

Q1 APPOINTMENTS

Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 30th meeting of which apex body in New Delhi in October 2026, which also discussed fintech, tokenisation and cybersecurity in finance?

- (a) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
- (b) Reserve Bank of India Board
- (c) Financial Stability and Development Council
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Ans: (c) Financial Stability and Development Council

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 30th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) in New Delhi in October 2026.
- The council discussed fintech innovation, tokenisation of assets and the financial sector cybersecurity strategy.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (13 Aug 2025)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired which edition of the Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 24 May 2025? Ans: 10th

Q2 APPOINTMENTS

Who was appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir in October 2026?

- (a) Ashwani Kumar Sharma
- (b) Sajjan Singh Yadav
- (c) Shaleen Kabra
- (d) Atal Dulloo

Ans: (b) Sajjan Singh Yadav

- Dr Sajjan Singh Yadav, a 1995-batch AGMUT cadre IAS officer, was appointed Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir effective November 1, 2026.
- He succeeded Atal Dulloo and previously served as Delhi Additional Chief Secretary and CEO of Delhi Jal Board.

Asked in exam: SSC GD (25 May 2026)

Who was appointed as the 50th Chief Secretary of Kerala in April 2025? Ans: A. Jayatilak

Q3 APPOINTMENTS

Who was given a one-year extension as Defence Secretary in October 2026, taking his tenure up to October 31, 2027?

- (a) Samir V Kamat
- (b) Rajesh Kumar Singh
- (c) Giridhar Aramane
- (d) Ajay Kumar

Ans: (b) Rajesh Kumar Singh

- Rajesh Kumar Singh, a 1989-batch Kerala-cadre IAS officer, got a one-year extension as Defence Secretary till October 31, 2027.
- He took charge as the 40th Defence Secretary on November 1, 2024, succeeding Giridhar Aramane.

Asked in exam: SSC CPO Paper-1 (10 Dec 2025)

Who was appointed as the Defence Secretary of India in November 2024? Ans: Rajesh Kumar Singh

Q4 APPOINTMENTS

Who, as ISRO Chairperson, clarified in October 2026 that ISRO will not be privatised, though some operations would be commercial?

- (a) V. Narayanan
- (b) S. Somanath
- (c) A.S. Kiran Kumar
- (d) K. Sivan

Ans: (a) V. Narayanan

- V. Narayanan, Secretary of the Department of Space and ISRO Chairperson, said ISRO will not be privatised.
- He noted the Indian Space Policy 2023 encourages private sector participation, and Chandrayaan-4 is planned for 2028.

Asked in exam: SSC CGL Tier-1 (14 Sep 2025)

Following a significant change in leadership at India's premier space agency, which distinguished scientist was appointed as the new Chairman of ISRO and Secretary of the Department of Space in January 2025, succeeding S. Somanath? Ans: V. Narayanan

Q5 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?

- (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

Q6 APPOINTMENTS

The Election Commission appointed 11 nodal officers in October 2026 for the 2027 Assembly elections in which northeastern state?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Tripura
- (d) Manipur

Ans: (d) Manipur

- The Election Commission appointed 11 nodal officers for the Manipur Assembly elections likely in February-March 2027.
- IPS officer Kamei Angam Romanus was named nodal officer for law and order and security.
- IAS officer Hungyo Worshang was given charge of excise-related arrangements.

Q7 APPOINTMENTS

In the Jammu and Kashmir cabinet reshuffle of October 2026, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah handed over the Finance Department, earlier held by himself, to which minister?

- (a) Ali Mohammad Sagar
- (b) Surinder Choudhary
- (c) Javed Ahmad Dar
- (d) Sakina Itoo

Ans: (c) Javed Ahmad Dar

- Javed Ahmad Dar was given charge of the Finance Department along with Mining and Cooperatives in the October 2026 reshuffle.
- Ali Mohammad Sagar got Revenue and Power Development.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (18 Jun 2025)

In the 2024 Jammu & Kashmir Assembly elections, from which constituency did the current Chief Minister of J&K contest, and which party does he/she represent? Ans: Ganderbal, Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC)

Q8 APPOINTMENTS

Who chaired the 93rd General Council meeting of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) held in New Delhi?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) Nirmala Sitharaman

Ans: (a) Amit Shah

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah chaired the 93rd NCDC General Council meeting in New Delhi.
- He highlighted NCDC's presence in all states and union territories, including Ladakh.

Asked in exam: SSC GD (7 May 2026)

The Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation unveiled the National Cooperation Policy 2025 in New Delhi in ____ 2025. Ans: July

Q9 APPOINTMENTS

Christine Lagarde announced she will resign as President of which institution on 7 February, nine months before her term ends in October 2027?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) European Central Bank
- (c) International Monetary Fund
- (d) Bank for International Settlements

Ans: (b) European Central Bank

- Christine Lagarde will resign as European Central Bank President on 7 February, ahead of her term ending October 2027.
- She previously headed the International Monetary Fund before succeeding Mario Draghi at the ECB in 2011.
- Klaas Knot and Pablo Hernandez de Cos are reported contenders to succeed her.

Q10 APPOINTMENTS

Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Vaalia was appointed as the Vice Chief of Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force with effect from which date?

- (a) 31 October 2026
- (b) 1 November 2026
- (c) 15 November 2026
- (d) 1 October 2026

Ans: (b) 1 November 2026

- Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Vaalia became Vice Chief of Air Staff from 1 November 2026.
- He was earlier Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (11 Aug 2025)

In May 2025, who took charge as the new Vice Chief of the Air Staff? Ans: Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari

Q11 APPOINTMENTS

Which two prominent sports personalities were nominated as directors on the board of the 2030 Commonwealth Games Organising Company, hosted by Ahmedabad?

- (a) Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid
- (b) Abhinav Bindra and Saina Nehwal
- (c) PT Usha and Sachin Tendulkar
- (d) Mary Kom and Sunil Chhetri

Ans: (a) Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid

- Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid were nominated as directors on the 2030 Commonwealth Games Organising Company board.
- The 2030 Games, the centenary edition, will be held in Ahmedabad.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (15 Jun 2026)

Which of the following was officially named the Host City for the 2030 Centenary edition, following approval at the 2025 Commonwealth Sport General Assembly in Glasgow (UK)? Ans: Ahmedabad

Q12 TRENDING SPORTS

At the Asian Para Games, who won the gold medal in the men's singles SL3 badminton event, congratulated by PM Narendra Modi?

- (a) Pramod Bhagat
- (b) Suhas Yathiraj
- (c) Krishna Nagar
- (d) Nitesh Kumar

Ans: (d) Nitesh Kumar

- Nitesh Kumar won gold in men's singles SL3 badminton at the Asian Para Games, with Pramod Bhagat taking silver.
- Both are Padma Shri awardee Paralympic champions in para-badminton.

Asked in exam: SSC Selection Post (30 Jul 2025)

What major accomplishment by Satwik and Chirag in 2023 earned them the prestigious Khel Ratna Award? Ans: Winning the gold medal at the Asian Games

Q13 TRENDING SPORTS

The 2026 Asian Para Games, where India's medal tally crossed 100, were held in which city?

- (a) Jakarta (b) Hangzhou
(c) Nagoya (d) Incheon

Ans: (c) Nagoya

- The 2026 Asian Para Games were held in Nagoya, Japan, from October 18 to 24, 2026.
- China topped the medal table with the highest tally.

Asked in exam: SSC CGL Tier-1 (17 Sep 2025)

. Who won India's first Paralympic medals in the women's 200m T12 and men's javelin throw F41 events at Paris 2024? Ans: Simran (bronze, 200m T12) and Navdeep Singh (gold, javelin F41)

Q14 SPORTS

India finished the 2026 Asian Para Games in Nagoya with its best-ever medal tally of how many medals?

- (a) 114 medals (b) 107 medals
(c) 111 medals (d) 108 medals

Ans: (a) 114 medals

- India ended the 2026 Asian Para Games with a record 114 medals (30 gold, 35 silver, 49 bronze), finishing fourth.
- This surpassed the 2023 Hangzhou tally of 108 medals after doping-related deductions.

Asked in exam: SSC CGL Tier-1 (17 Sep 2025)

. Who won India's first Paralympic medals in the women's 200m T12 and men's javelin throw F41 events at Paris 2024? Ans: Simran (bronze, 200m T12) and Navdeep Singh (gold, javelin F41)

Q15 SPORTS

India won its first mixed doubles medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championships in 72 years in October 2026, with which pair reaching the semifinals in Tashkent?

- (a) Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula
(b) Harmeet Desai and Yashaswini Ghorpade
(c) Sathiyen Gnanasekaran and Manika Batra
(d) Achanta Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra

Ans: (b) Harmeet Desai and Yashaswini Ghorpade

- Harmeet Desai and Yashaswini Ghorpade reached the semifinals of the Asian Table Tennis Championships in Tashkent in October 2026.
- This secured India's first mixed doubles medal at the event in 72 years, since 1954.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (22 Mar 2026)

Which of the following teams secured the table tennis ITTF Mixed Team World Cup title in December 2025 after emerging victorious in the final at Chengdu? Ans: People's Republic of China

Q16 SPORTS

Pankaj Advani won his 29th career world title in October 2026 by winning the World Billiards Championship in which city, defeating England's Rob Hall?

- (a) London (b) Birmingham
(c) Leeds (d) Manchester

Ans: (b) Birmingham

- Pankaj Advani won the WBL World Billiards Championship 2026 in Birmingham, defeating England's Rob Hall in the final.
- This was his 29th career world title in cue sports.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (19 Aug 2025)

Which Indian Billiard player won his 28th World Billiards Title at IBSF World Billiards Championship in Doha, Qatar in November 2024? Ans: Pankaj Advani

Q17 TRENDING SPORTS

India swept all three medals in men's javelin throw at the Asian Para Games in October 2026; who won the gold medal?

- (a) Sandip Sanjay Sargar (b) Sumit
(c) Mahendra Gurjar (d) Devendra Jhajharia

Ans: (b) Sumit

- Sumit won gold in men's javelin throw at the Asian Para Games, with India sweeping all three medals.
- Mahendra Gurjar took silver with a Games record, and Sandip Sanjay Sargar won bronze, also with a Games record.

Asked in exam: SSC CGL Tier-1 (17 Sep 2025)

. Who won India's first Paralympic medals in the women's 200m T12 and men's javelin throw F41 events at Paris 2024? Ans: Simran (bronze, 200m T12) and Navdeep Singh (gold, javelin F41)

Q18 TRENDING SPORTS

P.V. Sindhu reached the final of the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament in October 2026 after beating which player?

- (a) An Se Young (b) Wang Zhi Yi
(c) Hina Akechi (d) Putri Kusuma Wardani

Ans: (c) Hina Akechi

- P.V. Sindhu beat Japan's Hina Akechi 21-10, 20-22, 21-16 to reach the French Open final in October 2026.
- She will face Korea's world No.
- 1 An Se Young in the final.

Q19 **TRENDING** **SPORTS**

With a record medal tally, which multi-sport event concluded in 2026 giving India its best-ever performance with 114 medals, as praised by PM Modi?

- (a) World Para Athletics Championships 2026
- (b) Asian Para Games 2026
- (c) Commonwealth Games 2026
- (d) Asian Games 2026

Ans: (b) Asian Para Games 2026

- India won a record 114 medals at the Asian Para Games 2026, its best-ever performance at the Games.
- PM Narendra Modi congratulated the contingent for this historic achievement.
- The Asian Para Games are organised by the Asian Paralympic Committee for athletes with disabilities.

Q20 **TRENDING** **SPORTS**

An Se Young of South Korea defeated P.V. Sindhu in the final to win which badminton title in October 2026, her 11th crown of the season?

- (a) Indonesia Open
- (b) All England Open
- (c) French Open Super 750
- (d) China Open

Ans: (c) French Open Super 750

- An Se Young beat P.V. Sindhu 21-16, 11-21, 12-21 to win the French Open Super 750 in Paris in October 2026.
- This was her fourth French Open title and 11th crown of the season.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (13 Aug 2026)

Which player won the 2026 Australian Open women's singles title, claiming her second Grand Slam—her first being Wimbledon 2022? Ans: Elena Rybakina

Q21 **SPORTS**

In October 2026, India became the first men's team in T20I history to reach how many outright wins, achieved during their series against New Zealand?

- (a) 250
- (b) 150
- (c) 200
- (d) 300

Ans: (c) 200

- India became the first men's team to register 200 outright T20I wins, achieved against New Zealand in October 2026.
- This was also India's 300th T20I, a milestone matched only by Pakistan.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (18 Aug 2026)

In which of the following Indian cities was the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 played, where India defeated New Zealand to become the first team to win three titles? Ans: Ahmedabad

Q22 **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?

- (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

Q23 **TRENDING** **SPORTS**

Abhishek Sharma reclaimed the top spot in ICC T20I batting rankings in October 2026 after scoring a century against New Zealand, surpassing Virat Kohli's record of how many T20I centuries by an Indian?

- (a) 11 centuries
- (b) 9 centuries
- (c) 10 centuries
- (d) 8 centuries

Ans: (c) 10 centuries

- Abhishek Sharma surpassed Virat Kohli's 10 T20I centuries to become the Indian with most centuries in the format, reaching 11.
- He scored a century in 35 balls against New Zealand in Wellington in October 2026.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (18 Aug 2025)

Who among the following created history by scoring 9000 runs in T20 in May 2025? Ans: Virat Kohli

Q24 **AWARDS**

Footballer Neymar was given a two-match ban in October 2026 for violating Brazil's law named after which player, who had earlier accused an opponent of covering his mouth during racial abuse?

- (a) Vinicius Junior
- (b) Richarlison
- (c) Casemiro
- (d) Rodrigo Nestor

Ans: (a) Vinicius Junior

- Neymar was banned for violating the 'Vinicius Law', named after his Brazil teammate Vinicius Junior.
- The law bans players from covering their mouths while arguing with opponents.
- The incident occurred during a Brazilian Championship match between Santos and Bahia.

Q25 SPORTS

At the WPL 2026 mini-auction in October 2026, which Australian all-rounder became the costliest buy at Rs 1.10 crore, going to UP Warriorz?

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| (a) Jess Jonassen | (b) Grace Harris |
| (c) Kathryn Bryce | (d) Sophie Molineux |

Ans: (d) Sophie Molineux

- Sophie Molineux was bought by UP Warriorz for Rs 1.10 crore, the highest price in the WPL 2026 mini-auction.
- She had earlier led Australia to the T20 World Cup title in England.
- The auction was held at Hyatt's Vembanad Hall, Kochi.

Q26 SPORTS

Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, who usually competes in 49kg, moved up to which weight category for the World Weightlifting Championships in Ningbo, China, in October 2026?

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| (a) 51kg | (b) 53kg |
| (c) 59kg | (d) 55kg |

Ans: (b) 53kg

- Mirabai Chanu competed in the 53kg category at the World Weightlifting Championships in Ningbo, China, in October 2026.
- She shifted up as 53kg became the minimum Olympic weight category for women for Los Angeles 2028.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (20 Aug 2026)

In February 2026, Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu broke three national records after returning to competition. In which women's weight category did she achieve this feat? Ans: 48 kg

Q27 SPORTS

At the 2026 World Wrestling Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan, Manisha Bhanwala reached the final of which weight category, putting her on course to become India's first women's world wrestling champion?

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| (a) 62 kg | (b) 59 kg |
| (c) 57 kg | (d) 65 kg |

Ans: (b) 59 kg

- Manisha Bhanwala reached the 59 kg final at the 2026 World Wrestling Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- She defeated home favourite Altyn Shagayeva in the semi-final to set up the title bout.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (20 Aug 2026)

In February 2026, Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu broke three national records after returning to competition. In which women's weight category did she achieve this feat? Ans: 48 kg

Q28 SPORTS

Tanu Sharma won India's first-ever World Wrestling Championships medal in which weight category at the 2026 Championships in Astana?

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| (a) 72 kg | (b) 68 kg |
| (c) 76 kg | (d) 50 kg |

Ans: (a) 72 kg

- Tanu Sharma won bronze in the 72 kg category, India's first-ever Worlds medal in that weight, at Astana 2026.
- She defeated USA's Precious Bell 9-5 in the bronze medal bout.

Asked in exam: SSC CGL Tier-1 (23 Sep 2025)

Who won a bronze medal in wrestling at the 2024 Paris Olympics, becoming India's youngest-ever individual Olympic medallist? Ans: Aman Sehrawat

Q29 SPORTS

At the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament held in Jalandhar in October 2026, India defeated China by what scoreline?

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|---------|---------|
| (a) 4-1 | (b) 3-2 |
| (c) 5-2 | (d) 6-1 |

Ans: (c) 5-2

- India defeated China 5-2 in the Asian Champions Trophy hockey match at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium, Jalandhar, in October 2026.
- Sukhjeet Singh scored twice, while Harmanpreet Singh netted two penalty corner goals.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (20 Nov 2025)

Harmanpreet Singh has been awarded the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2024. He is associated with which sport? Ans: Hockey

Q30 SPORTS

Who was India's hockey team captain that scored twice via penalty corners in the 5-2 win over China at the Asian Champions Trophy 2026 in Jalandhar?

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| (a) Sukhjeet Singh | (b) Mandeep Singh |
| (c) Jugraj Singh | (d) Harmanpreet Singh |

Ans: (d) Harmanpreet Singh

- Captain Harmanpreet Singh scored twice from penalty corners in India's 5-2 win over China at Jalandhar.
- Sukhjeet Singh also scored a brace, and Jugraj Singh added one goal.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (22 Mar 2026)

The Indian men's hockey team clinched the Asia Cup 2025 title by overcoming which of the following teams 4 - 1 in the final held at the Rajgir Sports Complex in Bihar? Ans: Republic of Korea

Q31 TRENDING SPORTS

Manisha Bhanwala became the first Indian woman to win gold at the World Wrestling Championships 2026 in Astana, in which weight category?

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|-----------|-----------|
| (a) 59 kg | (b) 57 kg |
| (c) 65 kg | (d) 62 kg |

Ans: (a) 59 kg

- Manisha Bhanwala won the 59kg gold at the World Wrestling Championships 2026 in Astana, beating USA's Abigail Elizabeth Nette 8-6.
- She became the second Indian after Sushil Kumar, who won in 2010 in Moscow, to be a World champion.

Asked in exam: SSC Selection Post (31 Jul 2025)

Who became the youngest undisputed World Chess Champion in history by defeating Ding Liren in 2024? Ans: D. Gukesh

Q32 SPORTS

The SAFF Championship 2026, where defending champions India began their campaign against Pakistan, is being hosted in which city from 5 to 17 November 2026?

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| (a) Dhaka | (b) Kathmandu |
| (c) Colombo | (d) Thimphu |

Ans: (a) Dhaka

- The SAFF Championship 2026 is being held in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 5 to 17 November 2026.
- India are defending champions, having won the 2023 edition in Bengaluru, and are chasing a record-extending 10th title.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (12 Aug 2025)

What was the name of stadium where India beat Bangladesh in South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-19 Championship 2025? Ans: Yupia Outdoor Stadium, Arunachal Pradesh

Q33 AWARDS

The Assam government's inaugural Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika National Award, to be presented by PM Modi in November 2026, will be given to which singer?

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| (a) Lata Mangeskar | (b) Asha Bhosle |
| (c) Usha Mangeskar | (d) Kavita Krishnamurthy |

Ans: (c) Usha Mangeskar

- Usha Mangeskar will receive the inaugural Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika National Award at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, in November 2026.
- The award, instituted by the Assam cabinet, carries a cash prize of ten lakh rupees and a citation.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (24 Mar 2026)

Which award is recognized as the highest honour in Indian cinema, presented to Mohanlal in September 2025? Ans: Dadasaheb Phalke Award

Q34 AWARDS

Which Indian physicist, a professor at the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences Bengaluru, became the first Indian to win the Oskar Klein medal, announced in October 2026?

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| (a) Ashoke Sen | (b) Jainendra Jain |
| (c) C.N.R. Rao | (d) Deepak Dhar |

Ans: (a) Ashoke Sen

- Ashoke Sen became the first Indian to win the Oskar Klein medal, awarded by Stockholm University and the Nobel Committee for Physics since 1988.
- He is known for pioneering work on string theory and S-duality.
- Sen has earlier won the Dirac medal and the Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics.

Q35 AWARDS

Pavani Pasumarthi, a Carnatic music faculty member at Acharya Nagarjuna University, received which award from the Sangeet Natak Akademi in October 2026 for her contribution to Kuchipudi music?

- (a) Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship
- (b) Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar
- (c) Padma Shri
- (d) Tagore Ratna Award

Ans: (b) Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar

- Pavani Pasumarthi received the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar from the Sangeet Natak Akademi in October 2026.
- Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat presented the award at Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (17 Jun 2025)

Kumudini Rajnikant Lakhia was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan in 2025 for her contribution in which field? Ans: Arts

Q36 AWARDS

Who became the first Indian physicist to receive the Oskar Klein Medal 2026, awarded by Stockholm University?

- (a) Thanu Padmanabhan
- (b) Ashoke Sen
- (c) Rajesh Gopakumar
- (d) C.N.R. Rao

Ans: (b) Ashoke Sen

- Ashoke Sen, ICTS-Infosys Madhava Chair Professor, became the first Indian physicist to win the Oskar Klein Medal 2026.
- He is known for work on S-duality, black hole entropy counting and string field theory.
- He earlier won the Breakthrough Prize (2012), Dirac Medal (2014), Padma Bhushan (2013) and Padma Shri (2001).

Q37 AWARDS

Theoretical physicist Ashoke Sen became the first Indian to win which award in 2026, given by Stockholm University and the Nobel Committee for Physics?

- (a) Wolf Prize in Physics
- (b) Dirac Medal
- (c) Oskar Klein Medal
- (d) Fields Medal

Ans: (c) Oskar Klein Medal

- Ashoke Sen won the 2026 Oskar Klein Medal, becoming the first Indian laureate of this honour.
- It is awarded by Stockholm University and the Nobel Committee for Physics, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

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

Q38 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?

- (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.

Q39 AWARDS

The Department of Posts released a special commemorative stamp sheet in October 2026 to create awareness about which health issue?

- (a) Diabetes
- (b) Tuberculosis
- (c) Cervical cancer
- (d) Breast cancer

Ans: (d) Breast cancer

- The Department of Posts released two commemorative stamps on breast cancer awareness at Dak Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The release was done by Director General of Postal Services Manisha Sinha with Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava.
- India records about two lakh new breast cancer cases every year.

Q40 NATIONAL

Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the corporate office of India's first dedicated maritime NBFC in New Delhi in October 2026. What is this company called?

- (a) India Infrastructure Finance Company
- (b) Shipping Corporation of India
- (c) Maritime Development Fund
- (d) Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited

Ans: (d) Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the corporate office of Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL), India's first dedicated maritime NBFC, in October 2026.
- By September 2026, it had approved financing of 11,563 crore rupees.
- SMFCL aims to support Prime Minister Modi's Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

Q41 NATIONAL

Which noted film editor was named chairperson of the newly formed Society of Indian Screen Editors (SISE) in October 2026?

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| (a) Namrata Rao | (b) Aarti Bajaj |
| (c) Bina Paul | (d) Sreekar Prasad |

Ans: (c) Bina Paul

- Bina Paul was named chairperson of the newly formed Society of Indian Screen Editors (SISE) in October 2026.
- The society brings together film editors across languages and generations to promote the craft of editing.
- Members will use 'SISE' as a suffix to their names in film credits.

Q42 SCHEMES

Under which mission did the Union Agriculture Ministry create 11 crore unique digital identity cards for farmers by October 2026, ahead of the March 2027 deadline?

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| (a) PM-Kisan Scheme |
| (b) Agri Stack Yojana |
| (c) National e-Governance Plan |
| (d) Digital Agriculture Mission |

Ans: (d) Digital Agriculture Mission

- The Digital Agriculture Mission, implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, created 11 crore Farmer IDs.
- The milestone was achieved five months ahead of the March 31, 2027 deadline, announced by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- Farmer IDs aim to ease access to schemes, credit, crop insurance and disaster relief.

Q43 NATIONAL

In October 2026, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the Satna-Devendra Nagar and Rewa-Churhat rail sections in which state, strengthening Vindhya and Bundelkhand connectivity?

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Bihar | (b) Chhattisgarh |
| (c) Uttar Pradesh | (d) Madhya Pradesh |

Ans: (d) Madhya Pradesh

- The Satna-Devendra Nagar (53 km) and Rewa-Churhat (65 km) rail sections were inaugurated in Madhya Pradesh in October 2026.
- They are part of the Lalitpur-Singrauli new rail line project connecting Vindhya and Bundelkhand regions.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (8 May 2026)

Which city's metro rail system's first phase was inaugurated on 6 October 2025, making it the 24th Indian city with a functional metro? Ans: Patna

Q44 SCHEMES

Bihar Integrated Manufacturing City Gaya Limited (BIMCGL), launched in October 2026, is being developed as part of which industrial corridor?

- | |
|---|
| (a) Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor |
| (b) Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor |
| (c) Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor |
| (d) Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor |

Ans: (a) Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor

- Bihar Integrated Manufacturing City Gaya Limited (BIMCGL) is being developed under the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor as part of the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme.
- Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary launched it at Bodh Gaya along with the Bihar Business Connect 2027 curtain raiser.
- The project spans 1,670 acres in Gaya district's Dobhi block, approved on August 28, 2024.

Q45 SCHEMES

In October 2026, the Centre approved railway connectivity to nine seaports and backed a semiconductor hub push for which state, following talks between Ashwini Vaishnaw and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu?

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| (a) Telangana | (b) Tamil Nadu |
| (c) Andhra Pradesh | (d) Odisha |

Ans: (c) Andhra Pradesh

- The Centre backed Andhra Pradesh's semiconductor design and manufacturing push and approved railway connectivity for nine seaports.
- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw also agreed to a Vande Bharat sleeper train between Visakhapatnam and Bengaluru via Tirupati.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (13 Nov 2025)

Who took oath as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in June 2024? Ans: N. Chandrababu Naidu

Q46 SCIENCE & TECH

NCERT released a 20-hour introductory module on Computational Thinking and AI for which classes in October 2026, covering topics like deepfakes and the DPDP Act, 2023?

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Classes 9 to 12 | (b) Classes 3 to 5 |
| (c) Classes 6 to 8 | (d) Classes 11 to 12 only |

Ans: (a) Classes 9 to 12

- NCERT released a 20-hour activity-based module on Computational Thinking and AI for Classes 9 to 12 in October 2026.
- It was developed with faculty from IIT Madras and IIT Jodhpur, aligned with NEP 2020.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (25 Nov 2025)

The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) completed its 5 years in ____ 2025. Ans: July

Q47 SCIENCE & TECH

Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated the world's first integrated 'Air Pollution Analysis' facility for Delhi-NCR in October 2026, known by which acronym?

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| (a) CAQM-AI | (b) AQMS |
| (c) AATAL | (d) SAFAR |

Ans: (c) AATAL

- AATAL (Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory) was inaugurated by Union Minister Jitendra Singh as the world's first such integrated facility for Delhi-NCR. It was set up under Mission Mausam at IIT Madras's Delhi branch of IITM. It integrates with AirViz, which gives 72-hour air-quality forecasts at 400-metre resolution.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (19 Aug 2026)

What significant air quality milestone did Delhi-NCR achieve in 2025 by November? Ans: Best average AQI in eight years

Q48 NATIONAL

The Indian Army will train 'Civil Defence Master Trainers' from how many States and Union Territories in the first phase announced in October 2026?

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| (a) 12 | (b) 8 |
| (c) 15 | (d) 10 |

Ans: (a) 12

- The Indian Army will train 600 Civil Defence Master Trainers (50 each) from 12 States and UTs by the second week of November 2026.
- This is under the Civil Defence Network announced by Prime Minister Modi in August 2026.

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

When was 'Operation Shield' conducted across India's border states and union territories? Ans: 31 May 2025

Q49 NATIONAL

Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, the second fair in a series organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, was held in October 2026 in which city?

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| (a) Imphal | (b) Guwahati |
| (c) Bhubaneswar | (d) Mysuru |

Ans: (b) Guwahati

- The eight-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 was held in Guwahati, Assam, concluding on 28 October 2026.
- It is the second fair under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's series after Mysuru hosted the first edition.
- The mela supports artisans linked to NSFDC, NSKFC and NBCFDC, promoting the Bharat-TULIP initiative.

Q50 NATIONAL

In October 2026, PM Modi inaugurated RBI's new Data Centre and Cyber Security Training Institute in which city?

- | | |
|------------|-----------------|
| (a) Raipur | (b) Patna |
| (c) Bhopal | (d) Bhubaneswar |

Ans: (d) Bhubaneswar

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Reserve Bank of India's new Data Centre and Cyber Security Training Institute in Bhubaneswar, Odisha in October 2026.
- He highlighted India's financial inclusion journey, citing nearly 60 crore Jan Dhan accounts opened.

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

Financial Inclusion Index 2025 was released by _____. Ans: Reserve Bank of India

Q51 NATIONAL

In October 2026, the Enforcement Directorate froze over 1,400 bank accounts while busting a cross-border 'narco-hawala' network linked to which neighbouring country?

- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| (a) Bhutan | (b) Nepal |
| (c) Bangladesh | (d) Myanmar |

Ans: (d) Myanmar

- The ED froze 1,424 bank accounts in Manipur and Mizoram, exposing a narco-hawala network sending drug proceeds to suppliers in Myanmar.
- Operations were conducted under PMLA Section 17(1A) in October 2026.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (22 Aug 2025)

China deployed a sophisticated Large Phased Array Radar (LPR) system near the _____ raising concerns over increased surveillance capabilities. Ans: India-Myanmar border

Q52 NATIONAL

At the Second National Urban Conclave in 2026, which NITI Aayog member stressed that cities cannot be run from state capitals and called for empowered mayors?

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Rajiv Gauba | (b) Arvind Virmani |
| (c) V.K. Saraswat | (d) Suman Bery |

Ans: (a) Rajiv Gauba

- NITI Aayog member Rajiv Gauba made the remarks at the Second National Urban Conclave in 2026, advocating directly elected mayors with five-year terms.
- He cited the NITI Aayog-Ministry of Housing report 'Moving Towards Effective City Governance'.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (17 Aug 2026)

Which policy think tank and administrative body of the Government of India was in the news in May 2026 for launching the Central Prabhari Officer (CPO) Portal to strengthen real-time governance and last-mile delivery in Aspirational Districts and Blocks? Ans: NITI Aayog

Q53 SCHEMES

In October 2026, PM Modi inaugurated Arvind Limited's first manufacturing plant, built at a cost of around Rs 150 crore, in which city under the theme 'Apna Hunar, Apni Pehchan'?

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| (a) Kanpur | (b) Agra |
| (c) Varanasi | (d) Lucknow |

Ans: (c) Varanasi

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Arvind Limited's first manufacturing plant in Khojwan, Mirzamurad, Varanasi, built at a cost of around Rs 150 crore.
- The facility, under the theme 'Apna Hunar, Apni Pehchan', prioritises employment for local women.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (21 Aug 2026)

In which state did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate Kaynes Semicon Plant in March 2026 to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem? Ans: Gujarat

Q54 TRENDING NATIONAL

Air India Group and IndiGo announced in October 2026 that they will gradually shift West Asia-bound flights from Mumbai's CSMIA to which new airport?

- | |
|---------------------------------------|
| (a) Navi Mumbai International Airport |
| (b) Pune International Airport |
| (c) Shirdi Airport |
| (d) Jewar International Airport |

Ans: (a) Navi Mumbai International Airport

- Air India Group and IndiGo will shift flights from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport to Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), operated by Adani Airports.
- This is to free up space for Terminal 1's redevelopment at CSMIA, expected by 2030.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (9 May 2026)

Which company announced in 2025 that it plans to invest US\$15 billion for the expansion of airports in India by 2030? Ans: Adani Group

Q55 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?

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| (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.

Q56 SCHEMES

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

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| (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

Q57 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?

- (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

Q58 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?

- (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

Q59 NATIONAL

Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the CBSE Anubhav Kendra in October 2026 at which location in New Delhi?

- (a) Pragati Maidan (b) Rohini
(c) Dwarka (d) Saket

Ans: (c) Dwarka

- The CBSE Anubhav Kendra was inaugurated at the CBSE Integrated Complex in Dwarka, New Delhi.
- It is designed in line with the National Education Policy 2020's focus on experiential and holistic learning.
- The centre spans 6,000 square feet with 12 zones and 21 exhibits, including a film on the history of education.

Q60 NATIONAL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026 at which venue in New Delhi?

- (a) Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium
(b) Bharat Mandapam
(c) Vigyan Bhawan
(d) Pragati Maidan

Ans: (b) Bharat Mandapam

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated ESTIC 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- He highlighted that India's indigenous 500 MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor achieved first criticality recently.

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

Q61 TRENDING SPACE

ISRO's navigation satellite NVS-03, launched from Sriharikota in October 2026, was launched aboard which vehicle?

- (a) GSLV-F18 (b) PSLV-C59
(c) LVM3-M4 (d) GSLV-F15

Ans: (a) GSLV-F18

- NVS-03 was launched aboard GSLV-F18 from Sriharikota in October 2026, carrying an indigenous atomic clock.
- It is the third satellite in the next-generation IRNSS navigation series, following the failed NVS-02 launch on GSLV-F15 in January 2025.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (18 Jun 2025)

Which mission, launched by ISRO in January 2025, carried the NVS-02 navigation satellite? Ans: GSLV-F15

Q62 SCHEMES

The Union Cabinet approved the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS) in October 2026 with an outlay of how much, to boost India's container manufacturing capacity?

- (a) Rs 15,000 crore (b) Rs 20,000 crore
(c) Rs 10,000 crore (d) Rs 5,000 crore

Ans: (c) Rs 10,000 crore

- The Cabinet approved the Rs 10,000 crore Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme in October 2026.
- It aims to raise India's annual container manufacturing capacity from about 70,000 TEU to 7.5 lakh TEU. The scheme runs from FY 2027-28 to FY 2039-40 under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways led by Sarbananda Sonowal.

Q63 NATIONAL

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) revised the MRP of 543 branded anti-cancer drugs, effective from which date in November 2026?

- (a) 17 November 2026 (b) 2 November 2026
(c) 27 November 2026 (d) 9 November 2026

Ans: (d) 9 November 2026

- NPPA's revised MRPs for 543 anti-cancer drug brands became effective from 9 November 2026.
- NPPA functions under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- The move followed NPPA's October 2026 trade margin rationalisation of 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs.

Q64 SCHEMES

Ahead of Diwali 2026, the Centre approved a hike in Dearness Allowance for central government employees, raising it from 60% to what percentage of basic pay, effective 1 July 2026?

- (a) 61% (b) 63%
(c) 64% (d) 62%

Ans: (b) 63%

- The Centre raised Dearness Allowance from 60% to 63% of basic pay, effective 1 July 2026, announced by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- The hike benefits about 48 lakh employees and 68 lakh pensioners, costing Rs 10,016 crore annually.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (19 Nov 2025)

Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), launched in ____ by the Ministry of Finance, offers an alternative to the New Pension System for central government employees. Ans: August 2024

Q65 TRENDING SCHEMES

On 30 October 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 24th instalment of PM-KISAN from Banaskantha, Gujarat, transferring over how much money to more than 9.34 crore farmers?

- (a) ₹16,000 crore (b) ₹21,500 crore
(c) ₹18,690 crore (d) ₹12,000 crore

Ans: (c) ₹18,690 crore

- The 24th PM-KISAN instalment transferred over ₹18,690 crore to more than 9.34 crore farmers on 30 October 2026.
- It was released from Banaskantha, Gujarat, alongside dedication of 521 Agriculture Infrastructure Fund units.
- PM-KISAN gives eligible farmer families ₹6,000 per year via direct benefit transfer.

Q66 NATIONAL

The Panchayati Raj Ministry held a national workshop on Jan Yojana Abhiyan 2026-27 in New Delhi, inaugurated by which Union Minister?

- (a) Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh)
(b) Nitin Gadkari
(c) Giriraj Singh
(d) Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Ans: (a) Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh)

- Union Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, also known as Lalan Singh, inaugurated the workshop on 30 October 2026.
- Jan Yojana Abhiyan 2026-27 began on 2 October 2026 with the theme 'Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas'.

Asked in exam: RRB JE CBT-1 (18 Dec 2024)

Who among the following was appointed as the Union Minister of Panchayati Raj in June 2024? Ans: Rajiv Ranjan Singh

Q67 TRENDING SPACE

ISRO's GSLV-F18 successfully launched which navigation satellite from Sriharikota on 30 October 2026, restoring NavIC to minimum operational configuration?

- (a) EOS-05 (b) NVS-03
(c) NVS-02 (d) IRNSS-1F

Ans: (b) NVS-03

- NVS-03, the third next-generation navigation satellite, was launched by GSLV-F18 on 30 October 2026.
- It carries an indigenous atomic clock and restored NavIC to four operational satellites.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (18 Jun 2025)

Which mission, launched by ISRO in January 2025, carried the NVS-02 navigation satellite? Ans: GSLV-F15

Q68 NATIONAL

President Droupadi Murmu attended the Hirak Jayanti celebrations marking 60 years of which state's formation, on 1 November 2026 at Kurukshetra?

- (a) Uttarakhand (b) Himachal Pradesh
(c) Punjab (d) Haryana

Ans: (d) Haryana

- President Droupadi Murmu attended Haryana's Hirak Jayanti marking 60 years of statehood on 1 November 2026 at Kurukshetra.
- She also attended the centenary celebration of Swami Shraddhanand's sacrifice at Gurukul Kurukshetra.
- On 31 October she attended the Simhashta Maha Kumbh flag hoisting in Nashik, Maharashtra.

Q69 SCHEMES

Who has been appointed Chairman of the High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat, announced in the Union Budget 2026-27?

- (a) Shaktikanta Das (b) N. S. Vishwanathan
(c) Padmaja Chunduru (d) Suresh N. Patel

Ans: (d) Suresh N. Patel

- Suresh N. Patel, former Central Vigilance Commissioner, will chair the High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat.
- It was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Budget 2026-27 speech.
- The committee has a six-month tenure to recommend banking sector reforms for Viksit Bharat 2047.

Q70 NATIONAL

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off India's new Vande Bharat Sleeper Express on 1 November 2026 connecting Mumbai with which city?

- (a) Bengaluru (b) Pune
(c) Hyderabad (d) Chennai

Ans: (a) Bengaluru

- The Vande Bharat Sleeper Express between SMVT Bengaluru and CSMT Mumbai was flagged off on 1 November 2026.
- Operated by South Western Railway, the 16-coach train covers the distance in about 16 hours, becoming the fastest train on the route.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (30 Nov 2025)

As of June 2025, which of the following city has surpassed Mumbai to become the India's leopard capital? Ans: Bengaluru

Q71 SCIENCE & TECH

NPCI International Payments Limited enabled UPI for online bookings at Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore, and which other iconic tourist attraction in the UAE?

- (a) Ferrari World Abu Dhabi
(b) Palm Jumeirah
(c) At the Top, Burj Khalifa
(d) Dubai Miracle Garden

Ans: (c) At the Top, Burj Khalifa

- UPI payments were enabled for online bookings at 'At the Top, Burj Khalifa' in the UAE, in partnership with NEOPAY and Emaar Entertainment.
- It became the first UAE tourist attraction to adopt UPI for e-commerce.
- The announcements were made on 29 July 2026 (UAE) and 9 September 2026 (Singapore).

Q72 NATIONAL

According to the 10th indicator report of the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change released in October 2026, which institution leads this annual report?

- (a) University College London
(b) Johns Hopkins University
(c) Harvard School of Public Health
(d) World Health Organization

Ans: (a) University College London

- The 10th Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change report is led by researchers at University College London, headed by executive director Marina Romanello.
- It found heat-related deaths rose 36% since the Paris Agreement, with 710,000 heat deaths recorded in 2023.
- The report calls for climate change to be formally declared a global health emergency.

Q73 NATIONAL

As per the 2026 Lancet Countdown report, clean energy investment worldwide reached a record amount in 2025, almost double fossil fuel investment; what was this figure?

- (a) US\$1.1 trillion (b) US\$3.2 trillion
(c) US\$0.9 trillion (d) US\$2.1 trillion

Ans: (d) US\$2.1 trillion

- Global clean energy investment reached a record US\$2.1 trillion in 2025, almost double the amount invested in fossil fuels.
- The Lancet Countdown report said this helped prevent an estimated 323,000 deaths a year across 77 countries.

Asked in exam: SSC CGL Tier-1 (14 Sep 2025)

The Global Energy Transition Index 2025 is released by which international organization? Ans: World Economic Forum

Q74 INDICES

In October 2026, South Korea's media regulator fined Google and Apple a combined amount for unfair app store practices; what was this body called?

- (a) Korea Communications Standards Commission
- (b) Korea Media and Communications Commission
- (c) Korea Consumer Agency
- (d) Korea Fair Trade Commission

Ans: (b) Korea Media and Communications Commission

- The Korea Media and Communications Commission fined Google (\$32 million) and Apple (\$15.5 million), totalling 63.7 billion won, in October 2026.
- The fines were for forcing developers onto in-app payment systems, violating a 2021 South Korean law.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (16 Jun 2026)

In October 2025, which country awarded its highest decoration, the 'Grand Order of Mugunghwa', to U.S. President Donald Trump? Ans: South Korea

Q75 NATIONAL

France reported the world's first known human infection, which proved fatal, of which livestock pathogen in October 2026?

- (a) Schmallenberg virus
- (b) Akabane virus
- (c) Nipah virus
- (d) Shamonda virus

Ans: (d) Shamonda virus

- France reported the first known human infection with Shamonda virus on October 22, 2026, in a severely immunocompromised patient who later died.
- The virus belongs to the Simbu group of Orthobunyaviruses, spread by Culicoides midges.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (20 Jun 2025)

Which country reported its first-ever presumptive human case of H5 bird flu in November 2024? Ans: Canada

Q76 NATIONAL

Bharat Biotech announced a roughly 40% price cut for its malaria vaccine, in a Gavi-backed deal with UNICEF in October 2026. What is this vaccine called?

- (a) Covaxin
- (b) Mosqivac
- (c) Malvax
- (d) RTS,S

Ans: (b) Mosqivac

- Bharat Biotech reduced the price of its malaria vaccine Mosqivac by about 40 percent, to 5.50 euros per dose, under a Gavi-backed UNICEF deal.
- Mosqivac is based on RTS,S/AS01, developed by GSK and PATH, the first WHO-recommended malaria vaccine.

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

In November 2025, which of the following organizations collaborated with UNICEF to secure a new deal for affordable malaria vaccines? Ans: Gavi

Q77 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?

- (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

Q78 NATIONAL

The Indian Patent Office rejected a patent application for BPAL, a shorter all-oral regimen for drug-resistant tuberculosis, filed by which organisation?

- (a) Serum Institute of India
- (b) World Health Organisation
- (c) Doctors Without Borders
- (d) TB Alliance

Ans: (d) TB Alliance

- The US-based Global Alliance for TB Drug Development (TB Alliance) had filed the rejected patent for the BPAL combination.
- BPAL combines bedaquiline, pretomanid and linezolid as a six-month all-oral regimen.
- It is WHO-recommended for certain drug-resistant tuberculosis patients, replacing 18-24 month older treatments.

Q79 DEFENCE

The indigenous Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system for Indian Navy diesel-electric submarines, which entered 'Setting to Work Phase-2' in October 2026, was developed by which DRDO laboratory?

- (a) Naval Science and Technological Laboratory
- (b) Vehicles Research and Development Establishment
- (c) Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory
- (d) Naval Materials Research Laboratory

Ans: (d) Naval Materials Research Laboratory

- The Naval Materials Research Laboratory (DRDO) developed the indigenous AIP system energy module, which began Setting to Work Phase-2 at L&T's Hazira complex in Gujarat.
- AIP boosts underwater endurance of diesel-electric submarines by reducing dependence on atmospheric oxygen.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (2 Sep 2025)

What is the purpose of the High Endurance Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (HEAUV) developed by DRDO's Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL)? Ans: Underwater surveillance

Q80 DEFENCE

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

- (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

Q81 DEFENCE

The next-generation offshore patrol vessel 'Yard 1283 (Srishti)' was launched at Goa Shipyard Limited in October 2026. Which two shipyards are jointly building these NGOPVs for the Indian Navy?

- (a) GRSE, Kolkata and Cochin Shipyard
- (b) Goa Shipyard Ltd and Mazagon Dock
- (c) Goa Shipyard Ltd and GRSE, Kolkata
- (d) Mazagon Dock and Cochin Shipyard

Ans: (c) Goa Shipyard Ltd and GRSE, Kolkata

- The Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Srishti' (Yard 1283) is being built jointly by Goa Shipyard Ltd and GRSE, Kolkata.
- It was launched in October 2026 to boost maritime surveillance and HADR capabilities.
- The ship's name 'Srishti' means 'creation' in Sanskrit, reflecting India's indigenous shipbuilding push under Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Q82 DEFENCE

The 33rd edition of the India-Singapore bilateral maritime exercise SIMBEX-2026 concluded in October 2026 at which Indian city?

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| (a) Visakhapatnam | (b) Kochi |
| (c) Mumbai | (d) Chennai |

Ans: (a) Visakhapatnam

- SIMBEX-2026, the 33rd edition of the India-Singapore bilateral maritime exercise, was held at Visakhapatnam and concluded on 26 October 2026.
- The sea phase took place in the Bay of Bengal involving INS Neelgiri and INS Kamorta.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (14 Aug 2026)

Which multilateral naval exercise did the Indian Navy host off the coast of Visakhapatnam in February 2026, involving 42 ships and 29 aircraft? Ans: MILAN

Q83 DEFENCE

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held bilateral talks with Singapore's defence minister on the sidelines of the 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus held in October 2026 in which country?

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| (a) Philippines | (b) Malaysia |
| (c) Vietnam | (d) Singapore |

Ans: (a) Philippines

- The 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus was held in Cebu, Philippines, in October 2026.
- Rajnath Singh met Singapore's defence minister Chan Chun Sing and invited him to Aero India 2027 in Bengaluru.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (27 Mar 2026)

India signed a 10-year Defence Framework Agreement in 2025 with which country during a meeting held on the sidelines of the ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting in Kuala Lumpur? Ans: United States of America

Q84 DEFENCE

INS Trishul, deployed in the Mediterranean Sea, completed a port call in October 2026 at which Italian port?

- | | |
|------------|-------------------|
| (a) Genoa | (b) Naples |
| (c) Venice | (d) Civitavecchia |

Ans: (d) Civitavecchia

- INS Trishul completed its port call at Civitavecchia, Italy, on 28 October 2026 during its Mediterranean deployment.
- The crew interacted with the Italian Navy's aircraft carrier ITS Cavour and Fleet Commander Vice Admiral Aurelio De Carolis.
- India's Ambassador to Italy, Vani Rao, also attended the onboard cultural event.

Q85 DEFENCE

In October 2026, which French fighter jet carried out its maiden landing and take-off on India's aircraft carrier INS Vikrant?

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| (a) Mirage 2000 | (b) Rafale Marine |
| (c) MiG-29K | (d) Dassault Mirage F1 |

Ans: (b) Rafale Marine

- Rafale Marine fighter jet made its first landing and take-off on INS Vikrant in October 2026.
- India ordered 26 Rafale Marine jets from Dassault Aviation in April 2025 for Rs 63,000 crore.

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

Which country signed a contract with India in April 2025 to supply 26 Rafale Marine fighter jets? Ans: France

Q86 DEFENCE

The Cabinet Committee on Security approved a project worth over Rs 40,000 crore in October 2026 to build how many Next Generation Corvettes for the Indian Navy?

- | | |
|-----------|----------|
| (a) Six | (b) Ten |
| (c) Eight | (d) Four |

Ans: (c) Eight

- The CCS approved construction of eight Next Generation Corvettes worth over Rs 40,000 crore.
- They will be built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers and Goa Shipyard Limited.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (2 Sep 2025)

In May 2025, which Indian company emerged as the lowest bidder for the Indian Navy's Next Generation Corvettes (NGC) project, valued at over ₹25,000 crore? Ans: Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers

Q87 TRENDING NATIONAL

Two satellite-tagged Amur falcons named Apapang and Alang completed a round-trip migration across 23 countries and returned to which Indian state in October 2026?

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| (a) Manipur | (b) Mizoram |
| (c) Assam | (d) Nagaland |

Ans: (a) Manipur

- Amur falcons Apapang and Alang returned to Manipur's Tamenglong district after a round-trip migration covering nearly 20,000 kilometres across 23 countries.
- They were tagged by Wildlife Institute of India scientists in November 2025.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (24 Nov 2025)

A long-lost velvet worm species Typhloperipatus Williamsoni, has been rediscovered after 111 years in ___. Ans: Arunachal Pradesh

Q88 **NATIONAL**

The IUCN Red List has reclassified the Asiatic lion, found only in Gujarat's Gir landscape, from Critically Endangered to which status?

- (a) Least Concern (b) Near Threatened
(c) Vulnerable (d) Endangered

Ans: (d) Endangered

- The IUCN Red List moved the Asiatic lion from Critically Endangered to Endangered status.
- Gir National Park and Sanctuary in Gujarat holds the only free-ranging wild population of over 1,000 lions.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (20 Aug 2026)

As part of the pre-summit "Lion Species Spotlight Event" of the 1st International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit 2026, which protected area in Gujarat was chosen to showcase the conservation of the world's only wild population of Asiatic lions?

Ans: Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary

Q89 **NATIONAL**

Tigress T-2403 was spotted with three cubs in October 2026 in which tiger reserve in Rajasthan?

- (a) Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve
(b) Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
(c) Sariska Tiger Reserve
(d) Kumbhalgarh Tiger Reserve

Ans: (b) Ranthambore Tiger Reserve

- Tigress T-2403, aged four-and-a-half years, was sighted with three cubs in Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Sawai Madhopur, in October 2026.
- The sighting occurred in Zone 8 during a morning safari.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (18 Nov 2025)

As per the "Status of Tigers in Kaziranga, 2024" report what is the total number of tigers in Kaziranga Tiger reserve? Ans: 148

Q90 **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?

- (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 Fadnavis.

Asked in exam: SSC GD (22 May 2026)

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

Q91 **TRENDING** **NATIONAL**

Cyclone Arnab, which caused widespread flooding and destruction in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh in late October 2026, weakened into a depression over which state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Jharkhand
(c) Chhattisgarh (d) West Bengal

Ans: (c) Chhattisgarh

- Cyclone Arnab weakened into a depression over central Chhattisgarh after battering the east coast in October 2026.
- About 300 villages were cut off in Odisha's Ganjam district due to the cyclone.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (11 Aug 2026)

Cyclone Montha, which impacted India in October 2025, made landfall along the coast of which state? Ans: Andhra Pradesh

Q92 NATIONAL

The male cheetah cub shot dead in October 2026, the first such killing since Project Cheetah began, belonged to which national park?

- (a) Bandhavgarh National Park
- (b) Kuno National Park
- (c) Gir National Park
- (d) Kanha National Park

Ans: (b) Kuno National Park

- A 19-month-old cheetah cub, KNG22, was shot in Kuno National Park's Sheopur forest division and died on 27 October 2026.
- It was the first cheetah killing since Project Cheetah's launch in September 2022.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (14 Aug 2026)

Which National Park was in the news in 2026 after nine cheetahs from Botswana were released into quarantine enclosures under Project Cheetah? Ans: Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh

Q93 SUMMITS

The Indian Navy is hosting the 2026 edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue in New Delhi from November 3 to 5, on the theme of cooperation in which field?

- (a) Science, Technology, and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
- (b) Climate finance and green energy
- (c) Maritime security and anti-piracy operations
- (d) Defence manufacturing and trade

Ans: (a) Science, Technology, and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific

- The Indian Navy's 2026 Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue, held in New Delhi from November 3 to 5, focused on Science, Technology, and Academic Cooperation.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh delivered the commemorative address, with the National Maritime Foundation as knowledge partner.

Asked in exam: SSC MTS (13 Feb 2026)

The Prime Minister of which of the following countries was the chief guest of the 10th edition of the Raisina Dialogue? Ans: New Zealand

Q94 SUMMITS

The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, themed 'Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development', was hosted by India in October 2026 at which venue?

- (a) Parliament House complex, New Delhi
- (b) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- (c) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
- (d) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

Ans: (a) Parliament House complex, New Delhi

- The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held at the Parliament House complex, New Delhi, on 26-27 October 2026 during India's BRICS chairship.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla hosted the forum and met Russian State Duma Chairman Vyacheslav Volodin.

Asked in exam: SSC GD (8 May 2026)

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

Q95 SUMMITS

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

- (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

Q96 SUMMITS

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

- (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

Q97 TRENDING NATIONAL

President Droupadi Murmu hosted the Hereditary Prince and Princess of which European country at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 27 October 2026?

- (a) Monaco (b) Switzerland
(c) Liechtenstein (d) Luxembourg

Ans: (c) Liechtenstein

- President Droupadi Murmu hosted Hereditary Prince Alois and Princess Sophie of Liechtenstein on 27 October 2026.
- The visit highlighted the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement of 2024.
- EFTA members are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Q98 TRENDING SUMMITS

At the conclusion of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi in October 2026, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla handed over the forum's chairship to which country for 2027?

- (a) Brazil (b) China
(c) Russia (d) South Africa

Ans: (b) China

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla handed over the BRICS Parliamentary Forum chairship to China for the 2027 BRICS summit.
- The 12th forum, held on 26-27 October 2026 in New Delhi, adopted a joint declaration backing UNSC reform.

Asked in exam: SSC GD (8 May 2026)

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

Q99 NATIONAL

India's Ministry of Culture signed an MoU with the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF) in October 2026 to strengthen cooperation on manuscript heritage under which mission?

- (a) Sahitya Akademi Mission
(b) Gyan Bharatam Mission
(c) Namami Gange Mission
(d) National Digital Library Mission

Ans: (b) Gyan Bharatam Mission

- The MoU with the Bibliothèque nationale de France was signed in Paris on 26 October 2026 under the Gyan Bharatam Mission.
- It aims to digitise, preserve and research India's manuscript heritage held in France.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (20 Nov 2025)

Launched in 2025, what is the main objective of the Gyan Bharatam Mission? Ans: To survey, document, and conserve India's manuscript heritage

Q100 NATIONAL

During Prince Alois's October 2026 visit, India is examining a proposal from Liechtenstein for which kind of bilateral agreement?

- (a) Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
(b) Bilateral Investment Treaty
(c) Free Trade Agreement
(d) Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA)

Ans: (d) Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA)

- Liechtenstein proposed a Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with India during Prince Alois's October 2026 visit.
- India currently has a tax information exchange agreement with Liechtenstein, and FDI inflows from it total about 110 million dollars.

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

Which major trade agreement implemented by India in October 2025 includes a binding investment commitment of \$100 billion over 15 years to create 1 million jobs? Ans: The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) with EFTA

Q101 SUMMITS

The 29th Energy Technology Meet (ETM 2026), India's largest edition so far, was inaugurated by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri in October 2026 at which location?

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| (a) Dehradun | (b) Goa |
| (c) Mumbai | (d) Chennai |

Ans: (b) Goa

- The 29th Energy Technology Meet (ETM 2026) was inaugurated at the ONGC Institute of Advanced Technology in Goa.
- It was organised by the Centre for High Technology under the Petroleum Ministry, co-hosted by HPCL. The government announced setting up a National Hydrocarbon Technology Hub (NHTH) during the event.

Q102 SUMMITS

India will host the first-ever SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum in November 2026 at which historic Delhi monument?

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| (a) Humayun's Tomb | (b) Qutub Minar |
| (c) Purana Qila | (d) Red Fort |

Ans: (c) Purana Qila

- The first SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum will be held at Purana Qila, Delhi's 16th-century fort built by Emperor Humayun, from 20-22 November 2026.
- It was proposed by PM Modi at the Tianjin SCO Summit and will be organised by the Culture and External Affairs Ministries.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (18 Jun 2026)

Which organisation's leaders gathered in Tianjin for a summit in late August-early September, 2025? Ans: Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

Q103 NATIONAL

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus in October 2026, hosted by which country as 2026 chair?

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| (a) Philippines | (b) Vietnam |
| (c) Indonesia | (d) Singapore |

Ans: (a) Philippines

- The 13th ADMM-Plus was held in the Philippines from 28-29 October 2026, with the Philippines serving as the 2026 chair.
- ADMM-Plus brings together 10 ASEAN members and eight dialogue partners including India.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (27 Mar 2026)

India signed a 10-year Defence Framework Agreement in 2025 with which country during a meeting held on the sidelines of the ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting in Kuala Lumpur? Ans: United States of America

Q104 SUMMITS

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar travelled to Atlanta in October 2026 to attend the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting hosted by which US Secretary of State?

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| (a) Marco Rubio | (b) John Kerry |
| (c) Mike Pompeo | (d) Antony Blinken |

Ans: (a) Marco Rubio

- S. Jaishankar attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting in Atlanta hosted by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in late October 2026.
- The visit also included a Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting with counterparts from Australia and Japan.

Asked in exam: RRB Group D (10 Aug 2026)

Which U.S. Secretary of State had called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in May 2026 and briefed him on the progress in bilateral cooperation across sectors including defence, trade, and energy security? Ans: Marco Rubio

Q105 SUMMITS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo (BRESE) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on which date?

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| (a) 30 October 2026 | (b) 2 November 2026 |
| (c) 9 November 2026 | (d) 5 November 2026 |

Ans: (b) 2 November 2026

- BRESE 2026 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 2 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The four-day summit (2-5 November) was themed 'Invest.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (13 Aug 2025)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired which edition of the Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 24 May 2025? Ans: 10th

Q106 NATIONAL

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh raised concerns over US military aid to Pakistan during talks with US counterpart Pete Hegseth on the sidelines of the ASEAN summit in October 2026, marking the anniversary of which framework?

- (a) India-US Major Defence Partnership Framework
- (b) India-US Logistics Exchange Agreement
- (c) India-US Defence Technology and Trade Initiative
- (d) India-US 2+2 Dialogue

Ans: (a) India-US Major Defence Partnership Framework

- Rajnath Singh and Pete Hegseth marked the one-year anniversary of the 10-year US-India Major Defence Partnership Framework in October 2026.
- They met on the sidelines of the ADMM-Plus in Cebu, Philippines.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (27 Mar 2026)

India signed a 10-year Defence Framework Agreement in 2025 with which country during a meeting held on the sidelines of the ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting in Kuala Lumpur? Ans: United States of America

Q107 NATIONAL

India signed the Terms of Reference in October 2026 to begin Preferential Trade Agreement negotiations with which country?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Argentina
- (c) Chile
- (d) Mexico

Ans: (d) Mexico

- India and Mexico signed the Terms of Reference for Preferential Trade Agreement negotiations in October 2026.
- This followed an understanding between PM Modi and Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum at the G7 Summit in Canada in June 2025.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (18 Mar 2026)

On November 20, 2025, India signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) to initiate negotiations for a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with which country? Ans: Israel

Q108 SUMMITS

Rajnath Singh offered to share India's counter-terrorism expertise, citing Operation Sindoor, while addressing the 13th ADMM-Plus meeting held in October 2026 in which country?

- (a) Vietnam
- (b) Philippines
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Indonesia

Ans: (b) Philippines

- The 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus was held in Cebu, Philippines, in October 2026.
- Rajnath Singh proposed a defence 'Youth Bridge' to boost India-ASEAN people-to-people connectivity.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (25 Mar 2026)

The 47th ASEAN Summit in October 2025 primarily focused on which of the following issues? Ans: Inclusivity & Sustainability

Q109 NATIONAL

India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri was scheduled to visit Kathmandu in November 2026 to plan a visit to India by which Nepal Prime Minister?

- (a) Sudan Gurung
- (b) Balendra Shah
- (c) Rabi Lamichhane
- (d) K.P. Sharma Oli

Ans: (b) Balendra Shah

- Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri planned to visit Kathmandu on 4 November 2026 ahead of Nepal PM Balendra Shah's India visit.
- Balendra Shah, of the Rastriya Swatantra Party, became PM after the September 2025 Gen-Z uprising ousted K.P. Sharma Oli.
- Sudhakar Dalela is India's newly designated ambassador to Nepal.

Q110 INTERNATIONAL

In October 2026, India voted in favour of a UN General Assembly resolution calling for ending the decades-old US trade embargo against which country?

- (a) Cuba
- (b) Venezuela
- (c) Iran
- (d) North Korea

Ans: (a) Cuba

- India voted for the UNGA resolution demanding an end to the US embargo on Cuba, adopted with 130 votes in favour.
- The 193-member General Assembly session was presided over by UNGA President Khalilur Rahman.
- The resolution, though repeatedly passed, is not legally binding on the United States.

Q111 INTERNATIONAL

In October 2026, a Bangladesh tribunal sentenced which Awami League leader to death for killings during the 2024 July Uprising?

- (a) Sheikh Hasina
- (b) Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal
- (c) Mahbubul Alam Hanif
- (d) Muhammad Yunus

Ans: (c) Mahbubul Alam Hanif

- A special tribunal sentenced Awami League Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif to death for killing six people in Kushtia district.
- He became the 23rd Awami League leader sentenced to death after Sheikh Hasina's ouster in August 2024.
- Sheikh Hasina herself was earlier sentenced to death in November 2025, and Muhammad Yunus heads the interim government.

Q112 NATIONAL

INS Tarkash arrived at Port Louis, Mauritius on 30 October 2026, ahead of Mauritius's 192nd anniversary of which historic event?

- (a) Founding of Port Louis city
- (b) Mauritius's independence
- (c) Arrival of indentured labourers from India
- (d) Establishment of diplomatic ties with India

Ans: (c) Arrival of indentured labourers from India

- INS Tarkash took part in Mauritius's 192nd Aapravasi Diwas, marking the 2 November 1834 arrival of indentured Indian labourers at Aapravasi Ghat, Port Louis.
- The visit reflects growing India-Mauritius maritime partnership under the SAGAR vision.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC GL CBT-1 (13 Jun 2025)

Which country did PM Narendra Modi visit in March 2025 to attend its 57th National Day celebrations? Ans: Mauritius

Q113 STATES

Which Madhya Pradesh district got railway connectivity for the first time since Independence with the opening of the Rewa-Churhat rail section in October 2026?

- (a) Satna
- (b) Singrauli
- (c) Sidhi
- (d) Rewa

Ans: (c) Sidhi

- Sidhi district got railway connectivity for the first time since Independence via the 65-km Rewa-Churhat rail section.
- The route includes a 3.33-km tunnel through hilly terrain.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (20 Jun 2026)

In December 2025, which state government announced that the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve will be developed as a cheetah habitat before the onset of the next monsoon? Ans: Madhya Pradesh

Q114 POLITY

President Droupadi Murmu gave assent in 2026 to a bill creating the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) covering how many eastern districts of Nagaland?

- (a) Four
- (b) Six
- (c) Eight
- (d) Ten

Ans: (b) Six

- The FNTA Bill 2026 covers six eastern districts: Tuensang, Mon, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak and Shamator.
- It grants legislative, executive and financial autonomy based on the spirit of Article 371A. The bill followed a February 2026 agreement between the Centre, Nagaland government and the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO).

Q115 NATIONAL

The International Weightlifting Federation announced in October 2026 that India's first-ever senior Weightlifting World Championships will be held in 2029 at which city?

- (a) Ahmedabad
- (b) Caracas
- (c) Moscow
- (d) Prishtina

Ans: (a) Ahmedabad

- Ahmedabad, Gujarat will host the senior Weightlifting World Championships in 2029, India's first time hosting this event.
- The IWF announced this after its executive board meeting in Ningbo, China in October 2026.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (15 Jun 2026)

Which of the following was officially named the Host City for the 2030 Centenary edition, following approval at the 2025 Commonwealth Sport General Assembly in Glasgow (UK)? Ans: Ahmedabad

Q116 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?

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| (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

Q117 POLITY

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

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| (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

Q118 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?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| (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

Q119 POLITY

In October 2026, the Supreme Court directed the government to grant war injury pension to an Army veteran who developed which illness during his Kargil posting under Operation Rakshak?

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) Hepatitis B | (b) Chronic Kidney Disease |
| (c) Rheumatoid Arthritis | (d) Tuberculosis |

Ans: (c) Rheumatoid Arthritis

- The Supreme Court directed war injury pension for veteran Narendra Kumar, who developed Rheumatoid Arthritis during his Kargil posting under Operation Rakshak.
- The bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Alok Aradhe ruled in October 2026.
- It upheld earlier orders of the Armed Forces Tribunal and High Court.

Q120 **POLITY**

Which regulatory body proposed draft guidelines in October 2026 for board-approved AI policies and mandatory reporting of serious AI incidents by telecom companies?

- (a) Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- (c) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
- (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Ans: (c) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

- TRAI proposed draft 'Guidelines on Responsible Use of AI in Telecommunication Networks' on 30 October 2026.
- It requires telcos to classify AI systems by risk and report critical/high-severity incidents.

Asked in exam: SSC Delhi Police Constable (Exe) (19 Dec 2025)

Who chaired the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in 2024? Ans: Anil Kumar Lahoti



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