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) study found Kerala's mangrove cover rose overall between 2017 and 2026.
- This came despite Kerala losing nearly 90% of its mangroves over the past five decades.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (29 Nov 2025)
As per the " EnviStats India 2024: Environment Accounts", the coverage of Mangroves has increased around ____ percent over the years 2013 to 2021. Ans: 8

Q14 SCIENCE & TECH

In November 2026, TRAI recommended a new licence allowing satellite companies to rent networks to telecom operators; what is this licence called?

(a) Universal Satellite Access Licence
(b) Satellite Communication Network (SCN) provider authorisation
(c) Direct-to-Device Service Licence
(d) National Satellite Operator Licence

Ans: (b) Satellite Communication Network (SCN) provider authorisation

- TRAI recommended the Satellite Communication Network (SCN) provider authorisation under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- It allows companies to build satellite ground networks and rent them to telecom operators like Jio and Airtel.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (25 Mar 2026)
Which of the following number series was prescribed by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 16 December 2025, for IRDAI-regulated entities to use for consumer service and transactional calls, to be implemented by 15 February 2026? Ans: 1600 series

Q15 AWARDS

Indian NGO REACH became the first Indian civil society organisation to win which global TB-fighting award in 2026?

(a) Stop TB Leadership Award
(b) Kochon Prize
(c) WHO Director-General's Award
(d) Gates Global Health Award

Ans: (b) Kochon Prize

- REACH, a TB-focused NGO, won the Kochon Prize 2026, becoming the first Indian civil society organisation to receive it.
- The prize is given by the Korean Kochon Foundation with the Stop TB Partnership.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (16 Jun 2026)
Which Indian non-profit organization became the first Indian to win the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2025? Ans: Educate Girls