

# Current Affairs Questions & Answers

Week of 2025-12-28 to 2025-12-22

## Q. 1

Which vessel is set to begin a historic overseas voyage to revive India's ancient maritime legacy?

- INS Tarangini
- INSV Kaundinya
- INS Sudarshini
- INS Vikrant

**Answer: Option B: INSV Kaundinya**

**Category:** Defence

**Explanation:** INSV Kaundinya has been chosen by the Indian Navy to symbolize and revive India's rich ancient maritime traditions. The vessel is named after Kaundinya, a legendary Indian mariner associated with historic sea voyages to Southeast Asia. The planned journey will commence from Porbandar in Gujarat and conclude at Muscat in Oman, highlighting India's long-standing seafaring links with the region. The initiative reflects a blend of cultural revival and naval outreach and has been developed through a ...

## Q. 2

Which country introduced an official butterfly logo for the COP17 Conference on Biological Diversity?

- Georgia
- Azerbaijan
- Armenia
- Kazakhstan

**Answer: Option C: Armenia**

**Category:** International

**Explanation:** Armenia introduced the official logo for the COP17 Conference on Biological Diversity, highlighting its role as the host nation for the global event. The logo features the endemic Erivan Anomalous Blue butterfly, a species native to the region, symbolizing the fragility of ecosystems and the interconnectedness of biodiversity. Designed with 23 blended colours, the logo represents the 23 global biodiversity targets outlined under international commitments. COP17 is scheduled to be held in Yerevan...

## Q. 3

Which state will host the first edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games beginning in February 2026?

- Chhattisgarh
- Odisha
- Jharkhand
- Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: Option A: Chhattisgarh**

**Category:** State

**Explanation:** Chhattisgarh has been selected to host the inaugural edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games, scheduled to begin on February 14, 2026. The event aims to promote sports among tribal communities and showcase indigenous talent from across the country. The mascot for the games will be Morveer, symbolizing tribal bravery and cultural heritage. Seven competitive sports including archery, athletics, football, hockey, wrestling, swimming, and weightlifting will be part of the event, along with two demon...

#### Q. 4

Which country will assume the Chairpersonship of the Kimberley Process from January 1, 2026?

- India
- South Africa
- Canada
- Belgium

**Answer: Option A: India**

**Category:** *International*

**Explanation:** India is set to take over the Chairpersonship of the Kimberley Process beginning January 1, 2026, marking a significant step in its global economic and diplomatic engagement. This will be the third time India has been entrusted with leading this international mechanism aimed at preventing the trade of conflict diamonds. Prior to assuming the chair, India will serve as Vice Chair from December 25, 2025, ensuring continuity in leadership. The Kimberley Process plays a crucial role in regulating th...

#### Q. 5

What position did Mumbai secure in the World's Best Food Cities rankings for 2025–26?

- 3rd
- 5th
- 7th
- 10th

**Answer: Option B: 5th**

**Category:** *National*

**Explanation:** Mumbai achieved the 5th position in the World's Best Food Cities list released under the TasteAtlas World Food Awards 2025–26. This recognition highlights Mumbai's rich and diverse culinary landscape, which blends street food traditions with regional and global cuisines. Although Italian cities dominated the top ranks, Mumbai's placement reflects its growing international reputation as a major food destination. The presence of six Indian cities in the top 100 further underscores India's expandin...

#### Q. 6

In which city was the Rashtra Prerna Sthal inaugurated to honour former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee?

- New Delhi
- Lucknow
- Bhopal
- Jaipur

**Answer: Option B: Lucknow**

**Category:** *National*

**Explanation:** The Rashtra Prerna Sthal was inaugurated in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, as a national memorial dedicated to the ideals and legacy of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The inauguration took place on December 26, 2025, marking Vajpayee's 101st birth anniversary. Developed over 65 acres in the Vasant Kunj area of the city, the memorial serves as a space to inspire future generations by highlighting Indian nationalism, governance, and selfless leadership. It features towering bronze statues of Vajpayee, Syama Prasa...

#### Q. 7

Which institution developed the AI-powered lab assistant AILA capable of autonomously designing and analysing experiments?

- IIT Bombay

- IISc Bengaluru
- IIT Madras
- IIT Delhi

**Answer: Option D: IIT Delhi**

*Category: Technology*

**Explanation:** IIT Delhi developed AILA, an advanced AI-powered laboratory assistant designed to transform the way scientific experiments are conducted. AILA uses agentic AI, enabling it to plan, decide, and adapt in a manner similar to a human researcher. It can independently design experiments, carry them out, and analyze results without continuous human intervention. The system was successfully demonstrated by controlling an Atomic Force Microscope in real time, highlighting its practical capabilities. One ...

## Q. 8

In which language was the Constitution of India released in a new edition to promote linguistic inclusion and tribal empowerment?

- Mundari
- Ho
- Kurukh
- Santhali

**Answer: Option D: Santhali**

*Category: National*

**Explanation:** The Constitution of India was released in the Santhali language to enhance constitutional awareness and inclusion among Santhali-speaking tribal communities. The release was carried out by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan and holds special significance as it uses the Ol Chiki script, the traditional writing system of Santhali, whose centenary was marked in 2025. This initiative enables millions of citizens to access and understand the Constitution in their mother tongue, strengthen...

## Q. 9

On which dates will the 40th Asian and 60th International Waterbird Census be conducted in 2026?

- January 5–6
- January 8–9
- January 10–11
- January 12–13

**Answer: Option C: January 10–11**

*Category: Important Days*

**Explanation:** The 40th Asian and 60th International Waterbird Census is scheduled to take place on January 10–11, 2026. This important biodiversity monitoring exercise will be conducted at the Godavari estuary, including the Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh. The site is notable for hosting rare and endangered species such as the Indian Skimmer and the Great Knot. The census is being jointly organized by the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department along with BNHS, WII, and WWF, with active citizen partici...

## Q. 10

Who smashed records by scoring a blistering 190 off 84 balls in the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2025–26?

- Vaibhav Suryavanshi
- Shubman Gill
- Yashasvi Jaiswal
- Prithvi Shaw

**Answer: Option A: Vaibhav Suryavanshi**

**Category:** *Sports*

**Explanation:** Vaibhav Suryavanshi made history at just 14 years and 272 days by delivering a remarkable performance in men's List A cricket. Playing for Bihar against Arunachal Pradesh in the Vijay Hazare Trophy at Ranchi, he scored 190 runs from only 84 balls. His explosive innings featured 16 fours and 15 sixes, showcasing extraordinary batting power and skill at a very young age. He reached his century in just 36 balls, contributing to Bihar's massive total of 574/6, the highest ever recorded in List A cri...

### Q. 1

On which date is Good Governance Day observed in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee?

- January 26
- December 25
- October 2
- November 14

**Answer: Option B: December 25**

**Category:** *Important Days*

**Explanation:** Good Governance Day is observed annually on December 25 in India to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Instituted in 2014, the day highlights the importance of transparent, accountable, and citizen-centric governance. December 25 was chosen to honour Vajpayee's visionary leadership, democratic values, and commitment to ethical administration. The observance encourages government institutions and citizens to reflect on governance performance, promote public ...

### Q. 2

Who has recently assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) to lead major railway infrastructure projects?

- Anil Kumar Jain
- Saleem Ahmad
- Rajesh Kumar Gupta
- Suresh Prabhu

**Answer: Option B: Saleem Ahmad**

**Category:** *Awards and Honours*

**Explanation:** Saleem Ahmad has taken charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited, a key public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Railways. With over 30 years of experience in infrastructure development, he brings extensive expertise in construction, metro projects, and large-scale redevelopment works. Prior to this role, he served as Director (Projects) at NBCC (India) and held senior positions at the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and Mumbai Port Trust. His appointment comes ...

### Q. 3

Which country has announced plans to build a power plant on the Moon by 2036 to support long-term lunar exploration and a joint international research station?

- Russia
- China
- United States
- Japan

**Answer: Option A: Russia**

**Category:** *International*

**Explanation:** Russia has outlined ambitious plans to establish a power plant on the Moon by 2036 as part of its long-term lunar exploration strategy. Led by Roscosmos, the project is intended to supply continuous energy to lunar rovers, scientific observatories, and infrastructure linked to the Russian-Chinese International Lunar Research Station. With involvement from nuclear technology institutions such as Rosatom and the Kurchatov Institute, the power source is expected to be nuclear, ensuring reliability ...

#### Q. 4

Who was remembered as “not merely an individual, but an institution in himself,” and is associated with the Pokhran nuclear tests and the slogan “Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan”?

- Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- Lal Bahadur Shastri
- Jawaharlal Nehru
- Narendra Modi

**Answer: Option A: Atal Bihari Vajpayee**

**Category:** *Persons*

**Explanation:** Atal Bihari Vajpayee is remembered for his visionary leadership, strong democratic values, and balanced approach to nationalism and inclusiveness. During his tenure as Prime Minister, India conducted the Pokhran nuclear tests in May 1998 under Operation Shakti, asserting strategic autonomy and global standing. His slogan “Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan” reflected a holistic vision integrating defence, agriculture, and science. Vajpayee’s governance reforms left a lasting imprint on India’s dev...

#### Q. 5

Which Indian state has emerged as the national leader in rooftop solar power by achieving an installed capacity of 1,879 MW and completing 50% of its residential target under PM Surya Ghar Yojana?

- Rajasthan
- Maharashtra
- Gujarat
- Tamil Nadu

**Answer: Option C: Gujarat**

**Category:** *State*

**Explanation:** Gujarat has established itself as India’s leading state in rooftop solar energy by achieving an installed capacity of 1,879 MW. The state has successfully installed over 5 lakh residential rooftop solar systems under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, completing 50% of its ambitious target of 1 million systems by March 2027. Strong financial subsidies, amounting to ₹3,778 crore, along with user-friendly policies such as waived charges and simplified regulations, have encouraged widespread ado...

#### Q. 6

What is the name of the first indigenously built Pollution Control Vessel inducted by the Indian Coast Guard to strengthen marine environmental protection?

- Samudra Rakshak
- Samudra Pratap
- Samudra Prahari
- Samudra Shakti

**Answer: Option B: Samudra Pratap**

**Category:** *Defence*

**Explanation:** Samudra Pratap is the first Pollution Control Vessel inducted by the Indian Coast Guard, marking a major milestone in India’s maritime environmental protection capabilities. Built at Goa Shipyard Limited, the vessel showcases India’s growing self-reliance

in defence shipbuilding under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. It is equipped with advanced pollution response systems, firefighting equipment, and modern maritime security weapons. With over 60% indigenous components, Samudra Pratap enhances...

### Q. 7

The MAVEN mission, which recently lost communication with NASA, has been orbiting and studying the atmosphere of which planet?

- Venus
- Jupiter
- Mars
- Saturn

**Answer: Option C: Mars**

**Category:** *Technology*

**Explanation:** The MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution) mission is a NASA spacecraft dedicated to studying the atmosphere of Mars. Launched in November 2013, it has been orbiting Mars since September 2014, providing crucial insights into how the planet lost most of its atmosphere over billions of years. MAVEN examines the interaction between solar wind, sunlight, and the Martian upper atmosphere and ionosphere. It also serves as a communication relay for Mars rovers such as Curiosity and Perseverance...

### Q. 8

Which Indian Navy submarine, commissioned in 1985 as the lead vessel of its class, was decommissioned after completing four decades of distinguished service?

- INS Shankush
- INS Kalvari
- INS Chakra
- INS Sindhughosh

**Answer: Option D: INS Sindhughosh**

**Category:** *Defence*

**Explanation:** INS Sindhughosh was a landmark asset of the Indian Navy and served as the lead submarine of the Sindhughosh-class. Commissioned in 1985, it played a crucial role in strengthening India's underwater warfare, maritime surveillance, and strategic deterrence capabilities. Over its 40-year service life, the submarine undertook numerous patrols, exercises, and operational missions, becoming a backbone of India's submarine fleet. Its decommissioning in December 2025 marked the conclusion of an importan...

### Q. 9

Which country dominated the Global Food City Rankings 2025–26 by securing six spots in the world's top 10 best food cities?

- Italy
- France
- Spain
- Japan

**Answer: Option A: Italy**

**Category:** *International*

**Explanation:** Italy emerged as the leading country in the Global Food City Rankings 2025–26, securing six positions among the world's top ten food cities. Cities such as Naples, Milan, Bologna, Florence, Genoa, and Rome showcased the depth and diversity of Italian cuisine. The dominance reflects Italy's strong regional food identities, reliance on simple recipes using high-quality ingredients, and

globally loved dishes like pizza, pasta, and traditional desserts. Italian food culture is deeply rooted in histo...

### Q. 10

Which Indian state's Sangli district is set to establish a dedicated raisin research centre under Shivaji University to support grape and raisin farmers?

- Karnataka
- Andhra Pradesh
- Tamil Nadu
- Maharashtra

**Answer: Option D: Maharashtra**

**Category:** *State*

**Explanation:** Maharashtra is set to strengthen its agricultural research infrastructure with the establishment of a dedicated raisin research centre in Sangli district under Shivaji University, Kolhapur. The centre aims to address key challenges faced by raisin growers, such as rising export competition, quality standards, and limited access to scientific research. By focusing on improved raisin varieties, processing techniques, value addition, and skill development, the initiative is expected to boost farmer...

### Q. 1

Which country has taken the final step to restart the world's largest nuclear power plant after a regional vote?

- Japan
- Germany
- France
- South Korea

**Answer: Option A: Japan**

**Category:** *International*

**Explanation:** Japan has moved forward with the final approval required to restart the world's largest nuclear power plant, marking a significant development in its energy policy. This decision comes nearly 15 years after the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster, which had a profound impact on nuclear operations across the country. The plant in question, Kashiwazaki-Kariwa, is located in Niigata Prefecture and will be operated by Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO). The restart reflects Japan's cautious bu...

### Q. 2

Who has been conferred with the 40 Under 40 Lawyer Award 2025 at the 6th BW Legal World awards ceremony?

- Arjun Mehta
- Rohan Malhotra
- Shubham Awasthi
- Vikram Sen

**Answer: Option C: Shubham Awasthi**

**Category:** *Awards and Honours*

**Explanation:** Shubham Awasthi, an advocate by profession, has been honoured with the prestigious 40 Under 40 Lawyer Award 2025. This award is regarded as one of the most respected recognitions within the Indian legal community. It celebrates not only professional excellence in the field of law but also acknowledges commitment to public service and humanitarian values. The award was presented during the 6th BW Legal World 40 Under 40 Lawyers and Legal Influencers Awards 2025, held in New Delhi, bringing togeth...

### Q. 3

Which organisation successfully completed the user evaluation trials of the Next Generation Akash missile system?

- DRDO
- ISRO
- HAL
- Bharat Electronics Limited

**Answer: Option A: DRDO**

*Category: Defence*

**Explanation:** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully completed the user evaluation trials of the Next Generation Akash missile system, also known as Akash-NG. These trials demonstrated the missile's ability to intercept aerial targets at varying ranges and altitudes, highlighting its effectiveness in modern air defence scenarios. Designed to counter multiple aerial threats, the Akash-NG system incorporates advanced technologies such as an indigenous Radio Frequency seeker fo...

#### Q. 4

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

- Mohammed Murtaza Vania
- Kiran Ankush Jadhav
- Onkar Vikas Waghmare
- Abhinav Bindra

**Answer: Option B: Kiran Ankush Jadhav**

*Category: Sports*

**Explanation:** Kiran Ankush Jadhav, a Navy shooter, emerged victorious in the 10 metre Air Rifle Men final at the 68th National Shooting Championship. The prestigious event took place at the MP State Shooting Academy in Bhopal and featured top shooting talent from across the country. Jadhav's performance stood out in the senior men's category, earning him the gold medal. Alongside his achievement, other categories also witnessed strong performances, with Mohammed Murtaza Vania winning the junior men's gold and...

#### Q. 5

Which country pledged a \$450 million relief package to Sri Lanka following Cyclone Ditwah?

- China
- Japan
- India
- Australia

**Answer: Option C: India**

*Category: International*

**Explanation:** India announced a substantial relief package worth \$450 million to support Sri Lanka in the aftermath of Cyclone Ditwah. The assistance includes a \$100 million grant along with \$350 million in credit, aimed at supporting key sectors such as infrastructure, housing, health, education, and agriculture. The aid is being delivered under Operation Sagar Bandhu, reflecting India's commitment to regional cooperation and humanitarian support. This initiative aligns with India's Neighbourhood First Polic...

#### Q. 6

On which date is National Consumer Day observed every year in India?

- December 24
- January 26
- December 15



- November 30

**Answer: Option A: December 24**

*Category: Important Days*

**Explanation:** National Consumer Day is observed annually in India on December 24 to commemorate the enactment of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, which came into force on the same date in 1986. The day highlights the importance of consumer rights and awareness, encouraging fair trade practices and accountability among businesses. In 2025, the theme focuses on efficient and speedy disposal of consumer grievances through digital justice. The observance also reflects the evolution of consumer protection laws, ...

### Q. 7

Which state has announced the holding of special Gram Sabhas across all PESA areas to mark the National PESA Mahotsav?

- Jharkhand
- Chhattisgarh
- Madhya Pradesh
- Odisha

**Answer: Option D: Odisha**

*Category: State*

**Explanation:** Odisha has announced the organisation of special Gram Sabhas across all areas governed under the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996, to commemorate the National PESA Mahotsav. The announcement was made by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and highlights the state's focus on strengthening grassroots democracy in Scheduled Areas. The initiative is jointly organised by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. PESA, which came into force on December 24, 199...

### Q. 8

Along which interstate boundary is the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project located?

- Sikkim–West Bengal border
- Arunachal Pradesh–Assam border
- Meghalaya–Assam border
- Manipur–Nagaland border

**Answer: Option B: Arunachal Pradesh–Assam border**

*Category: National*

**Explanation:** The Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project is strategically located on the Subansiri River along the Arunachal Pradesh–Assam border. This large-scale renewable energy project has a total installed capacity of 2,000 MW, consisting of eight units of 250 MW each, with Unit-2 recently commissioned. Developed by NHPC, it is the largest hydropower project in India and features the biggest dam in North-East India. Beyond power generation, the project plays a vital role in flood moderation and contribute...

### Q. 9

As which numbered district was Hansi declared after being reorganised from Hisar district in Haryana?

- 22nd
- 23rd
- 24th
- 25th

**Answer: Option B: 23rd**

**Category:** National

**Explanation:** Hansi has been officially declared a new district in the state of Haryana following a government decision to reorganise the existing Hisar district. With this administrative change, Hansi becomes the 23rd district of Haryana, marking an important step in improving governance and administrative efficiency in the region. The newly formed district comprises the Hansi and Narnaund subdivisions. The notification for this change was issued under the provisions of the Haryana Land Revenue Act, 1887, an...

### Q. 10

In which city will the Rashtra Prerna Sthal be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- Varanasi
- Kanpur
- Prayagraj
- Lucknow

**Answer: Option D: Lucknow**

**Category:** National

**Explanation:** The Rashtra Prerna Sthal is set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the city of Lucknow. The inauguration coincides with the 101st birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, adding historical significance to the event. Developed at a cost of around ₹230 crore, the project features 65-foot-high bronze statues of prominent national leaders including Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Deendayal Upadhyaya, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The site also houses a modern, lotus-sha...

### Q. 1

Which country has launched its first-ever polymer banknote of one-rial denomination set to enter circulation in 2026?

- Bahrain
- Oman
- Qatar
- Kuwait

**Answer: Option B: Oman**

**Category:** International

**Explanation:** Oman has introduced its first polymer banknote, marking a significant step in modernising its currency system. The one-rial denomination is scheduled to enter circulation on January 11, 2026. Designed to combine tradition with modern development, the note measures 145 mm by 76 mm. Its front side showcases the Oman Botanic Garden, symbolising environmental heritage, while the reverse features the Sayyid Tariq bin Taimur Cultural Complex along with the Duqm Port and Refinery, highlighting cultural...

### Q. 2

With which country did India conclude a free trade agreement in 2025 to boost bilateral trade and investment?

- Australia
- New Zealand
- Canada
- Japan

**Answer: Option B: New Zealand**

**Category:** International

**Explanation:** India concluded a Free Trade Agreement with New Zealand to strengthen economic cooperation, improve market access, and encourage long-term investment. The agreement is projected to attract around \$20 billion in investment over 15 years and aims to double bilateral trade within five years. While New Zealand receives tariff concessions on a large share of its exports, India protected sensitive domestic sectors such as dairy, sugar, onions, spices, and edible oils. This pact reflects India's strate...

### Q. 3

What is the denomination of the commemorative postage stamp on Ashwagandha released by the Prime Minister?

- ■2
- ■10
- ■20
- ■5

**Answer: Option D: ■5**

**Category:** *National*

**Explanation:** The commemorative postage stamp on Ashwagandha was released to highlight the global importance of traditional medicine and India's rich heritage in Ayurveda. Issued during the closing ceremony of the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine, the stamp carries a denomination of ■5. The summit was jointly organised by the World Health Organization and the Ministry of Ayush at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The unveiling, attended by the WHO Director-General, symbolised India's leadership in...

### Q. 4

With which country has India signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat?

- France
- Netherlands
- Germany
- Italy

**Answer: Option B: Netherlands**

**Category:** *International*

**Explanation:** India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Netherlands to enhance cooperation in maritime heritage for the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal in Gujarat. The collaboration focuses on museum design, conservation of maritime artefacts, research initiatives, cultural exchange, and tourism development. As part of the agreement, the NMHC will work closely with the National Maritime Museum in Amsterdam, benefiting from the Netherlands' extensive maritime expertise. This partners...

### Q. 5

Which state will become the first in India to implement a rolling budget covering estimates for the next three years?

- Rajasthan
- Maharashtra
- Madhya Pradesh
- Chhattisgarh

**Answer: Option C: Madhya Pradesh**

**Category:** *State*

**Explanation:** Madhya Pradesh has announced the introduction of a rolling budget system, making it the first state in India to adopt this approach. Under this initiative, the state will prepare budget estimates for 2026–27 along with indicative budgets for 2027–28 and 2028–29. The move, announced by the Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister, aims to make the budgeting process more transparent, public-friendly, practical, and focused on measurable outcomes. A rolling budget allows better medium-term planni...

### Q. 6

What is the name of the anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft commissioned by the Indian Navy in December?

- Anjadip
- Arnala
- Androth
- Abhay

**Answer: Option A: Anjadip**

**Category:** Defence

**Explanation:** The Indian Navy commissioned Anjadip as part of its efforts to strengthen coastal defence and anti-submarine warfare capabilities. It is the third vessel in a series of eight ASW Shallow Water Craft and was commissioned at Chennai. Built indigenously by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers in collaboration with L&T Shipyard, the 77-metre-long warship is the Navy's largest waterjet-powered vessel. Equipped with advanced systems such as lightweight torpedoes, ASW rockets, and shallow-water ...

## Q. 7

Which organization signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rashtriya Raksha University to strengthen cooperation in defence and homeland security research and training?

- DRDO
- ISRO
- BARC
- NTRO

**Answer: Option A: DRDO**

**Category:** Defence

**Explanation:** The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by DRDO to strengthen collaboration in defence and internal security through research, education, training, and technological support. The agreement focuses on joint research and development projects, PhD and fellowship programmes, capacity building initiatives, and technology lifecycle support for security forces. Signed in New Delhi in the presence of the Defence Minister, the MoU highlights DRDO's role in integrating advanced defence technologies wit...

## Q. 8

What was the overall growth rate recorded by India's eight core industries in November 2025?

- 2.5%
- 3.2%
- 1.8%
- 4.0%

**Answer: Option C: 1.8%**

**Category:** Economy

**Explanation:** India's eight core industries registered an overall growth of 1.8% in November 2025, reflecting modest but steady industrial expansion. The growth was mainly driven by strong performance in construction-linked sectors such as cement and steel, along with positive contributions from fertiliser and coal production. However, declines in crude oil and natural gas output moderated the overall growth rate. Since these core industries account for over 40% of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), th...

## Q. 9

On which date is Kisan Diwas, also known as National Farmers' Day, observed in India every year?

- December 23
- January 26
- October 2

- November 14

**Answer: Option A: December 23**

*Category: Important Days*

**Explanation:** Kisan Diwas, or National Farmers' Day, is observed annually on December 23 to recognise the invaluable contribution of farmers to India's economy and society. The date marks the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, India's fifth Prime Minister, who strongly advocated farmers' rights, land reforms, and rural development. Declared officially in 2001, the day highlights the importance of agriculture in ensuring food security, rural prosperity, and sustainable development. Various events suc...

## Q. 10

Which space telescope was used by astronomers to discover the lemon-shaped exoplanet PSR J2322-2650b?

- Hubble Space Telescope
- Kepler Space Telescope
- Chandra X-ray Observatory
- James Webb

**Answer: Option D: James Webb**

*Category: Technology*

**Explanation:** The discovery of the unusual lemon-shaped exoplanet PSR J2322-2650b was made using the James Webb Space Telescope, highlighting its advanced observational capabilities. The telescope enabled scientists to study an extreme planetary system located very close to a pulsar, where intense gravitational forces have stretched the planet into an elongated shape. James Webb's infrared sensitivity and ability to observe environments with minimal stellar interference allowed researchers to obtain a clear a...

## Q. 1

Which Indian state launched a conservation initiative to protect smooth-coated otters in the Cauvery delta region?

- Tamil Nadu
- Kerala
- Karnataka
- Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: Option A: Tamil Nadu**

*Category: State*

**Explanation:** Tamil Nadu has initiated a focused conservation drive aimed at studying and protecting smooth-coated otters in the Cauvery delta region. The programme covers key districts such as Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, and Cuddalore, where these vulnerable mammals are found. The initiative includes scientific population assessments, detailed habitat mapping, and measures to address threats like water pollution, habitat degradation, and human-wildlife conflict. Recognised as "Vulnerable" on the IUCN Red List, sm...

## Q. 2

Who became the first artist with a learning disability to win the prestigious Turner Prize?

- Tracey Emin
- Lubaina Himid
- Nnena Kalu
- Grayson Perry

**Answer: Option C: Nnena Kalu**

*Category: Awards and Honours*

**Explanation:** Nnena Kalu made history by becoming the first learning-disabled artist to win the Turner Prize, the United Kingdom's most prestigious award in visual arts. A 59-year-old Scottish artist, she lives with autism and has limited verbal communication, yet her work has gained wide recognition for its originality and expressive power. Her achievement represents a significant milestone for inclusivity and representation in the global art community. The award ceremony took place in Bradford, northern Eng...

### Q. 3

Which Indian women's football club won the inaugural SAFF Women's Club Championship 2025 by defeating Nepal's APF in the final?

- Gokulam Kerala FC
- East Bengal FC
- Odisha FC
- Bengaluru FC

**Answer: Option B: East Bengal FC**

**Category:** Sports

**Explanation:** East Bengal FC created history by winning the inaugural SAFF Women's Club Championship 2025, becoming the first Indian women's club to secure an international football title. The final was held at Dasrath Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal, where East Bengal delivered a dominant performance to defeat the host team APF by 3–0. The team showcased strong tactical discipline, effective teamwork, and defensive solidity throughout the match. This landmark victory marks a significant milestone for Indian wome...

### Q. 4

Which cricketer became the first Asian batter to cross 4,000 runs in Women's T20 Internationals?

- Smriti Mandhana
- Harmanpreet Kaur
- Suzie Bates
- Mithali Raj

**Answer: Option A: Smriti Mandhana**

**Category:** Persons

**Explanation:** Smriti Mandhana achieved a historic milestone in women's cricket by becoming the first Asian batter to score 4,000 runs in Women's T20 Internationals. This achievement came during her return to international cricket, highlighting her consistency and longevity in the shortest format of the game. She reached the landmark in a match against Sri Lanka at Visakhapatnam, where India secured an eight-wicket victory. Globally, she is only the second player to reach this feat, following New Zealand's Suz...

### Q. 5

Who has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of IIFL Finance to strengthen corporate governance and regulatory oversight?

- Urjit Patel
- Shaktikanta Das
- B P Kanungo
- Raghuram Rajan

**Answer: Option C: B P Kanungo**

**Category:** Awards and Honours

**Explanation:** B P Kanungo has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of IIFL Finance, bringing extensive experience in central banking and financial regulation to the company. A former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 2017 to 2021, he also served as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee, which determines India's key interest rates. His expertise spans currency

management, payment systems, and financial stability. In his new role, Kanungo will guide strategic decision-making, strengt...

#### Q. 6

In which Indian state did the Prime Minister lay the foundation stone for a ₹10,601 crore ammonia urea fertilizer plant?

- West Bengal
- Odisha
- Bihar
- Assam

**Answer: Option D: Assam**

**Category: State**

**Explanation:** Assam is the state where the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for a major ammonia urea fertilizer plant with an investment of ₹10,601 crore. The project is located at Namrup in the Dibrugarh district and is being developed by Assam Valley Fertilizer and Chemical Company Limited, a joint venture involving multiple public sector undertakings. Designed to produce 12.7 lakh metric tonnes of urea annually, the plant aims to strengthen fertilizer availability and agricultural productivity. Its...

#### Q. 7

Who won the IGU 124th Amateur Championship of India by defeating Harman Sachdeva in the final?

- Harman Sachdeva
- Sukhman Singh
- Shubhankar Sharma
- Ajeetesh Sandhu

**Answer: Option B: Sukhman Singh**

**Category: Sports**

**Explanation:** Sukhman Singh, a golfer from Noida, emerged as the champion of the IGU 124th Amateur Championship of India, one of the most prestigious events in amateur golf. He secured the title at the historic Tollygunge Club by defeating Haryana's Harman Sachdeva in the 36-hole final. Singh dominated the match and built an unassailable 7UP lead after 29 holes, sealing a comfortable victory. The championship is recognised as the world's longest-running amateur matchplay tournament and is organised by the Ind...

#### Q. 8

Which team defeated India U19 by 191 runs to win the U19 Asia Cup 2025 final in Dubai?

- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka
- Bangladesh
- Afghanistan

**Answer: Option A: Pakistan**

**Category: Sports**

**Explanation:** Pakistan emerged as the champions of the U19 Asia Cup 2025 after registering a dominant 191-run victory over India U19 in the final held in Dubai. This emphatic win marked Pakistan's second U19 Asia Cup title and their first triumph in the tournament since 2012. Batting first, Pakistan posted a massive total of 347 runs for the loss of eight wickets in 50 overs, setting an imposing target. Opener Sameer Minhas played a starring role with a brilliant knock of 172 runs off just 113 balls, laying t...

#### Q. 9

On which date is National Mathematics Day observed in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan?

- December 19
- December 20
- December 21
- December 22

**Answer: Option D: December 22**

*Category: Important Days*

**Explanation:** National Mathematics Day in India is observed on December 22 to honour the birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan, one of the country's most celebrated mathematicians. The day was instituted by the Government of India in December 2011 to emphasise the importance of mathematics in scientific development, innovation, and everyday problem-solving. Observances include educational programs, seminars, and activities aimed at promoting mathematical thinking among students. December 22 serves as a tri...

#### Q. 10

In which Indian state were AI, STEM, and robotics labs launched in government schools under the 'VijAlpatha' initiative?

- Tamil Nadu
- Karnataka
- Maharashtra
- Telangana

**Answer: Option B: Karnataka**

*Category: State*

**Explanation:** Karnataka was selected for the launch of the 'VijAlpatha' initiative, a CSR-driven project inaugurated by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to strengthen technology-based education in government schools. Under this programme, five advanced AI, STEM, and robotics labs are being established in schools located in the Hosapete taluka. These labs are equipped with AI-ready computer systems, robotics kits, and broadband connectivity. The initiative aligns with the National Education Policy 2020 and ...

#### Q. 11

Which organization is responsible for launching the BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite?

- NASA
- SpaceX
- ISRO
- ESA

**Answer: Option C: ISRO**

*Category: Technology*

**Explanation:** ISRO is set to launch the BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite as part of the LVM3-M6 mission, marking an important step in commercial space collaboration. The satellite has been developed by AST SpaceMobile and is notable for being the largest commercial communications satellite to be deployed in Low Earth Orbit. Its primary objective is to provide space-based cellular broadband connectivity directly to standard mobile smartphones across the globe, without the need for specialised equipment...



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