

Consider the following statements regarding Mozambique:

Statement I: Mozambique is located in Southeastern Africa, bordered by six countries and the Indian Ocean on the east.

Statement II: The Mozambique Channel separates Mozambique from island nations such as Madagascar, Comoros, and Mayotte.

Statement III: The capital of Mozambique is Dar es Salaam, which also serves as the largest port city.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement II and Statement III are correct, and both of them explain Statement I.
- B. Both Statement II and Statement III are correct, but only one of them explains Statement I.
- C. Only one of the Statements II and III is correct, and that explains Statement I.
- D. Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct.

Ans.C

According to the United Nations World Urbanisation Prospects 2025 report, which city has become the world most populous city in 2025?

Answer: Jakarta

Which city has overtaken Tokyo to become the world's most populous city according to the UN's World Urbanisation Prospects 2025 report?

- A. Dhaka
- B. Jakarta
- C. Cairo
- D. New Delhi

Ans.B

During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Jordan in December 2025, which monuments signed a Twinning Agreement?

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C.Qutub Minar and Ellora

D.Red Fort and Petra

Ans.A

Which cricketer has been appointed the official tournament ambassador for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, to be jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka?

A.Virat Kohli

B.Rohit Sharma

C.Kane Williamson

D.Jos Buttler

Ans.B

Which of the following countries hosted the 2025 G20 Summit for the first time on the African continent?

A.Egypt

B.South Africa

C.Nigeria

D.Kenya

Ans.B

What is the theme of the 2025 G20 Johannesburg Summit?

- A.Global Economic Recovery
- B.Climate Action Now
- C.Digital Transformation
- D.Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability

Ans.D

During the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg, how many global initiatives did Prime Minister Narendra Modi propose?

- A.Four
- B.Five
- C.Six
- D.Seven

Ans.C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit which country to attend the 20th G20 Leaders' Summit scheduled from November 21st to 23rd?

- A.Brazil
- B.South Africa
- C.Indonesia
- D.Saudi Arabia

Ans.B

In December 2025, India signed loan agreements worth over USD 800 million with the Asian Development Bank, including USD 190.6 million specifically for Madhya Pradesh. Which project received the USD 190.6 million?

- A.Madhya Pradesh Rural Infrastructure Upgrade

B.Bhopal Power Distribution

C.Indore Agricultural Solarization

D.Gujarat Skills Development

Ans.C

Which country became the first in the world to receive UNESCO recognition for its entire national cuisine?

A.France

B.Italy

C.Japan

D.Mexico

Ans.B

India's resolution on "Strengthening the Global Management of Wildfires" was adopted at the 7th Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) held in which city?

A.Nairobi, Kenya

B.Geneva, Switzerland

C.New York, USA

D.Paris, France

Ans.A

What is the title of India's resolution adopted at United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) for wildfire management?

Answer: Strengthening the Global Management of Wildfires

Which Indian received the UNEP Young Champions of the Earth Award 2025?

Answer: Jinali Mody

What new name will the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) be given as part of the government's service-oriented governance model?

A.Lok Bhavan

B.Kartavya Bhavan

C.Seva Teerth

D.Lok Kalyan Sadan

Ans.C

Which state government has officially renamed Raj Bhavan as Lok Bhavan in December 2025?

Answer: Andhra Pradesh

The Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025 proposes raising the central excise duty on unmanufactured tobacco from 64% to what percentage?

A.60%

B.70%

C.80%

D.90%

Ans.B

What is the name of the gallery inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu on Vijay Diwas 2025 at Rashtrapati Bhavan?"

Ans.President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Param Vir Dirgha (Gallery of the Brave) at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Vijay Diwas (December 16, 2025), a dedicated space honoring all 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees, replacing portraits of British officials with India's highest military heroes to showcase national valor and shed colonial symbols.

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- A.Rajasthan
- B.Gujarat
- C.Bihar
- D.West Bengal

Ans.A

Which state has become first to achieve 100% digitisation of voter lists under Special Intensive Revision 2026 (SIR-2026)?

Answer: Rajasthan

Which rural employment scheme has been renamed as Puja Bapu Gramin Rozgar Yojana?

Answer: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

Notes: The Union Cabinet has approved the renaming of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to Puja Bapu Gramin Rozgar Yojana, signalling a major overhaul of the country's flagship rural employment scheme.

What is the name of the cooperative-backed taxi service brand, launched by a consortium of eight cooperatives, including the National Cooperative Development Corporation and Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd, that aims to compete with private ride-hailing firms like Ola and Uber?

- A.Sahakar Cab
- B.Swadeshi Ride
- C.Co-opGo
- D.Bharat

Ans.D

In December 2025, India's first-ever national-level cooperative cab service was launched to promote a zero-commission ride-hailing model under the 'Sahakar Se Samriddhi' vision, with support from several major cooperative organisations across sectors. This cooperative service is backed by how many organisations?

A.5

B.9

C.8

D.7

Ans.C

Union Budget 2025 proposed the Sectoral cap of FDI to 100 per cent from 74 per cent for:

A.Telecom Sector

B.Power Sector

C.Defence Sector

D.Insurance Sector

Ans.D

What is the new FDI limit approved by the Union Cabinet in the Insurance Amendment Bill, 2025 for insurance companies in India?

A.40%

B.60%

C.75%

D.100%

Ans.D

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Ans.C

India has been re-elected to which UNESCO body for the term 2025–2029?

A.UNESCO General Conference

B.UNESCO Secretariat

C.UNESCO Executive Board

D.UNESCO World Heritage Committee

Ans.C

In November 2025, “Ajeya Warrior-25”, the 8th edition of the joint military training exercise focusing on counter-terrorism operations in semi-urban environments, is conducted between which two countries?

- A. India and France
- B. India and Australia
- C. India and the United Kingdom
- D. India and the United States

Ans.C

Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR-25 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

Answer: United Kingdom

SURYA KIRAN is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

Answer: Nepal

Surya Kiran” is a bilateral military exercise between ____ and ____.

- A. India and Nepal
- B. India and Bhutan
- C. India and Bangladesh
- D. India and Srilanka

Ans.A

Exercise Harimau Shakti 2025 is conducted between India and which country?

Answer: Malaysia

In December 2025, The 5th edition of Joint Military Exercise, “Harimau Shakti 2025”, commenced on December 5, 2025, at the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan. The exercise involves tactical drills such as cordon and search operations, heliborne operations, and casualty evacuation, along with Army Martial Arts Routine (AMAR) and combat reflex shooting. With which country is India conducting this exercise?

A.Indonesia

B.Malaysia

C.Maldives

D.Thailand

Ans.B

Exercise Ekuverin 2025 is conducted between India and which country?

Answer: Maldives

Which edition of the Joint Military Exercise Ekuverin was conducted between India and the Maldives in December 2025, and where was it conducted?

A.12th edition, Panaji (Goa)

B.13th edition, Male (Maldives)

C.14th edition, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)

D.15th edition, Bengaluru (Karnataka)

Ans.C

Which military exercise aims to enhance interoperability between the Indian Army and the UAE Land Forces through joint urban warfare training under a UN mandate?

A.Desert Cyclone

B.Desert Eagle

C.Garuda Shakti

D.Khanjar

Ans.A

The Indian Navy's first Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), INS Mahe, which is set to be commissioned at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, on 24 November 2025, was built by which shipyard?

- A.Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B.Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- C.Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D.Cochin Shipyard Limited

Ans.D

Which country secured the 3rd position overall in the Asia Power Index (API) 2025, with a power score of 40.0?

- A.China
- B.United States
- C.India
- D.Japan

Ans.C

What is rank of India in the Asia Power Index 2025?

Answer: Third

According to the Asia Power Index 2025 released by the Lowy Institute, what is India's rank among Asian countries?

- A.1st
- B.2nd
- C.3rd
- D.4th

Ans.C

Which Indian naval vessel, commissioned in 2022 as the country's first fully indigenous aircraft carrier, arrived in Colombo to participate in the International Fleet Review 2025?

A.INS Vikramaditya

B.INS Vikrant

C.INS Kolkata

D.INS Shivalik

Ans.B

Which Indian aircraft carrier represented India in the International Fleet Review 2025 at Colombo?

Answer: INS Vikrant

What is the name of India's third indigenously built nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN)?

Answer: INS Aridhaman

Which event, themed "Reform to Transform: Sashakt, Surakshit aur Viksit Bharat," is being addressed by President Droupadi Murmu at its inaugural session in New Delhi?

A.Defence Expo India 2025

B.Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025

C.India Strategic Forum 2025

D.National Security Conclave 2025

Ans.B

The term "INAS 335" is related to a weapon system of the Indian Navy. What does it refer to?

A.A missile destroyer commissioned by the Indian Navy

B.A submarine-based torpedo unit

C.An air defence missile system of the Indian Navy

D.A naval aviation helicopter squadron

Ans.D

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President António Costa will be the chief guests at India's 77th Republic Day parade on January 26, 2026.

Who are the Chief Guests at India's 77th Republic Day celebrations?

Answer: Antonio Luís Santos da Costa and Ursula von der Leyen

What is the theme of World AIDS Day 2025?

A.End Inequalities, End AIDS

B.Communities Make the Difference

C.Global Solidarity, Shared Responsibility

D.Overcoming Disruption, Improving the AIDS Response

Ans.D

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Ans.D

The One: Cricket, My Life and More" is an autobiography of which Indian cricketer?

Answer: Shikhar Dhawan

In June 2025, former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan stepped into the literary world by releasing his debut memoir that captures his cricketing journey and personal experiences. The book provides readers with an inside look at the highs and lows of his career, along with reflections beyond the cricket field. What is the title of this memoir, and which publishing house brought it out?

- A. Batting Backlash; Penguin Random House
- B. Runs to Remember; Simon & Schuster
- C. The One: Cricket, My Life and More; HarperCollins India
- D. Beyond Boundaries; Hachette India

Ans. C

Which Indian festival has been added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in December 2025?

Answer: Deepavali

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Ans.B

The Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025 was introduced by which state government in November 2025?

Answer: Assam

Which northeastern state government approved the 'Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025' in November 2025?

Answer: Assam

What key provision does the Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill-2025 propose regarding the act of polygamy in Assam?

- A.It legalizes polygamy in Assam
- B.It punishes polygamy with a prison term of up to seven years
- C.It exempts women from being affected by the law
- D.It applies only to Scheduled Tribe communities

Ans.B

Which Baltic nation has declared a state of emergency due to repeated smuggler balloons entering its airspace from Belarus?

- A.Latvia
- B.Lithuania
- C.Estonia
- D.Finland

Ans.B

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Ans.C

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- B.Ratan Tata
- C.Anant Ambani
- D.Nita Ambani

Ans.C

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Ans.D

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Ans.A

Which company topped the Hurun Global 1000 Report 2025 to become the world's most valuable company?

A.Apple

B.Microsoft

C.Nvidia

D.Saudi Aramco

Ans.C

Between which institutions was the India–Argentina Work Plan 2025–27 on agricultural research signed in December 2025?

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- B.Ministry of Agriculture and CONICET, Argentina
- C.NABARD and National Institute of Agronomy, Argentina
- D.ICAR and National Institute of Agricultural Technology, Argentina

Ans.D

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- D.Serum Institute of India

Ans.B

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- B.Australia and Canada
- C.Argentina and Tajikistan
- D.Australia and Italy

Ans.B

Which Telugu literary figure, known for authoring over 100 works and heading the Telugu Department at Andhra University, has been selected for the Lok Nayak Foundation Literary Award 2025?

A.Thotakura Prasad

B.Velamala Simmanna

C.Vemulapalli D.Raghavendra Choudhary

Aarien Uday Areti

Ans.B

Who has been selected for the Lok Nayak Foundation (LNF) Literary Award 2025?

Answer: Velamala Simmanna

What is the name of the recent joint military operation launched by the United States and Jordan in Syria?

Answer: Operation Hawkeye Strike

Who won the gold medal in the 10 metre Air Rifle Men final at the 68th National Shooting Championship in Bhopal?

A.Kiran Ankush Jadhav

B.Arjun Babuta

C.Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar

D.Mohammed Murtaza Vania

Ans.A

Which handwoven fabric from Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh, has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

- A.Ponduru Khadi
- B.Kanchipuram Silk
- C.Pochampally Ikat
- D.Banarasi Saree

Ans.A

Ponduru Khadi, which has recently been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, belongs to which state?

Answer: Andhra Pradesh

Which country is set to host the Squash World Cup 2025 for the third consecutive time?

- A.India
- B.Malaysia
- C.Egypt
- D.Australia

Ans.A

Which Indian city is the host of Squash World Cup 2025?

Answer: Chennai

Notes: Vishnu Kumar Shrivastava from Chhattisgarh has been nominated as the first-ever jury member for Squash World Cup 2025.

Where was Saras Aajeevika Food Festival 2025 inaugurated?

Answer: New Delhi

Who inaugurated the Saras Aajeevika Food Festival 2025?

- A.Nirmala Sitharaman
- B.Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- C.Giriraj Singh
- D.Smriti Irani

Ans.B

What is the highest cash prize awarded in the National Gopal Ratna Awards 2025 for the Best Dairy Farmer category?

- A. ₹2,00,000
- B. ₹3,00,000
- C. ₹5,00,000
- D. ₹10,00,000

Ans.C

The National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) are the highest honours in which sector in India?

Answer: Livestock and dairy sector

Who won the Miss Universe 2025 title in Thailand?

- A.Miss Venezuela
- B.Miss Philippines
- C.Miss Mexico
- D.Miss India

Ans.C

Consider the following statements regarding the 53rd International Emmy Awards 2025:

The awards ceremony was held in New York City and hosted by Kelly Ripa & Mark Consuelos.

The UK emerged as the biggest winner, bagging 7 awards, including Best Drama and Best Comedy.

The Indian film “Amar Singh Chamkila” won in the ‘Best Performance by an Actor’ category.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A.1 and 2 only

B.2 and 3 only

C.1 only

D. 2 only

Ans.A

The BlueBird Block-2 spacecraft, scheduled to be launched by ISRO using the LVM3-M6 launch vehicle, best highlights which of the following aspects of India’s space programme?

A.India’s to conduct commercial heavy-lift satellite launches vehicles

B.India’s first reusable launch vehicle experiment

C.A human spaceflight demonstration mission under Gaganyaan

D.An interplanetary deep-space scientific mission beyond Earth orbit

Ans.A

Which space organization successfully launched the BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite in December 2025?

Answer: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Which country has been officially designated by the United States as a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA) in November 2025?

Answer: Saudi Arabia

What is the theme of the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation Seminar Swavlamban 2025?

- A. Maritime Security Through Technology
- B. Advancing Naval Self-Reliance
- C. Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenisation
- D. Transforming Naval Operations Globally

Ans.C

As India's defence manufacturing sector achieves record growth in both domestic output and exports, the government has set ambitious targets for the future. According to recent statements by the Defence Minister during the inauguration of new HAL production lines, what is India's official target for defence manufacturing and exports by the year 2029?

- A. Rs 2 lakh crore, Rs 40,000 crore
- B. Rs 1.5 lakh crore, Rs 25,000 crore
- C. Rs 3 lakh crore, Rs 50,000 crore
- D. Rs 3 lakh crore, Rs 45,000 crore

Ans.C

Under the Foreign Military Sales programme, Letters of Offer and Acceptance were signed to provide five-year sustained support for a fleet of 24 MH-60R Seahawk helicopters, including spares, training, maintenance, and technical assistance for maritime operations.

With which country did the United States sign these Letters of Offer and Acceptance?

- A.Japan
- B.Australia
- C.India
- D.United Kingdom

Ans.C

The production version of the indigenous “Hansa-3(NG)” trainer aircraft was recently launched, along with the inauguration of the ‘Iron Bird Facility’ for ‘SARAS Mk 2’ and a dedicated manufacturing facility for High Altitude Platforms (HAPs). Who inaugurated these initiatives?

- A.Narendra Modi
- B.Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- C.Dr. Jitendra Singh
- D.S. Jaishankar

Ans.C

In November 2025, The approval for the supply of “FGM-148 Javelin anti-tank missile systems” and “M982A1 Excalibur precision-guided artillery projectiles” to India, worth about \$93 million, was granted by which country?

- A.France
- B.Russia
- C.Israel
- D.United States of America

Ans.D

What is the rank of India in the 2025 Commitment to Development Index (CDI)?

Answer: 36th

According to the Commitment to Development Index (CDI) 2025 released by the Centre for Global Development, what is India's overall rank among evaluated countries?

A.29th

B.31st

C.36th

D.38th

Ans.C

Who has been appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited (CIL) by the Ministry of Coal? (Dec 2025)

A.Sanoj Kumar Jha

B.B. Sairam

C.Alok Kumar

D.Pramod Agrawal

Ans.B

Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)? (Dec 2025)

A.Sanjay Kumar Agarwal

B.Vivek Chaturvedi

C.M. Ajit Kumar

D.Pranab Kumar Das

Ans.B

Who has been elected as the next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of The Coca-Cola Company, with the appointment effective from 31 March 2026?

A.James Quincey

B.Henrique Braun

C.John Murphy

D.Brian Smith

Ans.B

Who has been appointed as the new CEO and Chairman of the Board of Management of BMW AG, leading the company's EV push? (December 2025)

A.Nicolas Peter

B.Milan Nedeljković

C.Oliver Zipse

D.Herbert Diess

Ans.B

Rage bait (রেজ বেইট) মানে হলো এমন অনলাইন কন্টেন্ট বা পোস্ট যা ইচ্ছাকৃতভাবে মানুষের মধ্যে রাগ, ক্ষোভ বা বিরক্তি তৈরি করার জন্য বানানো হয়, যাতে বেশি করে লাইক, কমেন্ট ও শেয়ার পাওয়া যায়। এর বাংলা অর্থ দাঁড়ায় "রাগ-টোপ" বা "ক্রোধ-টোপ"; অর্থাৎ, কাউকে রেগে যাওয়ার জন্য টোপ দেওয়া হয়। এটি সাধারণত উসকানিমূলক, আপত্তিকর বা বিভ্রান্তিকর শিরোনাম দিয়ে তৈরি করা হয়, যা মানুষকে প্রতিক্রিয়া জানাতে বাধ্য করে।

Which term has been selected as the Oxford Word of the Year 2025?

A.Brain rot

B.Bio hack

C.Rage bait

D.Aura farming

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D.Australia and Italy

Ans.B

Which Telugu literary figure, known for authoring over 100 works and heading the Telugu Department at Andhra University, has been selected for the Lok Nayak Foundation Literary Award 2025?

A.Thotakura Prasad

B.Velamala Simmanna

C.Vemulapalli D.Raghavendra Choudhary

Aarien Uday Areti

Ans.B

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Answer: Velamala Simmanna

What is the name of the recent joint military operation launched by the United States and Jordan in Syria?

Answer: Operation Hawkeye Strike

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A.Kiran Ankush Jadhav

B.Arjun Babuta

C.Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar

D.Mohammed Murtaza Vania

Ans.A

Which handwoven fabric from Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh, has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

A.Ponduru Khadi

B.Kanchipuram Silk

C.Pochampally Ikat

D.Banarasi Saree

Ans.A

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Answer: Andhra Pradesh

Which country is set to host the Squash World Cup 2025 for the third consecutive time?

A.India

B.Malaysia

C.Egypt

D.Australia

Ans.A

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Answer: Chennai

Notes: Vishnu Kumar Shrivastava from Chhattisgarh has been nominated as the first-ever jury member for Squash World Cup 2025.

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Answer: New Delhi

Who inaugurated the Saras Aajeevika Food Festival 2025?

A.Nirmala Sitharaman

B.Shivraj Singh Chouhan

C.Giriraj Singh

D.Smriti Irani

Ans.B

What is the highest cash prize awarded in the National Gopal Ratna Awards 2025 for the Best Dairy Farmer category?

A. ₹2,00,000

B. ₹3,00,000

C. ₹5,00,000

D. ₹10,00,000

Ans.C

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Answer: Livestock and dairy sector

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C.Miss Mexico

D.Miss India

Ans.C

In December 2025, Which athlete was honoured with the Men's World Athlete of the Year title at the 2025 World Athletics Awards ceremony held in Monaco, recognizing exceptional performance across global competitions and record-breaking achievements in field events?

A.Emmanuel Wanyonyi

B.Mondo Duplantis

C.Sabastian Sawe

D.Edmund Serem

Ans.B

Consider the following statements regarding the recent volcanic eruption in Ethiopia:

I. The Hayli Gubbi volcano in Ethiopia erupted after being dormant for nearly 10,000 years.

II. Ash plumes from the eruption were reported to have drifted across the Red Sea and reached parts of India.

III. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) advised airlines to operate normally since volcanic ash does not affect aircraft engines.

How many of the above statements are correct?

A.Only one

B.Only two

C.All three

D.None of these

Ans.B

With which country has India signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in December 2025 to boost trade and investment ties?

A.Oman

B.Saudi Arabia

C.Qatar

D.United Arab Emirates

Ans.A

Who has become the youngest self-made woman billionaire with a net worth of \$1.3 billion? (Dec 2025)

A.Tarek Mansour

B.Luana Lopes Lara

C.Sheryl Sandberg

D.Susan Wojcicki

Ans.B

Which metro system has been certified as the world's longest fully driverless train network by Guinness World Records?

Answer: Riyadh Metro

Q. Sanchar Saathi is a digital safety initiative of which department?

Answer: Department of Telecommunications

Notes: Department of Telecommunications (DoT) reported that Sanchar Saathi enabled recovery of 50,000+ lost/stolen mobiles in October 2025, with total recoveries crossing 7 lakh. Karnataka and Telangana crossed 1 lakh recoveries each; Maharashtra exceeded 80,000. Monthly recoveries rose 47% from June to October 2025, with one handset recovered every minute.

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Ans.B

Which organization launched RESPOND Basket 2025?

Answer: Indian Space Research Organisation

RESPOND Basket 2025, recently launched by ISRO, is primarily aimed at achieving which of the following objectives?

A.Funding private space startups

B.Inviting academic research aligned with future ISRO missions

C.Commercialising satellite launch services

D.Regulating space research institutions

Ans.B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative postal stamp during the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine in December 2025. The stamp was dedicated to which medicinal plant?

A.Tulsi

B.Ashwagandha

C.Neem

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Ans.B

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Who was crowned Mrs Universe 2025, marking India's first-ever Mrs Universe title?

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Sherry Singh

Aishwarya Rai

More than one of the above

Where was the Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025 hosted by the Indian Army?

Answer: New Delhi

In September 2025, the newly recognised global governing body "World Boxing" organised the inaugural World Boxing Championships at the M&S Bank Arena in Liverpool, England. How many medals did India secure in the women's categories at this championship?

A.2

B.3

C.4

D.5

Ans.C

Where is the World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 being hosted in India?

A.Greater Noida

B.Noida

C.Meerut

D.Agra

Ans.A

During the “World Boxing Cup Finals 2025” held at Greater Noida, India emerged as the top nation by winning a significant number of medals across all 20 weight categories. How many total medals did India secure in this final stage of the tournament?

A.25

B.30

C.35

D.37

Ans.D

The 5th edition of the “Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025” is all set to bring together more than 5000 athletes from across India for a 12-day sporting extravaganza. This will be the first time the event is hosted by this state, with competitions spread across seven of its major cities. The Games will introduce new sports like beach volleyball, canoeing & kayaking, and cycling, while kho-kho will feature as a demonstration event.

Which state will host the 5th edition of the “Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025”?

A.Rajasthan

B.Kerala

C.Madhya Pradesh

D.Uttar Pradesh

Ans.A

Q. Raahul VS, who became India’s 91st Chess Grandmaster in November 2025, belongs to which state?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

Who became the first wheelchair user to travel to space on a suborbital mission conducted by Blue Origin?

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B.Ali Richardson

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Renowned sculptor Ram Vanji Sutar, creator of the 182-metre Statue of Unity, passed away in Uttar Pradesh at the age of 100 due to age-related ailments. Which state government conferred upon him its highest civilian honour?

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Ans.A

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A. Tungbuk and Pumtong Pulit

B. Sitar and Tabla

C. Shehnai and Dhol

D. Tambura and Harmonium

Ans. A

Consider the following statements regarding the SHANTI Bill:

Statement I: The SHANTI Bill marks a shift from a state monopoly to a regulated mixed model in India's nuclear energy sector, while retaining sovereign control over strategic activities.

Statement II: Granting statutory status to the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) and introducing capped nuclear liability aligns India's nuclear governance with global civil nuclear frameworks to attract private investment.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

A. Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II is the correct explanation for Statement I.

B. Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, but Statement II is not the correct explanation for Statement I.

C. Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect.

D. Statement I is incorrect, but Statement II is correct.

Ans. A

Q. Namitbir Singh Walia, who recently became an International Master (IM) in Chess, hails from which state?

Answer: Punjab

In November 2025, Namitbir Singh Walia from Jalandhar recently secured the 4th overall position at the 3rd Annemasse International Masters Tournament in France, earning a significant title in chess. Who was his early coach, what title did he achieve, and which notable achievement makes him stand out in Punjab's chess history?

- A. Early coach Kanwarjit Singh; achieved Grandmaster (GM); first from Punjab to earn this title
- B. Early coach Alexander from Ukraine; achieved FIDE Master (FM); second from Punjab to earn this title.
- C. Early coach Kanwarjit Singh; achieved International Master (IM); second from Punjab to earn this title.
- D. Early coach Swayam Mishra; achieved International Master (IM); first from Punjab to earn this title.

Ans.C

Indian wrestler Sujeet Kalkal recently won gold at the Under-23 World Wrestling Championships 2025 in which weight category?

- A. 57 kg
- B. 61 kg
- C. 65 kg
- D. 70 kg

Ans.C

Q. Sujeet Kalkal won which medal at the Under-23 World Wrestling Championships 2025?

Answer: Gold medal

Consider the following statements about Indian tennis legend Rohan Bopanna's record-setting career:

He is the oldest male player in history to win a Grand Slam title at the Australian Open at age 43.

He became the oldest World No. 1 in doubles rankings.

He won a total of 30 ATP doubles titles including 3 Grand Slam championships.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A.1 and 2 only

B.2 and 3 only

C.1 and 3 only

D.2 only

Ans.A

Where was the National Maritime Games 2025 inaugurated by the President of the Indian Olympic Association and Member of Parliament Dr. P.T. Usha?

A.Goa

B.Kochi

C.Chennai

D.Navi Mumbai

Ans.D

Where was the 69th National School Games 2025 (Under-17 Boys & Girls – Boxing) inaugurated?

A.Guwahati

B.Itanagar

C.Shillong

4.Agartala

Ans.B

Shai Hope created cricketing history in November 2025 by becoming the first batter to score ODI centuries against how many other Full Member nations?

A.10

B.11

C.12

D.13

Ans.B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit which country to attend the 20th G20 Leaders' Summit scheduled from November 21st to 23rd?

A.Brazil

B.South Africa

C.Indonesia

D.Saudi Arabia

Ans.B

Which state government approved the Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration and Welfare) Act in December 2025?

Answer: Jharkhand

Notes: Jharkhand approved the Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration and Welfare) Act, 2025 with Governor Santosh Gangwar's assent.

What is the outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the Census of India 2027?

A. ₹8,000 crore

B. ₹10,500 crore

C. ₹11,718.24 crore

D. ₹12,500 crore

Ans.C

What is the rank of India in Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Index 2025-26?

Answer: 131st

According to the 2025 edition of a global ranking that evaluates passports based on the number of destinations their holders can visit without a prior visa, India's passport slipped several positions compared to the previous year and now offers visa-free access to fewer destinations, sharing its rank with Mauritania. On which rank did India feature in the 2025 Henley Passport Index?

A.80th

B.85th

C.75th

D.90th

Ans.B

What is rank of India in the Asia Power Index 2025?

Answer: Third

India secured which rank in the Asia Power Index 2025 released by the Lowy Institute?

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Which country secured the 3rd position overall in the Asia Power Index (API) 2025, with a power score of 40.0?

A.China

B.United States

C.India

D.Japan

Ans.C

According to the Asia Power Index 2025 released by the Lowy Institute, what is India's rank among Asian countries?

A.1st

B.2nd

C.3rd

D.4th

Ans.C

Q. Siliserh Lake, which has been recently declared as a Ramsar site, is located in which state?

Answer: Rajasthan

Which country won the first-ever Blind Women's T20 World Cup held in Colombo in 2025?

Who has become the first woman officer to graduate from the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun?

Answer: Sai Jadhav

What is the rank of India in the Sustainable Trade Index (STI) 2025?

Answer: 23rd

Who has been selected for the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2025?

Answer: Graca Machel

Indian Navy Day commemorated the Navy's remarkable success during the 1971 Indo-Pak War. In which place did this year's (2025) Indian Navy Day celebrations, including a major maritime demonstration, take place?

- A.Kochi, Kerala
- B.Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C.Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- D.Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Ans.D

What is the primary role of INS Aridaman in India's strategic defense?

- A.To serve as an aircraft carrier
- B.To enhance naval intelligence capabilities
- C.To provide a credible underwater nuclear deterrent
- D.To monitor maritime security in the Indian Ocean

Ans.C

What is the name of India's third indigenously built nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN)?

Answer: INS Aridhaman

India recently launched its fourth nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) at which place?

Answer: Visakhapatnam

Notes: India launched its fourth nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), codenamed S4*, at the Ship Building Center in Visakhapatnam. S4* has 75% indigenous content and is armed with Kalam -4 ballistic missiles with a range of 3,500 km.

Woraiyur cotton sari and Thooyamalli rice, which have recently secured the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, belong to which state?

Answer: Tamil Nadu

Govt to conduct Population Census- 2027 in ____ phases with caste enumeration.

A.two

B.three

C.four

D.five

Ans.A

What are the names of the two mobile applications launched by Registrar-General of India for India's first digital Census 2027?

Answer: Digital Layout Map (DLM) and Census 2027–Houselist

Which Indian city was adjudged the second most polluted city out of the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world?

Answer: Ghaziabad

Notes:

Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad was adjudged the second most polluted city out of the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world in 2020 by a report prepared by British company HouseFresh.

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What is the theme of Human Rights Day 2025, observed on December 10?

A.Advancing Global Equality

B.Dignity for All

C.Our Everyday Essentials

D.Rights and Responsibilities

Ans.C

What is the theme of International Migrants Day 2025?

- A.Safe Migration for a Better Future
- B.Migrants and Global Solidarity
- C.Protecting Migrant Workers' Rights
- D.My Great Story: Cultures and Development

Ans.D

What is the theme of International Civil Aviation Day 2025?

- A.Flying Nations, Connecting Worlds
- B.Aviation for a Green Tomorrow
- C.Safe Skies. Sustainable Future: Together for All
- D.Future Air Mobility & Innovation in the Skies

Ans.C

What is theme of Indian Navy Day 2025?

Answer: Combat Ready, Cohesive and Self-Reliant

What is the theme of International Mountain Day (IMD) 2025?

Answer: Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond

What is the theme of International Volunteer Day (IVD) 2025?

- A.Volunteering for Change

B. Every Contribution Matters

C. The Power of Volunteering

D. Volunteers for Global Development

Ans. B

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed an MoU with which Russian company for the production of SJ-100 civil commuter aircraft in India?

A. Sukhoi Design Bureau

B. United Aircraft Corporation

C. Rostec Corporation

D. Russian Helicopters JSC

Ans. B

Where was the 23rd India–Russia Annual Summit held in December 2025?

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A. Moscow

B. St. Petersburg

C. New Delhi

D. Sochi

Ans. C

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Answer: Gorakhpur

Which organisation is set to launch Tax Pragya, an AI-powered tax research and insights platform?

- A.KPMG India
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- A.Yogi Adityanath
- B.Rajni Kant
- C.Anandiben Patel
- D.Santosh Kumar Yadav

Ans.B

In December 2025, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved an \$846 million loan to India linked to the Pradhan Mantri Skilling Program. How many Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across how many states does this program target for upgradation?

- A.650 across 12 states
- B.500 across 10 states
- C.700 across 15 states
- D.550 across 14 states

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A.350 ITIs

B.450 ITIs

C.550 ITIs

D.650 ITIs

Ans.D

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Answer: Survey of India

Which Indian mapping and geospatial services company launched India's first 3D subsurface mapping solution using advanced 3D Ground Penetrating Radar and LiDAR technology to create digital twins of underground utilities across six Adani Group-managed airports marking a nationwide first in infrastructure modernization?

A.MapmyIndia

B.Tata Advanced Systems

C.Genesys International Corporation

D.Larsen & Toubro Geospatial

Ans.C

In January 2026, The Patanjali Group signed a strategic MoU to facilitate its entry and promote Ayurveda, Yoga, wellness tourism, and naturopathy. With which country was this agreement signed?

A.China

B.Russia

C.USA

D.Japan

Ans.B

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A.IIT Ropar Chip Lab

B Mohali SCL (Semiconductor Laboratory)

C.Punjab NanoTech Fab Centre

D.Chandigarh Microelectronics Hub

Ans.B

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A.National Semiconductor Manufacturing Scheme

B.Digital India Electronics Mission

C.Production Linked Incentive Scheme for IT Hardware

D.Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme

Ans.D

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A.Kadalai Mittai

B.Black rice

C.Terracotta

D.Sujani embroidery

Ans.C

Which city's traditional Zari Poshak received Geographical Indication (GI) recognition in November 2025?

Answer: Mathura

Notes: Zari poshak from Mathura recently received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in November 2025. The zari poshak is a traditional, handmade textile attire used to adorn Lord Krishna.

Which Union Minister inaugurated the pellet plant and laid the foundation stone of the K2 Bio Ethanol plant in Rewari, Haryana?

A.Hardeep Singh Puri

B.Pralhad Joshi

C.Raj Kumar Singh

D.Nitin Gadkari

Ans.B

Which state has been designated as the Focus State for the 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF) held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi?

A.Bihar

B.Jharkhand

C.Uttar Pradesh

D.Maharashtra

Ans.B

Who has been appointed as the head of the four-member committee formed by EPFO for cadre restructuring in November 2025?

A.Suneet Sharma

B.BP Sharma

C.Rajiv Kumar

D.SS Dubey

Ans.B

In November 2025, how much total funding did the World Bank approve for two major development projects in Punjab and Maharashtra?

A.\$700 million

B.\$740 million

C.\$776 million

D.\$820 million

Ans.C

The World Bank recently approved funding for two major projects focused on improving education outcomes and climate-resilient agriculture in India. Which two states are beneficiaries of these initiatives?

A.Punjab and Maharashtra

B.Gujarat and Rajasthan

C.Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

D.Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

Ans.A

India's women's kabaddi team retained their title by winning the 2nd edition of the Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The team remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, defeating which nation in the final to claim the championship?

A.Iran

B.Bangladesh

C.Chinese Taipei(Taiwan)

D.Thailand

Ans.C

India women's team recently clinched their second consecutive title in which global sporting event held in Dhaka?

A.Women's Rugby World Cup

B.Women's Kabaddi World Cup

C.Women's Handball World Cup

D.Women's Kho-Kho World Cup

Ans.B

Where in India is the 2025 Men's FIH Hockey Junior World Cup being organized ?

A.Karnataka

B.Odisha

C.Uttar Pradesh

D.Tamil Nadu

Ans.D

In its debut participation at the 3rd edition of the WorldSkills Asia Competition 2025, India sent a contingent of 23 competitors across 21 skill categories. Led by MSDE and supported by NSDC, India secured a combination of medals and Medallions for Excellence. What rank did India achieve among 29 participating nations?

A.5

B.8

C.9

D.10

Ans.B

Which team won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2025 by defeating India in the final?

A.Australia

B.Belgium

C.South Korea

D.Malaysia

Ans.B

India won which medal in hockey at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2025?

Answer: Silver medal

Which Indian cricketer recently became the 4th Indian to score 20,000 runs across Tests, ODIs, and T20Is?

A.Virat Kohli

B.Sachin Tendulkar

C.Rahul Dravid

D.Rohit Sharma

Ans.D

Which Indian cricketer became the fourth from India to surpass 20,000 international runs during the series-deciding ODI against South Africa in Visakhapatnam?

A.Rahul Dravid

B.Virat Kohli

C.Rohit Sharma

D.Yashasvi Jaiswal

Ans.C

Simranpreet Kaur Brar won which medal in the women's 25-meter pistol event at the ISSF World Cup Final 2025?

Answer: Gold Medal

Which Indian shuttler won his first-ever Super 100 title by securing the men's singles trophy at the 2025 Guwahati Masters?

A.K. Sai Pratheek

B.Mithun Manjunath

C.Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy

D.Sanskar Saraswat

Ans.D

Which Indian equestrian achieved a historic first by winning gold in Eventing at the 2nd FEI Asian Equestrian Championships 2025 held in Pattaya, Thailand?

A.Fouaad Mirza

B.Ashish Limaye

C.Rakesh Kumar

D.Zawar Hussain

Ans.B

In the "Jerusalem Masters 2025" chess tournament, an all-Indian final saw a rising grandmaster defeat former five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand to claim the title and a prize of \$55,000. Who won the tournament?

A. Viswanathan Anand

B. Arjun Erigaisi

C. Peter Svidler

D. Ian Nepomniachtchi

Ans. B

Who has been appointed as the Director General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), starting January 5, 2026?

A. Suresh Goyal

B. Raghuram Rajan

C. Arvind Subramanian

D. Shyamala Gopinath

Ans. A

Where was the Regional Artificial Intelligence Impact Conference 2025 held? (Dec 2025)

A. Bengaluru

B. New Delhi

C. Shillong

D. Guwahati

Ans. C

Which Indian state hosted the AI Impact Summit 2025, organized by its Department of IT in collaboration with the IndiaAI Mission under MeitY, as a pre-event to the India–AI Impact Summit 2026, focusing on Responsible and Inclusive Artificial Intelligence?

- A.Karnataka
- B.Uttarakhand
- C.Telangana
- D.Gujarat

Ans.B

Where was the EARTH Summit 2025 inaugurated by Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah?

- A.New Delhi
- B.Mumbai
- C.Gandhinagar
- D.Jaipur

Ans.C

The 2nd edition of the EARTH Summit 2025, hosted by NABARD and the Internet and Mobile Association of India, focused on sustainable finance and digital agriculture. Where was this summit held?

- A.New Delhi, Delhi
- B.Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- C.Bengaluru, Karnataka
- D.Hyderabad, Telangana

Ans.B

In the Forbes 2025 list of 'The World's 100 most Powerful Woman', Christine Lagarde has acquired rank_____.

A.2

B.3

C.5

D.1

Ans.A

In November 2025, Sweden became the world's first cashless society, relying entirely on digital payments with the journey accelerated by a 2012 mobile app developed by major banks. What is the name of this real-time payment app?

A.Swish

B.Zelle

C.Bizum

D.iDEAL

Ans.A

Which Pakistani musical instrument was inscribed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding list in 2025?

Answer: Boreendo

What is the theme of Republic Day 2026?

Answer: 150 Years of Vande Mataram

What was the theme of the 77th Republic Day of India parade in 2026?

A.Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

B.Amrit Kaal: The Rise of Bharat

C.Viksit Bharat @2047

D.150 years of Vande Mataram

Ans.D

Who has topped the list of 100 most powerful women in the world 2025 released by Forbes?

A.Melinda French Gates

B.Marry Barra

C.Kamala Harris

D.Ursula von der Leyen

Ans.D

Who among the following has been conferred with the Padma Vibhushan 2026 in the field of Art from Maharashtra?

A.Shatavadhani R.

B.Dharmendra Singh Deol

C.Alka Yagnik

D.Ganesh Mammootty

Ans.B

How many Padma Vibhushan awards have been approved by the President of India for the year 2026?

A.5

B.13

C.19

D.113

Ans.A

Prosenjit Chatterjee has been awarded the Padma Shri 2026 in which field?

A.Art

B.Public Affairs

C.Social Work

D.Literature & Education

Ans.A

Indian cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur Bhullar, a Padma Shri awardee for 2026, hails from which state?

A.Haryana

B.Punjab

C.Delhi

D.Himachal Pradesh

Ans.B

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, has issued a new mandate for instant messaging apps.

All over-the-top (OTT) apps like WhatsApp, Signal, and Telegram must link user accounts with SIM cards.

This ensures SIM verification is compulsory for providing messaging services in India.

Web-based logins must enforce automatic logout every 6 hours and allow re-linking via QR code.

Companies must submit compliance reports within 120 days, failing which legal action may follow.

What type of mandate has the DoT issued for OTT messaging apps?

A.Data localization mandate

B.SIM-based account verification mandate

C.End-to-end encryption mandate

D.Net neutrality compliance mandate

Ans.B

Which Indian geospatial company has partnered with Zoho to integrate advanced location intelligence tools into Zoho CRM, creating the first fully indigenous CRM–geospatial integration?

A.Google Maps Platform

B.MapmyIndia Mappls

C.Esri India

D.HERE Technologies

Ans.B

Consider the following pairs of Paramilitary & Other Auxiliary Civil Force contingents and their leaders as per the Republic Day 2026 demonstrations:

1. Central Industrial Security Force ... : Sub Inspector Karan Singh

2. Central Reserve Police Force ... : Assistant Commandant Simran Bala

3. Indo-Tibetan Border Police ... : Assistant Commissioner of Police Anant Dhanraj Singh

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

A.One only

B.Two only

C.All of these

D.None of these

Ans.B

Which contingent won the Best Marching Contingent (CAPFs/auxiliary forces) in the People's Choice Category during the Republic Day Parade 2026?

A.Delhi Police Marching Contingent

B.BSF Marching Contingent

C.CRPF Marching Contingent

D.ITBP Marching Contingent

Ans.A

Which of the following states won the 'Best Tableau' award at the 77th Republic Day parade in January 2026 ?

A.Maharashtra

B.Kerala

C.Gujarat

D.Uttar Pradesh

Ans.A

What was the theme of the 77th Republic Day of India parade in 2026?

B.Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

B.Amrit Kaal: The Rise of Bharat

C.Viksit Bharat @2047

D.150 years of Vande Mataram

Ans.D

For the first time in India's history, double-humped Bactrian camels from Ladakh marched down Kartavya Path during the Republic Day Parade. Named Galwan and Nubra, their appearance was more than ceremonial. It highlighted a rare Himalayan species, its strategic value for India, and its deep historical links to the ancient Silk Route.

Based on the Macroeconomic Framework Statement for the Union Budget 2026-27, which of the following statements regarding the fiscal estimates is INCORRECT?

A. Gross tax revenue is estimated at ₹44.04 lakh crore, representing 11.2 per cent of GDP.

B. Direct taxes are expected to contribute over 61 per cent of total tax revenue.

C. The fiscal deficit is targeted at 5.9 per cent of GDP.

D. Central government debt is projected to decline to 55.6 per cent of GDP.

Ans.C

The construction of the Victoria Memorial Hall at Kolkata as a memorial to the deceased Queen Victoria was envisaged by which of the following Viceroys of British India?

A. Lord Canning

B. Lord Minto II

C. Lord Curzon

D. Lord Elgin II

Ans.C