

Q1 TRENDING SPACE

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

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| (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

Q2 TRENDING APPOINTMENTS

As of October 2026, who holds the post of Chief Election Commissioner of India, against whom the INDIA bloc held a symbolic 'public impeachment'?

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| (a) Anup Chandra Pandey | (b) Rajiv Kumar |
| (c) Gyanesh Kumar | (d) Sushil Chandra |

Ans: (c) Gyanesh Kumar

- Gyanesh Kumar is the current Chief Election Commissioner of India, facing an INDIA bloc symbolic 'public impeachment' on 31 October 2026.
- The Opposition alleged deletion of 13.2-13.3 crore voter names affected the 2024 Lok Sabha election's legitimacy.

Asked in exam: SSC CHSL Tier-1 (17 Nov 2025)

Who became the Chief Election Commissioner of India in February 2025? Ans: Gyanesh Kumar

Q3 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?

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| (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.

Q4 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

Q5 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?

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

Q6 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?

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

Q7

TRENDING

AWARDS

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

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

Ans: (d) Michael Owen

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

Q8

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?

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| (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.

Q9

APPOINTMENTS

Who took charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force on 31 October 2026?

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| (a) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit |
| (b) Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia |
| (c) Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh |
| (d) Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh |

Ans: (a) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

- Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit became the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on 31 October 2026.
- He succeeded Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh, who retired after 43 years of service.

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

Who took charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force on 2 May 2025? Ans: Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari

Q10

APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Ans: (a) Delhi High Court

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

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

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

Q11

DEFENCE

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

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

Ans: (c) Rs 2.12 lakh crore

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

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

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

Q12 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?

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

Q13 DEFENCE

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

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

Q14 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?

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

Q15 APPOINTMENTS

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

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| (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

Q16 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?

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| (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)

Q17 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?

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| (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 Narmdeshwar Tiwari

Q18 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

Q19 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?

- (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

Q20 SPORTS

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

- (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

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 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

Q23 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

Q24 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

Q25 APPOINTMENTS

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

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| (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

Q26 NATIONAL

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

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

Q27 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

Q28 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

Q29 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

Q30 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.

Q31 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.

Q32 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

Q33 NATIONAL

In October 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi cleared which corridor of India's bullet train project connecting Delhi to cities like Lucknow, Varanasi and Guwahati?

- (a) East-West corridor
- (b) North corridor
- (c) South corridor
- (d) Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor

Ans: (b) North corridor

- PM Modi cleared the north corridor of the bullet train project, linking Delhi with Agra, Kanpur, Lucknow, Ayodhya, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Patna, Siliguri and Guwahati.
- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced this in October 2026.

Asked in exam: RRB NTPC UG CBT-1 (3 Sep 2025)

Which tunnel was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Jammu and Kashmir on 13 January 2025? Ans: Sonamarg tunnel

Q34 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

Q35 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.

Q36 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.

Q37 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

Q38 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

Q39 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?

- (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

Q40 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.

Q41 SUMMITS

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

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| (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)

Q42 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?

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| (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

Q43 SUMMITS

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

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

Ans: (b) Atlanta

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

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

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

Q44 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?

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| (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.

Q45 AWARDS

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

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| (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.

Q46 NATIONAL

The Vande Bharat Sleeper Express flagged off in October 2026 connects New Delhi with which Uttar Pradesh city, via Prayagraj, Kanpur Central and Aligarh?

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| (a) Prayagraj | (b) Ayodhya |
| (c) Varanasi | (d) Lucknow |

Ans: (c) Varanasi

- The Vande Bharat Sleeper Express between Varanasi and New Delhi was flagged off in October 2026 by Yogi Adityanath and Ashwini Vaishnav.
- It covers 760 km in about 9 hours 30 minutes via Kanpur Central.
- The train has 16 coaches with Third AC, Second AC and First AC classes.

Q47 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.

Q48 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).

Q49 SCIENCE & TECH

PRAGYA, a small doughnut-shaped tokamak built to test plasma control and superconducting magnets, has been developed by which India-based startup?

- (a) Newtrace Energy
- (b) Nuclear Fusion Systems India
- (c) Plasma Dynamics Labs
- (d) Pranos Fusion

Ans: (d) Pranos Fusion

- Bengaluru-based startup Pranos Fusion built PRAGYA, a small tokamak to test plasma control and superconducting magnets.
- The company is incubated at the Institute of Plasma Research, affiliated with the Department of Atomic Energy.

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

Which Indian startup has developed the country's first full-stack 25-qubit quantum computer? Ans: QpiAI

Q50 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.

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