Q1 TRENDING DEFENCE

In November 2026, an IAF IL-76MD aircraft made the world's highest-altitude landing at which Ladakh airbase?

(a) Thoise airbase
(b) Fukche airbase
(c) Mudh-Nyoma airbase
(d) Daulat Beg Oldi airbase

Ans: (c) Mudh-Nyoma airbase

- An IAF IL-76MD landed at Mudh-Nyoma airbase (13,629 feet) in Ladakh, the world's highest such landing.
- The airbase, 23 km from the LAC, was inaugurated in November 2025 by Air Chief Marshal AP Singh with a C-130J landing.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had laid its foundation stone in September 2023.

Q2 TRENDING DEFENCE

The IL-76MD 'Gajraj' aircraft that made the world's highest-altitude landing in November 2026 belongs to which air force fleet, and from which country was it originally acquired?

(a) Indian Navy, acquired from France
(b) Indian Army, acquired from Israel
(c) Indian Air Force, acquired from USA
(d) Indian Air Force, acquired from Russia/Soviet Union

Ans: (d) Indian Air Force, acquired from Russia/Soviet Union

- The IL-76MD 'Gajraj', a Soviet/Russian-origin heavy-lift aircraft, landed at Mudh-Nyoma airbase at 13,629 feet, its highest-altitude landing ever.
- India acquired 17 such aircraft between 1985 and 1989.
- It can carry 40-45 tonnes, including tanks and BMPs, and the IAF is pursuing the Medium Transport Aircraft programme to replace it.

Q3 NATIONAL

In November 2026, Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to which state police force in Dehradun?

(a) Uttar Pradesh Police
(b) Himachal Pradesh Police
(c) Punjab Police
(d) Uttarakhand Police

Ans: (d) Uttarakhand Police

- Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to Uttarakhand Police in Dehradun, making it the 16th force to receive this honour.
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami was present at the ceremony.
- Uttarakhand Police grew from 13,000 to over 26,000 personnel since the state's formation 25 years ago.

Q4 DEFENCE

The IAF's Software Development Institute signed an MoA with which institute in 2026 to develop an indigenous digital secure communication system for airborne platforms?

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

Ans: (b) IIT Madras

- IAF's Software Development Institute signed an MoA with IIT Madras and its IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation for indigenous digital communication systems.
- It was signed by SDI Commandant Air Vice Marshal Sarbjit Singh and foundation CEO Dr M.J. Shanker Raman.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (1 Sep 2025)
Which company signed a ₹1,220 crore deal for Software Defined Radios with Defence Ministry in February 2025? Ans: Bharat Electronics Limited

Q5 APPOINTMENTS

Which Indian diplomat was elected to the UN's Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the 2027-2029 term in November 2026?

(a) Vandana Gurnani
(b) Shivani Gupta
(c) Ruchira Kamboj
(d) Pratibha Mehta

Ans: (b) Shivani Gupta

- Indian diplomat Shivani Gupta was elected to the UN's ACABQ for the 2027-2029 term, beginning in January 2027.
- The ACABQ is a subsidiary organ of the UN General Assembly with 21 members.
- Members serve three-year terms to ensure accountability in utilising UN member states' contributions.

Q6 SCHEMES

Which state received a national award in November 2026 for its performance under the Renewable Energy State Assessment Framework (RE-SAF)?

(a) Tamil Nadu
(b) Karnataka
(c) Gujarat
(d) Rajasthan

Ans: (d) Rajasthan

- Rajasthan received the national award for outstanding performance under RE-SAF, given by Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan in New Delhi.
- RE-SAF was developed by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy with Power Finance Corporation.
- Rajasthan has 51.6 GW installed renewable capacity, including 45 GW solar power.

Q7 NATIONAL

The Ranivas Mound, declared a monument of national importance in November 2026, is located in which state?

(a) Jharkhand
(b) Bihar
(c) Uttar Pradesh
(d) West Bengal

Ans: (b) Bihar

- Ranivas Mound at Kesariya in East Champaran district, Bihar, was declared a monument of national importance by a Ministry of Culture gazette notification.
- It falls under the ASI's Patna Circle, one of the oldest regional circles.
- The notification was signed by ASI Director General Yadubir Singh Rawat.

Q8 NATIONAL

In November 2026, the Petroleum Ministry clarified that E20 petrol supplied by OMCs meets which Bureau of Indian Standards norm for ethanol-blended petrol?

(a) IS 13360
(b) IS 17021
(c) IS 1460
(d) IS 15842

Ans: (b) IS 17021

- The Petroleum Ministry confirmed E20 petrol conforms to BIS standard IS 17021 for ethanol-blended motor gasoline.
- This followed Karnataka's claims of 26-31% ethanol in some samples, which OMCs disputed.

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

Q9 NATIONAL

India concluded negotiations in November 2026 to associate with which EU research and innovation programme?

(a) Horizon Europe | (b) Creative Europe

(c) Erasmus+ | (d) Digital Europe

Ans: (a) Horizon Europe

- India concluded negotiations with the European Union for association with Horizon Europe, its flagship research and innovation programme.
- This follows the India-EU Summit held on 27 January 2026 and the Trade and Technology Council ministerial meeting on 15 July 2026 in Brussels.
- It supports India's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.

Q10 POLITY

CAQM implemented Stage-III of GRAP in Delhi-NCR in November 2026 after Delhi's AQI touched what level?

(a) 425 | (b) 302

(c) 382 | (d) 450

Ans: (c) 382

- CAQM imposed GRAP Stage-III after Delhi's daily average AQI reached 382, in the 'very poor' category, on 6 November 2026.
- IMD/IITM forecasts suggested AQI could reach 'severe' category in coming days.

> **Asked in exam: RRB Group D (20 Aug 2026)**
> Which government body issued the statutory direction for coordinated action plans to eliminate wheat stubble burning during the 2026 harvesting season? Ans: Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)

Q11 NATIONAL

The Ministry of Steel's Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM) 6, concluded in October 2026, aimed at promoting swachhata and efficiency in which sector?

(a) Railways | (b) Mines Ministry

(c) Steel Ministry and its CPSEs | (d) Coal Ministry

Ans: (c) Steel Ministry and its CPSEs

- The Ministry of Steel successfully conducted SCDPM 6 from 2 to 31 October 2026, involving the ministry and its central public sector enterprises.
- It aimed to streamline governance and resolve pending references from MPs, PMO, states and CPGRAMS. It aligns with the central government's broader administrative reforms and transparency goals.

Q12 SCIENCE & TECH

In November 2026, which state got the Northeast's first AI-enabled Career Intelligence Hub, inaugurated at Tamphasana Girls' Higher Secondary School?

(a) Manipur | (b) Mizoram

(c) Assam | (d) Tripura

Ans: (a) Manipur

- Manipur became the Northeast's first state to get an AI-enabled Career Intelligence Hub, inaugurated by Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh in Imphal.
- It was established under the MPLAD scheme to provide tech-driven career guidance to students.
- Imphal West and Pherzawl districts also achieved 'Surakshit' status under NACO's HIV initiative.

Q13 AWARDS

R. Nivetha won which award at the AFC Elite Youth Football Awards 2026?

(a) Youth Female Coach of the Year | (b) Youth Male Coach of the Year

(c) Technical Director of the Year | (d) Young Player of the Year

Ans: (a) Youth Female Coach of the Year

- R. Nivetha won the Youth Female Coach of the Year award at the AFC Elite Youth Football Awards 2026.
- She will receive it in Kuala Lumpur on 8-9 December alongside the AFC Women's Football Conference.

> **Asked in exam: SSC CPO Paper-1 (11 Dec 2025)**
> Who became the third Indian to win the Billie Jean King Cup Heart Award for the Asia/Oceania region in 2024? Ans: Shrivalli Bhamidipaty

Q14 SPORTS

Which all-Indian pair became the first to reach a WTA Tour-level doubles final, at the Chennai Open in November 2026?

(a) Vaishnavi Adkar and Rutuja Bhosale

(b) Ankita Raina and Karman Thandi

(c) Shikha Uberoi and Neha Uberoi

(d) Prarthna Thombare and Sania Mirza

Ans: (a) Vaishnavi Adkar and Rutuja Bhosale

- Vaishnavi Adkar and Rutuja Bhosale became the first all-Indian pair to reach a WTA Tour-level doubles final, at the Chennai Open.
- They beat second seeds Weronika Falkowska and Alana Smith 6-2, 2-6, 10-8 in the semifinal.
- Sania Mirza had won 43 doubles titles but never partnered an Indian in those triumphs.

Q15 SPORTS

Which Indian club became the first to reach the knockout stage of the AFC Women's Champions League, as confirmed in November 2026?

(a) Gokulam Kerala FC | (b) Sethu FC

(c) East Bengal FC | (d) Odisha FC

Ans: (c) East Bengal FC

- East Bengal FC became the first Indian team to reach the AFC Women's Champions League quarterfinals, despite a 0-2 group-stage loss to North Korea's April 25 SC. April 25 SC topped Group B with an all-win record of nine points.
- East Bengal advanced as one of the best third-placed teams across groups.

> **Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (11 Jun 2025)**
> What significant achievement did Mohun Bagan Super Giant accomplish by winning the ISL 2024-25 title? Ans: They became the second team to win both the ISL League Shield and ISL Cup in the same season.

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