JUNE – NOVEMBER 2026 CURRENT AFFAIRS — COMPLETE QUICK REVISION SHORTCUTS

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PART A — BANKS, REGULATORS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 427 Qs

[01] Reserve Bank of India (RBI) 84 Qs

Q1. 61st MPC (Jun '26) | Chair: Gov Sanjay Malhotra | Repo: 5.25% | SDF: 5.00% | MSF/Bank: 5.50% | Neutral | FY27 GDP: 6.6% | CPI: 5.1% | After Venezuelan Acting Pres Delcy Rodríguez's visit to India

Q2. RBI Penalty | ₹41.80L on Canara Bank | Reason: CKYCR (KYC) + Unclaimed deposit norms

Q3. RBI BoP (FY26) | Q4 Surplus (CAS): $7.1B (0.7% GDP) | Full-yr Deficit (CAD): $25.2B (0.6% GDP) | Vs $22.9B in FY25

Q4. RBI Directions (6m) | Mogaveera Co-op Bank, Mumbai | Withdrawal cap: ₹1L | DICGC cover: ₹5L

Q5. RBI | 0% CRR-SLR | Fresh NRE (3+y) & FCNR(B) (3–5y) | 19 Jun–30 Sep '26

Q6. PFC (Maharatna NBFC) | Raised $300M (5y dollar bond) | 1st NBFC to use RBI subsidised hedging

Q7. RBI Dy Govs (4) | Swaminathan Janakiraman (re-appt 2y, 26 Jun '26), Poonam Gupta, Shirish Chandra Murmu, Rohit Jain

Q8. RBI Ombudsman '26 | From: 1 Jul '26 | Banks, NBFCs, Non-bank PPIs, CICs | Dispute: No limit | Loss: ≤₹30L | Agony: ≤₹3L

Q9. India's CPI Retail Inflation (Jun '26) | Rose to 4.4% (from 3.93% in May '26) | RBI inflation target: 4% | CPI, against the RBI's medium-term inflation target of 4%

Q10. RBI's Financial Inclusion (FI) Index | Rose 4.48% from 67.0 in Mar '25 to 70.0 in Mar '26 on a 0–100 scale, driven by improvements across all sub-indices

Q11. The RBI FI Index is constructed without a base year and comprises three parameters | Access (35% weight), Usage (45% weight), and Quality (20% weight) | 1st published in Aug 2021 without any base year

Q12. RBI granted Delhivery Financial Services a Certificate of Registration to operate as a Type-II Non-Banking Financial Company – Non-Deposit Taking (NBFC-ND)

Q13. GoI approved RBI's proposal to print 100 Cr pieces of ₹10 polymer notes and 100 Cr pieces of ₹20 polymer notes for field trials. Australia | Was the 1st country globally to introduce polymer notes ($10 plastic note in 1988)

Q14. India has 4 banknote presses | 2 operated by RBI's subsidiary BRBNMPL (est. 1995) at Mysuru (Karnataka) and Salboni (West Bengal), and 2 operated by GoI's SPMCIL at Nashik (Maharashtra, oldest press est. 1928) and Dewas (Madhya Pradesh)

Q15. RBI New Executive Director (ED) | Ravi Shankar | Department: DSIM (Department of Statistics and Information Management) | RBI Est. 1935, HQ: Mumbai, Gov: Sanjay Malhotra

Q16. PayGlocal (HQ: Bengaluru, RBI-regulated) + Google Pay | Partnered for card payments in international online transactions by Indian merchants

Q17. 1st BRICS FMCBG Meeting (India's BRICS Chairship 2026) | Hosted in Jaipur, Rajasthan | Co-chaired by FM Nirmala Sitharaman & RBI Gov Sanjay Malhotra

Q18. RBI MPC (Aug '26, 3rd Bi-Monthly FY27, Gov Sanjay Malhotra) | Repo: 5.25% (Unchanged, 'Neutral' stance) | SDF: 5.00% | MSF & Bank Rate: 5.50% | FY27 GDP: 6.7% | FY27 CPI Inflation: 5.0% | Ans: Real GDP growth: 6.7% (revised upward) | CPI Inflation: 5.0% (down 10 bps)

Q19. RBI On-Tap Licensing for UCBs (Restarting after 2004) | Eligibility: Multi-State CCS with 10y operational history | Deposits: ≥₹10,000 Cr | Net Worth: ≥₹300 Cr | CRAR: ≥12% | Net NPA: ≤3% | 5-yr positive trend | Planning to restart the issuance of fresh licences for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) after more than two decades (having stopped fresh licences in 2004)

Q20. RBI Upper-Layer NBFCs (NBFC-UL) for 2026–27 (Asset size ≥₹1L Cr, 17 NBFCs) | Tata Sons retained | 4 New Entrants: REC, PFC, IRFC, HUDCO | 2 Removed: PNB Housing Finance & Sammaan Capital | Under RBI's Scale-Based Regulation (SBR) framework categorising NBFCs into Base, Middle, Upper, and Top Layers

Q21. Retail CPI Inflation Jul '26 | 4.45% (Jun: 4.38%) | Compiled by NSO/MoSPI | Base year revised from 2012 to 2024=100 (in Feb '26) | Basket: 358 items (308 goods + 50 services) | Covering 358 weighted items: 308 goods + 50 services | Above the RBI's 4.0% medium-term target

Q22. Mandatory TReDS Settlement for CPSEs | Ministry of MSME mandates all operating CPSEs to settle MSME supplier invoices via RBI-regulated TReDS platforms (RXIL, M1xchange, Invoicemart, C2treds, DTX) | Ans: Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS)

Q23. RRBs Performance FY26 | Gross loans: ₹5.78L Cr (+10.3% YoY) | PSL achieved: 91.7% of ANBC (vs 75% target) | Agriculture credit: ₹3.78L Cr | Up from ₹5.24L Cr in FY25 | Rising to ₹5.78L Cr with agriculture accounting for 77% of total PSL

Q24. NUCFDC (Umbrella Body for UCBs, HQ shifted to Maharashtra) | Inaugurated by Amit Shah | Launched: 'Bank in a Box' (CBS, digital payments, cloud, compliance) + 24x7 Security Operations Centre (SOC) + MoU with NFSU | NUCFDC—the RBI-recognised umbrella organisation for UCBs, shifting HQ from Delhi to Maharashtra | 'Sahkar Nav-Kranti'

Q25. NRI Deposit Inflows (Q1 FY27) | Inflows: $2.78B (down 23.24% YoY from $3.61B; FCNR(B): $1.73B, NRO: $903M, NRE: $141M) | Total outstanding: $168.51B

Q26. LRS Outward Remittances Q1 FY27 | $7.23B (+4.5% YoY; Travel: $3.8B, Equity/Debt: $1.06B, Deposits abroad: $283.65M) | LRS annual limit: $250,000 per individual | LRS, introduced by the RBI in 2004 allowing resident individuals to remit ≤$250,000 per financial year for permitted transactions

Q27. Niyo Forex Perpetual AD-II Licence from RBI | Granted to operating arm Kanji Forex Private Limited (allows trade remittances, forex cards, family maintenance)

Q28. Trade Remittance Regulatory Approval from RBI | Indel Remit (forex division of Indel Money Ltd, HQ: Mumbai)

Q29. RBI Executive Director (ED) | Monisha Chakraborty | Portfolio: Foreign Exchange Department + Financial Markets Regulation Department

Q30. Airtel Payments Bank Chairperson | Shabnam Sinha (3y term, RBI approval) | Succeeds: Sunil Bharti Mittal (stepping down 30 Sep '26)

Q31. RBI Central Board Appointments (4y term) | Reappointed: Anand Gopal Mahindra | Newly appointed: Dr. S. Somanath (former ISRO Chairman) as part-time, non-official Directors

Q32. RBI Central Board Appointments | 3 Part-Time Non-Official Directors (4y term): Janmejaya Kumar Sinha, Syed Akbaruddin (former diplomat), and Annie George Mathew (former Special Secretary, Expenditure)

Q33. Telangana Market Borrowing | ₹2,000 Cr via State Government Securities (SGS) / SDLs auctioned by RBI | Static: Capital: Hyderabad | CM: Revanth Reddy | Gov: Shiv Pratap Shukla | National Parks: KBR, Mahavir Harina Vanasthali, Mrugavani

Q34. LIC Stake in ICICI Bank | RBI approved increase from existing 4.35% (Jun '26) ≤9.99% within 1y from 4 Sep '26 | LIC Static: Est. 1 Sep 1956 | HQ: Mumbai | CEO & MD: R. Doraiswamy | Promoter of IDBI Bank (49.24%) | Dated 4 Sep '26, valid for 1y | LIC—founded on 1 Sep 1956, HQ: Mumbai with CEO & MD R. Doraiswamy, and holding 49.24% as promoter of IDBI Bank

Q35. Coastal Local Area Bank Ltd. (Coastal LAB) | Became a Scheduled Bank | Included in the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934

Q36. RBI Sep '26 Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH) | Covers household expectations on current & future inflation across 19 cities

Q37. RBI Sep '26 Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS) | Coverage: Rural households in 31 States/UTs | Agency engaged: Ipsos Research Pvt. Ltd

Q38. RBI Sep '26 Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS) | Coverage: 19 cities | Conducted by: Hansa Research Group Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai | Static: RBI Est. 1 Apr 1935 | HQ: Mumbai | Gov: Sanjay Malhotra

Q39. Pluxee India (holding RBI PPI authorisation since 2009) | Authorised by RBI as Payment Aggregator for Online Payments (PA-O) + Physical POS Payments (PA-P) | Holding an RBI Prepaid Payment Instrument - PPI authorisation since 2009

Q40. RBI SRO-FT Recognition | Unified Fintech Forum (UFF) recognised as Self-Regulatory Organisation in FinTech Sector (SRO-FT) | Note: FACE became the 1st SRO-FT in 2024 | After recognition of FACE (FinTech Association for Consumer Empowerment) as the 1st Self-Regulatory Organisation in the FinTech Sector (SRO-FT) in 2024

Q41. RBI Citizen's Charter (as of Aug '26) | Covers 213 services (service standards, time limits, and grievance arrangements) | RBI, founded on 1 Apr 1935 and HQ: Mumbai

Q42. RBI Penalty on TransUnion CIBIL Ltd. (Credit Information Bureau India Ltd) | Amount: ₹26.82L | Violation: Delay in updating credit info & compensating customers under CICRA, 2005

Q43. RBI Penalty on Equifax Credit Information Services Pvt. Ltd. | Amount: ₹1,19,400 (₹1.19L) under CICRA 2005 | Rule: Resolve complaints within 30 days or pay ₹100/day delay compensation within 5 working days | Under the Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act (CICRA)

Q44. Samvriddhi Inclusive Growth Network Pvt. Ltd. (SIGN) | Received RBI in- principle approval as Online Payment Aggregator (PA-Online)

Q45. Revised FY27 India GDP Growth Forecasts | Highest: OECD (7.1%) | S&P Global, ADB & Moody's: 7.0% each | Fitch Ratings: 6.9% | RBI: 6.7% | After India's 7.8% real GDP growth in Q1 FY27 (Apr–Jun '26)

Q46. NaBFID First US Dollar Bond | Raised: $750M (part of ~$4B 2026 overseas target, under RBI's Discounted Swap Window) | Maturity: 10y | Coupon: 6.122%

Q47. CGTMSE Guarantee Cover on TReDS (RBI-regulated since 2017; both buyer & seller must be MSEs) | Guarantee cover: 75% of eligible invoice default | Max revolving exposure: Buyer ₹10 Cr, Seller ₹2 Cr | CGTMSE, under the Ministry of MSME

Q48. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank | Interim CEO: Carol Furtado | Effective: 1 Sep '26 | Tenure: 3m (or until regular MD & CEO) | Succeeds: Sanjeev Nautiyal

Q49. RBI New Executive Director (ED) | Suman Ray | Effective: 1 Sep '26 | Portfolio: DICGC + Premises Department | Earlier promoted EDs: Gunveer Singh, Monisha Chakraborty, Sudhakar Mali, Ravi Shankar | Ans: Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) and Premises Department

Q50. Kissht (RBI-registered NBFC) | Brand Ambassador: Sachin Tendulkar (3y term) | Campaign: 'Loans Without Any Hiccups'

Q51. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (Est. 1 Feb 2017 | HQ: Bengaluru | MD & CEO: Carol Furtado) | Brand Ambassador: R. Madhavan | Campaign: 'Nothing Small About Us'

Q52. Centre's WMA Limit H2 FY27 | ₹50,000 Cr (Oct '26–Mar '27) | Trigger for fresh flotation of market loans: 75% utilisation of WMA limit

Q53. WMA & Overdraft Terms | WMA Interest: Repo Rate | Overdraft Interest: Repo Rate + 2% | Repayment period: within 3m | Overdraft begins when borrowing crosses WMA limit

Q54. RBI Penalty on Hero FinCorp | ₹10L monetary penalty | Violation: Fair Practices Code for Lenders (collected excess interest from certain loan accounts)

Q55. RBI Penalties | Ola Financial Services: ₹3.10L (failed risk categorisation under KYC) | KLM Axiva Finvest: ₹2.70L (failed to return surplus auction amounts on pledged gold) | Under its regulatory enforcement framework

Q56. RBI Gov 5 Priorities (5th KEC) | 1. Systemic Resilience, 2. Understand New Risks, 3. Better Data & Risk Monitoring, 4. System-wide Resilience, 5. Innovation with Trust

Q57. Innovation with Trust Mandate | Focus: Promoting AI and tokenisation responsibly without compromising systemic safety, consumer trust, and financial stability | Ans: Promoting Artificial Intelligence (AI) and tokenisation across financial services without compromising systemic financial safety and consumer trust

Q58. Indiabulls CIC Registration | Indiabulls Ltd received RBI Certificate of Registration as Core Investment Company (CIC) | Formerly: Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited

Q59. RBI CIC Norms | Minimum asset size: ₹100 Cr | Net asset exposure: ≥90% in group companies (investments/ loans) | Equity exposure: ≥60% in group equity | No retail public lending | Under the RBI's statutory regulatory framework for Core Investment Companies (CICs)

Q60. 63rd MPC Decision | Repo Rate hiked by 25 bps to 5.50% | SDF: 5.25% | MSF & Bank Rate: 5.75% | Policy Stance: Shifted to 'Calibrated Tightening' from 'Neutral' | The 1st rate hike in nearly four years

Q61. RBI MPC FY27 Forecasts | Real GDP growth: 7.1% | CPI Headline Inflation: 5.2% | Members: Malhotra, Gupta, Bhattacharyya, Kumar, Bhattacharya, Singh | The policy repo rate increase to 5.50%

Q62. External Debt (End-Jun '26) | Total external debt: $778.2B (+$15.4B from $762.8B at end- Mar '26) | External debt-to-GDP ratio: improved to 20.8% (from 20.9%) | A quarterly increase of $15.4B

Q63. CPI Inflation (Sep '26) | 5.54% (highest in nearly 2y) | 4th straight month above RBI's 4% medium- term target | Safely below 6% upper tolerance limit

Q64. Daily CRR Maintenance Hike | Minimum daily maintenance raised from 90% to 99% effective reporting fortnight 16 Oct '26 | CRR rate itself remains unchanged at 3% of NDTL

Q65. CRR/SLR Shortfall Penalties | Bank Rate: 5.75% (raised from 5.50% on 7 Oct) | First-level penalty: Bank Rate + 3% = 8.75% | Continued shortfall penalty: Bank Rate + 5% = 10.75% | After RBI's 25 bps hike in the Bank Rate from 5.50% to 5.75% on 7 Oct '26

Q66. NovaFusion Capital Approval | Lending subsidiary of Astranova Mobility | Regulatory Status: Approved by RBI to operate as Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)

Q67. RBI approved the merger of Emirates NBD Bank PJSC's 3 Indian branches (Mumbai, Gurugram, Chennai) with RBL Bank, effective 1 Dec '26 (Emirates NBD acquired a 60% promoter stake in RBL Bank for ~₹26,000 Cr / $2.75B in Jun '26)

Q68. RBI granted NOC on 15 Oct '26 for the merger of REC Limited into Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC), which had | Acquired a 52.63% stake in REC in 2019

Q69. RBI inaugurated the two-day international central banking seminar 'SAMVAD 2026' in New Delhi (welcome address by RBI Gov Sanjay Malhotra; keynote by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman)

Q70. India rolled over ₹30B (₹3,000 Cr) currency swap for Maldives (effective 23 Oct '26; Maldives has access to $400M under USD/Euro window + ₹3,000 Cr under INR window) | SAARC Currency Swap Framework (started 15 Nov 2012; 2024–27 validity: 19 Jun 2024 – 18 Jun '27): Total INR Swap Window = ₹250B (₹25,000 Cr) | Total USD/Euro Window = $2B

Q71. RBI imposed 6m restrictions on Puducherry Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd effective 21 Oct '26, capping withdrawals at ₹5,000 per depositor

Q72. Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the corporate office of Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL, India's 1st maritime NBFC, registered with RBI on 19 Jun '25; sanctioned ₹11,563 Cr & disbursed ₹5,107 Cr as of 30 Sep '26) at ISID, New Delhi | Target cumulative disbursements by FY31: ₹60,205 Cr | Registered with RBI on 19 Jun '25, formerly SDCL, a Miniratna Category-I CPSE

Q73. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 30th FSDC Meeting in New Delhi | FSDC: est. Dec 2010, Chairperson: Union Finance Minister, Sub-Committee Chairperson: RBI Gov, Secretariat under DEA (Ministry of Finance)

Q74. PM Narendra Modi | Inaugurated the RBI's new Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute in Bhubaneswar, Odisha | Comprising four state-of-the-art data centres

Q75. High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat (2047) (6m tenure; announced in Budget 2026–27): Chaired by former CVC Suresh N. Patel | Members: Shirish Chandra Murmu (DG, RBI), Padmaja Chunduru (Ex-MD & CEO, Indian Bank), N. S. Vishwanathan (Ex-DG, RBI) & Joint Secretary (Banking), DFS (Member Secretary)

Q76. Kotak Mahindra Bank MD & CEO | Anup Kumar Saha approved by RBI for 3y (w.e.f. 1 Jan '27) | Succeeds: Ashok Vaswani (term ends 31 Dec '26)

Q77. RBI Executive Director Appointment | Sudhakar Malli appointed ED (w.e.f. 1 Oct '26) | Prior role: CGM-inCharge, Department of Supervision at RBI

Q78. RBI constituted TCCFM chaired by RBI Dy Gov (FMRD) Rohit Jain | 7 External Members: Ananth Narayan (Ex-WTM SEBI, IIT Bombay), Shamsher Singh (Chairman FIMMDA & DMD SBI), Neeraj Gambhir (ED Axis Bank), Shailendra Jhingan (ICICI Bank), Aditya Bagree (MD Citibank India), Nand Kishore (MD CCIL) & Ridham Desai (MD Morgan Stanley India) | Meeting at least once every quarter | 'Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets (TCCFM)'

Q79. RBI launched the Nov '26 round of its Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS) across 31 States/UTs | Conducted by Ipsos Research Private Ltd., Gurugram

Q80. One MobiKwik Systems Limited's wholly-owned subsidiary MobiKwik Financial Services Private Limited (MFSPL) received an RBI Certificate of Registration to operate as an NBFC

Q81. Oct '26 CPI Inflation (MoSPI) | Retail inflation rose to a 2y high of 6.09% (vs 5.54% in Sep '26), breaching RBI's 6% upper tolerance limit (target 4% +/- 2%) for the 1st time since Oct 2024 | Consumer Food Price Inflation: 8.94%

Q82. RBI launched the Nov '26 rounds of both IESH (Inflation Expectations Survey of Households) and UCCS (Urban Consumer Confidence Survey) across 19 Indian cities | Conducted by Hansa Research Group Pvt Ltd, Mumbai

Q83. RBI imposed a ₹9L penalty on One MobiKwik Systems Limited under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (for allowing PPI fund transfers beyond limits to non-pre-registered beneficiaries & delayed fraud reporting) | RBI: Est. 1 Apr 1935, 26th Gov Sanjay Malhotra | 5 Fully-Owned Subsidiaries: DICGC, BRBNMPL, ReBIT, IFTAS & RBIH

Q84. RBI approved Pratap Singh as MD & CEO of Fino Payments Bank (commenced 2017, HQ Navi Mumbai, preparing to become a Small Finance Bank) for 3y

[02] State Bank of India (SBI) & SBI Group — 26 Qs

Q85. GoI's ≤3% OFS in NLC India | Is expected to mobilize ~₹1,260 Cr, while SBI paid a dividend of ₹8,813 Cr for FY26 to the Government | 2% base offer + 1% Green Shoe Option | Formerly Neyveli Lignite Corporation | GoI holding ~55% stake in SBI

Q86. SBI Board | Approved raising ≤₹60,000 Cr via debt instruments in FY27, while YES Bank | Partnered w/ Northern Arc Capital | Founded 2003, MD & CEO: Vinay M. Tonse | AT1, Tier 2, and long-term bonds

Q87. Sanjay Lohiya (Secretary, DFS, Ministry of Finance) | Nominated as Director on both RBI Central Board and SBI Board (succeeding Nagaraju Maddirala)

Q88. SBI $300M FRNs | 3y Senior Unsecured Floating Rate Notes issued via SBI London Branch | Coupon: SOFR + 100 bps | SBI HQ: Mumbai | Chairman: C. S. Setty

Q89. SEBI Expert Group to Review Debenture Trustee Regulations, 1993 | Chairperson: Ananta Barua | Co-Chair: Rajnish Kumar (former SBI Chairman)

Q90. SBI Acquires 10% Stake in RDCL (RMBS Development Company Ltd., Inc. 2024) from NHB | NHB's stake reduced from 39% to 29%

Q91. SBI Pre-IPO Stake Sale in SBI Funds Management Ltd. (SBIFM) | Sold 1.42% stake for ₹1,655 Cr | Ahead of an Offer for Sale (OFS) Initial Public Offering | SBI—est. on 1 Jul 1955, HQ: Mumbai with Chairman C. S. Setty

Q92. SBI raised ₹4,691 Cr through Basel III-compliant Additional Tier-1 (AT1) bonds at a coupon rate of 7.75% per annum in its 1st AT1 issuance of FY27

Q93. SBI Card and Google Pay | Launched the co-branded 'Google Pay Flex SBI Card' on both RuPay and Visa networks

Q94. SBI Life + IIT Bombay | MoU for 'Bharat AI & Cyber Innovation Hub for Insurance' (Focus: AI-powered cybersecurity)

Q95. SBI Foundation Day | 1 Jul | est.: 1 Jul 1955 (from Imperial Bank of India) | HQ: Mumbai | Chairman: C. S. Setty | Tagline: 'The Banker to Every Indian'

Q96. SBI Q1FY27 Financial Results | Record Net Profit: ₹21,121 Cr (+10% YoY from ₹19,160 Cr in Q1FY26) | NII: ₹46,992 Cr (+14.9% YoY) | Operating Profit: ₹33,529 Cr

Q97. SBI AI Loan Underwriting (FY26) | Underwrote nearly ₹1L Cr (~$1T) of MSME loans (individual loans ≤₹5 Cr) | Disclosed by MD Rama Mohan Rao Amara at FICCI-IBA | Ans: Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

Q98. SBI Overseas Regulation S Bonds ($500M) | Issued via London Branch | Tenure: 5y | Coupon Rate: 5.25%

Q99. Bancassurance / Corporate Agency Tie-Up | SBI Life Insurance + Jammu & Kashmir Bank (access across 1,000+ branches)

Q100. SBI Credit Support for 'JEEViKA Didis' (SHGs in Bihar) | Amount: ₹500 Cr | Static: SHG-Bank Linkage Programme is led by NABARD (10–20 members per SHG)

Q101. SBI Card (HQ: Gurugram) | Launched FD-backed 'Advantage SBI Card' via SBI YONO app across 4 variants: ELITE, PRIME, SimplyCLICK, and SimplySAVE | HQ: Gurugram, Haryana, while SBI is HQ: Mumbai

Q102. SBI + Bisleri International Pvt Ltd | 'Bottles for Change' initiative (plastic-waste management across SBI branches/ offices) | Net-Zero Targets: SBI = 2055 | India National Target = 2070

Q103. RIL ₹13,000 Cr Bond Issue | 10y bonds, 7.90% annual coupon, AAA rated | Largest investor: SBI (~ ₹5,000 Cr / 40% of issue)

Q104. SBI is developing 'YONO Bharat' for financial-inclusion and feature-phone users | Aims to bring ~30 Cr customers onto YONO by 2030

Q105. SBI inaugurated its Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence | Named 'CyRIS' to counter emerging cyber threats and develop quantum-safe banking security

Q106. IFC extended a $150M social loan to SBI (IFC's 1st credit line to an Indian PSB) to support ~8.64L rural women (~90% via SHGs + rest via SBI's 'Svayam Siddha') | 5 World Bank Group institutions: IBRD (1944), IDA (1960), IFC (1956), ICSID (1966; India is NOT a member), MIGA (1988) | Ans: $150M | India is not a member of ICSID (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, 1966)

Q107. Global Finance World's Best Bank Awards 2026 (Bangkok) | World's Best Consumer Bank 2026 (2nd consecutive) & Best Bank in India 2026 (5th consecutive): SBI | World's Best Bank: Santander (Spain) | World's Best Corporate Bank: DBS Bank (Singapore) | Emerging Markets: BBVA (Spain) | Frontier Markets: Ecobank (Togo)

Q108. SBI Q2 FY27 Results (ended 30 Sep '26): Standalone Net Profit rose 14.3% YoY to ₹23,038 Cr | NII: ₹49,143 Cr | Gross Advances: ₹52.08L Cr | Deposits: ₹62.78L Cr | GNPA: 1.39% | NNPA: 0.36%

Q109. Evolution of SBI: Bank of Bengal (1806, Calcutta), Bank of Bombay (1840), Bank of Madras (1843) | Merged in 1921 to form Imperial Bank of India | Nationalised in 1955 as SBI | On 1 Apr 2017, 5 Associate Banks (SBBJ, SBH, SBM, SBP, SBT) & Bharatiya Mahila Bank merged into SBI

Q110. SBI Chairman Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Inaugurated a new branch of SBI (California) in Frisco, Texas (8th location of SBI California in the US, alongside direct SBI branches in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles & a representative office in Washington) | North Dallas region

[03] HDFC Bank — 11 Qs

Q111. HDFC Bank Interim Part-Time Chairman | RBI approved a 3m extension for Keki Mistry | Founded Aug 1994, HQ Mumbai, CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan | After earlier resignation of Atanu Chakraborty

Q112. HDFC Bank appointed former Finance Secretary & 25th CEC Rajiv Kumar as Part-Time Chairman (succeeding Atanu Chakraborty)

Q113. HDFC Bank (HQ: Mumbai, MD & CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan) | Launched 'Neev' AI-powered banking platform for real-time fraud detection

Q114. Among private banks | HDFC Bank collected the highest MAB penalties of ₹1,798.14 Cr in FY26 (followed by Axis Bank at ₹1,081.33 Cr and ICICI Bank at ₹353.50 Cr). Among PSBs in FY26, SBI collected ₹477.27 Cr (Current A/c only), followed by Bank of Baroda (₹394.10 Cr) and Indian Bank (₹299.17 Cr) | ₹5,669.91 Cr over FY23–FY26

Q115. HDFC Bank (HQ: Mumbai | MD & CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan) | Launched 'Senior Care Savings Account' & 'Special Women's Savings Account' | Dedicated healthcare, doorstep banking, priority service | Bundled health, wellness insurance, and lifestyle benefits

Q116. LIC Stake in HDFC Bank | RBI approves increase ≤9.99% (held ~4.11% previously)

Q117. J&K Bank + HDFC Life | Corporate Agency Agreement | Protection, Savings, Investment & Retirement products | Supports IRDAI's 'Insurance for All by 2047' | J&K Bank Static: Est. 1 Oct 1938 | Founder: Maharaja Hari Singh | HQ: Srinagar | MD & CEO: Amitava Chatterjee | Founded on 1 Oct 1938 by Maharaja Hari Singh, HQ: Srinagar, with MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee and tagline 'Serving to Empower'

Q118. HDFC Bank MD & CEO | Anup Bagchi approved by RBI for 3y term | Succeeds: Sashidhar Jagdishan | Previous role: MD & CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Q119. ICICI Life Insurance MD & CEO | Sidharatha Mishra appointed for 5y term | Succeeds: Anup Bagchi (who moved to HDFC Bank as MD & CEO)

Q120. Former ICICI Prudential Life MD & CEO Anup Bagchi took charge as MD & CEO of HDFC Bank (founded 1994, HQ Mumbai, Chairman: Rajiv Kumar; HDFC merger announced 4 Apr 2022, effective 1 Jul 2023), succeeding Sashidhar Jagdishan

Q121. Bihar's 100-point Bank Performance Assessment Index | Topped by IDFC FIRST Bank (74 points), followed by J&K Bank (68), RBL Bank (68), HDFC Bank (65), Bank of Baroda (64) & Ujjivan SFB (63) | SBI scored 32 points and was placed in the Red Zone (<40 points) | Divided into Green Zone [>=50 points], Yellow Zone [40–49 points], and Red Zone [<40 points] | In Bihar's 1st-ever 100-point 'Performance Assessment Index' for banks

[04] Bank of Baroda (BoB) — 9 Qs

Q122. Bank of Baroda | Launched 'bob Golden Goal Deposit Scheme' (555-day tenure, deposits <₹3 Cr, interest ≤7.40% p.a.) | Founded 20 Jul 1908, HQ Vadodara, MD & CEO: Dr. Debadatta Chand

Q123. **PSB Dividend to GoI** | PNB + Bank of Baroda + Canara Bank + Indian Bank | Total dividend: ₹6,081 Cr

Q124. **RBI Penalties (KYC & Fair Practices Code non-compliance)** | Bank of Baroda: ₹63.60L | GIC Housing Finance: ₹3.10L

Q125. **IndiaFirst Life Insurance** | the shareholding pattern comprises Bank of Baroda (~65%), BNP Paribas Cardif (~26%), and Union Bank of India (~9%) | After BNP Paribas Cardif's acquisition of a ~26% stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance

Q126. **Bank of Baroda (HQ: Vadodara, MD & CEO: Debadatta Chand) + Japan's Mizuho Bank** | Partnership for M&A financing + cross-border banking

Q127. **'UPI Global QR Payments' (UPI Global Reverse Acceptance)** | Launched by Bank of Baroda (BoB) | Enables international travelers to pay at BoB UPI QR merchants via their home banking apps

Q128. **Bank of Baroda (Est. 20 Jul 1908 | HQ: Vadodara, Gujarat | MD & CEO: Debadatta Chand)** | Unveiled AI- powered 'bob World 2.0' mobile banking app (with voice-command banking) at GFF 2026, Mumbai

Q129. **Bank of Baroda (est. 20 Jul 1908, HQ Vadodara, MD & CEO Debadatta Chand; Vijaya Bank & Dena Bank merged into BoB on 1 Apr 2019) started operations of its standalone Primary Dealer subsidiary 'bob Securities & Giltedge Limited'** | Founded on 20 Jul 1908, HQ Vadodara, Gujarat, MD & CEO Debadatta Chand

Q130. **Bank of Baroda (Guyana) Inc inaugurated its new Head Office, Georgetown Branch & Heritage Centre in Georgetown, Guyana** | Inaugurated by Guyanese Pres Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali & BoB MD & CEO Debadatta Chand | BoB is the only Indian bank in Guyana (operating 2 branches)

[05] IndusInd Bank — 6 Qs

Q131. **Stock Broking Wholly Owned Subsidiary Approval** | IndusInd Bank (RBI approval) | Founded: Apr 1994 | HQ: Mumbai | MD & CEO: Rajiv Anand

Q132. **EazyDiner IndusInd Bank Platinum RuPay Credit Card** | Lifetime-free co-branded card on RuPay network (linkable with UPI applications)

Q133. **RBI Penalty on IndusInd Bank (₹59.20L)** | Contravention of RBI rules on: (1) Interest Rate on Deposits, (2) Securitisation of Standard Assets

Q134. **IndusInd Bank (Est. Apr 1994 | HQ: Mumbai | MD & CEO: Rajiv Anand)** | Launched Corporate Credit Card linked directly to business Overdraft (OD) & Cash Credit (CC) accounts (real-time debit, no separate billing cycle)

Q135. **Razorpay 'RAY' AI Account Manager** | WhatsApp-based conversational assistant | Partner: IndusInd Bank | Early enterprise client: Bajaj Finance

Q136. **IndusInd Bank** | Partnered w/ J.P. Morgan Payments (using the 'Xpedite' solution) to offer outward remittances in 123 currencies

[06] Axis Bank & Axis Finance — 9 Qs

Q137. **Axis Bank** | Invested ≤₹380 Cr to raise stake in Axis Max Life Insurance from 19.02% to 19.99% (HQ: Mumbai; MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry; Chairperson: P. N. Prasad) | Formerly UTI Bank, founded 3 Dec 1993, MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry | Along with Axis Securities and Axis Capital

Q138. **Neelkanth Mishra** | Was appointed Executive Director (ED) at the World Bank (HQ: Washington D.C.) for a 3y term, succeeding Parameswaran Iyer | Currently serving as Chief Economist at Axis Bank

Q139. **BITS Pilani & Axis Bank** | Partnered to set up the 'Axis Bank–BITS Industry Research, Technology and Innovation Park' at BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus with a ₹100 Cr CSR grant from Axis Bank

Q140. **Axis Finance Limited (AFL)** | Launched 'Axis Finance Drishti', an in-house digital Business Rules Engine (BRE) for retail and MSME credit decision-making

Q141. **Axis Bank (earlier UTI Bank, HQ: Mumbai)** | New Non-Executive Chairman: N. S. Vishwanathan (former RBI Dy Gov) | Tenure: 27 Oct '26–26 Oct 2029 | Formerly known as UTI Bank

Q142. **Scapia + Axis Bank (HQ: Mumbai)** | Co-branded 'Scapia Axis Bank Credit Card' | Networks: Mastercard + RuPay | Joining Fee: Nil | Annual Fee: Nil

Q143. **Axis Bank 'Sparsh Week 2026' (4th edition, 7–11 Sep '26)** | Theme: 'Act with Speed' (converting customer feedback into faster action)

Q144. **Apple Pay India Launch** | Initial rollout supported Axis Bank-issued Visa and Mastercard credit cards | Devices supported at launch: iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch (Mac support later)

Q145. **Freecharge Payment Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (wholly-owned subsidiary of Axis Bank) received RBI's in-principle approval to operate as an online and offline Payment Aggregator**

[07] South Indian Bank — 3 Qs

Q146. **South Indian Bank (Est. 1929, HQ: Thrissur, Kerala)** | New MD & CEO: Mahesh Muralidhar Pai (3y term from 1 Oct '26, succeeding P. R. Seshadri)

Q147. **Muthoot MCred** | Partnered w/ Kerala-headquartered South Indian Bank (SIB) to offer affordable housing finance across India

Q148. **South Indian Bank Leadership** | Mahesh Muralidhar Pai appointed MD & CEO (3y term from 1 Oct '26) | Replaced: P R Seshadri | SIB HQ: Thrissur, Kerala (Est 1929)

[08] Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) 5 Qs

Q149. **RBI cancelled the banking licence of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) effective 24 Apr '26 under Section 22(4) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949**

Q150. **The Delhi High Court ordered the winding-up of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) and appointed former SBI Chief General Manager Girikumar M. Nair as the Official Liquidator** | After cancellation of Paytm Payments Bank Limited's (PPBL) licence and RBI's petition for winding-up

Q151. **Paytm Payments Bank Excluded** | Removed from Second Schedule of RBI Act, 1934 | Licence cancelled under Section 22(4) of Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (w.e.f. 24 Apr '26)

Q152. **PPBL Liquidation** | Ordered by Delhi High Court on 8 Jul '26 | Official Liquidator: Girikumar M. Nair (former CGM, SBI) | After revocation of Paytm Payments Bank's banking licence

Q153. **RBI granted in-principle approval to Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL, WOS of One 97 Communications Ltd) under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 to issue and operate PPIs, including digital wallets** | Parent company of Paytm

[09] Public Sector Banks (PSBs) & Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) 16 Qs

Q154. **Brajesh Kumar Singh** | Was appointed MD & CEO of Canara Bank (tenure till 30 Apr 2029), succeeding K. Satyanarayana Raju | Previously serving as Executive Director of Indian Bank

Q155. **In FY26, Private Sector Banks collected ₹4,948.71 Cr and Public Sector Banks collected ₹2,137.92 Cr as Minimum Average Balance (MAB) penalties**

Q156. **In FY26, PSBs posted an aggregate net profit of ₹1.98L Cr (up 11.1% YoY), operating profit of ₹3.21L Cr, and total business of ₹283.3L Cr (up 12.8% YoY)** | Marking their 4th consecutive profitable year | Total PSB business reached ₹283.3L Cr as of 31 Mar '26

Q157. **Key asset quality and capital metrics of PSBs in FY26** | Gross NPA ratio = 1.93%, Net NPA ratio = 0.39%, and Capital Adequacy Ratio (CRAR) = 16.6% | Their ₹1.98L Cr net profit in FY26

Q158. **RRBs Record Financial Results FY26** | Net Profit: ₹10,176 Cr | Total Business: ₹13.5L Cr+ | Gross NPA: 5.3% | Net NPA: 2.1% | CD Ratio: 75.2% | New PMJDY accounts: 54.98L+ | RRBs, operating 22,273 branches across 26 States and 3 UTs covering ~700 districts

Q159. **SIDBI Record Net Profit FY26** | ₹5,493 Cr (+14.2% YoY; Total Income: ₹41,940 Cr) | Total Assets: ₹6.32L Cr (from ₹5.68L Cr) | Loans & Advances: ₹5.80L Cr (+16.8% YoY) | HQ: Lucknow | Formed 2 Apr 1990, HQ: Lucknow, Chairman: Manoj Mittal

Q160. **Indian Bank** | Board approved Representative Office in Dubai, UAE (West Asia expansion) | Static: Founded: 15 Aug 1907 | HQ: Chennai | MD & CEO: Binod Kumar | Founded on 15 Aug 1907, HQ: Chennai, Tamil Nadu, with MD & CEO Binod Kumar

Q161. **UCO Bank (Est. 6 Jan 1943 | HQ: Kolkata | MD & CEO: Ashwani Kumar) + ScoreMe Solutions** | Launched 'GST Smart' for MSME credit assessment via GST data/intelligence

Q162. **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB, Est. 1937, HQ: Chennai) + Novio (Credilio Financial Technologies)** | Co-branded RuPay Credit Card (RuPay Select & RuPay Platinum variants; FD-backed credit + instant digital onboarding)

Q163. **Bank of India Programmable CBDC** | Platform developed by Montran India | Features: User-Level Programmability + Auto-Issuance on Digital Rupee (e ₹)

Q164. **Programmable e ₹ Mechanics** | Auto-Issuance automates periodic wallet credits | Programmability restricts beneficiary spending strictly to sender-stipulated end-uses (e.g., tuition, meals)

Q165. **IDBI Bank Strategic Restructuring** | Acquirer: Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd | Stake: 60.72% | Deal Value: ~ ₹52,878 Cr | Landmark: Largest FDI in India's financial sector

Q166. **IDBI Shareholding Bifurcation** | Sale: GoI sells 30.48% & LIC sells 30.24% (Total 60.72%) | Post-Deal Retained: GoI retains 15% & LIC retains 19% | Majority Owner: Fairfax (60.72%) | Under the CCEA-approved IDBI Bank transaction

Q167. **Subhas Chandra Lal Das appointed Part-Time Chairman of Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB, effective 1 Jul 2022, predecessor: BBB) for a 3y term, succeeding Bhanu Pratap Sharma** | Ministry of Finance | FSIB, effective 1 Jul 2022, replacing Banks Board Bureau

Q168. **Ministry of Rural Development signed MoU with National Academy of RUDSETI (NAR) to strengthen RSETIs** | Current year training target: 6.35L rural youth | RUDSET concept pioneered in 1982 by Canara Bank, erstwhile Syndicate Bank & SDME Trust, Dharmasthala

Q169. **C-DAC (under MeitY) and Bank of India (BOI)** | Signed an MoU to collaborate on quantum financial innovation and emerging technologies for banking

[10] NPCI & Unified Payments Interface (UPI) 46 Qs

Q170. **PM SVANidhi** | Provides a 7% interest subsidy (credited semi-yrly via DBT), a UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card to vendors who repay their 2nd loan on time, and digital cashback of ≤₹1,600 on retail/wholesale digital transactions | Under PM SVANidhi, street vendors making timely loan repayments receive a 7% per annum interest subsidy credited via DBT every 6m

Q171. **May '26** | UPI processed a record 23.2B (2,320 Cr) transactions worth ₹29.90L Cr

Q172. **Viyona Fintech India** | Certified as a Biller Operating Unit (BOU) under Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) operated by NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited

Q173. **BHIM (launched 30 Dec 2016) is operated by NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL, est. 2024, MD & CEO: Lalitha Nataraj; May '26: 244M txns worth ₹26,952 Cr)** | 4 NPCI Subsidiaries: NIPL (2020), NBBL (2020), NBSL (2024) & NTSL (NPCI Tech Solutions Ltd, 2025)

Q174. **AI-driven fintech platform jUMPP received NPCI approval to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) on UPI**

Q175. **UPI launched at Galeries Lafayette, Nice Massena (France) via NIPL & Lyra Collect** | US Dept. of Defense restored USINDOPACOM's name back to U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM)

Q176. **BharatPe** | Partnered w/ YES BANK to launch 'BharatPe Flex', a Credit-on-UPI solution

Q177. **NIPL** | Partnered w/ Cambodia's ACLEDA Bank Plc. to enable UPI acceptance across Cambodia via Bakong's KHQR national QR system

Q178. **India–Nepal P2P Cross-Border Remittance** | Connects India's UPI with Nepal's NPI via NIPL and Nepal Clearing House Limited (NCHL) | UPI is live in 9 countries (Singapore, UAE, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Cambodia)

Q179. **UPI Performance (Reported 2 Jul '26, NPCI HQ: Mumbai, Est. 2008)** | Volume: 22.72B transactions | Value: ₹28.92L Cr

Q180. **In FY26, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) processed 24,161.69 Cr transactions amounting to a record value of ₹314.23L Cr, with 55.49 Cr onboarded users as of Jun '26**

Q181. **Hyderabad-based Viyona** | Was certified as a Customer Operating Unit (COU) under the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS, rebranded as Bharat Connect)

Q182. **OmniCard, operated by Eroute Technologies Private Limited** | Launched India's 1st Flexi Benefits Basket on UPI

Q183. **SWIFT Supervisory Board (SWIFT Est. 1973, HQ: La Hulpe, Belgium)** | Joined by Dilip Asbe (NPCI MD & CEO), marking India's 1st direct representation | Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication—est. in 1973 and HQ: La Hulpe, Belgium

Q184. **UPI in Greece (Capital: Athens | Currency: Euro)** | Partners: NIPL + Eurobank | Announced by: Piyush Goyal | NPCI HQ: Mumbai

Q185. **NPCI + HSBC India + J.P. Morgan Payments** | Real-time FX conversion & settlement for international UPI (exact INR amount visible before transaction via direct API integration)

Q186. **India–Seychelles UPI Cooperation Agreement** | Indian partner: NIPL | Purpose: Cross-border digital payments

Q187. **NIPL launched online UPI ticket booking for 'At the Top** | Burj Khalifa' (the 1st UAE tourist attraction to accept UPI for e-commerce bookings) + NEOPAY and Emaar Entertainment

Q188. **UPI Jul '26 Record** | Volume: 23.66B (2,366 Cr) transactions | Total Value: ₹29.88L Cr | Operated by NPCI

Q189. **UPI Payments Fee Exemption Clarification** | P2P & everyday P2M remain 100% free | Taxation & Other Laws (Amendment) Bill 2026 amends Section 10A of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007

Q190. **UPI Market Leadership (Jul '26)** | PhonePe processed 10.86B transactions (45.89% volume share, 48.33% value share worth ₹14.44L Cr)

Q191. **UPI Completes 10y (25 Aug 2016 to 2026)** | Volume grew 13,000-fold (from 1.78 Cr to 24,162 Cr transactions) | Value grew >4,000-fold (from ₹0.07L Cr to ~₹314L Cr) | Operational in 11 countries

Q192. **Maldives–India Real-Time Cross-Border Fund Transfer** | Links Maldives' national payment system 'Favara' with India's UPI | Partners: MMA, RBI, NIPL, Bank of Maldives, Maldives Islamic Bank

Q193. **Qatar–India UPI Remittance Service** | 'PosTransfer powered by UPI' | Collaboration: Qatar Post + India Post + UPU-IP + NIPL | Limit: QAR 10 to 4,000 (max ₹1L, fee: QAR 15) | From QAR 10 to QAR 4,000, max ₹1,00,000 per transfer at a flat QAR 15 fee

Q194. **FASTag Annual Pass (Launched: 15 Aug '25, Developed by NPCI, crossed 1 Cr passes)** | Fee: ₹3,000 | Validity: 1y or 200 toll crossings (whichever comes 1st) for non-commercial vehicles

Q195. **7th Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026** | Venue: Mumbai | Inaugurated by: PM Modi | Started: 2020 | Organisers: PCI + NPCI + FCC | Theme: 'Potential to Impact: Agentic AI | Tokenisation | Quantum: Trusted, Connected, Global Systems for Inclusive Finance'

Q196. **Aug '26 UPI Record** | Volume: 24.51B (2,451 Cr) transactions | Value: ₹29.82L Cr | Operated by: NPCI (Launched: 2016)

Q197. **PhonePe** | First major TPAP to launch 'UPI 123Pay' for 200M+ feature-phone users | SMS-based architecture (no internet/smartphone required, works on 2G) | Working even on limited 2G networks without a smartphone or internet

Q198. **'BharatPe Flex' (Launched at GFF 2026 by BharatPe / Resilient Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Est. 2018, Brand Ambassador: Rohit Sharma)** | Built on NPCI Credit Line on UPI | Partner Bank: YES BANK | Credit limit: ≤₹60,000/month | BharatPe launched 'BharatPe Flex' at the Global Fintech Fest 2026

Q199. **NPCI 'UPI Tap & Pay' (Announced by RBI Gov Sanjay Malhotra at GFF 2026)** | Technology: NFC | ≤₹5,000 without UPI PIN & without opening the UPI app | 's Near-Field Communication (NFC)- based'

Q200. **'UPI Tap & Pay' Ecosystem Support** | 32 banks + 15 UPI apps + 8 acquirers/aggregators + 18 PSPs | Modes: UPI + RuPay Credit Card on UPI + Offline transactions | NPCI's NFC-based 'UPI Tap & Pay' supports regular UPI linked accounts, RuPay Credit Card on UPI, and offline transactions

Q201. **NPCI 'My UPI' AI-Powered Payment Assistant** | Powered by: FiMI (Finance Model for India, a Small Language Model) | Features: Merchant Trust Check, Pay Again, AI complaint filing, mobile-number de-linking, Safety Switch (29 banks + 25 UPI apps + 14 TSPs) | Supported by 29 banks, 25 UPI apps, and 14 technology service providers

Q202. **Suryoday Small Finance Bank (Est. 2017 | HQ: Navi Mumbai | MD & CEO: Baskar Babu Ramachandran) + SprintMoney** | FD booking via Hitachi Payment Services' Money Spot White Label ATMs (Announced at GFF 2026) | Started in 2017, HQ: Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, with MD & CEO Baskar Babu Ramachandran

Q203. **NPCI New UPI MDR Framework (Effective: 15 Oct '26)** | P2P: Free | P2M ≤₹2,000: Free | P2M above ₹2,000: 0.4% MDR | Maximum cap: ₹300 (reached at ₹75,000+)

Q204. **UPI MDR Special Categories** | Essential sectors (>₹2,000): ₹5 flat MDR | Mutual funds/securities/stockbrokers/ dealers: 0.02% (capped at ₹300) | Small merchants (P2PM): Zero MDR ≤₹1L/month | Under NPCI's revised UPI MDR framework effective 15 Oct '26

Q205. **UPI Dedicated Fund for Small Merchants** | 5% of total MDR collected | Focus: Tier-III to Tier-VI centres + NorthEast + J&K + Ladakh (similar to RBI's PIDF for PoS/QR infrastructure)

Q206. **UPI in Uzbekistan** | NIPL (International arm of NPCI) + NIPC (operates HUMO, Uzbekistan's national payment system) | Indian travellers scan UZQR | Approvals: RBI + Central Bank of Uzbekistan (CBU)

Q207. **NIPL + FOMO Pay (Singapore)** | Announced at Global Fintech Fest | Expands UPI merchant acceptance in Singapore (1st merchants include Resorts World Sentosa) | NPCI Est.: 2008 | HQ: Mumbai

Q208. **NHAI operationalised 'OneTag' FASTag portability service on the Rajmargyatra app (available since 17 Sep '26; launched by Nitin Gadkari at GFF 2026 Mumbai)** | Joint initiative of IHMCL & NPCI using a 6-digit Mobile Verification Code (MVC) | Jointly developed by IHMCL and NPCI, launched by Nitin Gadkari at GFF 2026 in Mumbai

Q209. **UPI Sep '26 Metrics** | Volume: 24.07B transactions | Value: ₹29.37L Cr | Trend: 1.8% decline in volume, 1.5% decline in value MoM vs Aug '26

Q210. **Demat 2.0 Corporate Bond Tokenisation** | Uses Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) | Connected via Unified Market Interface (UMI) to RBI Wholesale CBDC | Enables atomic settlement | Ans: RBI's Wholesale Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) / Digital Rupee

Q211. **UPI MDR Exemptions** | Rollout postponed to “immediately after Diwali” | Free: All P2P transfers (any amount) | P2M ≤₹2,000 | Small merchants (P2PM) receiving ≤₹1L/month

Q212. **UPI MDR Rates** | P2M > ₹2,000: 0.4% (max ₹300 for ≥ ₹75k) | Essential sectors (railways, fuel, telecom, insurance, agri inputs): Flat ₹5 | Capital markets (mutual funds, brokers): 0.02% (max ₹300) | Under NPCI's new UPI MDR rate structure

Q213. **UPI MDR Revenue Sharing** | 40% Customer's Bank | 30% Payment Gateway | 20% UPI App | 10% Sponsoring Bank of the UPI App | Under the new UPI MDR framework designed by NPCI

Q214. **UPI in Oct '26** | Average daily transaction value crossed ₹1L Cr for the 1st time to reach ~₹1.01L Cr | Record monthly volume: 25.47B transactions | Record monthly value: ~₹31.53L Cr

Q215. **NPCI est. NPCI Tech Solutions Ltd (NTSL) with former CTO Vishal Kanvaty as MD & CEO (supports AI, Blockchain, Digital Financial Infrastructure, GCC, eKYC Setu, UTP)** | 4 Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of NPCI: 1. NIPL (UPI/RuPay global), 2. NBBL (Bharat BillPay), 3. NBSL (BHIM app), and 4. NTSL (AI, blockchain & tech innovation)

[11] SEBI & Capital Markets — 17 Qs

Q216. **IEPFA (under MCA) and SEBI organised the one-day 'Niveshak Shivir' on 5 Jun in Bhopal** | Madhya Pradesh | IEPFA, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Q217. **GIC Re OFS (~₹3,090 Cr)** | ≤5% stake sale (≤2% Base Offer + Additional 3% Green Shoe Option) | GoI held 82.4% as of Mar '26 | GIC Re, est. 22 Nov 1972, HQ Mumbai

Q218. **Carnelian Asset Management & Advisors received SEBI approval to** | Set up and launch its mutual fund operations

Q219. **SEBI Penalty (₹1.48 Cr)** | Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) | Promoters Subhash Chandra & Punit Goenka barred from securities market for 1y

Q220. **India GDP Growth Forecast FY27 (Ind-Ra / Fitch Group)** | 6.8% (RBI projection: 6.7%) | Ind-Ra HQ: Mumbai | Ind-Ra—a 100% owned subsidiary of the Fitch Group, HQ: Mumbai and registered with SEBI | Closely aligned with RBI's revised forecast of 6.7%

Q221. Information Technology Resilience Index (ITRI) for MIIs | Launched by SEBI (covers exchanges, depositories, clearing corps) | 9 parameters (Availability 20%, Security 20%, Integrity 10%, etc.) + Early Warning System (EWS) by 28 Feb '27 | MIIs—stock exchanges, depositories, and clearing corporations

Q222. AMFI Leadership Reappointments | Chairman: Sundeep Sikka (Nippon Life AMC) | Vice-Chairman: Vishal Kapoor (CEO, Bandhan AMC) | AMFI—apex industry body representing SEBI-registered AMCs | MD & CEO of Nippon Life India Asset Management

Q223. SEBI Executive Director Appointment | Prasanta Mahapatra (heads Corporation Finance Investigation Dept & Recovery and Refund Dept)

Q224. BSE & NSE Penalties (SEBI Listing Regulations non-compliance on Board/independent directors) | NTPC: ₹10.74L | SJVN: ₹26.88L | REC: ₹21.55L

Q225. SEBI Whole-Time Member (WTM) Re-appointed | Kamlesh Chandra Varshney (approved by ACC until 4 Aug 2029, age 65) | SEBI Static: Est. 1988 (Statutory: 1992) | HQ: Mumbai | SEBI—est. in 1988, granted statutory status in 1992, HQ: Mumbai

Q226. Demat 2.0 Pilot Issuances | First issuer: REC (₹500 Cr from 18 investors) | Other issuers: L&T (₹500 Cr, 4 investors), IIFL (₹25 Cr) | Total: ₹1,025 Cr | Stored in existing demats (no new KYC)

Q227. Marcellus Mutual Fund Entry | Marcellus Investment Managers secured final SEBI registration to commence Mutual Fund operations in India

Q228. Jio Platforms Ltd listed at ₹1,358 per share on BSE & NSE against its IPO issue price of ₹1,119 (21.36% listing premium; IPO size ~₹30,213 Cr) | Became India's 2nd most valuable listed company (1st: Reliance Industries; 3rd: Bharti Airtel)

Q229. SEBI-ESMA MoU | Information exchange and supervisory cooperation on Central Counterparties (CCPs) est. in India to mitigate counterparty clearing risks

Q230. SEBI and the Bank of England (BoE) | Signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation and information sharing regarding SEBI-recognised clearing corporations / Central Counterparties (CCPs)

Q231. Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) became the 1st ULB in Bihar to list municipal bonds on NSE | Raised ₹199.99 Cr (~₹200 Cr) | Coupon rate: 9.20% per annum | Tenure: 10y | In the presence of Bihar CM Samrat Choudhary

Q232. SEBI & IEPFA (statutory body under MCA, est. 7 Sep 2016) will jointly organise the 8th Niveshak Shivir in New Delhi | Under Companies Act, 2013, dividends unclaimed for 7 consecutive years (along with underlying shares) are transferred to IEPF / IEPFA Demat account | Chairperson Tuhin Kanta Pandey

[12] IRDAI & Insurance Sector — 22 Qs

Q233. IRDAI penalised corporate agent Nissan Renault Financial Services India Pvt Ltd ₹1 Cr for motor insurance violations, while Mahindra Manulife Insurance Ltd (MMIL)—a JV between Mahindra Group and Manulife Financial Corporation (Canada) —received its Certificate of Incorporation from MCA

Q234. IRDAI Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (WG-AI) | Chaired by Prof. Sandeep K. Shukla, Director of IIIT Hyderabad | IRDAI, est. 1999, HQ Hyderabad, Chairperson: Ajay Seth

Q235. Prudential HCL Health Insurance | Registered by IRDAI as Standalone Health Insurer | JV between Prudential Plc (UK) + Vama Sundari Investments (HCL Group) | IRDAI, with Chairperson Debasish Panda

Q236. BNP Paribas Cardif agreed to acquire ~26% stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance from global private-equity firm Warburg Pincus (held through its affiliate Carmel Point Investments India Pvt. Ltd.)

Q237. IRDAI | Approved the acquisition of Magma General Insurance by Patanjali Ayurved and DS Group from Adar Poonawalla's Sanoti Properties for ₹4,500 Cr

Q238. Magma General Insurance | Patanjali Ayurved is acquiring 73.56% and DS Group-associated foundations are acquiring ~24.50%, taking the total stake acquired to 98.055% | Under the IRDAI-approved ₹4,500-crore acquisition of Magma General Insurance from Sanoti Properties

Q239. ProTec General Insurance | Became the 4th insurer licensed by IRDAI in 2026, following Kiwi General Insurance (General insurer), Allianz Jio Reinsurance (Reinsurer), and Prudential HCL Health Insurance (Standalone health insurer)

Q240. Policybazaar appointed veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan as its brand ambassador with the tagline 'ParivaarSabsePehle'

Q241. Domestic Reinsurance Entry | Bajaj Finserv (2nd Indian financial conglomerate after Jio Financial Services) | Subject to IRDAI approval | After its Board's approval to enter the domestic reinsurance business (subject to IRDAI approval)

Q242. IRDAI Branch Expansion Ban (6m) | Niva Bupa Health Insurance & Acko General Insurance | Penalty for violating Expenses of Management (EoM) limits

Q243. IRDAI 6m Branch Ban | Pramerica Life Insurance & Edelweiss Life Insurance | Punished for breaching Expenses of Management (EoM) limits in FY25 | After statutory audit reviews for FY25

Q244. Prudential Plc Stake Sale | Selling 2% in ICICI Prudential AMC for ~₹3,190 Cr ($333M) | Prudential currently holds 34.6% | to meet MPS listing rules (15% in 5y, 25% in 10y) | Ans: ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC)

Q245. Commercial Insurance MoU | Bajaj General Insurance + Swiss Re Corporate Solutions (coverage for fire, cyber attacks, machinery, liability, business interruption)

Q246. IRDAI (Formed: 1999 | HQ: Hyderabad | Chairperson: Ajay Seth) | Imposed ₹1 Cr penalty on ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd. under Section 102 of Insurance Act, 1938 (Outsourcing & Corporate Governance violations) | IRDAI—formed in 1999, HQ: Hyderabad under the Ministry of Finance with Chairperson Ajay Seth | Outsourcing of Activities by Indian Insurers

Q247. ICICI Bank | Acquired +2% stake in ICICI Prudential Life for ~₹1,470 Cr | Total holding rose to ~52.8% | Note: UK-based Prudential acquired 75% stake in Bharti Life Insurance for ₹3,500 Cr

Q248. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited (Est. 2000, HQ: Mumbai) | Renamed as 'ICICI Life Insurance Limited' (Approved by Registrar of Companies - RoC)

Q249. Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Ltd. (ABHICL) + ICAI (Statutory body, HQ: New Delhi) | Customised healthinsurance solutions for CA students, members & CA firm professionals

Q250. MSME Insurance Gap | India has >73M MSMEs (30% GDP, 44% exports, 60% workforce) | Protection Gap: Only ~15% report adequate insurance coverage | Initiative: UNDP & Generali Central Insurance Innovation Challenge

Q251. IRDAI declared Nov '26 as 'Grievance Resolution Month' across the insurance industry | Ans: IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India)

Q252. Insurance Ombudsman (Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017, effective 25 Apr 2017, replacing 1998 Rules; under Council for Insurance Ombudsmen [CIO]): 18 Centres across India | Entertains complaints where loss payable does not exceed ₹50L (complaint filed within 1y of rejection or after 1m of no response) | Framed under Section 24 of the IRDA Act, 1999, effective 25 Apr 2017, functioning under the Council for Insurance Ombudsmen [CIO]

Q253. Fairfax Financial Holdings (acquiring 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank for ₹52,878 Cr; also owns Go Digit Insurance & IIFL Capital Services) proposed former ICICI Prudential Life MD & CEO N. S. Kannan as Chairman of IDBI Bank, while retaining Rakesh Sharma as MD & CEO

Q254. Union Bank of India (est. 11 Nov 1919, HQ Mumbai, MD & CEO Ashish Pandey, Chairman Srinivasan Varadarajan; Andhra Bank & Corporation Bank merged on 1 Apr 2020) invested ₹336.51 Cr in SUD Life, raising its stake from 25.10% to 26.24% | SUD Life— a 3-way JV of Bank of India, Union Bank of India, and Japan's Dai-ichi Life

[13] IFSCA & GIFT City — 12 Qs

Q255. Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) received an IFSCA licence to open its branch at GIFT City | Gandhinagar, Gujarat | IFSCA, est. 27 Apr 2020, HQ GIFT City, Gandhinagar

Q256. Central Bank of India | Inaugurated its IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar | Founded in 1911, HQ Mumbai

Q257. Jammu & Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank) | Won the Gold Award at the Finacle Innovation Awards 2026 in Mumbai, while ADB and Standard Chartered Bank signed two risk-sharing supply chain finance agreements through GIFT City | Founded on 1 Oct 1938, HQ Srinagar

Q258. IFSCA One KYC | Single KYC for all financial services in IFSC | Location: GIFT City, Gujarat | IFSCA Est. 2020 | Chairperson: K. Rajaraman

Q259. HiWiPay (Base: GIFT City) | Received IFSCA approval for cross-border payment services for students & businesses

Q260. Punjab & Sind Bank (Est. 1908, HQ: New Delhi) | Approved by IFSCA to open an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar

Q261. Power Finance Corporation (PFC, Maharatna CPSE, Est. 1986, HQ: New Delhi) | Raised $300M via 3y Floating Rate Notes (maturing 16 Jul 2029; listed on NSE IFSC & India INX, GIFT City) under its $8B GMTN Programme | PFC—est. in 1986 and HQ: New Delhi under the Ministry of Power led by Manohar Lal

Q262. IDFC FIRST Bank Maiden International Bond ($500M) | Issued via GIFT City IFSC Banking Unit | Tenure: 3y (due 2029) | Fixed Coupon: 5.625% | S&P Rating: BBB- | Marking its entry into global debt capital markets | Rated 'BBB-' Stable by S&P

Q263. Investment Banker Registration at GIFT City IFSC | Nexent Capital IFSC Private Limited (registered by IFSCA; arm of US Nexent Capital Management)

Q264. IFSCA Chairperson | K. Rajaraman (Tenure extended beyond 31 Jul '26 till Oct 2028 / age 65) | IFSCA Est: 27 Apr 2020 (IFSCA Act 2019) | HQ: GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Ans: International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)

Q265. Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 40, published by Z/Yen Partners + China Development Institute) | GIFT City: 37th globally (up 9 places from 46th) & 26th in FinTech | Mumbai: 49th (up 3 places) | Top 4: New York, London, Hong Kong, Singapore | Improving 9 places from 46th, while ranking 26th globally in the FinTech category

Q266. NSE IFSC Ltd (NSE IX, GIFT City) & London Stock Exchange (LSE) | Signed an MoU to explore dual listings (listed on two stock exchanges) and cross-listings across equities, fixed-income securities & ETFs

[14] PFRDA & Pension Sector 4 Qs

Q267. **PFRDA operationalised the 'StAR NPS' (Securities Trading and Reporting – National Pension System) platform** | Developed by BSE Technologies Private Limited

Q268. **PFRDA** | Introduced continuous 'On-Tap' registration for Pension Fund Managers (PFMs) to manage pension corpus under the National Pension System (NPS) and the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) | Replacing the previous window opened in May 2022

Q269. **PFRDA eligibility norms for PFMs require** | (i) ≥5y of experience managing equity and debt funds, (ii) regulation by RBI, SEBI, or IRDAI, (iii) positive net worth of at least ₹50 Cr in each of the preceding 5 financial years, and (iv) min paid-up capital of ₹25 Cr | Under PFRDA's 'On-Tap' registration norms for Pension Fund Managers (PFMs)

Q270. **DoRD + PFRDA (Est. 23 Aug 2003, HQ: New Delhi, Chairman: Sivasubramanian Ramann) MoU** | Deploys 'Pension Sakhis' via DAY-NRLM network for rural pension coverage

[15] Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) 3 Qs

Q271. **LIC (where the GoI holds ~96.5% equity) paid a dividend of ₹12,207.25 Cr for FY26** | presented by LIC CEO & MD R. Doraiswamy to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman | GoI holding ~96.5% of LIC's equity shares

Q272. **LIC Offer for Sale (OFS)** | Govt to offload ≤6.54% stake (after 3.5% in May 2022 IPO) | To meet SEBI's 10% Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) deadline by 16 May '27 | LIC CEO & MD: R. Doraiswamy

Q273. **PM Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY, Launched: 12 Sep 2019, Completed 7y on 12 Sep '26, Fund Manager: LIC)** | Eligible: Small & marginal farmers (≤2 ha), Age 18–40y | Contribution: ₹55–₹200/month | Assured Pension at 60: ₹3,000/month (Spouse family pension: 50% = ₹1,500/month) | ≤2 hectares landholding

[16] NABARD 10 Qs

Q274. **NABARD (Founded: 12 Jul 1982, HQ: Mumbai, Chairman: Dr. Shaji K. V.)** | Launched 3y 'Gramodayam' Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) on its 45th Foundation Day (Target: ~4,000 rural entrepreneurs)

Q275. **NABARD** | MoU w/ MAHAPREIT, a Maharashtra Government enterprise, to finance renewable energy, climate-resilient, and green rural infrastructure projects | Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Limited

Q276. **'RSVC AMRIT' Platform** | Launched by PSA Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood with NABARD | Digital backbone of RuTAGe Smart Village Centres (RSVC) for rural technology transfer | On the occasion of India's 80th Independence Day, Principal Scientific Adviser to the GoI Prof

Q277. **NABFINS Managing Director** | Dr. Haragopal Yandra (former MD of NABCONS) | NABFINS HQ: Bengaluru, Karnataka (NABARD microfinance subsidiary) | NABFINS— HQ: Bengaluru, working in microfinance as a non-deposit-taking NBFC

Q278. **NABARD + NaBFID MoU (Rural Infrastructure Financing)** | Signed by Shaji Krishnan V. (Chairman, NABARD, HQ: Mumbai) + Rajkiran Rai G. (MD, NaBFID)

Q279. **Tamil Nadu 5 New GI Products (FY26)** | Ambasamudram Choppu Samaan (Toys - Handicraft), Woraiyur Cotton Saree (Handicraft), Namakkal Maakkal Pattirangal (Handicraft), Thooyamalli Rice (Agri), Kavindhapadi Nattu Sakkarai (Food)

Q280. **India's 1st WASH Social Bond** | Issued by NABKISAN Finance Ltd (NABARD subsidiary) on NSE Mumbai | Amount raised: ₹180 Cr | Focus: Safe drinking water, sanitation & hygiene in rural areas

Q281. **NABKISAN Social Bond Terms** | Tenor: 5y | Coupon: 8.10% | Maturity: Sep 2031 | Ratings: CRISIL AAA (Stable) & CARE AAA (Stable) | The ₹180 Cr maiden WASH-focused Social Bond issued by NABARD's subsidiary NABKISAN Finance Limited carries

Q282. **NSDC debuted on NSE's Social Stock Exchange (SSE, regulated by SEBI) with a ₹4 Cr Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) issue fully subscribed by NABARD** | Project outlay: ₹11.25 Cr to support 600 youth from weaker OBC households in Madhya Pradesh for overseas jobs | Attended by Minister Jayant Chaudhary

Q283. **SIDBI (est. 2 Apr 1990, HQ Lucknow, CMD: Manoj Mittal)** | Raised ₹5,607 Cr via 5y bonds at 8.17% coupon (earlier, NABARD raised ₹6,000 Cr via 5y bonds at 8.27% coupon) | SIDBI, formed on 2 Apr 1990, HQ Lucknow, UP, Chairman & MD Manoj Mittal | Vs NABARD's ₹6,000 Cr 5y bond issue at 8.27%

[17] Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) 7 Qs

Q284. **PM-VBRY Incentives** | Part A (Employees, salary ≤₹1L): 1m's wage ≤₹15,000 in 2 instalments | Part B (Employers): ≤₹3,000/month per additional employee for 2y (4y [2+2] for Manufacturing) | Under Part A (Benefit for Employees) and Part B (Benefit for Employers) of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)

Q285. **EPF Interest Rate for FY26** | Ratified at 8.25% by the Ministry of Finance | Based on the recommendation of the Central Board of Trustees of EPFO

Q286. **IndusInd Bank (est. Apr 1994, HQ Mumbai, MD & CEO Rajiv Anand) integrated with EPFO to facilitate seamless PF remittance through Corporate Internet Banking (Indus Direct) and INDIE for Business (MSME)**

Q287. **EPFO 'VISHWAS, 2026' Scheme** | One-time dispute settlement for employer damages/penalties (open for 6m from 29 Jun '26) | Graduated lower rates for pre-14 Jun 2024 defaults (0.25% to 1%/month)

Q288. EPFO Mandatory Coverage Wage Ceiling (Effective: 17 Sep '26 / Vishwakarma Jayanti) | Raised from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000/month | Adds 51L+ employees | Est. annual govt outgo: ~₹11,339 Cr (EPF + EPS + EDLI)

Q289. EPFO (est. 4 Mar 1952, HQ New Delhi, apex body: Central Board of Trustees [CBT]) celebrated its 74th Foundation Day on 1 Nov '26 | Launched verified WhatsApp service for PF balance, latest 5 transactions & passbook info | Ans: 74th Foundation Day (presided over by Union Labour & Employment Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya) | EPFO, formed on 4 Mar 1952, HQ New Delhi, administered by the Central Board of Trustees under the Ministry of Labour & Employment

Q290. EPFO launched automatic settlement for eligible inoperative EPF accounts with balances ≤₹1,000 | Under EPF rules, an account is treated as inoperative if no contribution is received for 3 continuous years after the member attains 55y of age or from the date of retirement, whichever is later

[18] Competition Commission of India (CCI) 8 Qs

Q291. Bandhan Bank | Partnered w/ Centrum Finverse Ltd for a 3-in-1 account, while CCI approved Sanlam Emerging Markets (Mauritius) Ltd's (SEMM) acquisition of a 2.80% stake in Shriram Life Insurance via preferential shares | Founded 23 Aug 2015, HQ Kolkata | Combining Banking, Demat, and Trading accounts | CCI, Chairperson: Ravneet Kaur

Q292. CCI approved the merger of Go Digit Infoworks Services with Go Digit General Insurance, the 1st-ever merger between an insurer and a non-insurance holding company under the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025 | CCI, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Q293. CCI 56th Foundation Day (at Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar; HQ: Navi Mumbai) | Launched 'Kapas Darshan' bulletin | Implements 'Kapas Kanti Mission' (2026–31): Outlay ₹5,659.22 Cr, raising productivity from 440 to 755 kg/ha (498L bales) | Celebrating its 56th Foundation Day (founded 31 Jul 1970, HQ: Navi Mumbai) at Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar | 2026–27 to 2030–31, raising lint productivity from 440 kg/ha to 755 kg/ha and output to 498L bales

Q294. TM International Logistics Ltd (TMILL) Acquisition | CCI approves Tata Steel buying 23% from IQ Martrade | Revised shareholding: Tata Steel (74%), NYK Europe (26%)

Q295. Kasturi Cotton Bharat | Premium brand of Indian cotton | Partners: Ministry of Textiles, CCI, TEXPROCIL | Focus: Traceability, DNA tagging, and global quality image

Q296. Rajasthan Royals Acquisition Cleared by CCI | Valuation: ~$1.65B | 3 Franchises: Rajasthan Royals (India), Paarl Royals (SA), Barbados Royals (CPL) | South Africa

Q297. Royals Acquisition Ownership | Buyers: Westview Cricket Ltd (UK, Lakshmi Mittal family) & Poonawalla Sports and Fitness (Adar Poonawalla) | Seller: EM Sporting Holdings (Mauritius) | In the $1.65B acquisition of Rajasthan Royals, Paarl Royals, and Barbados Royals approved by the CCI

Q298. CCI (est. 14 Oct 2003 under Competition Act, 2002, HQ New Delhi, Chairperson: Ravneet Kaur) | Approved Kotak Mahindra Bank's acquisition of Deutsche Bank AG's India businesses in Retail Banking, Affluent/Private Banking & Wealth Management

[19] National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) 3 Qs

Q299. NIIF Additional Commitment (NIIF Founded: 2015, Govt stake: 49%) | Union Cabinet approved additional ₹30,000 Cr, taking total Government commitment to ₹60,000 Cr

Q300. AustralianSuper (Australia's largest pension fund) | Invested AU$500M (>₹3,300 Cr) in NIIF | Total India investments reached AU$3.3B

Q301. The ₹200 Cr investment in Ather Energy | Was routed through the India–Japan Fund (IJF), managed by the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and jointly backed by GoI and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) | As part of a ₹1,000 Cr fundraising round

[20] Asian Development Bank (ADB) 14 Qs

Q302. ADB approved $42.2M facility to strengthen the bamboo industry across 6 NE states (Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura)

Q303. ADB signed $10M deal with Schoolnet India Limited (SIL) | First ADB private sector financing for digital education in India | Expands AI-enabled smart classrooms across 30,000 government schools

Q304. The ADB approved a $850M loan to boost rooftop solar adoption in India under the PM Surya Ghar | Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG-MBY)

Q305. ADB $230M (~₹1,920 Cr) Water & Sanitation Loan | City: Chennai (linked to AMRUT 2.0 + Urban Challenge Fund)

Q306. ADB (est. 19 Dec 1966, HQ Manila, 11th Pres Masato Kanda of Japan) | Has 69 member countries, with Israel being the 69th member

Q307. Strengthening Public Schools Program ($182.89M ADB Loan) | State: Karnataka (500 integrated clusters, preprimary to secondary) | Supported by IFFEd ($10M grant + $25M guarantee)

Q308. Chennai Water & Sanitation Project Loan | $230M agreement between GoI and ADB (supports AMRUT 2.0 & Urban Challenge Fund)

Q309. ADB Urban Transformation Loan | $1B loan + $3M Technical Assistance | Supports Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (urban infrastructure + municipal bonds) | ADB Static: Est. 19 Dec 1966 | HQ: Manila | 69 members | Pres: Masato Kanda

Q310. ADB India GDP Growth Forecast Revision (ADB Est. 1966, HQ: Manila) | FY27: Raised to 7.0% (from 6.6%) | FY28: Trimmed to 7.1% (from 7.3%). 5. International Affairs (PM/Minister foreign visits, global summits - G20, BRICS, SCO, UNGA) (22

Q311. 11th AIIB Annual Meeting 2026 | Venue: Doha, Qatar | Attended by: FM Nirmala Sitharaman | Theme: 'Tomorrow's Infrastructure: Impact and Innovation' | AIIB Static: Operations began 2016 | HQ: Beijing | Pres: Zou Jiayi | Capital: $100B | Members: 111

Q312. IBCA + ADB MoU | Big-cat landscape conservation + sustainable finance | IBCA: Launched by PM Modi in 2023 for 7 big cats (Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma) | 2026 marks 40y of ADB–India partnership | Ans: International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) | Marking 40y of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) partnership with India in 2026 | Launched by PM Modi in 2023 to conserve 7 major big cats: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma

Q313. ADB & Govt of Japan signed financing agreements with AM Green Ammonia (India) Pvt. Ltd. for a 1.1 MTPA green ammonia plant at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh | First investment under ACCEL (Action for Creating Energy Security for Long- term Resilience) | Includes $100M loan from LEAP 2 (financed by JICA, administered by ADB)

Q314. ADB approved a $139.55M loan for the Puducherry Integrated Urban Livability Improvement Project (ADB's 1st engagement in Puducherry) | Marking ADB's 1st-ever engagement in Puducherry

Q315. ADB released the 1st tranche of $21.6M (out of $108M total loan) for the Mizoram Universal Healthcare Scheme | Mizoram received ₹205.49 Cr: ₹184.93 Cr (90%) as grant + ₹20.54 Cr (10%) as loan

[21] International Monetary Fund (IMF) 7 Qs

Q316. IMF World Economic Outlook (Reported 9 Jul '26) | India FY27 Growth Forecast: 6.4% (down 0.1 percentage point) | FY28 Forecast: 6.7%

Q317. IMF New Chief Economist (IMF HQ: Washington, D.C. | 191 members | MD: Kristalina Georgieva) | Silvana Tenreyro (succeeded Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas) | IMF—HQ: Washington, D.C. with 191 member countries and Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva

Q318. Senior Adviser to Executive Director (India), IMF | Rahul Jain (Joint Secy, MCA) | Washington DC, USA | Tenure: 3y

Q319. IMF WEO Projections | India FY27 GDP: Raised to 7.0% (up from 6.4%) | India FY28 GDP: 7.0% (lifted by 0.3 pp) | Global Growth: ~3.1% in 2026, ~3.4% in 2027

Q320. IMF Institutional Profile | Formed: 22 Jul 1944 (Bretton Woods) | Members: 191 (Last: Liechtenstein) | HQ: Washington D.C. | MD: Kristalina Georgieva | First Deputy MD: Dan Katz | Chief Economist: Silvana Tenreyro | Including its newest member

Q321. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attended the 2026 IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Bangkok, Thailand | Thailand hosted for the 2nd time (earlier in 1991; current 2026), becoming only the 3rd country outside the USA to host the Annual Meetings more than once | G20 and G7 FMCBG meetings

Q322. Pakistan (represented by Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema) | Named incoming Chair of the Boards of Governors of the IMF and World Bank Group for 2027 (holding this position for the 1st time since 1953)

[22] World Bank 15 Qs

Q323. SAPLING Dialogue 2026 | Concluded in Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Organised by MoFPI (Minister: Chirag Paswan) & World Bank Group | Theme: 'Unlocking Value: Advancing Food Processing for Employment Generation and Sustainable Growth in South Asia' | South Asian Policy Leadership for Improved Nutrition and Growth

Q324. IFC committed $50M (within a $105M consortium investment) to Hygenco Green Energies for green hydrogen projects in India | IFC, the private-sector arm of the World Bank Group

Q325. World Bank 'Global Economic Prospects Report' | India GDP: 6.6% in FY27 and 7.2% in FY28

Q326. World Bank approved ₹4,000 Cr loan for 'Jal Sanrakshit Haryana' project | Total project outlay: ₹5,714 Cr

Q327. World Bank approved $1.5B for India under 'Boosting Job Creation in the Private Sector DPF Operation' | World Bank: est. 4 Jul 1944, HQ Washington D.C., Pres Ajay Banga (14th), 189 members (189th: Nauru)

Q328. 'Clean Air, Healthy Delhi' Project (CM: Rekha Gupta, supported by World Bank + multilateral institutions) | Outlay: ₹8,300 Cr

Q329. World Bank Financing for 'PM Surya Ghar | Muft Bijli Yojana' (Target: 1 Cr households; MNRE Minister: Pralhad Joshi) | Total Package: $890M ($820M IBRD loan + $60M CTF concessional loan + $10M Livable Planet Fund grant; mobilises ~$4.2B private financing) | To support India's 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana' , the World Bank Board approved a financing package

Q330. World Bank Group Private Capital Mobilisation (FY26) | Record $112B in a single year (Target cited: $20B yrly by 2030)

Q331. World Bank Group (IBRD + IDA, HQ: Washington, D.C.) | New Vice Pres & Auditor General (heading Internal Audit Vice Presidency - IAD): Yuko Keicho

Q332. World Bank New Chief Economist & Senior VP (Development Economics) | Michael Kremer (University of Chicago; 2019 Nobel Economics laureate with Abhijit Banerjee & Esther Duflo) | Succeeds: Indermit Gill | World Bank Static: Est. 1944, HQ: Washington D.C., 189 members, Pres: Ajay Banga | Est. in 1944, HQ: Washington, D.C. with 189 member countries and Pres Ajay Banga

Q333. JNPA Blue Financing | $70M loan from IFC (World Bank Group) | First maritime Blue Financing in India | Target: Shore power infrastructure across JNPA terminals (Navi Mumbai) | Marking India's 1st Blue Financing agreement in the maritime sector

Q334. World Bank India GDP Forecast FY27 | Upgraded to 7.1% (from 6.6% in Apr '26 India Development Update)

Q335. World Bank Group (WBG) helped mobilise $36B in private capital for India over the past 4y (including $9.6B for MSMEs), rising nearly 5-fold from ~$3B in FY22 to $14.5B in FY26

Q336. World Development Report 2026 | Launched by Ashwini Vaishnaw & World Bank in New Delhi | Title: 'The Promise of Artificial Intelligence' | Co-organised with IndiaAI Mission

Q337. World Bank Oct '26 Poverty & Equity Brief | India lifted an estimated 496M people out of poverty between 2011 and 2023 | Extreme poverty ($3.00/day, 2021 PPP) fell from 27.1% (2011) to 2.6% (2023) | Lower-middle-income poverty ($4.20/day) fell from 57.7% (2011) to 16.1% (2023)

[23] Financial Action Task Force (FATF) — 3 Qs

Q338. Vivek Aggarwal (Secretary, Ministry of Culture) | Elected Vice-Pres of FATF (1st time India has secured FATF Vice-Presidency; India joined FATF in 2010; nodal department: Dept. of Revenue, MoF) | FATF—est. 1989 by G7, HQ Paris, 40 members, Pres: Elisa de Anda Madrazo

Q339. its Jun '26 update notified by RBI to Regulated Entities | FATF removed Algeria and Namibia from the Grey List and added Bosnia and Herzegovina and Iraq to the Grey List | After Jun '26 Plenary of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) | Jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring

Q340. FATF Pres (2026–2028, 1 Jul '26 to 30 Jun 2028) | Giles Thomson (UK) succeeded Elisa de Anda Madrazo (Mexico) | Vice-Pres: Vivek Aggarwal (India) | FATF Static: Est. 1989 by G7, HQ: Paris, 40 members, India joined in 2010

[24] Ministry of Finance, Taxation (GST/CBDT) & Financial Agencies — 45 Qs

Q341. India's IIP | Grew by 4.9% in Apr '26 (1st release under the 2022–23 base year), while Gross GST collection in May '26 stood at ₹1.94L Cr (+3.2% YoY), following Apr '26's all-time high of ₹2.43L Cr (+8.7% YoY)

Q342. Per MoSPI's Provisional Estimates (Base Year 2022–23) | India recorded 7.7% Real GDP growth (and 7.9% GVA growth) in FY26, with Q4 (Jan–Mar '26) Real GDP growing at 7.8% (up from 7.1% GDP growth in FY25 and 7.2% in FY24)

Q343. Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL, subsidiary of IOCL) | Granted Navratna status by Ministry of Finance, becoming the 28th Navratna CPSE | CPCL— formerly Madras Refineries Ltd, est. 18 Nov 1965, HQ Chennai, a subsidiary of IOCL

Q344. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE, est. 1884, HQ Kolkata, under Ministry of Defence, FY26 turnover ~₹7,002 Cr) granted Navratna status | Became India's 29th Navratna CPSE

Q345. GoI announced OFS to sell ≤2% stake (1% base + 1% Green Shoe) in Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC, est. 12 Dec 1986, granted Navratna status in Mar '25)

Q346. Goldman Sachs upgraded India's CY 2026 real GDP growth forecast by 30 bps from 6.5% to 6.8%

Q347. Germany abolished the Airport Transit Visa (ATV) requirement for Indians effective 3 Jun '26, while the OECD | India GDP: 6.3% in FY27 and 6.4% in FY28 | Pres: Frank-Walter Steinmeier; Chancellor: Friedrich Merz | HQ: Paris, SG: Mathias Cormann

Q348. Small Savings Rates Q2 FY27 (Unchanged for 9th consecutive quarter) | PPF: 7.1% | SCSS: 8.2% | KVP: 7.5% | NSC: 7.7%

Q349. Jun '26 Gross GST Collection | ₹1.95L Cr (+14% YoY) | GST implemented: 1 Jul 2017 (completed 9y in 2026)

Q350. BPCL (Approved by DIPAM) | Signed ₹85 Cr Share Purchase Agreement for proposed 40% stake in 'Tiki Tar & Shell India'

Q351. The Centre's Debt-to-GDP ratio eased to 58.2% in FY26 (down from 58.5% in FY25) | with total Central Government debt at ₹201.17L Cr as of 31 Mar '26

Q352. FIU-IND | Was est. on 18 Nov 2004 and operates under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance (HQ: New Delhi)

Q353. Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT, HQ: New Delhi, Ministry of Finance) | Chairman Ravi Agrawal reappointed for 6m (1 Jul–31 Dec '26)

Q354. US Federal Reserve 5 Monetary Policy Task Forces (Announced by Fed Chairman Kevin Warsh) | 3 Indian- origin leaders: Dr. Raghuram Rajan, Prof. Raj Chetty, and Asha Sharma

Q355. Rahul Himalian | Was appointed Additional CMD of IRCTC (Schedule 'A' Navratna CPSE, est. 1999, HQ New Delhi), succeeding Sanjay Kumar Jain

Q356. The Union Government appointed Satya Pal Kumar as the Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit– India (FIUIND)

Q357. Dhruva Space (Hyderabad) | Received ₹60 Cr as the 1st investment of the 'Antariksh Venture Capital Fund' (AVCF; promoted by IN-SPACe & SVCL) | Promoted under IN-SPACe and managed by SIDBI Venture Capital Limited - SVCL

Q358. GST Day | Observed: 1 Jul (9th GST Day in 2026) | GST launched: 1 Jul 2017 | Ministry: Finance (Minister: Nirmala Sitharaman) | Commemorating the rollout of the Goods and Services Tax on 1 Jul 2017 under the Ministry of Finance (led by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman)

Q359. 167th Income Tax Day (24 Jul '26) commemorates Sir James Wilson introducing income tax on 24 Jul 1860. Notably, the new Income Tax Act, 2025 took effect on 1 Apr '26, replacing the Income Tax Act, 1961 | Aaykar Diwas

Q360. Gross GST Collection (Jul '26) | ₹2.11L Cr (+15.4% YoY) | Launched: 1 Jul 2017 (101st Amendment Act 2016) | Slabs: Nil, 5%, 18%, 40% (from 22 Sep '25) | GSTIN: 15-digit

Q361. Additional Tax Devolution (1 Aug '26) | Total: ₹1,09,019 Cr | Top 3 States: UP (₹19,208 Cr), Bihar (₹10,845 Cr), MP (₹8,010 Cr) | 16th FC vertical share: 41% (14 instalments yrly)

Q362. Hindustan Copper Ltd (HCL) OFS | Government offloading ≤6% stake to raise ~₹3,000 Cr (holding prior to OFS: 66.14%) | Managed by DIPAM | Under an announcement made by DIPAM

Q363. Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director | Rahul Navin (1y extension till 31 Jul '27) | Formed: 1 May 1956 | HQ: New Delhi | Under: Dept of Revenue, MoF (Enforces PMLA, FEMA, FEOA) | Est. 1 May 1956, HQ: New Delhi, enforcing PMLA 2002, FEMA 1999, and FEOA 2018

Q364. Aug '26 Gross GST Collections | ₹1,99,853 Cr (+14.8% YoY over ₹1,74,116 Cr in Aug '25) | GST launched: 1 Jul 2017 | Rates cited: 0%, 5%, 18% + special 40% rate | GST—launched on 1 Jul 2017 with main slabs of 0%, 5%, 18% and a special 40% rate under 'One Nation, One Tax'

Q365. Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR) | Upgraded India's Sovereign Rating from BBB+ to A- (Outlook: Stable) | Country Ceiling raised: A- to A | Cited 7.8% GDP growth (FY26 & Q1 FY27) | In FY25–26 and Q1 FY26–27

Q366. Moody's India FY27 Real GDP Growth Forecast | Raised to 7% (from earlier 6%) | Sovereign Rating: Baa3 (lowest investment-grade rating) | Outlook: Stable | The lowest investmentgrade rating on Moody's scale

Q367. Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 (Effective: 1 Oct '26, Ministry of Finance) | Replaces Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891 | Introduces 'Special Cause' requirement when bank is not a party to a case

Q368. MDL + NSHIP-AP MoU | ₹15,000 Cr Greenfield Shipyard at Dugarajapatnam, Andhra Pradesh | Capacity: 1.2M Gross Tonnes/year

Q369. Cabinet approved 3% DA/DR hike effective 1 Jul '26 | Rate rose from 60% to 63% of Basic Pay/Pension | Beneficiaries: 48.54L Central Govt employees & 68.71L pensioners | Annual impact: ₹10,016.10 Cr (linked to CPI-IW compiled by Labour Bureau)

Q370. 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave (KEC 2026) | Organisers: Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) + Ministry of Finance | Theme: 'Resilience in an Age of Flux' | First held: 2022

Q371. Small Savings Rates Q3 FY27 (Unchanged) | SSY: 8.2% | SCSS: 8.2% | PPF: 7.1% | NSC: 7.7% | KVP: 7.5% (115m) | Post Office Savings: 4.0% | Ans: 8.2% on Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana and 7.1% on Public Provident Fund

Q372. GST Revenue Sep '26 | Gross collections: ₹2,03,521 Cr (+14.7% YoY) | Top states: Maharashtra (₹29,986 Cr), Karnataka (₹13,884 Cr), Gujarat (₹12,222 Cr)

Q373. FY27 Market Borrowing Revision | Gross borrowing trimmed to ₹15.99L Cr (from ₹17.20L Cr BE) | Sovereign Green Bonds: ₹15,000 Cr | H1 raised: ₹8.14L Cr | H2 plan: ₹7.86L Cr

Q374. H2 G-Sec Auction Structure | 23 weekly auctions | Tenors: 3 to 50y | Largest share: 10y security at 26.3% | Net borrowing: broadly unchanged at ~ ₹11.7L Cr | Under the Central Government's revised borrowing plan for H2 FY27 | 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 30, 40, and 50y

Q375. New 12-state GST Standing Committee comprises 5 large states (permanent members: Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat & Tamil Nadu) + 4 medium states + 3 small states (remaining 7 seats rotational every 2y) | GST Council: Article 279A

Q376. Ministry of Defence | Signed a ~₹770 Cr contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL, est. 1954, HQ Bengaluru, Navratna DPSU) in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh for Improved Low Level Light Weight Radars (LLLR-I) for the Indian Army

Q377. Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) celebrated its 77th Foundation Day on 6 Nov '26 | est.: 6 Nov 1950 under Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance | HQ: Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Q378. Stand-Up India Scheme (announced 15 Aug 2015, launched 5 Apr 2016 at Noida; lapsed 31 Mar '25) extended for 5y ≤31 Mar 2031 | Approved Credit Guarantee Corpus: ₹4,111 Cr (managed by NCGTC via CGFSI) | Additional Beneficiary Target: 2.5L women and SC/ST entrepreneurs | Originally launched on 5 Apr 2016 at Noida under the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance

Q379. Stand-Up India Key Parameters | Composite loan (Term Loan + Working Capital) >₹10L to ₹1 Cr for Greenfield enterprises in Manufacturing, Services, Trading & Agri-allied sectors (1 SC/ST & 1 Woman borrower per bank branch) | Loan & Credit Guarantee Coverage: 85% each | Guarantee Fee: 0.50% | Tenure: 7y (18m moratorium) | Min 10% own contribution & min 51% stake in non-individual entities

Q380. Union Cabinet extended CGFMU (launched Jan 2016, managed by NCGTC under DFS, Ministry of Finance) till 31 Mar 2031 | Approved Corpus: ₹5,000 Cr | Enables ₹12.6L Cr in loans over 5y

Q381. CGFMU Loan Categories & Revised Fees | 1. PM MUDRA Yojana (PMMY): ≤₹20L, 2. PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY): Overdraft ≤₹10,000, 3. SHGs: >₹10L to ₹20L | Standard CGFMU Guarantee Fee cut from 1.00% p.a. to 0.75% p.a. (SHGs 1st yr: 0.25%, subsequent yrs: 0.50%)

Q382. Oct '26 gross GST collection rose 22.9% YoY to over ₹2.31L Cr (2nd-highest in FY27 after ~₹2.43L Cr in Apr '26) | GST implemented on 1 Jul 2017 under Constitution (101st Amendment) Act, 2016 (Presidential assent: 8 Sep 2016)

Q383. Union Govt released ₹1,09,019 Cr in monthly tax devolution to 28 States | Top 3 recipients: 1. Uttar Pradesh (₹19,208 Cr), 2. Bihar (₹10,845 Cr), 3. Madhya Pradesh (₹8,010 Cr) | Lowest recipient: Sikkim (₹365 Cr) | 16th Finance Commission (Article 280; 2026–27 to 2030–31) vertical devolution share: 41%

Q384. Moody's Ratings | Raised India's FY27 GDP growth forecast from 6.5% to 7.0% in its 'Global Macro Outlook 2027–28'

Q385. Jatin Kumar Nayak took charge as CMD of IREDA | IREDA: Navratna CPSE under Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), est. 11 Mar 1987, HQ New Delhi | Ans: Jatin Kumar Nayak (previously Executive Director [Finance] at REC Limited)

[25] Other Banks, NBFCs & Fintech Updates — 42 Qs

Q386. Following the sale of a 3.25% stake for ₹2,873.3 Cr | SoftBank's shareholding in Lenskart declined from 13.13% to 9.88% | Via its affiliate SVF II Lightbulb

Q387. Emirates NBD Bank (Dubai) | Acquired 60% stake in RBL Bank for ~$2.75B (~₹26,000 Cr), the largest FDI in India's banking sector

Q388. Bengaluru-based cross-border fintech Skydo secured its 1st international payment licence outside India in Canada | Money Services Business registration

Q389. Visa appointed Shah Rukh Khan as its brand ambassador for India and rolled out its 'Infinitely More' campaign

Q390. Kerala State Cooperative Bank (popularly known as Kerala Bank) | Launched the 'Gen Z Tech Loan' scheme offering low-interest loans to students for buying laptops and tablets

Q391. 'Paisa+ Secured Credit Card' | Partners: Paisabazaar + SBM Bank India | Network: RuPay | Backed by FD (Minimum FD: ₹2,000) | Purpose: Build credit score

Q392. Kotak Mahindra Bank | Acquiring Deutsche Bank India's retail + private banking + wealth management business for ₹281.7 Cr (Expected completion: Sep '27)

Q393. AU Small Finance Bank (HQ: Jaipur, started banking in 2017) + Zaggle Prepaid Ocean Services Ltd. | Launched 'AU Zaggle Co-Branded Retail Credit Card' on Visa & RuPay ('Zagg Coins-to-Cashback')

Q394. Shivalik Small Finance Bank (HQ: New Delhi; 1st UCB to transition into an SFB in Apr 2021) | Acquired & merged Delhi-based ManiBhavnam Home Finance India Pvt Ltd (Deal value: ~₹109 Cr)

Q395. Karnataka Bank (HQ: Mangaluru | MD & CEO: Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma) | Launched 'KBL Finsurance' digital insurance portal (integrated with SprintMoney) | Wildflower Business Services Pvt Ltd

Q396. Bank of America Strategic Investment in Jio Credit Ltd (JFSL) | ≤49.9% stake (Initial: 26.5%) | Total proposed investment: ≤₹18,268 Cr (~$1.9B) | Under a strategic partnership involving an investment of ≤₹18 | The wholly owned NBFC arm of Jio Financial Services Ltd

Q397. 'Razorpay Vulcan' | India's 1st transformer-based AI foundation model built specifically for digital payments | Developed with NVIDIA & AWS

Q398. 'YES Essence' Credit Card | YES Bank | Women-centric credit card combining spending rewards with lifestyle & wellness benefits

Q399. 'Wizz Voyager' Multi-Currency Card | Wizzmoni (formerly Unimoni) + Oman Air | AI-powered prepaid travel card for international travelers | An NBFC and AD-II licensed provider, formerly Unimoni

Q400. SoftBank Stake Sale in Lenskart | Offloaded ~2.6% for ₹2,888 Cr via open-market sale (previously sold 3.25% in Jun '26 for ₹2,873 Cr)

Q401. Muthoot Finance MD | Alexander George | Replaces: George Alexander Muthoot (appointed Executive Vice Chairman) | Founded: 1939 | HQ: Kochi, Kerala

Q402. Fino Payments Bank Interim CEO | Ketan Merchant (3m extension from 27 Aug '26; succeeded Rishi Gupta) | After resignation of former MD & CEO Rishi Gupta on 21 May '26

Q403. MSME Equity Financing MoU | BSE Ltd + PHDCCI | Focus: Facilitating MSME equity capital raising on BSE SME Platform | BSE: Founded 9 Jul 1875 | Ans: PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)

Q404. PhonePe 'PulsePro' Data Intelligence MoU | Integrated with MeitY's PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (managed with BISAG-N)

Q405. Tata Capital–Resona Bank MoU | Resona Bank (Japan) commits $20M as LP in Tata Capital Growth Fund III LP (SEBI Category II AIF)

Q406. Tata Motors Commercial Vehicle Business | ECB (Frankfurt) approval for Iveco Group takeover | Deal value: €3.8B (~₹40,000 Cr) | Includes indirect holdings in IC Financial Services SA + CNH Industrial Capital Europe SAS

Q407. IPPB 9th Foundation Day (Launched: 1 Sep 2018, 100% Govt-owned under Ministry of Communications, MD & CEO: R. Viswesvaran, ~1.65L Post Offices) | Launched: DakPay Sound Box for Merchants + Digital Insurance Tech Platform + Digital Mutual Fund Platform

Q408. Bandhan Bank | Launched 4 credit card variants: Sparks, Ignite, Lumina, and Flare

Q409. PhonePe's 1st International Regulatory Footprint | Initial approval from Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) for RPSCS (Retail Payment Services and Card Schemes) + SVF (Stored Value Facilities) licences

Q410. Mastercard Exits Pine Labs (via Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte. Ltd. on BSE block deals) | Sold 4.31% stake (4,97,24,182 shares) for ₹933.57 Cr

Q411. Jammu & Kashmir Bank (Est. 1 Oct 1938 | HQ: Srinagar | MD & CEO: Amitava Chatterjee) | Won 'Best CSR Overall Practices' Award at 13th National CSR Leadership Congress & Awards, Bengaluru (~₹96 Cr CSR spend in last 3y) | 'Best Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Overall Practices'

Q412. IDFC FIRST Bank + Sarvam AI (Indic/Indian-language AI startup) | Partnered to build a self-improving AI- driven customer journey platform

Q413. World Tourism Day 2026 | Observed: 27 Sep (UNWTO, 1st celebrated 1980) | 2026 Host Country: El Salvador | Theme: 'Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism' | India Static: e-Visa (2014, 172 countries) | Tourism share in FY24 GDP: 5.22% (~₹15.73L Cr)

Q414. ₹100 Cr Gold Loan Co-Lending | Orange Retail Finance (Chennai) + Shriram Finance Ltd | Focus: Originating and funding gold loans across Tamil Nadu

Q415. Airtel Money LSE Listing | Mobile financial services platform of Airtel Africa debuted on London Stock Exchange (LSE)

Q416. Federal Bank VERTO | Premium savings account with lifestyle + insurance + cashback | Founded: 23 Apr 1931 | HQ: Aluva, Kochi, Kerala | MD & CEO: KVS Manian | Federal Bank launched 'VERTO', a premium Resident Savings Account bundled with lifestyle, insurance, and cashback benefits

Q417. Karnataka Bank Trade Konnect | Forex platform for import/export and outward cross-border remittances | Tech Partner: Kyzer Software (India) Pvt Ltd | MD & CEO: Raghavendra S. Bhat

Q418. HSBC India | Launched a ₹200 Cr, 4y (2026–2030) flagship philanthropy programme to strengthen financial literacy and capability across India

Q419. European Central Bank (ECB, est. 1 Jun 1998, HQ Ostend district, Frankfurt, Germany) Pres Christine Lagarde | Announced she will step down on 7 Feb '27

Q420. Nikhil Dhoka appointed CEO of JioBlackRock Broking Pvt. Ltd. (broking arm of the 50:50 Jio Financial Services– BlackRock joint venture)

Q421. YES BANK | Launched 'YES vibez' savings account for Generation Z customers (targeting 1st-jobbers, entrepreneurs, creators & young professionals)

Q422. Fairfax India Holdings Corporation (via FIH Mauritius Investments Ltd) invested ~₹2,000 Cr to acquire an additional 11.22% stake in IIFL Capital Services Ltd, raising its direct stake from 26.82% to 38.04%

Q423. Global investment firm Blackstone (est. 1985, HQ New York City, Chairman & CEO Stephen Schwarzman) agreed to invest ₹5,000 Cr in IIFL Finance for a 15.57% equity stake

Q424. Vice-Pres C. P. Radhakrishnan attended the 105th Foundation Day of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu | TMB: Founded 11 May 1921 (as Nadar Bank Ltd), HQ Thoothukudi, MD & CEO Salee Sukumaran Nair | TMB, originally est. as Nadar Bank Limited on 11 May 1921, HQ Thoothukudi, MD & CEO Salee Sukumaran Nair

Q425. Equitas Small Finance Bank (est. 5 Sep 2016, HQ Chennai, Chairman: Arun Ramanathan) appointed Balaji Nuthalapadi as Interim CEO following the resignation of MD & CEO P. N. Vasudevan | Ans: Balaji Nuthalapadi (Whole-Time Director / Executive Director of ESFB) | ESFB, began banking on 5 Sep 2016, HQ Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Chairman Arun Ramanathan

Q426. Tata Investment Corporation Limited (TICL) appointed Bahram Vakil as Chairman | succeeding Noel N. Tata (appointed Chairman Emeritus)

Q427. HSBC Hurun Global Indians List 2026 | 1. Sundar Pichai (Alphabet, $4.2T), 2. Satya Nadella (Microsoft, $2.6T), 3. Sanjay Mehrotra (Micron, $1.4T), 4. Neal Mohan (YouTube, $550B), 5. Thomas Kurian (Google Cloud, $438B) | 16 women entrants ($699B total) led by Jayshree Ullal of Arista Networks ($208B) | Combined valuation $699B

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[26] NITI Aayog 15 Qs

Q428. **8th Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Challenge 2026** | Jointly led by UNDP India & Citi Foundation | Partnered w/ AIM (NITI Aayog), implemented by T-Hub Foundation | 6 winners received ₹3.50L each (runners-up ₹2.20L each)

Q429. **'India–France ATL Bridge'** | Launched in Nice via an LoI between AIM (NITI Aayog) and La Fondation Dassault Systèmes | 'Bharat Innovates 2026' | 's 1st School Innovation Lab based on India'

Q430. **Anurag Jain** | Appt: the new CEO of NITI Aayog by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), succeeding Nidhi Chhibber

Q431. **Only 5 states** | Achieved the 'Top Performers' (score >50) category in NITI Aayog's Investment Friendliness Index (IFI): Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Goa, and Odisha (alongside 15 Frontrunners, 8 Emerging, and 8 Aspiring) | 45–50 | 40 to <45

Q432. **Peer group toppers in NITI Aayog's IFI were** | Gujarat (Large States), Uttarakhand (Hilly & North-Eastern States), and Goa (City States & UTs, followed by Delhi and Chandigarh)

Q433. **NITI Aayog's BioEconomy Roadmap targets scaling India's BioEconomy to $691B by 2035 and $2.6T by 2047, creating over 30M jobs and establishing a ₹50,000 Cr BioEconomy Growth Fund**

Q434. **India's BioEconomy** | Grew 16-fold from $10B in 2014 to $195.3B in 2025, accounting for 4.8% of the national GDP | According to NITI Aayog's BioEconomy Roadmap report, India's BioEconomy expanded 16-fold from $10B in 2014

Q435. **Multilingual AI for Inclusive Governance SoI** | Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) + NITI Aayog ('BHASHINI for Seva/Sanchalan' initiative)

Q436. **India F1 Revival Task Force (Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports)** | 10 members | Headed by: Yugal Kishore Joshi (Programme Director, NITI Aayog) | Circuits: Buddh International Circuit (Greater Noida) & Madras International Circuit (TN) | Evaluating circuits such as the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida and the Madras International Circuit in Tamil Nadu

Q437. **'PACT' (Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport)** | Flagship initiative under e- FAST India to accelerate zeroemission/electric trucks | Launched by NITI Aayog (Formed: 1 Jan 2015 | HQ: New Delhi | Chair: PM Modi | Vice-Chair: Ashok Kumar Lahiri | CEO: Anurag Jain) | Formed on 1 Jan 2015, HQ: New Delhi, with Chairperson PM Narendra Modi, Vice-Chairperson Ashok Kumar Lahiri, and CEO Anurag Jain

Q438. **NITI Aayog India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2025 (16 indicators, 3 themes)** | Top Performers: #1 Delhi (84), #2 Maharashtra (78), #3 Karnataka (73), #4 Chandigarh (71), #5 Goa (65) | India EV Target: 30% sales by 2030 | 1st State EV Policy: Karnataka (Sep 2017) | Transport Electrification, Charging Infrastructure, and EV R&D/Innovation | Karnataka having introduced India's 1st State EV Policy in Sep 2017

Q439. **Sugarcane Farmers Panel** | Constituted by: Central Government | Headed by: Ramesh Chand (former Member, NITI Aayog) | Mandate: Examine key demands of sugarcane cultivators

Q440. **Dept of Pharmaceuticals constituted a 3-member committee on pharma marketing practices** | Chairperson: Dr. M. Srinivas (Member, NITI Aayog) | Members: Preeti Sudan (former Health Secretary) & Dr. Naresh Trehan (CMD, Medanta) | Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers

Q441. **NITI Aayog Leadership** | est.: 1 Jan 2015 | Chairperson: PM Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson: Ashok Kumar Lahiri | CEO: Anurag Jain

Q442. **NITI Aayog (est. 1 Jan 2015, Vice-Chairperson: Ashok Kumar Lahiri, CEO: Anurag Jain)** | Signed a Joint Statement of Intent with TEXMiN at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Jharkhand to promote indigenous technologies (AI, drones, robotics, IoT) in mining | Ans: TEXMiN (Technology Translation Research Park) at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Jharkhand

[27] Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) 33 Qs

Q443. **MoSPI & GRAAM** | Signed SoI for the 18m 'Embark India Development Fellowship' (includes 6m placement with MoSPI and ₹65,000/month stipend) | Ans: Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM)

Q444. **In the 10th base-year revision of IIP to 2022–23 (alongside GDP Base Year 2022–23 and CPI Base Year 2024), total item groups** | Increased from 407 (in the 2011–12 series) to 463 | MoSPI, released monthly by NSO

Q445. **The 463 item groups in the new IIP (2022–23) series comprise** | Mining & quarrying (3, up from 1), Manufacturing (455, up from 405), Electricity & gas supply (3, up from 1), and a newly added category 'Water supply, sewerage & waste management' (2)

Q446. **May '26 CPI Retail Inflation** | Rose to a 16m high of 3.93% (up from 3.48% in Apr '26; below RBI's 4% medium-term target)

Q447. **New CPI Series (Base Year 2024 = 100)** | Total weighted items increased from 299 to 358 | Goods items: 259 to 308 | Services items: 40 to 50 | Under NSO's new Consumer Price Index (CPI) series with Base Year 2024 = 100

Q448. **Index of Services Production (ISP) by MoSPI: Base Year 2024–25** | Released on 29th of every month (~60- day lag) | Technical Advisory Committee (TAC, May '25) chaired by Debjani Ghosh

Q449. **India's IIP (Base Year 2022–23)** | Grew 5.1% in May '26 (vs 4.9% in Apr '26) | +4.7%

Q450. 3 New Part-Time Members: Shubhabrata Das, Satyendra Bahadur Singh & Madhavan Mukund | NSC est. 1 Jun 2005 (operational 12 Jul 2006) on Rangarajan Commission (2001) recommendation under MoSPI (Part-time Chairperson + 4 part-time members + CEO of NITI Aayog [ex-officio] + Secretary of MoSPI [Secretary])

Q451. May '26 PLFS (NSO, MoSPI) | Unemployment Rate (UR): 5.5% (up from 5.2% in Apr) | LFPR (15+ yrs): 54.4% | Female LFPR (15+ yrs): 32.8% | Worker Population Ratio (WPR): 51.4%

Q452. MoSPI Energy Statistics Committee | Chairman: Dr. Rangan Banerjee | Purpose: Strengthen energy statistics quality & reporting

Q453. MoSPI's new high-frequency monthly Index of Services Production (ISP) uses 2024–25 as its Base Year, covers 19 sub-sectors (~60% of services), and | Is released on the 29th of every month with a 60-day lag

Q454. Apr '26 trial ISP release | the fastest-growing sub-sectors were Accommodation & Food Services (37.2%), Retail Trade (30.8%), Administrative & Support Services (28.7%), Real Estate (27.7%), and Telecom (22.8%)

Q455. India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) | Released by MoSPI with the revised Base Year 2022–23 = 100 (previously 2011–12), registered 7.3% YoY growth in Jun '26 | Up from 5.1% in May '26

Q456. MoSPI / PLFS Unemployment in 46M+ Cities (Average: 6.8%) | Highest: Prayagraj + Patna (>20%) | Lowest: Ahmedabad + Kolkata (<2.5%)

Q457. Index of Industrial Production (IIP Jul '26) | 6.7% YoY growth (Jun: 7.3%) | Compiled by NSO/MoSPI (Base year: 2022–23=100)

Q458. PLFS Q1 (Apr–Jun '26, MoSPI) | Unemployment rate (age 15+): 5.4% (up 0.4 percentage points from 5.0% in Jan–Mar '26)

Q459. Services Sector Jun '26 | 18/19 sub-sectors grew | 8 double-digit growth | Highest growth: Real Estate (24.7%) | Retail: 18% | Wholesale: 15.1% | Banking: 11.4% | Only contraction: Air Transport (-6%)

Q460. Index of Services Production (ISP) | Released by: MoSPI | Base Year: 2024–25

Q461. Q1 FY27 (Apr–Jun '26) GDP | Real GDP Growth: 7.8% (4y high; up from 6.9% in Q1 FY26) | Real GDP: ₹81.36L Cr | Nominal GDP: ₹88.27L Cr (+10.3%) | Real GVA: ₹73.82L Cr

Q462. Q1 FY27 Sectoral Growth | Services: 10% | Financial/Real Estate/Professional Services: 12.1% | Construction: 9.2% | Manufacturing: 8.6%

Q463. India's Retail (CPI) Inflation | Aug '26: 4.82% (up from 4.45% in Jul '26) | Compiled by: NSO, MoSPI

Q464. New CPI Series | Base Year: 2024 = 100 (First released: 12 Feb '26; Old base: 2012 = 100) | Structure: 12 divisions | 358 total items = 308 Goods + 50 Services

Q465. Highest State Retail Inflation (Aug '26, 8th straight month Jan–Aug '26) | Telangana: 6.27% combined (Rural: 6.79% | Urban: 5.88%) vs India CPI: 4.82%

Q466. MoSPI Aug '26 Employment Data | Unemployment Rate: 5% (6m low) | WPR (15+ years): 52.8% (highest since Mar '26) | LFPR: 55.6%

Q467. Index of Industrial Production (IIP, Aug '26, released by NSO/MoSPI) | Growth: 8.0% YoY (Jul: 7.4%, Jun: 8.8%) | New IIP Base Year: 2022–23 (replaces 2011–12) | New item basket: 463 items (old series: 407 items)

Q468. Trial Index of Services Production (ISP Jul '26) | Base Year: 2024–25 | Covers: 19 sub-sectors | Top growth: Administrative & Support Services (20.9%), Retail Trade (18.5%), Real Estate (14.4%)

Q469. ISP Jul '26 Sub-Sector Breakdown | 17 sectors positive, 10 double-digit growth | Contractions: Air Transport (-8.4%) and Repair Services (-5.0%) | 10 recording double-digit gains

Q470. NSO PLFS Data (Sep '26): Unemployment Rate (UR) remained unchanged at 5.0% (same as Aug '26) | LFPR declined from 55.6% to 55.5% | WPR decreased from 52.8% to 52.7%

Q471. IIP (NSO, MoSPI) grew 6.7% YoY in Sep '26 (down from 8.0% in Aug '26) | 10th Base Year Revision (2011–12 to 2022–23): Total item groups increased from 407 to 463 (Mining: 3, Manufacturing: 455, Electricity & gas: 3, Water supply/sewerage/ waste: 2) | New Base Years: GDP (2022–23), CPI (2024), IIP (2022–23)

Q472. NSO Collaboration | National Statistics Office (MoSPI) signed MoU with Pahle India Foundation (PIF), New Delhi for research, official statistics, and data analysis

Q473. VISTAR (Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research) Central Sector Scheme under MoSPI: Outlay = ₹4,371.10 Cr (2026–27 to 2030–31) | MoSPI will conduct 59 surveys (up from 43 earlier) across 3 components (including Economic Census)

Q474. MoSPI's PLFS Quarterly Bulletin (Jul–Sep '26 / Q2 FY27) | Unemployment Rate declined from 5.4% to 5.1% | LFPR rose from 54.6% to 55.5% | WPR rose from 51.7% to 52.7% | Employed persons (15+ yrs): 57.9 Cr | PLFS launched in 2017, conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO)

Q475. Oct '26 State-wise CPI Inflation: Top 5 Overall Inflation | 1. Tamil Nadu (7.29%), 2. Telangana (7.26%), 3. Andhra Pradesh (7.25%), 4. MP (7.19%), 5. Odisha (7.17%) | Top 5 Food Inflation | 1. Andhra Pradesh (13.23%), 2. Tamil Nadu (12.37%), 3. Karnataka (12.16%), 4. Telangana (11.66%), 5. Kerala (10.92%)

[28] DPIIT & Ministry of Commerce & Industry 41 Qs

Q476. The 6 sector-specific working groups | Are chaired by the Secretary, DPIIT to identify around 100 products for domestic manufacturing and import substitution | Covering Pharma/Biotech, Chemicals/Textiles, Capital Goods/ EVs, Energy, Construction Equipment, and Defence/Aerospace/Electronics

Q477. APEDA exported Assam's GI-tagged Tezpur Litchi to Dubai 1st time, while the Assam Government and the European Union (EU) | Launched the 'Blue Valley Cluster Initiative' in Guwahati | Est. 13 Feb 1986, Chairman: Abhishek Dev | APEDA facilitated the 1st-ever export consignment of GItagged 'Tezpur Litchi' from Assam to Dubai

Q478. Four Assam Products Granted GI Tag | Bihu Pepa (musical instrument), Bah Silpa (bamboo craft), Karbi Anglong Handloom, and Deori Handloom (1st Indian GI tag was Darjeeling Tea in 2004–05) | Administered by DPIIT under the GI Act, 1999, valid for 10y

Q479. APEDA facilitated the export of GI-tagged Rewa Sundarja Mangoes from Rewa district | Madhya Pradesh to the UAE

Q480. Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA) | 100 industrial parks will be developed over 2026–27 to 2031–32 with a budget of ₹33,660 Cr, implemented by NICDC (under DPIIT) under a 51:49 partnership model

Q481. APEDA concluded the 1st cohort of 'BHARATI' (Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Innovation) with 100 startups (68 agri-food) from 22 States & 2 UTs | Supports $50B agricultural export target by 2030

Q482. Released by DPIIT on 15 Jun '26 with Base Year 2022–23 (replacing 2011–12), the | Revised WPI basket expands from 697 commodities to 957 commodities (adding solar, wind, and nuclear electricity) during a 5y transition to PPI

Q483. In the 2022–23 WPI series (957 items vs 697 in 2011–12) | Primary Articles = 129 items (up from 115) with 22.76% weight (vs 22.62%) | Fuel & Power = 25 items (up from 18) with 13.11% weight (vs 13.15%) | Manufactured Products = 803 items (up from 564) with 64.13% weight (vs 64.23%) | Base Year 2022–23, total 957 commodities

Q484. The new Service PPI will cover 7 service sectors | Banking, Insurance, Pension fund management, Securities transactions, Railways, Air passenger transport, and Telecommunications | Covering 123 product categories and ~1,500 items at factory-gate/farm-gate prices

Q485. May '26 WPI Inflation | Surged to 9.68% (up from 8.26% in Apr) in the 1st release under the new Base Year 2022–23 (957 items) by OEA, DPIIT

Q486. Eight Core Industries growth in May '26 slowed to 0.5% (2nd-lowest in 21m) | Positive: Electricity (+8.7%), Cement (+8.4%), Steel (+5.0%) | Contraction: Coal (-9.3%), Refinery Products (-8.7%)

Q487. BHASHINI (DIBD) & Government e-Marketplace (GeM) | Signed MoU under 'BHASHINI for Seva/ Sanchalan – A BHASHINI Sahayogi Program' for multilingual public procurement | Udyat, Mitra, Appmitra, Sahyogi, Pravakta, and Bhashadaan

Q488. GeM & CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd (CSC-SPV) | Signed MoU to establish 50 GeM Suvidha Kendras (GSKs) on a pilot basis across 9 states/regions to assist MSMEs, SHGs, artisans & local sellers in public procurement | DelhiNCR, Maharashtra, UP, Gujarat, TN, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, and West Bengal

Q489. The 2nd Bharat Green Hydrogen Summit 2026 in New Delhi | Was organised by FICCI with the theme 'Positioning India as a Global Hydrogen Hub' | Ans: Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) | Addressed by MoS for New & Renewable Energy Shripad Yesso Naik

Q490. India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) Inflation (Jun '26, Base Year: 2022–23, released by DPIIT) | Rose to 9.9% (from 9.7% in May '26) | DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Q491. The Index of Core Industries (ICI) base year | Was revised from 2011–12 to 2022–23, and 'Iron Ore' was inducted as the 9th core industry alongside Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement, and Electricity

Q492. Released by the Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA), DPIIT (Ministry of Commerce & Industry), the Jun '26 ICI (5.0% overall) | Was led by Iron Ore (43.9%), followed by Cement (9.8%), Electricity (9.8%), Steel (4.6%), and Coal (1.4%)

Q493. 1st Commercial Sea Shipment of GI Mithila Makhana | Exported to: Australia (sourced from Darbhanga, Bihar; shipped from BIADA Bihta) | Facilitated by: APEDA (Est 1986, MoCI, Chairman Abhishek Dev) | APEDA; statutory body formed 13 Feb 1986, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, HQ: New Delhi, Chairman: Abhishek Dev

Q494. IICT & Netflix AVGC Scholarships | Financial support ≤80% for 100 students across 6 programmes (VFX, Interactive Comics, E-Sports, Virtual Art, Animation) | IICT: NFDC Complex, Mumbai (permanent campus at Goregaon Film City) | IICT—national centre of excellence for AVGC-XR est. by MIB with Maharashtra Govt, FICCI, and CII, operating from NFDC Complex, Mumbai

Q495. Wholesale WPI Inflation Jul '26 | 9.78% (Jun: 9.87%) | 1st MoM decline under new base year 2022– 23=100 | Total items: 957 (Primary: 129, Fuel & Power: 25, Manufactured: 803) | Covering 957 items: 129 Primary Articles, 25 Fuel & Power, 803 Manufactured Products

Q496. Index of Core Industries (ICI Jul '26: 5.4% growth) | 9 Core Sectors (Iron Ore newly added) | Negative growth witnessed in: Natural Gas, Crude Oil, and Fertilizers | Down from 6.0% in Jun

Q497. 'Bharat GI' Global Commercialisation MoU | DPIIT + Ministry of MSME | Onboarding GI collectives on ONDC & GeM | Ans: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) & Ministry of MSME | 's Geographical Indication (GI) products under a dedicated'

Q498. DPIIT 5 Startup MoUs | Cashfree Payments (Digital payments & FinTech), Darwin Dynamics (Inclusive deep- tech), Vultr India (Cloud infra), Cars24 (Mobility/Auto AI), Council for Startup India (Global scaling)

Q499. Districts as Export Hubs (DEH) | Department of Commerce initiative implemented via DGFT (HQ: New Delhi) | Based on ODOP | Covers 770+ districts as of Jan '26 | Ans: Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

Q500. Make in India (Launched: 25 Sep 2014, Completed 12y on 25 Sep '26, Administered by DPIIT) | Make in India 2.0 covers 27 sectors (15 manufacturing + 12 services) | Manufacturing GVA CAGR (FY23–FY26): 10.88% | Launched on 25 Sep 2014 under the guiding approach 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance' and administered by DPIIT (Ministry of Commerce & Industry)

Q501. First Export of GI-Tagged Gulbarga Tur Dal (Origin: Karnataka, Quantity: 1 metric tonne, Facilitated by APEDA) | Exported to: Maldives | Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Q502. 'Mandar' (Traditional folk musical instrument) | Granted GI Tag by GI Registry, Chennai (GI Act, 1999) | State: Jharkhand | Operating under the CGPDTM, DPIIT and governed by the Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999

Q503. India's WPI Inflation (Aug '26) | 9.92% | Compiled by: OEA, DPIIT (Ministry of Commerce & Industry) | New WPI Base Year: 2022–23 = 100 (implemented Jun '26; Old base: 2011–12 = 100)

Q504. India's Core Sector Output (Aug '26) | 4.8% YoY growth (Jul '26: 5.0%) | Compiled by: OEA, DPIIT | Base Year: 2022–23 | Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Q505. 9 Core Industries Weights (Base 2022–23) | #1 Electricity (30.932%), #2 Refinery Products (22.572%), #3 Steel (17.584%), #4 Crude Oil (7.430%), #5 Coal (5.596%), #6 Iron Ore (4.905%), #7 Cement (4.410%), #8 Natural Gas (3.841%), #9 Fertilisers (2.731%)

Q506. GeM (MoC&I) + Textiles Committee (MoT) | MoU signed on 62nd Foundation Day of Textiles Committee in Mumbai | Promotes govt procurement of recycled/upcycled textiles ('Waste | Value-added Product | Government Market') | Under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Q507. Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal | Launched the National Strategic Trade Command Centre (NSTCC) at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi

Q508. 14th India Chem 2026 | Venue: Mumbai | Theme: 'Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub' | Organisers: DCPC + FICCI | Biennial flagship chemicals event

Q509. Chemical Sector Roadmap | Target: $1T industry by 2040 | FICCI est.: 1927, HQ: New Delhi | Ans: Developing India's chemical sector into a $1T industry by 2040 | During the launch of the 14th India Chem 2026 in Mumbai

Q510. WPI Inflation (Sep '26) | 11.39% (up from 9.92% in Aug '26) | Marks a series high in the current 2022–23 WPI base series

Q511. WPI Administration | Compiling Agency: Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA), DPIIT (Ministry of Commerce & Industry) | Base Year: Revised from 2011–12 to 2022–23 (introduced Jun '26)

Q512. Index of Core Industries (ICI, Base Year 2022–23 = 100, compiled by OEA, DPIIT) grew 7.9% YoY in Sep '26 (vs 3.1% in Sep '25) | Positive: Iron Ore (+18.4%), Electricity (+11.4%), Coal (+10.7%), Refinery Products (+10.3%), Cement (+9.8%), Steel (+4.9%) | Contracted: Fertilisers (-11.7%), Natural Gas (-4.6%), Crude Oil (-1.4%)

Q513. FICCI (est. 1927, HQ New Delhi) | Named Vijay Sankar (Chairman of The Sanmar Group) as Pres-Elect for 2026– 27, succeeding Anant Goenka

Q514. India's Startup Ecosystem (3rd-largest globally) | >2.62L DPIIT-recognized startups (as of 9 Nov '26, up from <500 in 2014) | 25.36L jobs created (Oct '26) | >1.07L startups have at least 1 woman director/partner | Top 5 States/UTs: Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi & Gujarat

Q515. Andhra Pradesh will host the 31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 in Visakhapatnam | Theme: 'Navigating the New World Order: Trade, Technology, Trust and Thought Leadership' | CII: Formed 1895, HQ New Delhi, Pres R. Mukundan, DG Chandrajit Banerjee | Organised by CII and DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Q516. 45th IITF 2026 (Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; organised by ITPO; inaugurated by Piyush Goyal): Theme | 'Vikas aur Virasat' | Partner States: Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh | Focus States: Assam, Delhi, Jharkhand, West Bengal

[29] Department of Telecommunications (DoT) & TRAI — 16 Qs

Q517. COAI Leadership for 2026–27 | Chairperson: Rahul Vatts (Bharti Airtel, succeeding Abhijit Kishore) | ViceChairperson: Ravi P. Gandhi (Reliance Jio) | Group Chief Regulatory Officer of Bharti Airtel | COAI, est. 1995, HQ New Delhi

Q518. The 10th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026 (7–10 Oct '26 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, organised by DoT and COAI) | Has the theme 'Scale Without Boundaries'

Q519. The Department of Telecommunications' (DoT) Samriddh Gram Initiative under BharatNet | Won the ITU-led WSIS Prize 2026 in Geneva under the 'Enabling Environment' category for its phygital rural model

Q520. Department of Posts + TRAI (Est. 20 Feb 1997, HQ: New Delhi) MoU | India's largest village-level telecom network survey by Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDSs) | Covers 5.68L+ villages for 1y (Airtel, Jio, Vi, BSNL)

Q521. TEC (under DoT) | MoU w/ Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL) to collaborate on joint technical studies, standardization, and broadcasting innovation

Q522. India's 1st dedicated Telecom Manufacturing Zone | Will be est. in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, with the Centre approving ₹493 Cr for Phase I and the MP government providing land

Q523. TRAI 1601-Series Numbering System | For service & transactional voice calls (non-BFSI/govt entities; cannot be used for marketing) | Allotted by DoT | TRAI Chairperson: Anil Kumar Lahoti (Est: 20 Feb 1997) | TRAI—set up under Section 3 of the TRAI Act 1997, HQ: New Delhi, Chairperson: Anil Kumar Lahoti

Q524. DoT 9-SIM Limit Rule | Mandatory checks via Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP) effective 24 Aug '26 | Telecom operators to deny new SIMs to users already having 9 connections

Q525. C-DOT 43rd Foundation Day | est.: 1984 under DoT, Ministry of Communications | R&D telecom body | developed citizen portal Sanchar Saathi | C-DOT—est. in 1984 under the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, and creator of the 'Sanchar Saathi' portal

Q526. ITU Generation Connect Youth Envoys (GCYE) | 3 Indian Sanchar Mitras selected: Ankit Kumar Pal, Manish Kumar Mandal, Susmita Sain | ITU: Est 17 May 1865, Geneva (Sec-Gen: Doreen Bogdan-Martin) | Ans: International Telecommunication Union (ITU) | Founded 17 May 1865, HQ: Geneva, Secretary-General: Doreen Bogdan-Martin

Q527. Amended BharatNet Tripartite Agreement (₹3,384.82 Cr / ~₹3,385 Cr) | Odisha Govt + Digital Bharat Nidhi (DoT) + BSNL | Odisha CM: Mohan Charan Majhi | Gov: Kambhampati Hari Babu | Utkal Dibasa: 1 Apr 1936 | Capital: Bhubaneswar; CM: Mohan Charan Majhi; Gov: Kambhampati Hari Babu

Q528. Global 6G Initiative | India joined USA + 24 other countries | Announced after meeting of MoS Jitin Prasada (Pilibhit, UP) + US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick at Chapel Hill, North Carolina (G20 Innovation Ministerial)

Q529. Vodafone Idea (Vi) | Brand Ambassador: Shah Rukh Khan | Campaign: 'Vi badal raha hai... tayaar rahiye' + refreshed Vi logo & visual identity

Q530. India 5G Growth Statistics | Current base: ~550M users (covering 99.9% of districts) | 2030 Target: 1B (100 Cr) 5G users | During the 10th India Mobile Congress 2026, India's landmark telecom infrastructure expansion was highlighted

Q531. 10th India Mobile Congress (IMC 2026) | Venue: Yashobhoomi, New Delhi | Theme: 'Scale Without Boundaries' | Organisers: DoT + COAI | 4 Pillars: Srishti, Samvardhan, Sashakt, Suraksha | Ans: Srishti (Building the Future), Samvardhan (Fueling Growth), Sashakt (Expanding Opportunities), and Suraksha (Strengthening Trust)

Q532. TRAI (est. 20 Feb 1997, HQ New Delhi, Chairperson: Anil Kumar Lahoti) | Launched the 'Network Anubhav Platform' combining crowd-sourced data from MySpeed & MyCall apps with TRAI's independent drive tests

[30] MeitY, Semiconductors & Digital India — 25 Qs

Q533. Dr. Jitendra Singh | Launched the AI-enabled CPGRAMS voice chatbot 'SAMADHAN DIDI', developed by DARPG and BHASHINI across all 22 Scheduled Languages

Q534. BHASHINI (DIBD), Current AI, and Kalpa Impact | Launched the 'VYOMA Innovation Challenge' (building on the 'Sunno Sutra' handheld AI device, with prizes ≤₹80L) for offline/low-connectivity voice-1st AI solutions | DIBD, operating under Digital India Corporation, MeitY | Offering prizes worth ≤₹80L

Q535. MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan represented India at the 2nd Pax Silica Summit in Washington, D.C. (35 countries total including India)

Q536. Avataar.ai | Launched 'Varya', India's 1st distilled video AI model backed by the IndiaAI Mission

Q537. BHASHINI | MoU w/ Kathmandu University's Centre for DPI-AI in Nepal, while Lionel Messi became the 1st individual footballer to receive Spain's Princess of Asturias Award for Sports | DIBD, MeitY

Q538. Digital India (Launched: 1 Jul 2015 by PM Modi, Ministry: MeitY) | Completed 11y on 1 Jul '26

Q539. ISM 1.0 (12 approved units, >₹1.64L Cr cumulative investment) | three units—Micron, Kaynes, and CG Semi—have already commenced commercial production | Under Phase 1.0 of the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)

Q540. Amber + Ascent-K Circuits Plant (Electronics + PCB manufacturing) | Location: Jewar, Uttar Pradesh | Foundation stone laid by: Ashwini Vaishnaw + Bhupender Yadav + CM Yogi Adityanath

Q541. CG Semi ₹7,500 Cr OSAT Facility (Location: Sanand, Gujarat | India Semiconductor Mission) | Partners: Renesas (Japan) + Stars Microelectronics (Thailand)

Q542. Paras Semiconductors (subsidiary of Paras Defence) | Will invest ₹6,200 Cr (~$644M) to build a semiconductor OSAT facility in the Indore–Ujjain region of Madhya Pradesh

Q543. The Union Cabinet | Approved Semicon India Programme 2.0 with a budgetary outlay of ₹1,27,500 Cr across 6 strategic pillars | Chip Design, Machines & Materials, Fab Plants, ATMP/OSAT, R&D, and Talent Development | On 15 Jul '26, the Union Cabinet approved 'Semicon India Programme 2.0' across six strategic pillars

Q544. The Centre | Approved two Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) in Tamil Nadu under EMC 2.0 worth >₹1,012 Cr: Manallur (474.3 acres, ₹587.47 Cr) and Pillapaikkam (379.3 acres, ₹424.55 Cr) | Under the Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0) Scheme (notified in Apr 2020)

Q545. SEMICON India 2026 (5th Edition, Yashobhoomi New Delhi) | Theme: 'Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem' | Outlay: Semicon 1.0 = ₹76,000 Cr | Semicon 2.0 = ₹1,27,500 Cr | Organised by ISM, MeitY, and SEMI | Approved Dec 2021, ₹76,000 Cr outlay with 12 approved projects

Q546. 'Cyber Kushti 2026' National Hackathon | NIELIT (MeitY) + ISAC Foundation + CERT-In | Tests human judgement in Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence | NIELIT, MeitY, DG: Prof. M. M. Tripathi

Q547. 'AAERI Verify' Platform | NeGD (MeitY) + AAERI (integrated with DigiLocker) | Digital verification of academic, identity, and financial documents for Australian university admissions | Ans: Association of Australian Education Representatives in India (AAERI)

Q548. Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) | Outlay: ₹62,500 Cr (5y: FY27 to FY31) | Succeeds PLILSEM | Incentives: 2.25%–5% sales-linked + ≤1.5% domestic sourcing + 3% Indian brand R&D | FY27 to 2030–31

Q549. India's 1st Dedicated Quantum & AI University Campus | Location: Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh | est. by NIELIT (MeitY) with ₹730.7 Cr 100% GoI Grant-in-Aid (initial base: Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur) | Operating initially from Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur

Q550. Sovereign AI Partnership | IBM + Sarvam (IndiaAI Mission native LLM partner) | Sectors: Public sector, banking, insurance, healthcare, telecom | Hub: IBM AI GovTech Innovation Center, Lucknow | Previously selected under the IndiaAI Mission to build a native sovereign LLM

Q551. 62nd APNIC Conference (APNIC 62) | Venue: Mumbai, Maharashtra (returned to India after 14y) | Hosted by NIXI (Est. 19 Jun 2003, MeitY, manages .in & . भारत) + Co-hosted by ISPAI (Internet Service Providers Association of India) | NIXI—a Section 8 not-for-profit organisation under MeitY founded on 19 Jun 2003 that manages the .in and . भारत domains

Q552. Semicon 2.0 Structure & Target | 6 pillars + 10 categories | Application window: 3y | Project duration: ≤6y | Talent target: Train 1L semiconductor engineers | Total outlay ₹1.27L Cr

Q553. Bhu-Aadhaar / ULPIN (Unique Land Parcel Identification Number) | 14-digit alphanumeric code based on geocoordinates of the land parcel | Under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP 3.0)

Q554. IndiaAI Mission Architecture | Approved: 7 Mar 2024 (₹10,371.92 Cr for 5y) | 7 Pillars: 1. Compute Capacity, 2. Innovation Centre, 3. Datasets Platform, 4. Application Development, 5. FutureSkills, 6. Startup Financing, 7. Safe & Trusted AI | Ans: IndiaAI Sovereign Quantum Encryption

Q555. UMANG Platform Profile | Launched: 23 Nov 2017 by PM Modi ('One App, Many Government Services') | Managed by: National e-Governance Division (NeGD), MeitY | Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance

Q556. IBM & MeitY Startup Hub (MSH, an initiative of MeitY) | Signed an MoU to accelerate deep-tech startup growth in India, focusing on Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities

Q557. IndiaAI Mission (MeitY) launched 3 indigenous AI foundation models | 1. 'EKA-1' by Soket Labs (supports all 22 Scheduled Indian Languages & English for math, coding, reasoning, automation) and 2. 'Dhir 2B & Dhir 5B' by ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations (offline-capable models supporting 10 Indian languages & English for Govt, Defence, Industry & Education) | Under the IndiaAI Mission (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology)

[31] Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) & Clean Energy — 20 Qs

Q558. India's Wind Energy Target | 155 GW by 2035 (interim target: 100 GW by 2030) | Installed wind capacity crossed 56.1 GW on 15 Jun '26 (record 6.1 GW added in FY26, +46% YoY; 4th largest market globally) | The world's 4th largest wind power market

Q559. Suzlon Energy's 'S175 – 5 MW Wind Turbine Generator' (India's tallest wind turbine with 247.5m blade tip height) | Commissioned at Vijayanagar, Karnataka

Q560. WT-MARUT Portal (Wind Turbine – Management and Resource Utilisation Tracker) | Launched by MNRE Minister Pralhad Joshi at the Global Wind Day Conference in Goa

Q561. Under PM Surya Ghar | Muft Bijli Yojana (launched 13 Feb 2024, outlay ₹75,021 Cr, overall target 1 Cr households by Mar '27), MNRE targeted reaching 75L households by Dec '26 | Under the 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG-MBY)'—launched by PM Modi on 13 Feb 2024 with a total outlay of ₹75

Q562. Subsidy structure under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana: 1 kW = ₹30,000 | 2 kW = ₹60,000 | and 3 kW or more = ₹78,000 (Maximum)

Q563. WEF Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2026 | India ranked 70th out of 120 countries with score 54.9 (+1.9%, up from 71st out of 118 in 2025) | Top 5: 1. Sweden, 2. Finland, 3. Denmark, 4. Estonia, 5. Norway | Bottom (120th): DR Congo

Q564. Chhattisgarh | Launched the 'DWEEPTI Yojana' (Decentralised Women Empowerment on Energy and Policy for Transformative Inclusion), India's 1st women-led distributed renewable energy policy | CM: Vishnu Deo Sai; Gov: Ramen Deka

Q565. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi (MP from Dharwad, Karnataka; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy) | Appt: the new Union Education Minister following Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation

Q566. First Indian State to Sign Clean Energy Framework with ISA | Rajasthan | ISA Static: Launched 30 Nov 2015 by India & France | HQ: Gurugram, Haryana | ISA—a treaty-based intergovernmental organisation launched on 30 Nov 2015 by India and France, HQ: Gurugram, Haryana

Q567. PM Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY) | Floating Solar PV + Energy Storage Systems | Outlay: ₹5,070 Cr over 5y | Target: 5,000 MW (5 GW) across reservoirs & water bodies

Q568. Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI, Incorporated: 20 Sep 2011, HQ: New Delhi, under MNRE for National Solar Mission) | Celebrated 15th Foundation Day on 20 Sep '26

Q569. India Wind Energy Metrics | FY26 record addition: 6.05 GW | Cumulative capacity: 58.52 GW (Aug '26) | National 2030 Target: 100 GW

Q570. Windergy India 2026 | 8th edition | Venue: Chennai Trade Centre | Inaugurated by: Union Minister Pralhad Joshi | Organised by: IWTMA & PDA Ventures with MNRE/Power Ministry

Q571. Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (PM-DHARA) | Outlay: ₹1,86,405 Cr | Completion: FY33 | Integration capacity: ≤135 GW renewable power into InSTS grid | PMDeveloping Harmonized and Accelerated Renewable-energy Access

Q572. GEC-III Financial Breakdown | Intra-State Transmission: ₹1,36,378 Cr | Battery Energy Storage (50 GWh BESS): ₹50,000 Cr | Central Financial Support: ₹54,082 Cr

Q573. GEC-III Implementation & Target | Greenfield: Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) | Brownfield: Cost Plus Basis (CPB) | National Goal: 900 GW non-fossil capacity by 2035 (Phase-I: 2015-16, Phase-II: Jan 2022)

Q574. PM Modi inaugurated Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam (Theme: 'Invest. Innovate. Inspire') | India achieved 50% installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources in 2025 (5y ahead of 2030 target of 500 GW) & proposed a $200M Africa Solar Facility | Held alongside the 9th ISA Assembly and 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen

Q575. ₹14,500 Cr VGF Scheme (FY27 to 2030–31) for 92 GWh grid-scale energy storage | PSP = 60 GWh + BESS = 30 GWh (at least 40% Domestic Content Requirement) + Emerging Storage = 2 GWh | Attracts ~₹97,600 Cr investment | Contributes to India's 411 GWh storage requirement by 2031–32

Q576. 9th ISA Assembly (New Delhi) | India re-elected Pres & France re-elected Co-Pres for a 3rd consecutive term | Bahamas (Capital: Nassau) joined as the 116th member of ISA | ISA: est. 2015, HQ Gurugram, DG Ashish Khanna, mission to mobilise $1T in solar investment by 2030 | ISA, est. 2015 at COP21 Paris, HQ Gurugram, Haryana, DG Ashish Khanna

Q577. PM Surya Ghar Excellence Awards 2026 (presented by VP C. P. Radhakrishnan at Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026): 1st Prize | Ministry of Railways (12,495 buildings solarised) | 2nd Prize | Department of Financial Services (DFS, 100% solarisation of 2,576 buildings) | 'Maximum Buildings Solarized by Central Ministries/ Departments'

[32] Ministry of Petroleum & Power PSUs (ONGC, NTPC, BPCL, IOCL, PFC) 29 Qs

Q578. Maruti Suzuki's 'WagonR' | Was launched in New Delhi by Hardeep Singh Puri and Nitin Gadkari as India's 1st FlexFuel Passenger Vehicle (operating on E20 to E100 fuel blends)

Q579. The Union Cabinet | Approved ₹10,000 Cr in one-time budgetary support for Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to run an ATF Price Stabilisation Fund for Indian airlines

Q580. The ₹10,000-crore ATF Price Stabilisation Fund | Is structured as a self-sustaining revolving fund for 36m (≤3y) or until the full advance amount is recovered, whichever is earlier | Requiring participating airlines to sign an MoU and purchase ATF exclusively from participating OMCs

Q581. PM Ujjwala Yojana (launched 1 May 2016 in Ballia, UP) | the annual limit of subsidised LPG refills (₹300 subsidy per 14.2-kg cylinder) was reduced from 9 cylinders to 4 cylinders per year | Under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY—launched on 1 May 2016 from Ballia, Uttar Pradesh under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas)

Q582. REC Ltd Merger Approved | Merged with Maharatna CPSE Power Finance Corporation (PFC, est. Jul 1986, HQ New Delhi, CMD Parminder Chopra) | PFC had acquired GoI's 52.63% stake in REC for ₹14,500 Cr in Mar 2019 | Founded in Jul 1986 under the Ministry of Power, CMD: Parminder Chopra

Q583. Tripartite Oil & Gas Exploration MoU | Signed by the Central Government with Assam (CM Himanta Biswa Sarma) and Nagaland (CM Neiphiu Rio)

Q584. Pachpadra Refinery (Location: Balotra, Rajasthan | Developer: HRRL, HPCL 74% : Rajasthan 26% | Investment: ₹79,450+ cr | Capacity: 9 MMTPA refinery + 2.4 MMTPA petrochemicals) | India's 24th refinery | HRRL—a joint venture with 74% HPCL stake and 26% Rajasthan Government stake

Q585. NTPC Lara Super Thermal Power Project Stage-III | Location: Raigarh district, Chhattisgarh | Investment approved: ₹20,456.70 Cr | Capacity: 1,600 MW (2 × 800 MW)

Q586. ONGC New Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) at Mangaluru, Karnataka | Capacity: 1.75M tonnes (MT) | Existing ISPRL Phase-I SPRs: Mangaluru (1.5 MT), Padur (2.5 MT), Visakhapatnam (1.33 MT) | Proposed 5 Phase-II sites: Chandikhol, Bina, Bikaner, Mangaluru, Padur

Q587. ONGC Energy Centre (OEC) | Developed India's 1st and deepest geothermal wells (two wells of 1,000 metres depth each at >14,000 ft altitude) at Puga Valley in Leh district, Ladakh

Q588. GAIL (India) Limited (est. 1984, under MoPNG) | MoU w/ Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) for joint exploration and acquisition of critical mineral assets

Q589. Meja Thermal Power Expansion (Prayagraj, UP) | ₹26,850 Cr Common Loan Agreement | Financed 50:50 by REC + PFC | Borrower: MUNPL (50:50 JV of NTPC + UPSEB) | MUNPL—a 50:50 JV of NTPC and UP State Electricity Board

Q590. National Offshore Exploration Scheme 'Samudra Manthan' | Outlay: ₹84,084 Cr (up to FY31) | Ministry: Petroleum & Natural Gas | Focus: Offshore deepwater & ultra-deepwater oil and gas exploration

Q591. GOBARdhan Scheme 10y Expansion (FY27 to FY36) | Financial Outlay: ₹23,731 Cr | Ministry: Petroleum & Natural Gas | Objective: 10-fold increase in domestic Compressed Biogas (CBG) | Originally launched: 2018 under SBM-G | Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan | 2026–27 to 2035–36

Q592. ONGC Venezuela Operations Licence | Granted by US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) | Resumes full operations in Venezuela

Q593. India–Mauritius 5y Energy Pact | IOCL meets entire import requirement of Mauritius for Petrol, Diesel & Jet fuel | 27.5 TMT marine bunker fuel facility at Mer Rouge, Port Louis | Breaking ground for a 27.5 TMT bunker fuel facility at Mer Rouge

Q594. World Biofuel Day (10 Aug) | Observed by MoPNG since 2015 | Commemorates: Sir Rudolf Diesel testing mechanical engine with peanut oil on 9 Aug 1893

Q595. LPG Rural Refill Booking Interval (Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas) | Reduced from 45 days to 25 days | Matches urban interval (Rural = 25 days, Urban = 25 days)

Q596. Subsidised Domestic LPG Refills | Mandatory Biometric Aadhaar Authentication effective from 1 Oct '26

Q597. Assam 3,200 MW Ultra-Supercritical Thermal Power Plant | Location: Chapar, Dhubri district, Assam | Developer: Adani Power Ltd | Investment: ~₹48,000 Cr (Commissioning from Dec 2030) | Part of a broader ₹63,000-crore Adani Group power investment in Assam, scheduled for phased commissioning from Dec 2030

Q598. National PNG Drive 3.0 Targets | 50L new D-PNG household connections by 31 Mar '27 | Activation of 40L unbilled/inactive connections | 'MyPNG Portal' launched

Q599. PNGRB Regulatory Profile | Constituted: 31 Mar 2006 under PNGRB Act, 2006 | Downstream oil & gas regulator | HQ: New Delhi | Celebrated 20th Foundation Day

Q600. MoRTH amended Rule 115 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules | 1989 to formally allow certification and sale of E100 (nearly 100% ethanol) Flex-Fuel Vehicles (FFVs) alongside E85

Q601. Petronet LNG MD & CEO | Sanjay Kumar appointed (takes charge 13 May '27) | Succeeds: Akshay Kumar Singh | Current role: Director (Marketing) at GAIL (India) Ltd

Q602. Sunil Kumar appointed next Chairman of ONGC (est. 14 Aug 1956, Maharatna in Nov 2010, HQ New Delhi) for a 3year tenure from 7 Dec '26, succeeding Arun Kumar Singh

Q603. Chamkharchhu-I Hydropower Project (770 MW) | Located in Zhemgang, Bhutan on Chamkarchhu River | BOOT model | Equity: DGPC 51%, Adani Power 49%

Q604. Adani-DGPC Energy Pipeline | 570 MW Wangchhu Project (Sep '25) + 770 MW Chamkharchhu-I | Part of 5,000 MW umbrella MoU signed in May '25

Q605. NSDF, SAI & Indian Oil Corporation (IndianOil) | Signed an MoU under which IndianOil will provide ₹40 Cr over 2y via CSR to strengthen India's boxing ecosystem

Q606. 1,000 MW (4 x 250 MW) Naying Hydroelectric Project in Shi Yomi & Siang districts, Arunachal Pradesh received FAC forest nod | Built on Siyom River (tributary of Siang River) by NEEPCO at an estimated cost of ~₹10,369 Cr

[33] Indian Railways & Ministry of Railways — 18 Qs

Q607. IRCTC | Launched 11-day 'Divine East Temple Tour' on Bharat Gaurav Deluxe Tourist Train covering 4 states: Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi), Odisha (Puri, Konark), West Bengal (Kolkata, Gangasagar) & Jharkhand (Baidyanath Dham, Jasidih)

Q608. South Coast Railway (SCoR, 18th Railway Zone, HQ Visakhapatnam) comprises four divisions | Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Guntakal, and Guntur

Q609. India's 1st broad-gauge hydrogen-powered train | Inaugurated at Jind (Haryana) for the Jind–Sonipat section, was indigenously designed and manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai | Operating on the Jind–Sonipat section of Northern Railway

Q610. PM Modi | Inaugurated 75 redeveloped railway stations across 20 States/UTs worth ~₹1,570 Cr from Jalandhar, Punjab under the theme 'Virasat Bhi, Vikas Bhi'

Q611. With 99.6% broad-gauge electrification | Indian Railways ranks 2nd globally among major railway networks after Switzerland (100%), and ahead of China (82%), Spain (67%), Japan (64%), France (60%), and the UK (39%)

Q612. Indian Railways electrified 48,072 route km between 2014 and 2026 under Mission 100% Electrification, vs 21,801 km | Achieved prior to 2014

Q613. India's 1st direct commercial container freight train to Nepal (a 40-wagon train carrying canola) ran from Kolkata Port directly to the Biratnagar Customs Yard in Nepal

Q614. Launched in 2022, the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) | Aims to modernise and redevelop a total of 1,340 railway stations across India with roof plazas, multimodal integration, and local architectural heritage

Q615. India's 1st Rail-Tech Park | Location: Sahaspur Industrial Estate, Khordha district, Odisha | Developed by: Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO)

Q616. ICF GM | Manish Agarwal | HQ: Chennai, Tamil Nadu (Est: 2 Oct 1955) | Succeeds: U Subba Rao (appointed GM, Southern Railway)

Q617. India's Operational Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Network (DFCCIL, Ministry of Railways) | Total: 2,843 km = WDFC: 1,506 km (Dadri, UP to JNPT, Maharashtra) + EDFC: 1,337 km (Ludhiana, Punjab to Sonnagar, Bihar)

Q618. Namo Bharat RRTS (1st Corridor: ~82 km Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut from Sarai Kale Khan to Modipuram, fully operational since 22 Feb '26; Implemented by NCRTC, Est. 21 Aug 2013) | Showcased at InnoTrans 2026, Berlin, Germany | NCRTC, incorporated on 21 Aug 2013 in New Delhi as a JV of the Centre, Delhi, UP, Haryana, and Rajasthan | India's 1st Regional Rapid Transit System , 'Namo Bharat'—implemented by the National Capital Region Transport Corporation

Q619. Union Cabinet approved 78 days' Productivity-Linked Bonus (PLB) for railway employees | Total outgo: ₹2,009.61 Cr | Beneficiaries: 11,40,770 non-gazetted railway employees | Max payable per employee: ₹17,951 for 78 days

Q620. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw | Flagged off India's 1st salt container train (using lightweight stainless-steel containers) between Shivlakha (Kachchh district) and Mithapur in Gujarat

Q621. New Vande Bharat Sleeper Express will connect Varanasi and New Delhi | India's 1st Vande Bharat Sleeper Express is the Howrah–Kamakhya (Guwahati) Vande Bharat Sleeper Express (built by BEML at Bengaluru & flagged off by PM Modi on 17 Jan '26 at Malda Town) | Manufactured by BEML Limited at Bengaluru and flagged off by PM Modi on 17 Jan '26 at Malda Town Railway Station

Q622. IRCTC | Signed a strategic MoU with the Quality Council of India (QCI) to improve food safety, hygiene, transparency, and accountability across railway catering services

Q623. PM Modi approved the Northern Bullet Train Corridor linking Delhi with Guwahati via Siliguri | Major cities connected: Delhi, Agra, Kanpur, Lucknow, Ayodhya, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Patna, Siliguri & Guwahati | Announced by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in Varanasi | PM Narendra Modi approved the 'Northern Bullet Train Corridor' to connect

Q624. Indian Railways approved a new weekly train (~604 km) connecting Janakpur Dham in Nepal with Ayodhya Cantt in Uttar Pradesh (departing Janakpur Dham on Saturdays & Ayodhya Cantt on Mondays) | UP Tiger Reserves: Dudhwa, Pilibhit, Amangarh, Ranipur | Departing on Saturdays and Mondays via Jaynagar, Madhubani, Sitamarhi, Raxaul, Gorakhpur, Basti, Mankapur, and Ayodhya Dham

[34] Civil Aviation, DGCA, AAI & Airports — 30 Qs

Q625. NAMO Airport New Terminal & NAMO Hospital (Daman) | Inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi | UT of DNH & DD merged on 26 Jan 2020 (Capital: Daman; Administrator: Praful Khoda Patel)

Q626. Noida International Airport (Jewar, developed by Zurich Airport International AG) | Commenced commercial operations with an inaugural IndiGo flight from Lucknow carrying 170 farmers

Q627. Adani Group & Embraer (Brazil) | Selected Dholera, Gujarat for setting up a Final Assembly Line (FAL) for regional transport aircraft

Q628. Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu | Inaugurated the 1st 'Easy Connect' flight (Air India AI1111) from Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi (Spoke) via IGI Airport, New Delhi (Hub)

Q629. GMR Airports Limited (via SPV GMR Nagpur International Airport Limited - GNIAL) took over Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport, Nagpur under a 30y concession with MIHAN India Limited

Q630. Ministry of Civil Aviation & DIAL (with DGHS) | Launched 'AIR SUVIDHA 2.0' portal for international passengers following WHO's PHEIC declaration for the Ebola / Bundibugyo Virus Disease (BVD) outbreak

Q631. Launching on 20 Jun '26 for 10y (2026–27 to 2035–36) to develop 100 new airports, the Modified UDAN Scheme | Has a total outlay of ₹28,840 Cr | Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik

Q632. Modified UDAN (₹28,840 Cr) breakdown: Aerodrome CAPEX (100 airports): ₹12,159 Cr | Viability Gap Funding (VGF, 10y): ₹10,043 Cr | 200 Modern Helipads (₹15 Cr each): ₹3,661 Cr | and 3-yr O&M Support (~441 aerodromes): ₹2,577 Cr | Under the ₹28 | 2026–27 to 2035–36 | CAPEX over 8y

Q633. Prix Versailles World's Most Beautiful Airports List 2026 (7 global airports) | Includes Navi Mumbai International Airport (Terminal 1) and Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati (Terminal 2) | Presented yrly at UNESCO HQ in Paris

Q634. Dhimsa originated in the Koraput region of Odisha and | Became the signature folk dance of the hill tribes of Araku Valley in Andhra Pradesh | Ahead of PM Narendra Modi's inauguration of the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram | 'Uttarandhra Kalalaku Rekkalu'

Q635. India's 1st Approved Helicopter 'PinS' (Point-in-Space) Approach | Approved by DGCA at Undavalli Heliport, Andhra Pradesh | The Directorate General of Civil Aviation approved India's 1st helicopter 'PinS' instrument approach procedure

Q636. DGCA Certified Larger Variants of Embraer E-Jets (Manufacturer: Embraer, Brazil) | Indian operator: Star Air

Q637. Air India Express operated the 1st international flight from Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) to Abu Dhabi (UAE)

Q638. NMIA is | Developed as a joint venture between Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL) and Maharashtra's CIDCO. AAHL now operates 8 airports: Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Thiruvananthapuram, Guwahati, and Mangaluru | Ans: CIDCO (City and Industrial Development Corporation)

Q639. Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram (Andhra Pradesh) | Is developed by GMR Visakhapatnam International Airport Limited (GVIAL) with an initial capacity of 6 MPPA (expandable to >40 MPPA)

Q640. Air India operationalised the Hub-and-Spoke international service from Amritsar Airport (Spoke) via IGI Airport, Delhi (Hub) to 27 overseas destinations under the brand name 'Easy Connect' (with mandatory DigiYatra enrolment for Indian passport holders)

Q641. Viksit UDAN (Implementing agency: AAI) | Total Outlay: ₹28,840+ crore | CAPEX for 100 new airports: ₹12,159 Cr | 200 Helipads: ₹3,661 Cr | VGF: ₹10,043 Cr | Implemented by the Airports Authority of India , the 'Viksit UDAN' regional connectivity programme carries a total outlay of ₹28,840+ crore

Q642. Mangaluru International Airport (MIA) earned ACI Level 5 Customer Experience Accreditation— becoming the 3rd airport in Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) network (after Mumbai & Ahmedabad), 2nd in Karnataka (after Bengaluru), and 4th in India

Q643. Air India | MoU w/ the Ministry of Tourism (Minister: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat) to become the 1st global airline to partner under the 'Incredible India' campaign for an initial period of 2y | Valid initially for 2y, extendable by 1y

Q644. The Ministry of Tourism | MoU w/ InterGlobe Aviation Limited (IndiGo) for the 'Incredible India by IndiGo' global tourism promotion initiative

Q645. Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport (Greenfield) | Location: Bhogapuram, Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh (near Visakhapatnam) | Developer: GMR Visakhapatnam International Airport Ltd (PPP) | Cost: ~₹5,640 Cr | Initial capacity: 6M passengers/year

Q646. Airport Privatisation Round 3 (PPPAC Approval) | 11 airports in 5 bundles: (1) Amritsar+Kangra, (2) Varanasi+Gaya+Kushinagar, (3) Bhubaneswar+Hubballi, (4) Raipur+Aurangabad, (5) Tiruchirappalli+Tirupati | Including pairings like Amritsar + Kangra, and Bhubaneswar + Hubballi

Q647. IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, HQ: Gurugram, Est: 2006) CEO | Willie Walsh | Succeeds: Pieter Elbers | InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, founded in 2006 and HQ: Gurugram, Haryana

Q648. Air India CEO & MD | Tewolde Gebremariam (former CEO, Ethiopian Airlines Group) | Succeeds: Campbell Wilson

Q649. Electric Seaplane MoU | Pawan Hans Ltd (Mini Ratna-I PSU, Est 1985, Noida) + Noemi Aerospace (Norway, formerly Elfly AS) | Signed in presence of MoCA Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu | A Mini Ratna-I PSU under MoCA, founded 15 Oct 1985, HQ: Noida, UP

Q650. Hub-and-Spoke International Flights Framework (Ministry of Civil Aviation) | 1st: Amritsar | 2nd: Varanasi | 3rd: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport (SVPI), Ahmedabad

Q651. 2026 Skytrax World Airline Awards | IndiGo named 'Best Low-Cost Airline in India & South Asia' for the 7th consecutive year | Six times across different regional categories during its 20y journey

Q652. Noida Jewar Airport Renamed | Renamed as 'Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar' | Capacity in Phase 1: 1 runway, 1 terminal, ~12M passengers yrly

Q653. Digi Yatra international passenger trials begin 1 Nov '26 (through Dec '26) at 7 airports | Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mumbai, Chennai & Amritsar (for Indian e-passport holders on Air India & IndiGo using e-passport Verifiable Credential [VC] via MRZ + NFC + selfie) | Launched on 1 Dec 2022 at Delhi, Bengaluru, and Varanasi

Q654. PM-SETU Operational Architecture | 1,000 ITIs = 200 Hubs + 800 Spokes (1:4 ratio) | Management via Section 8 SPVs | Anchor Industry Partner holds 51% controlling stake (Governments hold 49%)

[35] Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways — 18 Qs

Q655. V. O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port Authority, Thoothukudi (Tamil Nadu) launched 'PortGPT' (by Sarbananda Sonowal) | India's 1st major port to deploy enterprise GenAI | also signed MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya | Inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal

Q656. UNCTAD Report | India became World's No. 1 Ship Recycling Nation in 2025 (5y ahead of MIV 2030 target) | Global market share rose from 30.1% (2024) to 35.4% (2025) | Volume rose ~60% from 1.86M to 2.99M gross tonnes | Achieving the Maritime India Vision 2030 target five years ahead of schedule

Q657. Kamarajar Port (formerly Ennore Port, Chennai, Tamil Nadu) | Became India's 2nd major port with an 18- metre draft (after Visakhapatnam Port) via ~₹440 Cr dredging investment

Q658. V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port Authority, Tamil Nadu | Signed 3y MoU with Port of Antwerp-Bruges International (PoABI), Belgium + APEC (Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Center)

Q659. **'Seafarer-First' Response Initiative** | Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (Sarbananda Sonowal) | Triggered by attacks on MT Al Bahiyah & MT Mombasa in Strait of Hormuz | Real-time monitoring across Persian Gulf & Gulf of Oman | After security attacks on merchant vessels MT Al Bahiyah and MT Mombasa in the Strait of Hormuz amid the maritime security crisis in West Asia

Q660. **Greenfield Shipbuilding Cluster (under SbDS, 1.2–1.5M GT capacity)** | Location: Kuchhadi, Porbandar district, Gujarat (National Shipbuilding & Heavy Industries Park-Gujarat SPV) | Also approved: ₹1,570 Cr ship repair facility at Vadinar, Gulf of Kutch (DPA + CSL)

Q661. **1st Indian Port with ISO 50001:2018 Certification (Energy Management System)** | V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOC Port), Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu

Q662. **India's 1st Port-Based e-Methanol Plant** | Location: Kandla, Gandhidham, Gujarat | Joint Initiative: Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) + Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd (APCL) in 76:24 capital ratio | Total Capacity: 150 TPD | Total Cost: ₹2,300 Cr (Phase I: 50 TPD, ₹1,200 Cr, Jan '27; Phase II: 100 TPD, ₹1,100 Cr, Mar '27)

Q663. **CCEA Approved ₹17,167 Cr 'Outer Harbour Project'** | Port: V. O. Chidambaranar Port, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu | The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the ₹17,167 Cr 'Outer Harbour Project'

Q664. **India's First 4 'Mega Ports' (Section 73, Indian Ports Act 2025)** | Deendayal (Kandla, GJ), JNPT (MH), Paradip (OD), and Mundra (GJ) | Criteria: ≥150 MMT bulk cargo capacity OR ≥7.5M TEUs container capacity (reviewed after 5y) | Classification reviewed every 5y

Q665. **Blue Financing & Cold Ironing** | Blue Financing funds ocean and marine conservation | Shore power (cold ironing) connects berthed vessels to land-based grid electricity, cutting dockside diesel emissions | In maritime sustainability, how is 'Blue Financing' defined

Q666. **First Plastic-Free Oil Terminal** | Jawahar Dweep Marine Oil Terminal declared India's 1st plastic-free terminal by Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) at Indira Dock | Led by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal

Q667. **First Dibrugarh International Cargo Voyage** | Origin: Bogibeel Terminal, Dibrugarh | Destination: Pangaon Port, Dhaka, Bangladesh | Commodity: Methanol by APCL

Q668. **Inland Waterway Navigation Route** | NW-2 (Brahmaputra) | Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBPR) | Pangaon Port | First international sailing from Dibrugarh since 1947 | Marking the 1st time since Independence that an international cargo consignment has sailed from Dibrugarh to a foreign port

Q669. **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS): Outlay ₹10,000 Cr** | Period: FY28 to FY40 (3y setup + 10y production support) | Lifts annual capacity ~10x from ~70,000 TEUs to 7.5L TEUs | Expected economic output: ₹75,000 Cr by FY40 (India's container traffic projected to grow from 24M TEUs in 2024 to 175M TEUs by 2047) | Up ~10-fold from ~70,000 TEUs today

Q670. **CMPS Components** | ISA = ₹859 Cr (3%/yr; Greenfield >=1,00,000 TEUs/yr, Brownfield >=25,000 TEUs/yr) | OEA = ₹8,891 Cr (20-ft: ₹49,500; 40-ft: ₹86,625; 20-ft specialised: ₹37,125–₹74,250; Domestic content >=70% till FY32 & >=90% from FY33) | Testing & Certification = ₹150 Cr | Scheme Management = ₹100 Cr | Major-port land lease at 25% of notified rate | Under the ₹10 | 10,000 Cr Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme

Q671. **Adani Ports (APSEZ) agreed to acquire a 100% stake in Netherlands-based Evos B.V. (Europe's 2nd-largest independent liquid storage operator) from Igneo Infrastructure Partners for EUR 2.56B (~₹27,200 Cr)**

Q672. **Ports, Shipping & Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated 'Namo Yamuna Cruise Safari' between Sonia Vihar and Jagatpur on the Yamuna River (National Waterway-110 under National Waterways Act, 2016)** | Led by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI, formed 27 Oct 1986, HQ Noida, UP)

[36] Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) 11 Qs

Q673. **Restructured PM SVANidhi (extended ≤31 Mar 2030)** | Has a total outlay of ₹7,332 Cr and targets 1.15 Cr total beneficiaries (including 50L new street vendors) | PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi , the flagship Central Sector micro-credit scheme launched on 1 Jun 2020, completed six years | Under the 2025 Cabinet restructuring, its lending period was extended from 31 Dec 2024 to 31 Mar 2030

Q674. **restructured PM SVANidhi** | the 1st tranche loan was increased from ₹10,000 to ₹15,000, the 2nd tranche from ₹20,000 to ₹25,000, and the 3rd tranche remains ₹50,000

Q675. **PM SVANidhi Street Food Hub (MoHUA)** | Town selected: Lakhanpur, Kathua district, Jammu & Kashmir | Funding: ₹4 Cr per hub (30% initial, 50% implementation, 20% completion) + ₹25L to ULBs | Released in a 30:50:20 ratio for initial, implementation, and completion stages, plus ₹25L to ULBs with a Street Vending Plan

Q676. **PARIVARTAN (Programme for Accelerated Renewal and Incentivization of Vehicle Assets for Reducing Transport Air Pollution and Network Emissions)** | Has a total outlay of ₹9,585 Cr, including ₹5,041 Cr in Central budgetary support

Q677. **For the PARIVARTAN scheme, the Nodal Ministry** | Is MoRTH (Road Transport & Highways), the Policy Ministry is MoHUA (Housing & Urban Affairs), and the Funding Agency is the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) | Under the institutional framework of the PARIVARTAN scheme for NCR (notified across Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan)

Q678. **Incentives under PARIVARTAN include Motor Vehicle Tax concession for ≤10y** | registration fee waiver, 5% interest subvention on loans, a min 8% discount from OEMs (manufacturers), monthly fuel vouchers, and one-time EV assistance

Q679. 19th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2026 inaugurated by MoS Tokhan Sahu in Bhubaneswar, Odisha (1st time in Bhubaneswar; organised since 2008 by MoHUA & Institute of Urban Transport) | 2026 Theme: 'Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age' | Held in that city 1st time

Q680. Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025–26 (10th edition, presented by Pres Droupadi Murmu) | 4,751 cities assessed on 43 indicators across 10 domains | 60 national awards announced | Theme: 'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel – Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath' | 2025–26, initiated by MoHUA in 2016 under SBMU

Q681. Swachh Survekshan 2025–26: Clean Cities of Super Swachh League Top 3 | 1. Navi Mumbai, 2. Surat, 3. Vijayawada | Swachh Shehar Jodi (Mentor–Mentee) Top 3 | 1. Ahmedabad–Sanand, 2. Indore–Depalpur, 3. Tirupati–Kuppam

Q682. Swachh Shehar Awards 2025–26 by Population | Million Plus (>10L): 1. GVMC Visakhapatnam, 2. Jabalpur, 3. Lucknow | 3–10L: 1. Ujjain, 2. Chandigarh, 3. Guntur | 50K–3L: 1. Dewas, 2. NDMC, 3. Sagar | 20K–50K: 1. Vita, 2. Aska, 3. Panjim | <20K: 1. Bilha, 2. Panchgani, 3. Bodri

Q683. First-Time Special Categories in Swachh Survekshan 2025–26: Clean Himalayan City | 1. Rudrapur (UK), 2. Jammu, 3. Shopian | Swachh River Front Town | 1. Rewa (MP, 50K–3L), 2. Bilaspur (CG, 3L–10L), 3. Varanasi (UP, >10L) | Swachh Coastal Town | 1. Puri (Odisha), 2. Alappuzha (Kerala), 3. Ratnagiri (MH) [also State First Swachh Cities include Rajahmundry (AP), Greater Hyderabad (TG), Pimpri Chinchwad (MH), Mysore (KA), Mattannur (KL), Gwalior (MP), Ghaziabad (UP)]

[37] Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) & NHAI — 18 Qs

Q684. Rajasthan's 1st Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) Tolling System | Launched by NHAI at Daulatpura Toll Plaza on NH-48 (Delhi–Jaipur section) | Integrating ANPR and FASTag, following Chorayasi in Gujarat and Mundka-Bakkarwala in Delhi

Q685. Delhi-NCR Vehicle Replacement Scheme | First MoU signed by MoRTH with Ashok Leyland and Switch Mobility | Offering an 8% ex-showroom discount, 5% Central interest subsidy, 5y monthly fuel vouchers, and ≤100% MV tax concession for 10y

Q686. Tata Motors | Joined MoRTH's ₹9,585-crore Delhi-NCR Fleet Renewal / Vehicle Replacement Scheme | After Ashok Leyland and Switch Mobility

Q687. NHAI & National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER, est. 1956, HQ New Delhi, Pres: Nandan M. Nilekani) | Signed MoU to set up India's 1st Transport Economics Research Centre

Q688. MoRTH | MoU w/ Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV / BharatBenz) to offer buyer incentives for scrapping polluting commercial vehicles in Delhi-NCR | Vehicle Replacement Scheme

Q689. NHAI's Digital Local Pass on the RajmargYatra App | Allows residents living within a 20-km radius of an eligible toll plaza to avail unlimited monthly travel for a fee of ₹350 | Initially at Mundka–Bakkarwala Toll Plaza on UER-II, Delhi | The National Highways Authority of India rolled out a 'Digital Local Pass' on the RajmargYatra App

Q690. NHAI (est. 1995, HQ Delhi) | Launched the 'MargMitra Help Centre' on the RajmargYatra App to resolve commuter queries via voice and text across all 22 scheduled Indian languages | The Digital Local Pass

Q691. In 2025, Tamil Nadu | Recorded the highest number of road accidents in India (71,387 accidents; 18,505 deaths), while Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of fatalities (27,550 deaths; 49,671 accidents)

Q692. Between 2022 and 2025, road accidents in India | Increased by 11.5% (from 4.61L to 5.14L) and road accident deaths increased by 8.7% (from 1.68L to 1.83L) | An increase of 52,897 accidents | An increase of 14,632 deaths

Q693. Revised Exempted FASTag Guidelines | Effective: 2 Oct '26 | Validity: 70%–100% disability = 5y | 40%– <70% disability = 3y (replaces mandatory 1y annual renewal)

Q694. UDID System Architecture | Unique 18-digit disability ID card across India | Aadhaar-based since Aug 2023 | Eligible vehicles: specially designed for PwD or ownership category 'Divyangjan' | Under the revised exempted FASTag framework for Persons with Disabilities

Q695. Tamil Nadu 1st MLFF Tolling System | Paranur Toll Plaza on Tambaram–Tindivanam section (NH- 179B) | Eliminates physical barriers using ANPR cameras + FASTag

Q696. India's 1st MLFF System | Choryasi Toll Plaza on Surat–Bharuch section of NH-48 (Gujarat) launched in May '26 | After implementation of the barrierless MLFF tolling system at Paranur Toll Plaza in Tamil Nadu

Q697. ITLA Approval by Cabinet | Set up as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) | Apex national body for integrated transport planning | Formulates National Transport Master Plan (10+ years)

Q698. ITLA Appraisal Powers | Mandatory technical appraisal for central infrastructure & transport projects costing ₹500 Cr or more (financial appraisal stays through existing route) | Under its operational mandate

Q699. ITLA Mandate | Apex national body set up as SPV | Mandate: Formulate National Transport Master Plan (10+ year horizon) | Examines 5y and annual sectoral plans across transport ministries

Q700. ITLA Project Threshold | Technical appraisal, bottleneck resolution, and monitoring for projects costing ₹500 Cr or more (financial appraisal continues via existing systems) | Under the Cabinet-approved framework for the Integrated Transport & Logistics Authority (ITLA)

Q701. India's 1st Road Safety Research and Training Centre | Is being developed over ~25 acres at Saswad in Purandar taluka, Pune district, Maharashtra

[38] Ministry of Tourism & Culture — 19 Qs

Q702. ASI & National Museum of Denmark MoU | Underwater investigation of the 17th-century Danish shipwreck 'Oresund' near Karaikal (1st Danish ship to reach India) | ASI, est. 1861, Ministry of Culture

Q703. Sarnath houses the Dhamek Stupa, Chaukhandi Stupa, Dharmarajika Stupa, and the Ashokan Pillar (from which the Lion Capital of Ashoka—India's National Emblem—was discovered). Kesariya Stupa | Is located in East Champaran, Bihar | At the newly inscribed UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sarnath , Gautama Buddha delivered his 1st sermon known as 'Dharmachakra Pravartana'

Q704. Prambanan Temple (9th-century UNESCO World Heritage Site & largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia; visited by PM Modi & Pres Prabowo; ASI conservation partner) | Location: Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Q705. Ministry of Tourism (Minister: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat) + Google India (CEO: Sundar Pichai) | Partnership to promote Indian tourism via AI, Data Analytics & Digital Platforms

Q706. 10y of Netflix in India | Tourism Ministry + Culture Ministry + Netflix (at NGMA, New Delhi) | Launched: 'As Seen on Netflix' section on Incredible India digital portal

Q707. Tourism Ministry + MakeMyTrip Guided Tours Partnership | 350+ guided tours across 60+ Indian cities | Aligned with Incredible India & Dekho Apna Desh

Q708. Gollala Gudi Temple | Declared Monument of National Importance by ASI (Section 4(3), AMASR Act 1958) | Location: Palampet village, Mulugu district, Telangana (SW of Ramappa Temple) | ASI, under the Ministry of Culture

Q709. India's UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List (UNESCO HQ: Paris, 1972 Convention, Indian Nodal Agency: ASI) | Reached 78 properties/proposals (after adding 4 cultural sites from MP + 1 India–South Africa serial transnational proposal)

Q710. WEF Travel & Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2026 (with Zurich Insurance Group, 110 economies) | India's Rank: 31st (up 9 places) | Score: 4.42 out of 7

Q711. Ministry of Tribal Affairs + IGNCA (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Est. 1987, HQ: New Delhi, under Ministry of Culture) | MoU to preserve, digitise & promote tribal cultural heritage

Q712. Centres of Excellence for Classical Languages | Assamese: Tezpur University (Assam) | Bengali: Visva-Bharati University (WB) | Marathi: Deccan College PG & Research Institute (Pune) | Pali: Central University of Odisha | Prakrit: Central University of Gujarat

Q713. Pali and Prakrit CoEs | Pali CoE: Central University of Odisha | Prakrit CoE: Central University of Gujarat

Q714. Classical Languages Chronology | 2004: Tamil | 2005: Sanskrit | 2008: Kannada & Telugu | 2013: Malayalam | 2014: Odia | 2024: Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, Bengali (Total 11)

Q715. 5th Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS 5.0, 28 Nov – 12 Dec '26, organised by Ministry of Education; ~1,400 participants in 7 groups visiting Varanasi, Prayagraj & Ayodhya; 1st held in 2022) | Theme: 'Thirukkural Payilvom – Thirukkural Abhyas Karen' (Thirukkural by Thiruvalluvar has 1,330 couplets)

Q716. 14th International Tourism Mart (ITM) | Inaugurated by Tourism & Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh

Q717. Ministry of Culture & Bibliotheque nationale de France (BnF) | Signed an MoU in Paris under Gyan Bharatam Mission (GBM, 2025–2031, outlay ₹491.66 Cr, target >1 Cr manuscripts on National Digital Repository [NDR]; also involves National Archives of India, New Delhi & National Library, Kolkata)

Q718. CCEA approved Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum (YYBM) at North & South Block Complex, New Delhi (Ministry of Culture) | Cost: ₹3,230 Cr (~$340M) | Built-up area: 1,78,509 sq m | Period: FY27 to FY31 | 1st Gallery: 'Adornment' (late 2027) | ~18L objects & 1 Cr annual visitors

Q719. 3 Indian manuscripts inscribed in UNESCO Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Register at 11th MOWCAP (Jakarta): Mahabharata (BORI Pune), Arthashastra (ORI Mysuru) & Rajatarangini (ORL Srinagar) | India now has 6 entries on the Asia-Pacific Register (earlier 3: Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra & Sahrdayaloka-Locana; UNESCO MoW Programme est. 1992) | Dossiers prepared by nodal agency IGNCA

Q720. Ministry of Culture | MoU w/ Google Arts & Culture to digitally preserve and share India's cultural heritage

[39] Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) — 13 Qs

Q721. Prasar Bharati's WAVES OTT | Crossed 1 Cr registered users and aims to achieve 2 Cr registered users by Mar '27 | Est. 23 Nov 1997 | World Audio Visual Entertainment Services | Prasar Bharati's OTT platform 'WAVES' , launched in Nov 2024, recently crossed 1 Cr registered users in less than two years

Q722. MIB constituted a High-Level Study Group on the Indian cinema sector chaired by Prasar Bharati CEO Prasoon Joshi

Q723. BECIL | Is a Mini Ratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), est. on 24 Mar 1995 and HQ: New Delhi

Q724. MIB's 'Gems of India' Challenge on the MyWAVES platform (+ Prasar Bharati, MY Bharat, YouTube, and Meta) covers 6 pilot locations: Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa, and Ladakh | Part of WAVES OTT

Q725. The 'Gems of India' Challenge | Offers ₹50,000 to ≤20 district-level winners, ₹2L to 1 state-level creator per district, and ₹5L for national-level awards | Under the three-tier reward structure of MIB's 'Gems of India' Challenge on the MyWAVES platform

Q726. National Broadcasting Day (23 Jul) marks the 1st radio broadcast from Bombay on 23 Jul 1927. It | Was renamed All India Radio (AIR) on 8 Jun 1936 and adopted the name 'Akashvani' in 1956

Q727. 1st Global South Film Festival (2027) | Host: India | Announced at BRICS WAVES Bazaar, Mumbai (Agreements signed by NFDC & NFAI) | NFDC, founded 1975, Mumbai, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

Q728. Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024 (Presented at 72nd NFA, Kevadia, Gujarat) | Recipient: Anant Nag (300+ films, 250+ Kannada films, Padma Bhushan 2025) | Award Static: Instituted 1969 | Prize: Swarna Kamal + Shawl + ₹15L | 1st recipient: Devika Rani | Ekta Nagar | Instituted in 1969 by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, carrying a Swarna Kamal, shawl, and ₹15L cash, 1st awarded to Devika Rani

Q729. Doordarshan | Observed 67th Foundation Day on 15 Sep '26 (est.: 15 Sep 1959; 1st broadcast inaugurated by Pres Dr. Rajendra Prasad) | World Bamboo Day is observed yrly on 18 Sep

Q730. Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh of Prasar Bharati | Won the ABU Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award 2026 at the 63rd ABU General Assembly in Colombo, Sri Lanka for developing 'DDPlayout' & 'DDSlowMo' | Presented at the 63rd ABU General Assembly in Colombo, Sri Lanka under the theme 'Media for Peace and Humanity: Truth, Trust, and Transformation'

Q731. 57th IFFI 2026 (Goa, permanent venue since 2004; 1st held in 1952 in Mumbai; organised by NFDC under Ministry of I&B): Theme | 'Stories Without Borders' | Festival Director: Ashutosh Gowariker | Highest Honour: Golden Peacock (Best Film, ₹51L)

Q732. Spain | Has been named the 'Country of Honour' at the 57th IFFI 2026 in Goa (20–28 Nov '26)

Q733. 12 Nov: Public Service Broadcasting Day (Jan Prasaran Diwas) | Commemorates Mahatma Gandhi's 1st and only visit to Broadcasting House (AIR/Akashvani), New Delhi on 12 Nov 1947 to address Partition refugees in Kurukshetra | Prasar Bharati: Est. 23 Nov 1997 under Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, HQ New Delhi, Chairperson Prasoon Joshi | Jan Prasaran Diwas, announced in 2000 by Sushma Swaraj

[40] Ministry of Health, Ayushman Bharat & Healthcare — 25 Qs

Q734. Ministry of Ayush Guinness World Record | 4,35,831 verified viewers for a YouTube Live Yoga Stream (beating the 2024 record of 2,46,252)

Q735. West Bengal joined Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY as the 36th State/UT | ensuring nationwide coverage across all States and Union Territories | 'Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)'

Q736. Amit Shah | Launched 'PM Family Care Tracker (PM-FCT)' pilot in Gujarat (provides Digital Health Passports tracking pregnant women & children ≤18y)

Q737. 'Ayushman Sarathi' (PM-JAY WhatsApp Chatbot) | Launched by J. P. Nadda | Developed by: National Health Authority (NHA)

Q738. DCGI granted market approval to Takeda Biopharmaceuticals India's dengue vaccine 'QDENGA (TAK-003)' for individuals aged 4 to 60y

Q739. Merck (MSD) | Signed royalty-free voluntary licensing agreements for its experimental once-monthly oral HIV PrEP pill 'alimatravir (MK-8527)' | Known as MSD outside the US and Canada | Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis | US pharmaceutical company Merck signed royalty-free voluntary licensing agreements with 7 generic manufacturers

Q740. The four Indian pharmaceutical manufacturers licensed by Merck for alimatravir (MK-8527) | Are Aurobindo Pharma, Cipla, Emcure Pharmaceuticals, and Viatris | Under Merck's voluntary licensing agreement for the monthly HIV-prevention pill alimatravir (MK-8527) | Aspen Pharmacare, Quality Chemical Industries, and UCL

Q741. India–Indonesia Medical Product Regulation MoU | Signed between CDSCO (HQ: New Delhi, DCGI: Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi) + National Agency of Drug & Food Control, Indonesia

Q742. Ayushman Bharat (AB PM-JAY) in West Bengal | West Bengal becomes 36th State/UT to join (launched by CM Suvendu Adhikari at Netaji Indoor Stadium) | ₹5L cover/family/year | Ayushman Vay Vandana Card for age 70+ | Simultaneously launching Mukhyamantri Swasthya Bima Yojana

Q743. IPC at 10th SEARN Meeting (Kathmandu, Nepal) | Dual Recognition: (1) WHO-SEARN Regional Centre of Excellence in Pharmacovigilance, (2) WHO-SEARN Technical Centre in Quality

Q744. UT Ladakh State Award 2025 | Dr. Padma Gurmet (Director, National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa - NISR, Leh) | Presented by LG Vinai Kumar Saxena

Q745. World Organ Donation Day | Observed globally on 13 Aug | Focus: Organ and tissue donation awareness

Q746. 16th Indian Organ Donation Day (3 Aug '26) | Organised by NOTTO (MoHFW) | Commemorates 1st heart transplant at AIIMS (3 Aug 1994) | Quit India Movement Day: 8 Aug (Gowalia Tank Maidan 1942, 'Do or Die') | Commemorating India's 1st successful human heart transplant performed at AIIMS

Q747. **Ayushman Bharat – PM-JAY** | Launched on 23 Sep 2018 by PM Narendra Modi in Ranchi, Jharkhand | Completed 8y on 23 Sep '26 | Implemented by: NHA (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare) | Cover: ₹5L/family/year + 70+ seniors via Ayushman Vay Vandana Card | Covering all senior citizens aged 70+ via the Ayushman Vay Vandana Card

Q748. **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY 8y Milestones** | 60+ crore people covered | 48.54 Cr+ cards created | 38,000+ empanelled government and private hospitals

Q749. **Arogya Manthan 2026 (Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, inaugurated by Health Minister J. P. Nadda)** | ABDM / ABHA Milestones: 121+ crore health records registered & ~11L healthcare professionals onboarded

Q750. **11th Ayurveda Day 2026** | Date: 25 Sep '26 | Announced by Ministry of Ayush (Formed: 2014, HQ: New Delhi)

Q751. **3rd International Conference on Kaumarabhritya ('KAUMARACON 2026') organised by AIIA, New Delhi (est. 10 Oct 2015 under Ministry of Ayush) & inaugurated by VP C. P. Radhakrishnan** | Theme: 'Shaping the Future of Child Health: Global Perspectives, Research Innovations, and Clinical Frontiers in Kaumarabhritya'

Q752. **National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission** | Launched: 2023 | Goal: Eliminate Sickle Cell Disease as a public health problem in India by 2047

Q753. **Ayushman Vay Vandana (launched 29 Oct 2024 for all citizens aged 70+ years; ₹5L/yr cover or ₹5L topup for already covered families; targets ~6 Cr seniors in 4.5 Cr families) completed 2y on 29 Oct '26** | Recorded 23.46L hospital admissions worth ₹5,668.80 Cr

Q754. **OneSCD Global Partnership Launch** | Co-hosted by India at UNGA 81, New York | India represented by Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava | Focus: Sickle Cell Disease equity and care

Q755. **India TB Decline (WHO Report 2025)** | Incidence: Down 21% (237 to 187 per lakh) | Treatment coverage: Surged from 53% to 92% | TB Mukt Panchayats: 67,933 across 697 districts | A 21% decline, outpacing the global 12% decline

Q756. **Dr. Padma Gurmet (Director, National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa [NISR], Leh) received the 'Wellness Visionary Award' for Holistic Healing from CSJMU, Kanpur**

Q757. **Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty (Founder & Chairman, Narayana Health)** | Was conferred France's Knight of the National Order of Merit (Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Merite)

Q758. **9th National Naturopathy Day (18 Nov '26; observed since 2018 marking 18 Nov 1945 when Mahatma Gandhi became Lifetime Chairman of All India Nature Cure Foundation Trust): Held at CRIYN, Nagamangala, Karnataka** | 2026 Theme: 'Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat'

[41] Ministry of Textiles & Handloom — 4 Qs

Q759. **Launched by DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia for Assam's GI-tagged Muga Silk, 'Mission Senehjori'** | Has a 3y total investment outlay of ₹396–411 Cr, including an MDoNER contribution of ₹136–151 Cr

Q760. **Bharat Tex 2026 (3rd edition) at Bharat Mandapam** | New Delhi featured exhibitors from 14 countries, including the US, UK, Japan, Portugal, Spain, New Zealand, South Korea, South Africa, and Nepal

Q761. **GI & Beyond 2.0 Summit** | Hosted in New Delhi (Inaugurated by MoS Textiles Pabitra Margherita; Organised by DC Handlooms + HEPC) | GI Act 1999 (enforced 15 Sep 2003, Registry: Chennai, Validity: 10y, 1st GI: Darjeeling Tea 2004)

Q762. **National Handloom Day (7 Aug '26)** | 12th Edition (Celebrated since 2015) | Commemorates: Launch of 1905 Swadeshi Movement at Calcutta Town Hall

[42] Ministry of Mines, GSI & Hindustan Copper Ltd — 7 Qs

Q763. **Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL, Miniratna Category-I under Ministry of Mines, Est. 1967, HQ: Kolkata)** | New CMD: Anupam Misra (replaced Sanjiv Kumar Singh)

Q764. **Keshav Chandra assumed charge as Secretary** | Ministry of Mines, succeeding Piyush Goyal

Q765. **GSI 54th DG** | Varsha Ashok Aglawe (1st Woman DG in GSI's 176y history) | Succeeds: Asit Saha | GSI Formed: 4 Mar 1851 | HQ: Kolkata | Ministry: Mines

Q766. **NCCSR 2026** | Inaugurated by: Satish Chandra Dubey (MoS Coal & Mines) | Venue: New Delhi | Theme: “Reenvisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment”

Q767. **CAPEX Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing (FY27 to 2030–31): Outlay ₹2,814 Cr** | 30% capital subsidy for 4 plants: 2 Lithium plants (min 30 kt each; max ₹500 Cr subsidy each) + 2 Nickel plants (min 50 kt each; max ₹900 Cr subsidy each) + ₹14 Cr admin expenses

Q768. **National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM): Approved by Union Cabinet on 29 Jan '25** | Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Mines | Duration: 7y (FY25 to FY31) | Total Outlay: ₹34,300 Cr

Q769. **Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir assumed charge as 55th DG of GSI** | Replaced: Varsha Ashok Aglawe (1st woman DG of GSI) | GSI: Scientific agency under Ministry of Mines, formed 4 Mar 1851, HQ Kolkata, West Bengal

[43] NSDC & Skill Development 25 Qs

Q770. Capacity Building Commission Chairperson S. Radha Chauhan heads the one-member inquiry committee probing procurement of services for CBSE's On-Screen Marking (OSM) system | Amid controversy surrounding the procurement of services for the On-Screen Marking (OSM) system of CBSE

Q771. NCERT | Introduced a chapter on the 1975 Emergency in its new Class 9 Social Science textbook 'Understanding Society: India and Beyond'

Q772. Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary | Launched the 'Navachar Mantra' programme

Q773. The UK's University of Liverpool received approval to | Set up its branch campus in Bengaluru, while Union Coal & Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy and UK Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper launched the India–UK Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO) in New Delhi | In the presence of EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar and UK Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper

Q774. 3 Foreign Universities Approved under NEP 2020 | University of Bristol (UK), University of York (UK), and University of New South Wales (UNSW, Australia) | Under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 | In the presence of Dharmendra Pradhan

Q775. 'Bharat Innovates 2026' (1st edition) | Jointly inaugurated by PM Modi & Pres Emmanuel Macron at Palais des Expositions de Nice in Nice, France (Ministry of Education initiative)

Q776. Lokhande Prashant Sitaram | Was appointed Chairperson of CBSE (succeeding Rahul Singh), while Varun Bhardwaj was appointed CBSE Secretary | CBSE, est. 1 Jul 1962, HQ Delhi

Q777. UNSW Sydney (Australia) 1st India Campus | Embassy Manyata Business Park, Bengaluru, Karnataka | Approved by UGC

Q778. Drone Skill Centres Partnership | NSDC + AVPL International | 350 Advanced Centres over 3y (75 in Year 1) | NSDC: Est 2008, HQ New Delhi (49% Govt / 51% Private) | NSDC—est. in 2008 as a PPP model with 49% MSDE and 51% private equity

Q779. Cloud & AI Skilling Initiative | NSDC + Cultus Education + AWS (MSDE) | 1.5L learners to receive foundational training in AI and Cloud computing | Under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Q780. NCERT 66th Foundation Day (Observed: 1 Sep '26 | Est.: 1 Sep 1961 | HQ: New Delhi) | Chief Guest: Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi (as cited in the 10 Sep report)

Q781. PM Vishwakarma Scheme (Completed 3y; FY24 to 2027–28) | Outlay: ₹13,000 Cr | Coverage: 18 traditional trades | Achieved 30L beneficiaries target | Implemented by: MSME + MSDE + DFS

Q782. PM SHRI Scheme (Launched: 7 Sep 2022 | Period: 2022–23 to 2026–27 | Total Cost: ₹27,360 Cr | Central Share: ₹18,128 Cr | Target: 14,500+ schools) | As of Jul '26: 13,092 schools selected across 36 States/UTs (~90% target), benefiting 20L+ students | Under the Ministry of Education's PM SHRI Scheme—launched on 7 Sep 2022 for the period 2022–23 to 2026–27 with a total outlay of ₹27

Q783. New CBSE Chairperson (CBSE Formed: 1962, HQ: Delhi) | Mandeep Bhandari (earlier Principal Secretary to LG of J&K) | Replaces Lokhande Prashant Sitaram

Q784. National Teachers' Awards 2026 (5 Sep, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi) | Conferred by Pres Droupadi Murmu on 48 school teachers | Prize: Certificate + ₹50,000 cash + Silver Medal | Instituted: 1958 (Ministry of Education)

Q785. 48th WorldSkills Competition 2026 (Venue: Shanghai, China) | India's Rank: 10th (won 6 silver medals) | Next: WorldSkills Asia 2028 in Japan | Japan is scheduled to host WorldSkills Asia 2028

Q786. Lakshadweep declared a fully literate UT under ULLAS by Administrator Praful Patel at Kavaratti | 1st fully literate UT: Ladakh (2024) | 1st fully literate State: Mizoram (2025) | Total 11 fully literate States/UTs: Ladakh, Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, HP, Chandigarh, A&N Islands, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, J&K, and Lakshadweep

Q787. PM-SETU Outlay & Sharing | Launched 4 Oct '25 (completed 1y) | 5y outlay: ₹60,000 Cr | Centre: ₹30,000 Cr | States: ₹20,000 Cr | Industry: ₹10,000 Cr | Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs | The centrally sponsored scheme 'PM-SETU' completed one year of implementation on 4 Oct '26

Q788. PM-SETU NSTI Centres of Excellence | Five locations: Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana

Q789. CU Denver in India | Received UGC Letter of Intent (LoI) | Campus: Hyderabad, Telangana | Milestones: 1st public American university authorised in India & 1st foreign university campus in Telangana

Q790. ULLAS (NILP, 2022–2027): Targets non-literate adults aged 15y & above | Target: 5 Cr learners during FY27 (~1 Cr/year) | Vision: 'Jan Jan Saakshar Bharat' | 95% literacy in a State/UT is treated as equivalent to full literacy | Under the ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society / New India Literacy Programme, 2022– 2027) scheme

Q791. University of Liverpool opened its Bengaluru campus at Alembic City, Whitefield on 15 Oct '26 | First Russell Group university campus in Karnataka (approved by UGC in Jun '26)

Q792. 5 Proposed University Townships (Ministry of Education, Budget 2026–27) | 1. Tamil Nadu (Coimbatore), 2. Assam (Jagiroad), 3. Gujarat (Dholera), 4. Andhra Pradesh (Amaravati), and 5. Odisha (Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur or Koraput)

Q793. MYAS, Ministry of Education & UNESCO exchanged an MoU at NADA India's Clean Sport Conclave in New Delhi to roll out UNESCO's 'Sport Values in Every Classroom Toolkit' across India

Q794. India observed National Entrepreneurship Day on 9 Nov '26 (commemorating the creation of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship [MSDE] on 9 Nov 2014) | Marking the establishment of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship [MSDE] on 9 Nov 2014

[44] India Post (Department of Posts) — 12 Qs

Q795. India Post Drone-Powered Mail Delivery in Himachal Pradesh | Operates between Mandi Head Post Office and Rehardhar Branch Post Office (~7 minutes vs >2 hours) | Ministry of Communications

Q796. Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | India Post achieved ₹4,009 Cr revenue in Q1 FY27 (up 22% YoY) against an annual FY27 revenue target of ₹19,803 Cr

Q797. India Post Tiranga Drone Delivery (Himachal Pradesh) | Mandi Head Post Office to Rehardhar Branch Post Office | Handed over to Army veteran | inaugurated by Jyotiraditya Scindia

Q798. Commemorative Postage Stamp | Sant Malukdas Ji (16th-century Bhakti poet- saint from UP, known for 'Gyan Bodh') | Released by Union Communications & DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia (Issued by Dept of Posts)

Q799. India's 7th Postal Training Centre (PTC) | Location: Karera, Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh | Foundation stone laid by Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Q800. India–Japan Postal Cooperation & Exam Focus | APPU (UPU specialised agency) HQ: Bangkok, Thailand | India's 7th Postal Training Centre: Karera, Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh

Q801. BRICS 20y Commemorative Stamps | Released by Department of Posts at 18th BRICS Summit, New Delhi | Inscription: 'BRICS: Two Decades of Cooperation, 2006–2026'

Q802. Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU, specialised agency of UPU, HQ: Bangkok, Thailand) | Vinaya Prakash Singh reelected Secretary-General at 14th APPU Congress (Bangkok) for 2nd consecutive 4y term (Jan '27–Dec 2030)

Q803. DoP & Blue Dart Deal | Blue Dart leverages India Post's last-mile delivery network for parcel services across urban, semi-urban, rural, and remote areas

Q804. India Post and UTI Mutual Fund | Signed an MoU to expand Pan-India doorstep KYC verification services for mutual fund investors

Q805. India Post Network | Observance: National Postal Week (9–15 Oct '26) | Total Post Offices: 1,64,999 (world's largest network) | Rural Post Offices: 1,49,385

Q806. Department of Posts issued two commemorative postage stamps (₹5 & ₹10) and picture postcards for Breast Cancer Awareness Month (observed 1–31 Oct) | Released by Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava & DG Postal Services Manisha Sinha

[45] Major Central Schemes, National Campaigns & Ministries — 74 Qs

Q807. ₹170-Crore MSME Technology Centre | Being est. at Khizarsarai in Gaya district, Bihar

Q808. Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project | Built on the Tons River (major tributary of the Yamuna) on the Uttarakhand– HP border (Dehradun–Sirmaur region) across 6 beneficiary states

Q809. Kishau Dam Project Outlay | ~₹15,000 Cr | Water component funded 90% by Central Assistance and 10% shared by the 6 states

Q810. Phase 3 of the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) campaign (launched by Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil alongside the Bharat WIN Platform) targets creating 2 Cr water conservation structures between Jun '26 and May '27 | Bharat Water Innovation Network | Patil launched the 3rd phase of the ' Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari ' Campaign alongside the 'Bharat WIN Platform' for startups and MSMEs

Q811. Smart Warehousing System launched by Pralhad Joshi (DFPD, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi | World's largest AI & IoT deployment in public foodgrain warehousing | Covers 215 bagbased CWC warehouses + 150 FCI warehouses | CWC, est. 1957 under Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962

Q812. Amit Shah | Launched 'NAFEX.in' (digital auction portal of NAFED, est. 2 Oct 1958, HQ New Delhi) at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi | National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd, est. 2 Oct 1958, HQ New Delhi

Q813. Industrial park size norms under BHAVYA | Minimum 25 acres in hilly regions, NE states, small states & UTs | generally 100–500 acres in medium-sized states | and ≤1,000 acres near major urban centres | Under the Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA) guidelines

Q814. PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY, effective 1 Aug '25, Ministry of Labour & Employment) | Outlay: ₹99,446 Cr | Target: >3.5 Cr jobs over 2y (~1.92 Cr 1st-time entrants) | 'Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)'

Q815. DISHA 2.0 (1 Apr '26 to 31 Mar 2031, Department of Justice, Central Sector Scheme) | Outlay of ₹255 Cr | Target: 3 Cr beneficiaries | Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice

Q816. 4 Components of DISHA 2.0 | 1. Tele-Law (2.5L CSCs in 784 districts), 2. Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services), 3. LLLAP, and 4. VIDHI Sanjeevani (Vision for Integrated Delivery of Harmonized Legal Initiatives) featuring AI-powered 'Nyaya Setu Chatbot' | Under 'DISHA 2.0' (2026–2031) | Under 'DISHA 2.0' , along with Tele-Law , Nyaya Bandhu, and the Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme

Q817. Ministry of Rural Development (under DAY–NRLM) | Announced 700 SHE-MARTs and 1,000 District Fulfilment Centres (plus revamped e-SARAS Multi-Vendor Marketplace) to support the 6 Cr Lakhpati Didis target | Revamping the e-SARAS Portal into a Multi-Vendor Marketplace

Q818. 23rd PM-KISAN Instalment (20 Jun '26) | Released by PM Modi from Tarakeswar, Hooghly district, West Bengal (>₹18,880 Cr to >9.44 Cr farmers; total disbursed since 24 Feb 2019 >₹4.46L Cr) | Launched 24 Feb 2019, providing ₹6,000/year in three ₹2,000 instalments

Q819. Tripura (Formed: 21 Jan 1972 | Capital: Agartala | CM: Manik Saha | Gov: Indrasena Reddy | NPs: Clouded Leopard, Bison/Rajbari | WLS: Trishna, Gomati) | Made full version of 'Vande Mataram' & 'Jana Gana Mana' compulsory in all schools and recognised madrasas | Composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee in 'Anandamath' | Composed by Rabindranath Tagore, adopted on 24 Jan 1950

Q820. CCEA approved the BHAVYA–Rasayan scheme (FY27 to 2030–31) with a total outlay of ₹3,030 Cr (₹3,000 Cr for common infrastructure across 3 Chemical Parks + ₹30 Cr administrative expenses) | Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan

Q821. Each of the 3 Chemical Parks under BHAVYA–Rasayan | Is eligible for a Central Grant of ≤₹1,000 Cr per park, matched by a min State Government contribution of ₹500 Cr per park | Under the ₹3,030-crore 'BHAVYA–Rasayan' scheme to establish 3 plug-and-play Chemical Parks

Q822. VB-G RAM G (Ministry of Rural Development, Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan) | Daily floor wage: ₹300 (effective 1 Jul '26) | Employment guarantee: 125 days

Q823. Common Incubation Centre (MoFPI, Minister: Chirag Paswan) | Location: VNMKV, Parbhani, Maharashtra (Food processing + entrepreneurship + skills) | Under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI, led by Union Minister Chirag Paswan)

Q824. Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 (5th Edition, 9–17 Aug) + 150th Anniversary of 'Vande Mataram' (composed 7 Nov 1875 on Akshaya Navami by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in novel Anandamath 1882) | National Song adopted: 24 Jan 1950 | New initiative: 'SURYAPATH TIRANGA' (global flag relay) | 9–17 Aug '26, started in 2022 | Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched the 5th edition of the nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga 2026' campaign

Q825. Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Act, 2026 | Extends 1971 Act protection to 'Vande Mataram' | Penalty: Imprisonment ≤3y, fine, or both (subsequent conviction: min 1y) | 'Jana Gana Mana'

Q826. PM Modi 80th Independence Day Address (15 Aug '26) | Duration: 75 minutes (shortest in 4y, 4th shortest ever; longest was 103 min in 2025; 1st was 65 min in 2014) | 13th consecutive address (2nd only to Nehru's 17)

Q827. PM CARES Fund FY25 Audit | Closing Balance: ₹8,452.07 Cr (+18% YoY from ₹7,173.03 Cr) | Domestic donations: ₹479.05 Cr | Foreign donations: ₹0.93 Cr | Est: Mar 2020 | PM CARES Fund—a public charitable trust est. in Mar 2020 with the PM as exofficio Chairperson | Reflecting an 18% increase from ₹7,173.03 Cr in FY24

Q828. 53rd PRAGATI Meeting | Chaired by PM Modi at Seva Teerth | Reviewed 6 major infra projects (Railways, Roads, Power) across 9 States worth over ₹30,000 Cr | Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, launched in 2015

Q829. 'DAANVEER' Initiative | Ministry of Panchayati Raj (launched by Secretary Vivek Bharadwaj) + NIC + DigiHaat | Voluntary computer donations for Gram Panchayats via 'Meri Panchayat' app

Q830. PM E-DRIVE Scheme Extension (till 31 Mar 2028, Outlay: ₹11,900 Cr) | e-2W support: ₹2,767 Cr (45.79L vehicles, max ex-factory price ₹1.5L) | Subsidy: ₹2,500/kWh, max ₹5,000/vehicle | Implemented from 1 Apr 2024 to 31 Mar 2028, subsuming EMPS-2024

Q831. CBDC-Based DBT under PMGKAY (Launched 14 Aug '26) | 1st UTs: Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli | Food subsidy transferred as Digital Rupee (e₹) into beneficiary CBDC wallet | Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY, extended for 5y from 1 Jan 2024 covering AAY and PHH ration cardholders under NFSA 2013)

Q832. PMJDY 12th Anniversary (Launched 28 Aug 2014) | Accounts: 59.09 Cr | Deposits: ₹3,16,514 Cr | RuPay cards: 41.29 Cr | Avg deposit: ₹5,356 | Overdraft: ≤₹10,000 (age 18–65, ₹2,000 unconditional) | Accidental insurance: ₹2L (for post-28.8.2018 accounts, transaction within 90 days) | Launched on 28 Aug 2014 by PM Narendra Modi under the slogan 'Mera Khatha, Bhagya Vidhatha' | ~56% owned by women, 78% in rural/semi-urban areas

Q833. PM-KISAN 5y Continuation (FY27 to 2030–31) | Financial Outlay: ₹3,15,614 Cr | Benefit: ₹6,000/ year (3 equal instalments) | Transferred so far: ₹4.47L Cr+ across 23 instalments since 2019

Q834. Independence Day Major Announcements & 'Sapt Dhara' | 1 Cr youth to get AI skilling in 1y | Free competitive exam online coaching for poor/middle-class students | Talent hunt for ages 5–15 | 'Sapt Dhara': Manufacturing, Agriculture, Tech, Gati Shakti, Defence, Green/Blue Economy, Soft Power

Q835. World Water Week 2026 (Stockholm, Sweden; SIWI) | India represented by Ministry of Rural Development (Joint Secretary Rohini R. Bhajibhakre)

Q836. Kishau Multipurpose Dam Agreement | 6 Participants: UP, Uttarakhand, HP, Haryana, Rajasthan & Delhi | River: Tons River | Height: 232.6 m concrete gravity dam | Funding: 90% Centre : 10% States | Declared a National Project with a 90:10 Centre-State funding ratio

Q837. 9th India International Water Week (IIWW) 2026 (22–26 Sep '26, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi) | Inaugurated by VP C. P. Radhakrishnan | Theme: 'Climate Resilient Water Management' | Partner Countries: Netherlands + Germany

Q838. Jal Shakti Ministry 'Catch the Rain' Anthem | Campaign: Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari – Catch the Rain | Singer/ Composer: Shankar Mahadevan | Message: 'Catch the Rain – Where It Falls, When It Falls'

Q839. Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026 (17 Sep–17 Oct '26; SHS started in 2017; 12+ cr toilets built under SBM) | Launched by Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil | Theme: 'Swachhata Mein Sahbhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat' | Along with Ministers of State V. Somanna and Tokhan Sahu

Q840. e-Shram Portal (Launched: 26 Aug 2021 by Ministry of Labour & Employment) | Completed 5y | 31.89 Cr+ unorganised workers registered | 12-digit UAN + 15 Social Security/Welfare schemes integrated | 'One-Stop Solution'

Q841. DILRMP 3.0 | Launched by Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Implemented by: Department of Land Resources | Timeline: 2026–2031 | Funding: 100% Central Govt | Outlay: ₹565.50 Cr | Implemented by the Department of Land Resources across all States & UTs for the period 2026–2031 with 100% Central Government funding

Q842. PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY, Launched: 10 Sep 2020, Completed 6y, extended to Sep '26) | Total Outlay: ₹20,750 Cr | Budget 2026–27 Allocation: ₹2,500 Cr | Fish production (2025–26): 141.64L tonnes

Q843. PM-KMY Eligibility Exemption | While higher government/PSU employees, income-tax payers, and professionals (doctors, lawyers, CAs, engineers, architects) are excluded, MTS / Class IV / Group D employees are exempt from the exclusion | Ans: Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) / Class IV / Group D employees | Under the eligibility norms of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY)

Q844. 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 (9 Sep '26, 1m) | Venue: Rudraksh Convention Centre, Varanasi | Launched by: WCD Minister Annapurna Devi | Theme: 'Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari' | POSHAN Abhiyaan started: 2018

Q845. India–Netherlands Kalpasar Project MoUs (Gulf of Khambhat freshwater reservoir, Gujarat; signed at 9th IIWW, New Delhi) | Participants: Central Water Commission + Gujarat Kalpasar Dept + Dutch institutions Deltares & TU Delft

Q846. Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Launched the nationwide 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan – Rabi 2026' (running till 30 Nov '26) from Karnal, Haryana

Q847. National SARAS Mela 2026 | Venue: Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada (AP) | Jointly organised with SERP AP | 1st time outside Delhi-NCR | Inaugurated by: Pres Droupadi Murmu

Q848. Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 held at Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam (by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment) | Promotes 'BHARAT-TULIP' (Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme)

Q849. Pashudhan Bima / Livestock Insurance Portal | Launched by DAHD (MoFAHD) / Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh | Under: National Livestock Mission (NLM) | Languages: 11 regional languages + Hindi & English

Q850. SETU NSP App | SETU = 'Scholarship for Education Transformation and Upliftment' | Beneficiaries: SC and OBC students | Ministry: Social Justice & Empowerment

Q851. Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Launched the upgraded 'Agri Welfare Portal' for single-window farmer access

Q852. Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil | Launched the 'Punah Bharan' mobile app (developed by BISAG-N & National Water Mission) to identify artificial groundwater recharge zones within a 3 km radius

Q853. SME Growth Fund (SGF) | ₹10,000 Cr GoI commitment approved by Union Cabinet | Focus: Direct equity/ growth capital (not just bank credit) for manufacturing SMEs in Tier-II/III clusters

Q854. PM Samajik Sahayata Yojana | Continuation of NSAP (launched 15 Aug 1995 under Art 41 DPSP) for 5y (2026–27 to 2030–31) | Outlay: ₹53,428 Cr | Old-age, widow, family benefits unchanged | Ans: Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana | enacted under Directive Principles of State Policy in Article 41

Q855. Disability Pension Reforms | Benchmark: Reduced from 80% to 40% (aligned with RPwD Act 2016) | Age requirement: From birth | Monthly pension: ₹375/mo (0–79y) & ₹625/mo (80+ yrs) | Total beneficiaries: ~3.20 Cr across 36 States/ UTs | Under the revamped Pradhan Mantri Divyangjan Pension Yojana

Q856. Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031 | Released by VP C. P. Radhakrishnan at Agatti, Lakshadweep | PMMSY investment for Lakshadweep: Over ₹62 Cr approved for fisheries development

Q857. FCV Tobacco Working Capital Scheme | ₹50,000 interest-free loan per barn in Andhra Pradesh | Outlay: ~ ₹220 Cr | Covers: ~44,000 growers via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

Q858. Rabi MSP 2027–28 Highlights | Wheat: ₹2,610/qtl (+ ₹25, ~1% hike) | Safflower: ₹7,215/qtl (+ ₹675, highest absolute gain) | Rapeseed & Mustard: ₹6,613/qtl (+ ₹413)

Q859. Rabi MSP Crop Rates | Lentil (Masur): ₹7,390 (+ ₹390) | Gram: ₹5,958 (+ ₹83) | Barley: ₹2,286 (+ ₹136) | Rapeseed & Mustard: ₹6,613 (+ ₹413) | Under the CCEA-approved Rabi MSP schedule for the 2027–28 marketing season

Q860. MSP Determination Formula | Mandatory 22 crops (14 Kharif, 6 Rabi, 2 commercial: Jute & Copra) | Recommended by CACP | Formula: Minimum 1.5x All-India cost of production (50% return)

Q861. Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses | Launched: 11 Oct '25 by PM Modi | Outlay: ₹11,440 Cr for 6y (2025–26 to 2030–31) | Focus Pulses: Tur (Arhar), Urad, Masoor (Lentil)

Q862. Pulses Mission 2030–31 Targets | Production: 350L tonnes | Productivity: 1,130 kg/ha | Cultivation Area: 310L ha (+35L ha) | Assured Procurement: NAFED & NCCF

Q863. PMDDKY Scope | Approved: 16 Jul '25 | Launched: 11 Oct '25 | Duration: 6y (from 2025–26) | Coverage: 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts (≥1 per State) | Convergence: 36 schemes across 11 Ministries

Q864. PMDDKY Implementation | Outlay: ~ ₹24,000 Cr/yr | Beneficiaries: ~1.7 Cr farmers | District Level: District Samiti headed by DM/Collector | State Level: State Samiti headed by Chief Secretary | National Level: National Executive Committee (Union Agri Minister) & Monitoring Committee (Agri Secy)

Q865. SARAS Mela & DAY-NRLM | 1,500+ SHG women from 30+ States/UTs | Flagship initiative under DAY- NRLM | Directly supports creating 6 Cr Lakhpati Didis by 2029 | Ans: Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) | supports the target of creating 6 Cr Lakhpati Didis by 2029

Q866. Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM-VGSY, 2026–27 to 2030–31) | Total Outlay = ₹7,395.55 Cr (Central Share: ₹4,869.48 Cr [~66%] + State Share: ₹2,526.07 Cr [~34%]) | Supports ~32L functionaries across >2.55L Panchayats via eGramSwaraj portal & 'PANCHAM' (AI platform in 17 languages) | 16th FC recommended ~₹4.35L Cr for Rural Local Bodies

Q867. PM Modi released the 24th instalment of PM-KISAN (>₹18,690 Cr to >9.34 Cr farmers) from Banaskantha, Gujarat | Cumulative disbursement crossed ₹4.65L Cr (₹6,000/yr in 3 equal instalments of ₹2,000) | Taking cumulative PM-KISAN disbursements past ₹4.65L Cr

Q868. Nagaland SAY-SOBLOK Scheme | Partnership between NSRLM and BRAC International (3y MoU) | Beneficiaries: 4,000 extremely vulnerable households | Aligned with DAY-NRLM | 'Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana'

Q869. New Environment Secretary | Narendra Bhooshan took charge as Secretary, MoEFCC | Earlier role: Secretary, Department of Land Resources (Ministry of Rural Development)

Q870. Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh | Announced a Centre of Excellence for the indigenous 'Siri' cattle breed in Sikkim & launched NDMU at Mangan under White Revolution 2.0 (launched 19 Sep 2024; targets 50% rise in milk procurement over 2024–29 & 75,000 new dairy cooperatives) | Launched 19 Sep 2024 to increase milk procurement by 50% in 5y and create 75,000 new dairy cooperative societies

Q871. Soreng district in Sikkim became India's 1st notified Organic Fisheries Cluster under PMMSY | Sikkim: 1st 100% Organic State (2016), Capital Gangtok, CM Prem Singh Tamang, Gov Dushyant Kumar Gautam, NP: Khangchendzonga (8,586m)

Q872. 1st International Maize Conference 2026 held at JD Convention Centre, Hyderabad | Theme: 'Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World (M4FS)' | Target: Increase maize production from ~55M tonnes to 75M tonnes

Q873. Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram inaugurated the 2nd National Tribal Literary Festival 2026 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi | Held under Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada (1–15 Nov '26; Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas observed on 15 Nov since 2021 on Birsa Munda's birth anniversary)

Q874. Dr. Virendra Kumar launched 'Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan' in New Delhi under Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY, est. 1 Apr 2021) | Includes 'Vayo SAATHI' volunteer initiative (for citizens aged 18+) | India's 60+ elderly population projected to rise from 10 Cr (2011) to 23 Cr by 2036 | AVYAY, implemented since 1 Apr 2021

Q875. VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 came into force across rural India on 1 Jul '26 (replacing MGNREGA, 2005) | Provides a statutory guarantee of 125 days of unskilled wage employment per financial year | Under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act

Q876. VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026 | Multi-tier mechanism at Gram Panchayat, Block & District levels via GROs | Enquiry within 7 working days | Resolution within 15 days from receipt (auto-escalated to next higher level after 15 days) | Operating at Gram Panchayat, Block, and District levels via Grievance Redressal Officers [GROs] | Under the 'VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026' notified by the Ministry of Rural Development

Q877. Cabinet extended Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) Scheme from 1 Apr '26 to 31 Mar 2031 | Total outlay: ₹3,788.04 Cr (Central: ₹2,353.15 Cr from Nirbhaya Fund [est. 2013] + State: ₹1,434.89 Cr) | Expands FTSCs from 779 (399 exclusive POCSO) to 850 courts (4,02,457 cases disposed since inception) | Central Share funded from the 2013 Nirbhaya Fund + State/UT Share

Q878. Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat (launched 27 Nov 2024, target: child-marriage-free by 2030 / SDG 5.3): Share of women (aged 20–24) married before 18 fell from 23.3% (NFHS-5) to 20.1% (NFHS-6) | Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (replaced Sarda Act 1929): Male <21y, Female <18y | cognizable & non-bailable | punishment ≤2y jail and/or ₹1L fine | 2023–24 | 2019–21 | As the 'Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat ' campaign completes two years on 27 Nov '26

Q879. Ministry of MSME | Signed a 3y MoU with Samsung India Electronics Pvt Ltd (implemented at 15 MSME Technology Centres) to train 1,600 youth in the 1st year

Q880. Ministry of MSME | MoU w/ TRIFED (est. 1987, HQ New Delhi, Chairman Ramsinh Rathwa) to support tribal artisans registered under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme (launched 17 Sep 2023) | Ans: Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)

[46] Statutory Bodies, Commissions & Governance — 43 Qs

Q881. Home Minister Amit Shah | Launched the Land Port Management System (LPMS – 'VINIMAY') in New Delhi, developed by the Land Ports Authority of India

Q882. Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C, under MHA) launched Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) & Money Restoration Module (MRM) portals | Enables faster coordination between police, banks & NCRP for cyber fraud victims

Q883. Tushar Mehta reappointed Solicitor General of India (statutory post) for 3y from 1 Jul '26 alongside 5 ASGs (Vikramjit Banerjee, K. M. Nataraj, Suryaprakash V. Raju, N. Venkataraman, Aishwarya Bhati) | Attorney General for India (Article 76): R. Venkataramani

Q884. Mahesh Dixit appointed Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB, est. 1887, MHA, HQ New Delhi), succeeding Tapan Deka

Q885. National Commission for Minorities Act | 1992 (est. in 1993 under the Ministry of Minority Affairs), the NCM has a sanctioned strength of 7 members (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and 5 Members), each serving a 3y term

Q886. The amended Anti-Paper Leak Bill (amending the 2024 Act) prescribes a min imprisonment of 5y extendable ≤10y, a fine of ≤₹10 Cr, and trial through designated fast-track courts | Prevention of Unfair Means

Q887. Technology expert and Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani | Has been appointed Chairperson of the six- member High-Powered Task Force on examination reforms

Q888. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri | Tenure extended by 1y (15 Jul '26 to 14 Jul '27) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)

Q889. Harjit Singh Grewal | Was appointed Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM), succeeding Iqbal Singh Lalpura, while Munawari Begum serves as Vice-Chairperson

Q890. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) | Was est. on 12 Oct 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993, with its HQ in New Delhi

Q891. Supreme Court NEET-UG High-Powered Enquiry Committee (HPEC) | Headed by: Justice (Retd.) R. Subhash Reddy (former Supreme Court Judge)

Q892. Ladakh High Court Bench Approved | Bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (not a separate High Court) | Ladakh LG: Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chaired by PM Narendra Modi | Governed by LG Vinai Kumar Saxena, created 31 Oct 2019 without a legislature

Q893. National Sports Awards 2025 (Committee Head: Justice Arun Kumar Mishra) | Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar: Army Paralympic Node, Pune | Top University: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy | Khel Ratna Cash: ₹25L | Arjuna: ₹15L

Q894. Top Bureaucracy 1y Extension (ACC) | Cabinet Secretary: T. V. Somanathan | Union Home Secretary: Govind Mohan

Q895. Acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) | A. S. Rajeev | Succeeds: Praveen Kumar Srivastava | CVC Act 2003 statutory body (1 CVC + max 2 VCs; Term: 4y / age 65)

Q896. Chief Secretary of Andaman & Nicobar Islands | Gyanesh Bharti (Appointed by MHA) | Former role: Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC) in ECI

Q897. New Pres of Hungary | András Baka (former Supreme Court chief; TISZA Party, PM Péter Magyar) | Capital: Budapest | Currency: Forint

Q898. 100th BIS MoU (1st with Ayush sector) | Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) + Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) | Strengthens Ayurveda quality standards

Q899. Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 | Examined by 31- member Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) | Chairperson: Sanjay Jaiswal (Lok Sabha MP)

Q900. Shahzad Bhatti Network | Declared terrorist organisation by MHA under Section 35(1)(a) of UAPA, 1967 | Added to First Schedule of UAPA

Q901. India's First Victims Rights Centre | Inaugurated by CJI Justice Surya Kant | Location: Bihar State Legal Services Authority campus, Patna

Q902. 3rd National Conference of ANTF Heads (New Delhi, inaugurated by Amit Shah, organised by NCB - Est. 1986, HQ: New Delhi) | Theme: 'United Resolve, Shared Responsibility' | Released 3y 'Vision Document on Narcotics Control (2026– 2029)' | NCB, est. in 1986 under the Ministry of Home Affairs and HQ: New Delhi

Q903. Rajasthan High Court (Principal seat: Jodhpur | Bench: Jaipur) | New Chief Justice: Justice Sanjay Kumar Agarwal | Appointed by Pres under Article 217

Q904. Pres's Colour 2026 | Presented to Goa Police by Amit Shah in Panaji | Also conferred in 2026 on: Uttarakhand, Bihar, Meghalaya, Odisha, Sikkim & Puducherry Police

Q905. Rajbhasha Utkrishtta Sammaan 2025–26 (Given by Dept of Official Language, MHA on 14 Sep '26, Hindi Diwas Sammelan) | 1st Position: Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), New Delhi

Q906. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Award 2026 (Presented at 16th Sansad Ratna Awards 2026, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi) | Recipient: Kishor Makwana, Chairman of NCSC (Constitutional Body under Article 338) | Ans: National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) | Instituted in 2010 by the Prime Point Foundation on Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's suggestion

Q907. NDMA Statutory Framework | Constituted on 27 Sep 2006 under Disaster Management Act, 2005 | Apex body under Ministry of Home Affairs | Chaired by: PM of India

Q908. NHRC Statutory Profile | Formed: 12 Oct 1993 | Governing Statute: Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 | Current Chairperson: Justice V. Ramasubramanian | HQ: New Delhi

Q909. NHRC 33rd Foundation Day | Date: 12 Oct '26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi | Chief Guest: Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant

Q910. IICA Profile | est.: 2008 | HQ: Gurugram, Haryana | Administrative Control: Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) | Focus: Civil service training, corporate affairs, and CSR

Q911. India is hosting the 61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) for the 1st time in New Delhi | Organised by Dept of Consumer Affairs with OIML (est. 1955, HQ Paris, France)

Q912. Supreme Court Appointments | Elevated: Justice Sunita Agarwal (CJ Gujarat HC), Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya (CJ Delhi HC), Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh (CJ Telangana HC)

Q913. Supreme Court Bench Strength | Working strength: 37 judges | Sanctioned strength: 38 judges (increased from 34 to 38 in 2026) | CJI: Justice Surya Kant

Q914. ECI Appointment | Prakash Rajpurohit appointed Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC) | Replaced: Sanjay Kumar | Tenure: ≤8 Apr 2030

Q915. ECI Leadership | Formed: 25 Jan 1950 (National Voters' Day) under Art 324 | 26th CEC: Gyanesh Kumar | Election Commissioners: Sukhbir Singh Sandhu & Vivek Joshi | Tenure: 6y or 65y of age

Q916. Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen took oath as the new Gov of Uttarakhand at Lok Bhavan | Dehradun (oath administered by Acting CJ Justice Manoj Kumar Tiwari), succeeding Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh (Retd.)

Q917. Braj Mohan Ram took oath as the 28th Gov of Odisha at Lok Bhavan | Bhubaneswar (oath by Orissa HC CJ Justice Harish Tandon), succeeding Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati | Oath administered by Orissa High Court Chief Justice Justice Harish Tandon

Q918. Om Prakash Mathur (earlier Gov of Sikkim) sworn in as 29th Gov of Keralam (oath by Kerala HC CJ Justice Soumen Sen), succeeding Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (appointed Gov of Tamil Nadu) | Oath administered by Kerala High Court Chief Justice Justice Soumen Sen

Q919. Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA, est. 2008, HQ Gurugram, under Ministry of Corporate Affairs) | Signed a 5year MoU with the Association of ARCs in India for its Post Graduate Insolvency Programme (PGIP) | Formed in 2008, HQ Gurugram, Haryana

Q920. NDMA 22nd Formation Day | Celebrated: 27 Sep in New Delhi | Theme: 'Risk Reduction in Action'

Q921. Home Minister Amit Shah presented the Pres's Colour to Chandigarh Police on its 60th Raising Day / Diamond Jubilee (1 Nov '26; est. 1966)

Q922. MHA awarded the Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak 2026 to 490 personnel | Announced every year on 31 Oct (Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary) | Instituted on 1 Feb 2024

Q923. Home Minister Amit Shah presented the Pres's Colour to Uttarakhand Police in Dehradun | Uttarakhand became the 16th State in India whose police force has received this honour

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[47] IITs, IIMs & IISc (Premier Institutes) 29 Qs

Q924. IIT Bombay | Announced its 1st international sub-campus in the USA + SUNY at Old Westbury, New York

Q925. ACC approved former IIM Calcutta Director Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay as NSC Chairperson | Tenure: 3y | Succeeded: Dr. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar

Q926. QS World University Rankings 2027 (India Top 10) | (1) IIT Delhi (118th globally, score 65.7), (2) IIT Bombay (134th), (3) IIT Madras (170th), (4) IIT Kharagpur (205th), (5/6) IISc Bengaluru & IIT Kanpur (221st), (7) DU (332nd), (8) IIT Roorkee (335th), (9) IIT Guwahati (349th), (10) Shoolini University (452nd) | Ans: Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) | Evaluating >1,500 universities across 106 countries, with India being the 5th most represented nation with 52 universities

Q927. QS World University Rankings 2027 Global Top 5 | (1) MIT (100, 1st for 15th year), (2-tied) Imperial College London & Stanford University (99.2), (4) University of Oxford (98.6), (5) Harvard University (97.4)

Q928. India's 1st DORIS (Doppler Orbitography and Radio-positioning Integrated by Satellite, developed by France) Ground Beacon | Was est. at IIT Kanpur

Q929. **IIT Hyderabad** | Setting up 'CODENE' (India's 1st Centre of Design Excellence in Nuclear Engineering) via tripartite MoU with CEEPL India and Dassault Systèmes | During Bharat Innovates 2026 in Nice, France via a tripartite MoU with CEEPL India and Dassault Systèmes

Q930. **National Military Drone Technology Hub (₹500 Cr outlay, drafted by UPEIDA)** | Approved at IIT Kanpur | International Day of Family Remittances is observed on 16 Jun

Q931. **IIT Ropar secured 2 defence tech projects worth ₹120 Cr from the 27th Army Technology Board (ATB) on Autonomous Armoured Vehicles (AAVs) & Directed Energy Weapons (DEWs)**

Q932. **BSNL & IIT Kanpur** | Signed MoU for joint R&D, testing, and commercialisation of next-generation telecom technologies

Q933. **C-DOT** | Signed MoU with IIT Hyderabad to set up its 4th CoE in Advanced Communication Technologies (earlier 3 CoEs: IIT Kanpur, IIT Gandhinagar & IIT Roorkee) | Centre for Development of Telematics

Q934. **IIT Madras & Herbalife** | Inaugurated India's 1st Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Plant Cell Fermentation Technology

Q935. **The 6 members of the Examination Reforms Task Force are** | (1) Nandan Nilekani (Chairperson), (2) Tapan Deka (Former IB Director), (3) S. Somanath (Former ISRO Chairman), (4) V. Kamakoti (Director, IIT Madras), (5) Anita Karwal (Former Education Secretary), and (6) Amrit Lal Meena (Logistics expert)

Q936. **SAMARTH Hub (Gujarat Semiconductor Research & Training Hub)** | Location: IIT Gandhinagar | Investment: ₹190 Cr | Target: 10,000+ trained in 5y

Q937. **IIM Bangalore Overseas Campus** | Location: Singhasari SEZ, East Java, Indonesia | Static: IIM Ahmedabad (Dubai) = 1st Indian IIM overseas campus

Q938. **Centre of Excellence for Handloom Technology (CoE-HT)** | Inaugurated at IIT Delhi by Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh

Q939. **ANUGYAN (NTOP)** | IIT Hyderabad + Crimson Energy Experts (CEEPL) + Dassault Systèmes (signed at Bharat Innovate 2026 in Nice, France) | India's 1st industry–academia residential civil nuclear program | Target: 100 GWe by 2047 (from 8.8 GWe) | Nuclear Technology Orientation Programme; NTOP

Q940. **'SraVaani' Speech AI Model** | IISc SPIRE Lab + ARTPARK + Google (via Project Vaani data) | Covers 65 Indian languages/dialects (20 Scheduled languages)

Q941. **'PARAM Pragya' AI Supercomputing Facility** | Inaugurated by PM Modi at IIT Delhi's Sonipat Campus, Haryana (during 57th Convocation)

Q942. **'Smart' Cancer Drug Candidate 'RK-251'** | Developed by IASST Guwahati (Dr. Asis Bala) + IIT Guwahati (Dr. K. P. Bhabak) | Highly selective action inside tumor cells | IASST, Guwahati, an autonomous institute under DST

Q943. **Higher Education & Deep-Tech Partnership** | IIT Madras Global (IITM Global) + Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Indonesia

Q944. **Bodhan AI (IIT Madras CoE in AI for Education) + AI4Bharat** | 4 Foundational Models (~27 Indian languages): Speech Recognition, Speech Generation, Machine Translation, OCR | Tools: Student TutorBot (Classes 6–12, 22 languages) + Teacher Assistant Bot | Trained on NVIDIA Nemotron | The IIT Madras Centre of Excellence in AI for Education

Q945. **2026 Njord Challenge (Autonomous Surface Vessels competition at NTNU, Trondheim, Norway)** | Winner: Team 'Aritra' from IIT Madras (Members: Aarav Patel, S. Gurukesav & Madhava Sai)

Q946. **'CHAAYANKAN' (Comprehensive AI-based Geospatial Data Analytics for Tea Plantation Monitoring, till Mar 2029)** | Tripartite MoU: Tea Board India + NRSC (ISRO, Hyderabad) + NIT Rourkela | Under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Tea Board India signed a tripartite MoU running until Mar 2029 for project 'CHAAYANKAN' with ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre

Q947. **CISF + IIT Kanpur (2 MoUs)** | Cybersecurity (6-week training via C3iHub) + Anti- Drone Centre of Excellence at CISF Regional Training Centre, Behror, Rajasthan

Q948. **AVNI Platform by IIT Ropar** | Developed by ANNAM.AI (Co-Director Mukesh Saini) | AI-based learning tool for children on agriculture, crops, and plants | Supported by Ministry of Education | 'AVNI; Grow with Nature'

Q949. **Digital India BHASHINI Division & IISc Bengaluru** | Developed Text-to-Speech (TTS) models for the Sourashtra language (a minority Indo-Aryan language spoken mainly by the Sourashtra community in Tamil Nadu)

Q950. **IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation (hosted by IIT Madras, funded by DST)** | MoU w/ Sri Lankan telecom company Dialog Axiata PLC to boost Sri Lanka's startup and innovation ecosystem

Q951. **QS Asia University Rankings 2027** | Mainland China leads with 448 institutions, followed by India with 325 institutions (34 new entrants; 21 in Asia's Top 200) | Top 3 in Asia: 1. University of Hong Kong, 2. Peking University, 3. Tsinghua University | Making India the 2nd-most represented country after Mainland China's 448

Q952. **Top 10 Indian Institutions in QS Asia Rankings 2027** | 1. IIT Delhi (66), 2. IISc Bengaluru (79), 3. IIT Bombay (83), 4. IIT Madras (85), 5. IIT Kharagpur (90), 6. IIT Kanpur (97), 7. Chandigarh University (104 | #1 private university in India), 8. Delhi University (106), 9. IIT Guwahati (120), 10. IIT Roorkee (124)

[48] ICAR, ICMR, CSIR & Scientific Research Bodies 48 Qs

Q953. **Jointly** | Launched by ANRF and the Ministry of Jal Shakti, the MAHA-Water Mission has a total outlay of ₹200 Cr, providing grants of ≤₹20 Cr per project to selected multidisciplinary consortia | Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas – Water

Q954. **The newly** | Inaugurated Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) at Jammu is India's 7th RMC (followed by Lucknow as the 8th RMC) | IMD, est. 15 Jan 1875, DG: Mrutyunjay Mohapatra | Serving J&K, Ladakh, and Himachal Pradesh

Q955. **'Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra' (24×7 WhatsApp AI advisory)** | Developed by ICAR–Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (ICAR–IIOR), Hyderabad

Q956. **Health Ministry** | Launched 'e-Sushrut@Clinic' lightweight cloud HMIS developed by C-DAC for outpatient clinics and primary healthcare centres | Ans: C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing)

Q957. **Raman Meenakshi Sundaram assumed charge as Director of ICAR–NAARM** | Hyderabad (ICAR est. 16 Jul 1929, HQ Delhi, DG: Dr. Mangi Lal Jat)

Q958. **ISRO & Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)** | Collaborating to develop an advanced artificial heating system for lunar landers to survive the 14-Earth-day lunar night

Q959. **DAE commissioned the world's 1st Copper–Chlorine (Cu-Cl) Thermochemical Cycle hydrogen plant (developed by BARC using FBTR heat) at IGCAR, Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu** | Ans: Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu | Developed by BARC to utilise process heat from the Fast Breeder Test Reactor

Q960. **NLC India Limited (NLCIL)** | Signed MoU with CSIR–CECRI, Karaikudi (Tamil Nadu) for extraction/ recovery of Rare Earth Elements (REEs) and critical minerals

Q961. **IITM Pune & ARIES Nainital MoU** | Establishing a long-term Climate Observation Station at Devasthal (Nainital, Uttarakhand) under BCON (Mission Mausam)

Q962. **India's First High-Altitude Medicine Centre (est. by ICMR, foundation laid by J. P. Nadda)** | Location: Keylong, Himachal Pradesh

Q963. **ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi** | Developed and launched the 'DeepDATA' mobile application under the Deep Ocean Mission | Deep Sea Digitally Automated Taxonomy Assistant

Q964. **Scientists at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru (part of TIFR)** | Developed 'INvenTreemeta', India's largest meta-dataset of forest and tree-inventory studies | A premier research centre under the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, TIFR

Q965. **ICAR Mango Crisis Committee (for Totapuri mango growers in Andhra Pradesh)** | Chairman: Dr. T. Damodaran (ICAR-CISH, Lucknow)

Q966. **National e-Governance Awards 2026 (29th National Conference on e-Governance, Jaipur)** | Gold Award (AI/NewAge Tech): 'ICMR-MINDS' (AI support for mental health + substance-use disorders)

Q967. **Indigenous 19-Seater Twin-Turboprop 'Saras Mk II' (CSIR-NAL + Production Partner: HAL; replaces Dornier Do-228)** | First flight test: Q4 FY28 | Certification target: Mid-2031 | 's indigenous 19-seater twin-turboprop passenger aircraft'

Q968. **CSIR + IP Australia TKDL Agreement (Signed at 3rd India–Australia Annual Summit, Melbourne; PM Modi + PM Anthony Albanese)** | Grants IP Australia access to India's Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) | Total: 18 patent offices worldwide now have TKDL access | Est. in 1942, HQ: New Delhi

Q969. **Borjuli Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS)** | Sonitpur district, Assam | Conserves wild rice: Oryza rufipogon (Funded by NRAA; executed by ICAR-NBPGR & Assam State Biodiversity Board)

Q970. **'Prakriti Gyan Dham' Eco-Educational Hub** | Banthra, Lucknow (UP) | Developed by: CSIR-NBRI (Inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh) | Ans: CSIR–National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI)

Q971. **India's 1st Indigenous African Swine Fever (ASF) Vaccine (MA-104 Cell Line-Based against ASFV Genotype II)** | Developed by ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal | Dedicated by Shivraj Singh Chouhan on 98th ICAR Foundation Day | Ans: ICAR–National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal

Q972. **Geoscience & Mineral Exploration Umbrella MoU** | C-DAC (MeitY, Pune) + Geological Survey of India (GSI, Ministry of Mines, Kolkata, DG: Varsha Ashok Aglawe)

Q973. **Guinness World Record: World's Longest Steel Slag Road** | Location: Raigarh, Chhattisgarh | Length: 1.85 km | Technology by: CSIR–CRRI, New Delhi

Q974. **CSIR-NIScPR Adopted 'SARAL AI' (Initiative of Anusandhan National Research Foundation - ANRF)** | Converts scientific research papers into short, engaging videos | CSIR Static: Est. 1942, HQ: New Delhi, DG: N. Kalaiselvi

Q975. **Semicon 2.0** | Total Outlay: ₹1.27L Cr | Nodal Agency: India Semiconductor Mission (ISM, assisted by CDAC) | Ministry: MeitY | The Government notified 'Semicon 2.0' under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Q976. **CSIR-NAL 3 Indigenous Gas-Turbine Engines** | NJ-05 (5 kg thrust: Small UAS) + NJ-50 (50 kg thrust: Tactical UAV/ drone interceptors) + NJ-100 (100 kg thrust: Larger UAVs/compact missile systems)

Q977. ICMR Profile | Founded: 1911 (as Indian Research Fund Association; renamed ICMR in 1949) | HQ: New Delhi | Director General: Rajiv Bahl | Nodal Dept: Department of Health Research (MoHFW)

Q978. ICAR Profile | est.: 16 Jul 1929 | HQ: New Delhi | Pres: Union Minister of Agriculture | Director: Mangi Lal Jat | Parent Dept: DARE, Ministry of Agriculture

Q979. ICMR-CHAMP | Location: Keylong, Lahaul & Spiti (HP) | Foundation laid by: Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda | First dedicated centre for high-altitude medicine and public health research under DHR/MoHFW

Q980. GI-AI4FS at IMC 2026 | Joint Hosts: TEC (DoT, Ministry of Communications) & ICAR (Ministry of Agriculture) | Global Coordinator: ITU + FAO, IFAD, and WFP | Ans: Telecommunication Engineering Centre (DoT) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

Q981. RDI Scheme Architecture | Outlay: ₹1L Cr over 6y | Approved: Jul '25, launched Nov '25 | Eligibility: Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4 and above

Q982. RDI Two-Tier Mechanism | Tier-1: Special Purpose Fund within ANRF (custodian of ₹1L Cr, no direct funding) | Tier-2: Second-Level Fund Managers (TDB, BIRAC, AIFs) provide low/nil-interest loans & equity

Q983. TDB Institutional Profile | est.: 1 Sep 1996 under Technology Development Board Act, 1995 (DST) | Soft loans: 5% simple interest ≤50% of project cost | Acts as SLFM under RDIF

Q984. Mission Mausam (launched 14 Jan '25, MoES, initial outlay ₹2,000 Cr) | FY27 Budget Estimate = ₹1,342.29 Cr (₹855.29 Cr Revenue + ₹487.00 Cr Capital) | 6 Verticals for 2026–31: OBSERVE_ALL, DEVELOP, Weather_MOD, ATCOMP, FRONTIER, and NEAT

Q985. TDB Support to Agnikul Cosmos | ₹200 Cr under Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund | Purpose: Developing 'Agnibaan Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV)'

Q986. TDB-Agnikul Funding Structure | Optionally Convertible Debentures (OCD): Starts as debt, convertible into equity under agreed milestones | Focus: Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) tech | Under the ₹200 Cr agreement signed between the Technology Development Board (TDB) and Agnikul Cosmos for the Agnibaan Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV)

Q987. Project VeerAI Partner & Outlay | TDB agreement with BigEndian Semiconductors (Bengaluru) | TDB support: ₹130 Cr (50% of ₹260 Cr cost) | Focus: Indigenous AI Vision SoC for CCTV & surveillance | Under the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund

Q988. VeerAI TRL Shift & OCD Financing | TRL-5 (tested prototype) to TRL-9 (commercial-ready) | Financing: Optional Convertible Debt (OCD)

Q989. Project VIGOR | Peptris Technologies (Bengaluru) + TDB (DST) | Total Project Cost: ₹172 Cr | TDB Financing: ₹86 Cr (50%) via Optionally Convertible Debt (OCD) under RDI Fund

Q990. Peptris AI Molecules | PEPR111: Neuromuscular disorders & oncology | PEPRX101: Alopecia | PEPR202: Neuropathy | PEPR112: Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) | Under Project 'VIGOR', AI-discovered molecules are being advanced from bench to clinic

Q991. TDB & ideaForge Agreement | Entity: ideaForge Technology Ltd (Mumbai) | Vehicle: 'YETI' | Project Cost: ₹302 Cr | TDB Financial Support: ₹151 Cr (debt financing) under RDI Fund | The Technology Development Board signed an agreement with ideaForge Technology Limited to support project 'YETI'

Q992. 'YETI' UAV Characteristics | Heavy-lift, long-range autonomous aerial logistics vehicle | Hybrid Architecture: Takes off/lands vertically (VTOL) + flies like fixed-wing aircraft for longer endurance

Q993. University of Kerala team led by Dr. K. S. Sajinkumar identified Mars-like geological sites at Neyveli (Melanterite, FeSO4.7H2O) & Tiruchirappalli Badlands (Gypsum) in Tamil Nadu, and Atacama Desert (Gypsum) in Chile

Q994. Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Integrated Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory (AATAL) at the Delhi branch of IITM (New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi) | Integrated with IITM's AIRWISE (Air Quality Warning and Integrated Decision Support System for Emissions) | Under Mission Mausam

Q995. TDB (under DST) | Signed an agreement with Manastu Space Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (Navi Mumbai) providing ₹116 Cr under the RDI Fund (Total project cost: ₹277.63 Cr) for an indigenous green propulsion system (5 mN to 300 N thrust)

Q996. DAHD & ICAR-NIVEDI organised national tabletop exercise 'VAJRA-SAT' in Bengaluru against Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) serotype SAT-1 | Theme: 'Detect Early, Confirm Fast, Contain Together.'

Q997. PM Narendra Modi | Inaugurated the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Q998. Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's 183rd Seismological Observatory at Kishtwar, J&K (transmits real-time data to NCS, New Delhi) | 4 Seismological Observatories in J&K: Jammu, Srinagar, Udhampur & Kishtwar | India's 183rd under the National Centre for Seismology [NCS], New Delhi

Q999. India targets its 1st human deep-sea mission to 6,000 metres depth by 2028 under the Samudrayaan Mission | Uses 'MATSYA-6000' submersible (carries 3 aquanauts to 5,000–6,000m), developed by NIOT Chennai under MoES | Announced by Dr. Jitendra Singh at IPRD 2026

Q1000. TDB (under DST) signed an agreement with Astrome Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru for an indigenous AI-ELINT Satellite Constellation | Financial assistance: ₹64.05 Cr under RDI Fund (Optionally Convertible Debt) | Total project cost: ₹128.11 Cr

[49] AI, Deep-Tech & Corporate Partnerships — 27 Qs

Q1001. Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani | Launched the nationwide 'Vande Bharatam' initiative across all 36 States/UTs and >800 districts

Q1002. Sarvam AI (Bengaluru sovereign AI startup) | Became a unicorn ($1.5B valuation) after raising $234M led by HCLTech ($150M / ₹1,427.25 Cr investment for a 10.46% stake)

Q1003. Amazon CEO Andy Jassy | Announced an additional $13B investment in India, bringing Amazon's total planned commitment to >$48B by 2030

Q1004. Meta appointed Cred founder Kunal Shah as Global Head of WhatsApp (succeeding Will Cathcart; Miten Sampat takes over operational leadership at Cred) | Meta investing ~$900M (₹8,550 Cr) in Cred at $4.5B valuation

Q1005. OpenAI appointed former Uber India & South Asia Pres Prabhjeet Singh as Managing Director for India (effective Sep '26)

Q1006. WIPO PCT Rankings 2025 | Jio Platforms ranked 20th globally (only Indian tech company in Top 20) | India ranked 12th globally with 3,070 PCT applications (China ranked 1st)

Q1007. TCS won a multi-million euro deal from Canada Life, while Anthropic | Expanded access to its cybersecurity AI model 'Mythos' under Project Glasswing to 150 organisations across >15 countries including India

Q1008. Meta & Reliance Industries (RIL) | Partnered to build a 168 MW AI-enabled Built-to-Suit (BTS) data centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat within 2y (Meta's 1st BTS data centre in India) | Creator of the 'Llama' family of Large Language Models

Q1009. Adani + IRH (50:50 JV) Greenfield Aluminium Project | State: Odisha | Investment: $11.5B (~₹1.08L Cr)

Q1010. HCLTech | Will invest ₹14,257 Cr to establish its 1st AI Data Centre at the Odisha Sovereign AI Park in Bhubaneswar + Sarvam AI and the Odisha Government

Q1011. Jio Platforms Ltd. (Founded: 2019, HQ: Navi Mumbai, Chairman: Akash Ambani) | New CEO: Pankaj Pawar (replaced Kiran Thomas)

Q1012. OpenAI (Founded: 8 Dec 2015, HQ: California, CEO: Sam Altman) | Rolled out 'ChatGPT 5.6' + 3 new AI models: Sol, Terra, and Luna | Artificial Intelligence research company OpenAI globally rolled out 'ChatGPT 5.6' alongside three new specialised AI models named

Q1013. India's Largest 10,000 NVIDIA B300 GPU AI Factory | L&T + Vyoma.AI / LTN Compute | Location: Vyoma Chennai campus, Tamil Nadu (Executed for Together AI, USA) | Marking its entry into the AI Factory business

Q1014. Meta Open-Weight AI 'Muse Glimmer' | Designed for agentic multi-step AI tasks | Capable of running locally on a PC/Mac using a single GPU

Q1015. IBM AI Centres Partnership | IBM + Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) Bengaluru & CHRIST (Deemed to be University)

Q1016. 'BIO-NIVESH' | Launched by Union MoS Science & Technology Jitendra Singh | Connects biotechnology + deeptech startups with investors (Inaugural: 20 startups + ~50 investors)

Q1017. 'Gnani Artha' Sovereign AI Stack | Launched by VP C.P. Radhakrishnan at Uprashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi | Developed by: Gnani AI | Components: Evon 3.3 (LLM) + Plexus (AI platform)

Q1018. 'Laya' Sanskrit AI Model | Launched in Chennai by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman | Developed by: Madras Sanskrit College + Articul8 AI

Q1019. Adobe (Est. 1982, HQ: San Jose, California) | New CEO: Anil Chakravarthy (former CEO of Informatica) | Succeeds: Shantanu Narayen (who became Executive Chair after 18+ years)

Q1020. Meta 'Muse Voice Transcribe' | Developed by Meta Superintelligence Labs (MSL) | Real-time speech-to- text model | Supports 5 Indian languages: Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada

Q1021. Tata Steel | Commissioned advanced manufacturing facilities at Kalinganagar (Jajpur district, Odisha) with a combined investment of ~₹9,067 Cr (inaugurated by Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi alongside expansion of NINL) | Inaugurated by Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi alongside the expansion of subsidiary Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited [NINL]

Q1022. Hyundai Mega Investment | Quantum: $15.5B (~ ₹1.47L Cr) | Timeline: 6y (2026 to 2032) | Announced after meeting between PM Modi & Executive Chair Euisun Chung

Q1023. Jio Platforms Ltd (digital & telecom arm of Reliance Industries) | Is set to launch an IPO of ≤₹30,213 Cr, surpassing Hyundai Motor India's ~₹27,859 Cr IPO to become India's largest-ever IPO

Q1024. Hyundai India Brand Ambassador | Sheetal Devi (World No. 1 Para Archer, Arjuna Awardee, Paralympic medallist)

Q1025. Karmayogi Bharat (SPV set up in 2022 under DoPT; Capacity Building Commission set up in 2021; Mission Karmayogi launched in 2020) | MoU w/ OpenAI to provide approved OpenAI Academy learning resources on iGOT Karmayogi | The 100% government-owned SPV set up in 2022 under DoPT to operate the iGOT Karmayogi platform under Mission Karmayogi, launched in 2020

Q1026. Google 28th Birthday | Celebrated: 27 Sep | Founded by: Larry Page & Sergey Brin | Legally incorporated: 4 Sep 1998 | Parent company: Alphabet Inc. (created in 2015)

Q1027. Sarvam AI (founded Aug 2023, HQ Bengaluru, Karnataka) appointed Sashikumar Sreedharan as its Pres and Chief Business Officer (CBO)

[50] ISRO, IN-SPACe & Indian Space Sector — 36 Qs

Q1028. Renowned avionics scientist Dr. U. P. Rajeev appointed Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC, est. 1963 as TERLS, HQ Thiruvananthapuram), succeeding Dr. A. Rajarajan

Q1029. TakeMe2Space (TM2Space) | Developing 'StarSense' (StarSense Lite & StarSense Pro for satellites >50 kg), India's 1st indigenous Star Tracker, supported under IN-SPACe's Technology Adoption Fund (TAF) | In two variants: 'StarSense Lite' for CubeSats/small satellites and 'StarSense Pro' for satellites above 50 kg

Q1030. BHASHINI (DIBD) signed an agreement with DPIIT to enhance multilingual digital access across industry/ trade platforms, while the Ministry of Jal Shakti | MoU w/ ISRO for satellite-based water resource management

Q1031. Gujarat & IN-SPACe | Partnered to develop a Space Manufacturing Hub near Ahmedabad (IN-SPACe contributing ≤₹100 Cr for equipment) under Gujarat SpaceTech Policy (2025–30)

Q1032. Common Technology Facility (CTF) for Space Vehicles | Being set up at the Space Industrial Park at Allikulam in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu (with ₹100 Cr equipment from IN-SPACe)

Q1033. DGCA India's 1st SLS (Satellite Landing System) Approach Trial | Airport: Udaipur | Aircraft: IndiGo Airbus A320 | Technology: GAGAN (ISRO + AAI) | Developed jointly by ISRO and the Airports Authority of India - AAI

Q1034. Mission ShaktiSAT (World's 1st All-Girls International Moon Satellite Mission; 12,000 girls across 108 countries) | Academic Partner: Gautam Buddha University | Knowledge Partners: Space Kidz India + IN-SPACe

Q1035. Skyroot Aerospace | Orbital Launch Vehicle: Vikram-1 | Mission Name: 'Aagaman' (India's 1st private orbital launch mission)

Q1036. Cosmoserve Space – 'Embrace' Mission | Active Debris Removal (ADR) to capture/remove space debris | Launch vehicle: Vikram-1 | Launch site: Sriharikota

Q1037. GalaxEye's 'Mission Drishti' (World's 1st OptoSAR = EO + SAR satellite) | Launched 3 May '26 on SpaceX Falcon 9 from Vandenberg, California | Lost contact due to geomagnetic solar storm | Launched on 3 May '26 aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base | Earth Observation + Synthetic Aperture Radar

Q1038. ISRO Gaganyaan 'IMAT-05' (Integrated Main Parachute Airdrop Test-05) | Location: ADRDE Drop Zone, Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh | Altitude: 2.5 km | Aircraft: IAF IL-76 | Est. on 15 Aug 1969, HQ: Bengaluru with Chairman V. Narayanan

Q1039. HEX20 (based in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala) | Developed and launched its 2nd satellite 'KOYO' aboard SpaceX Transporter-17 for the National Central University (NCU), Taiwan | Kinetic Optical Yaw Observer

Q1040. With Skyroot Aerospace's successful orbital launch of 'Vikram-1' under Mission Aagaman into a 450 km LEO, India | Became only the 3rd country globally—after the USA and China—to achieve private orbital rocket launch capability | 's 1st privately developed orbital rocket'

Q1041. Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) | Partnered w/ Dhruva Space to set up the ASCENT (Advanced Space Capability, Engineering and New-space Technologies) Centre in Manipal, Karnataka

Q1042. COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal 2026 (Florence, Italy; ISRO + COSPAR) | Awardee: Annapurni Subramaniam (Director, IIA) | 1st Indian woman & 4th Indian (after UR Rao 1996, GS Lakhina 2014, Anil Bhardwaj 2024) | After U. R. Rao in 1996, Gurbax Singh Lakhina in 2014, and Anil Bhardwaj in 2024 | At the 46th COSPAR General Assembly in Florence, Italy

Q1043. India's 1st Private Reusable Rocket Engine 'EVEREST' (800 kN) | Astrobase Space Technologies (Bengaluru) | Technology: Full-Flow Staged Combustion (FFSC) cycle | 4th commercial company globally | Bengaluru-based space startup Astrobase Space Technologies unveiled 'EVEREST', India's 1st privately built 800 kN reusable rocket engine

Q1044. NASA Invites ISRO to Join 'Moon Base' Programme | Permanent human presence near Moon's South Pole | Invitation at 9th India–US Civil Space Joint Working Group, ISRO HQ, Bengaluru | Ans: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Q1045. Mandatory ₹500 Cr Third-Party Space Insurance Proposal | IN-SPACe (Single-window agency for private space sector, Est 24 Jun 2020, Bopal, Ahmedabad) | Ans: Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe)

Q1046. India's 1st Commercial EO Satellite Constellation (12 satellites) | Approved by IN-SPACe (PPP model) | Allied Orbits Pvt Ltd (PixxelSpace India, Dhruva Space, PierSight, SatSure)

Q1047. 3rd National Space Day (23 Aug '26) | Commemorates: Chandrayaan-3 landing (23 Aug 2023) | Theme: 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership' | National Senior Citizens Day: 21 Aug | Making India the 4th country to achieve a soft landing and the 1st at the south polar region | 's Vikram lander near the Moon'

Q1048. ISRO EOS-05 | Launched aboard GSLV-F17 (19th GSLV flight) from Sriharikota | India's 1st imaging satellite for Geosynchronous Orbit (~36,000 km) | Payload mass: 2,367 kg

Q1049. GalaxEye (Bengaluru space-tech startup) | 1st Indian startup to get US patent for satellite imaging technology | 'OptoSAR' combines Optical Imaging + Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)

Q1050. **'Mission Drishti'** | GalaxEye's 1st satellite | Weight: ~190 kg | India's largest privately built Earth- observation satellite at launch

Q1051. **International Space Summit 2026** | Venue: Paris, France (90 countries/organisations) | Indian delegation led by: ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan | India's Space Targets: Indigenous Space Station by 2035 + Astronaut to Moon by 2040

Q1052. **ISRO Advanced Radar Research Facility** | Location: Chandrapur, Assam (Foundation stone by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma) | Associated with ISTRAC & NETRA for Space Situational Awareness (SSA) | ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network | Network for Space Object Tracking and Analysis

Q1053. **TakeMe2Space (Hyderabad spacetech startup) + SpaceX** | Launching two Gen- 2 satellites (~100 kg each, Nvidia GPUs, 1.5 kW power, 100 TB storage) on Falcon 9 in late 2028 to demonstrate India's 1st networked orbital data centre | Each weighing ~100 kg and equipped with Nvidia GPUs, 1.5 kW computing power, and 100 TB storage

Q1054. **ISRO (HQ: Bengaluru, Chairman: Dr. V. Narayanan) + ESA (HQ: Paris, DG: Josef Aschbacher)** | Extended space cooperation agreement (originally from Jan 2002) for 5y until 8 Jan 2032

Q1055. **TAPAS-1 Space Mission** | Developed by SatLeo Labs (Ahmedabad) | Flown on Dhruva Space LEAP-2 via SpaceX Transporter-18 | 1st private commercial thermal infrared payload | Ans: TAPAS-1 (Thermal Access Platform for Analytics & Solutions)

Q1056. **TRISHNA Acronym** | Thermal infraRed Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural resource Assessment | Target Launch: 2027 (within 12–16m) | Listed for 2027 by CNES

Q1057. **TRISHNA Joint Mission** | ISRO + CNES (France) joint Earth observation mission | Sensors: Thermal infrared + visible/near-infrared | Applications: Water resource management, vegetation stress, and climate assessment | The French space agency

Q1058. **MoD signed two contracts worth ₹4,106 Cr in New Delhi** | GSAT-7C dedicated communication satellite for Indian Air Force: ₹2,563 Cr contract signed with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL, est. 6 Mar 2019, HQ Bengaluru, commercial arm of ISRO under DoS)

Q1059. **Ethereal Exploration Guild (The Guild, Bengaluru)** | Unveiled 'The Anchorage', a 150-acre rocket testing facility in Space City, Andhra Pradesh (~40 km from Sriharikota) for its fully reusable medium-lift rocket 'Razor Crest Mk 1 (RCM1)' | ~40 km from SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota

Q1060. **Two engines of The Guild's Razor Crest Mk 1 (RCM1)** | 1. Pegasus (80 kN thrust; powers reusable upper stage; 1st hot-fire test in Nov '26) and 2. Stallion (1.2 MN thrust; gas-generator booster engine for lift-off)

Q1061. **Skyroot Aerospace (Hyderabad)** | Signed an agreement with Reflect Orbital (California, USA) for 2 dedicated launches (1st on Vikram-1, 2nd on Vikram-1U) to deploy space-based mirrors providing nighttime sunlight across a ~5 km area

Q1062. **ISRO will launch NVS-03 (3rd 2nd-generation NavIC satellite; NavIC covers India + 1,500 km beyond mainland) into GTO aboard GSLV-F18 (20th flight of GSLV) from Sriharikota**

Q1063. **India's Skyroot Aerospace (est. 2018, HQ Hyderabad; launched Vikram-S in 2022)** | Signed a 2y MoU with Brazil's Concert Technologies at IAC in Antalya, Turkiye for a satellite launch vehicle (min 100 kg payload to Low Earth Orbit) | Founded in 2018, known for launching India's 1st private rocket 'Vikram-S' in 2022

[51] Global Space Missions (NASA, SpaceX, JAXA, China) 13 Qs

Q1064. **NASA declared the MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution) mission ended, while the US Navy and NATO allies** | Launched 'BALTOPS 2026' (est. 1971) in the Baltic Sea | Administrator: Jared Isaacman | 32 members, SG: Mark Rutte | ~20 vessels, 15 countries, ~6,000 personnel

Q1065. **Prada and Axiom Space** | Unveiled the astronaut LCVG inner suit for NASA lunar missions, while South Korea and Japan held the SAREX maritime exercise southeast of Jeju Island 1st time in 9y | After their 2024 lunar spacesuit for Artemis IV scheduled for 2028

Q1066. **NASA Artemis III Mission (scheduled late 2027, orbital docking demonstration testing SpaceX & Blue Origin landers)** | 4 Crew: Andre Douglas, Frank Rubio, Randy Bresnik (USA), and Luca Parmitano (Italy, ESA)

Q1067. **JAXA (Est. 1 Oct 2003, HQ: Tokyo) + Mitsubishi Heavy Industries** | Successfully launched & landed experimental reusable rocket 'RV-X' at Noshiro Test Centre, Akita Prefecture, Japan

Q1068. **China Orbital-Class Booster Recovery (2nd country after USA)** | Rocket: Long Mar-10B | Recovery method: Netand-hook system | Launch site: Wenchang, Hainan

Q1069. **Indian-Origin NASA Astronaut Anil Menon** | Began 8m ISS mission (return: Apr '27) aboard 'Soyuz MS-29' from Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan (Crew: Anil Menon, Pyotr Dubrov & Anna Kikina) | Crewmates Pyotr Dubrov and Anna Kikina, scheduled to return in Apr '27

Q1070. **SpaceX** | Completed the 13th integrated test flight of Starship from Starbase, Texas, deploying 20 next- generation Starlink V3 satellites 1st time | Est. 2002, CEO Elon Musk

Q1071. **Falcon 9 Upper Stage Moon Crash (5 Aug '26)** | SpaceX Falcon 9 upper stage (object 2025-010D, launched Jan '25 carrying Blue Ghost 1 & Hakuto-R 2 landers) crashed into Moon | Tracked by NASA JPL | 's Blue Ghost Mission 1 and ispace'

Q1072. **Artemis Accords (Est. 2020 by NASA + US Dept of State, based on 1967 Outer Space Treaty)** | 71st Signatory: Türkiye | India: 27th signatory (Jun 2023)

Q1073. **NASA Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope** | Rocket: SpaceX Falcon Heavy | Launch site: Kennedy Space Center, Florida | Cost: ~$4B | Mission: 5y (+ ~5y) | Specialty: Wide-field panoramic survey (Hubble = high-res, James Webb = deep/sensitive) | Plus ~5 additional years

Q1074. **German startup Isar Aerospace** | Rocket: 'Spectrum' | Launch site: Andøya Spaceport, Norway | 1st commercial rocket to reach orbit from continental Europe

Q1075. **NASA's Perseverance Rover (landed in Jezero Crater on Mars in 2021) set a new off-world driving record of 45.22 km (28.10 miles) on 11 Oct '26, surpassing Opportunity Rover's 45.16 km (28.06 miles)**

Q1076. **JAXA launched the Martian Moons eXploration (MMX) mission aboard an H3 rocket from Tanegashima Space Center** | World's 1st mission to return samples from Martian moon Phobos (takes 5y) | French-German rover 'Idefix' will land on Phobos 1st

[52] DRDO (Defence Research & Development Organisation) 14 Qs

Q1077. **Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh** | Was given additional charge as DRDO Chairman upon the completion of Dr. Samir V. Kamat's extended tenure

Q1078. **DRDO tested the high-calibre bomb at its Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL) at Ramgarh in Panchkula district, Haryana**

Q1079. **NCDFI** | Signed a dairy supply pact with Assam Rifles (est. 1835, HQ Shillong), while DRDO and the IAF flight- tested the indigenous RudraM-II Air-to-Surface Missile | Formed in 1835, HQ Shillong, Meghalaya

Q1080. **DRDO 3 Consecutive Flight-Tests** | Demonstrated Multi-Layered Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD, capable of engaging ICBMs) and Naval Anti-Ship Missile–Medium Range (NASM-MR)

Q1081. **DRDO's 'Netra' AEW&C system received Final Operational Clearance (FOC)** | Developed by Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS), Bengaluru on Embraer EMB-145I platform | DRDO's indigenous Airborne Early Warning and Control system 'Netra'

Q1082. **DRDO's CABS** | Signed two contracts for 6 Airbus A321-based AEW&C Mk-II ('Netra Mk-II') aircraft with AI Engineering Services Limited (New Delhi) and Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited (Ahmedabad)

Q1083. **DRDO successfully** | Conducted the maiden flight-test of the indigenous 'Kusha' Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha

Q1084. **Designed by DRDO's Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE), India's 1st indigenous 350 kg-thrust class Expendable Turbojet Engine** | Was manufactured and assembled by Azad Engineering, Hyderabad

Q1085. **Avantel Ltd** | ₹117.88 Cr DRDO contract awarded by DEAL (Defence Electronics Applications Laboratory) | Ground Segment Hub for voice & data communication (Indian geostationary satellite) | Completion: Feb 2029

Q1086. **New DRDO Weapon & Missile Testing Range in West Bengal** | Location: Junput, Purba Medinipur | Acts as additional operational area for DRDO's ITR, Chandipur, Odisha

Q1087. **DRDO Indigenous HALE (High-Altitude, Long-Endurance) UAV Programme** | Partnership between Bharat Forge + Pratt & Whitney Canada

Q1088. **BrahMos Aerospace Structure** | Indo-Russian JV: DRDO (India) + NPO Mashinostroyeniya (Russia) | Named after: Brahmaputra River (India) and Moskva River (Russia) | HQ: New Delhi

Q1089. **Varunastra Heavy Weight Torpedoes for Indian Navy** | ₹1,543 Cr contract signed with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL, est. 1970, HQ Hyderabad) | Indigenously developed by DRDO's Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) | 4,106 Cr defence contracts signed by the Ministry of Defence in Oct '26

Q1090. **DRDO successfully flight-tested the 'Pralay' quasi-ballistic missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha** | Developed by RCI Hyderabad, produced by BDL | Range: 150–500 km

[53] HAL & BEL (Defence PSUs) 11 Qs

Q1091. **The Atmanirbhar Bharat Aircraft Acquisition component of Modified UDAN includes procuring 2 HAL Dhruv helicopters for Pawan Hans and 2 HAL Dornier aircraft for Alliance Air**

Q1092. **India–Japan First Defence Co-Development Agreement** | 'UNICORN' (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) | Partners: NEC Corporation (Japan) + BEL (India) | Production in India

Q1093. **India–Indonesia Defence Procurement** | Indonesia procuring BrahMos (3rd foreign buyer after Philippines & Vietnam) + Astra BVRAAM (1st foreign buyer; BDL + Republikorp)

Q1094. **Aero India 2027 (16th edition, biennial)** | Venue: Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru, Karnataka | Nodal Agency: HAL | Supporting Organisation: BEL | 's largest biennial aerospace and defence exhibition,'

Q1095. **India's 1st Satellite-Guided Helicopter Navigation Procedure** | 'Required Navigation Performance – Category H (RNP CAT H)' | Introduced by HAL at Bengaluru airport | developed by AAI | HAL—founded 22 Dec 1940, HQ: Bengaluru, Ministry of Defence

Q1096. **LCH 'Prachand' Fuselage Contracts (90 Total)** | BEML: 48 structures | Adani Defence (ADSTL): 42 structures | Contracted by HAL

Q1097. **'Aravalli' Helicopter Engine (3,500–4,000 shp)** | Contract signed by HAL + Safran Helicopter Engines (via SAFHAL JV) | Manufacturing location: Tumakuru, Karnataka

Q1098. **Defence Geospatial, GIS & GeoAI MoU** | Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL, Bengaluru) + Esri India (Noida) | Geospatial Artificial Intelligence

Q1099. **IAF 'Khangantak-243'** | 300 kg Long Range Glide Bomb (LRGB), air-launched stand-off precision-guided | Jointly developed by JSR Dynamics + Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL, HQ: Bengaluru)

Q1100. **Ministry of Defence + Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL, Inc. 16 Jul 1970, HQ: Hyderabad)** | ₹810.79 Cr contract for 160 Satellite Smart Anti-Airfield Weapons (SAT-SAAW, precision-guided glide bombs) for IAF | BDL —incorporated on 16 Jul 1970 and HQ: Hyderabad, Telangana

Q1101. **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL, est. 16 Jul 1970, HQ Hyderabad)** | MoU w/ Italy's Whitehead Alenia Sistemi Subacquei (WASS) for joint production of advanced torpedoes (follows WASS's Dec '25 ₹1,896 Cr deal for 48 Black Shark heavyweight torpedoes for 6 Kalvari-class submarines) | BDL, a DPSU under MoD incorporated on 16 Jul 1970, HQ Hyderabad

[54] Defence Shipyards (CSL, HSL, GSL & GRSE) 25 Qs

Q1102. **PM Modi** | Commissioned INS Dunagiri (5th stealth frigate of Project 17A / Nilgiri-class, built by GRSE) at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata

Q1103. **Cochin Shipyard Disinvestment (via Offer for Sale - OFS)** | Total stake sale: ≤5.04% (Base offer: 2.52% + Greenshoe option: 2.52%) | Comprising a 2.52% base offer and a 2.52% green-shoe option

Q1104. **Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL, Est. 1941, HQ: Visakhapatnam, Miniratna-I CPSE)** | New CMD: Rear Admiral C. Raghuram (succeeded Captain Ganti Venkateswarulu)

Q1105. **INS Mahendragiri (6th Project 17A stealth frigate, named after Mahendragiri mountain range)** | Designed by WDB, built by MDL Mumbai | Location: Visakhapatnam

Q1106. **INS Malvan** | Is the 2nd Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi, commissioned in a ceremony presided over by IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh

Q1107. **'Machilipatnam'—the 7th of 8 Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)—** | Was built and launched by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi

Q1108. **'Nipun', the 2nd indigenous Diving Support Vessel (DSV) after 'Nistar' (commissioned Jul '25)** | Was built and delivered to the Indian Navy by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) at Visakhapatnam

Q1109. **ONGC Platform Supply Vessels (PSVs) Contract (₹1,032 Cr)** | Bagged by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE, Kolkata)

Q1110. **GRSE 2nd Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV)** | 'Shruti' launched for Indian Navy | 1st NGOPV: 'Sanghmitra' (launched May '26) | GRSE, Kolkata, Ministry of Defence

Q1111. **INS Sudarshini Atlantic Crossing (Azores, Portugal)** | Voyage: 'Lokayan 2026' (10m, 22,000 nm, 13 countries, 18 ports) | Built by Goa Shipyard Ltd

Q1112. **3rd ASW-SWC 'Mangrol'** | Delivered to Indian Navy by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) at Kochi, Kerala (AntiSubmarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft)

Q1113. **INS Nipun** | 2nd Diving Support Vessel (DSV) (1st: INS Nistar) | Built by: Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL), Visakhapatnam | Commissioned at: Naval Dockyard, Mumbai | CNS: Admiral Krishna Swaminathan

Q1114. **ORV 'Sagar Manthan' (Ocean Research Vessel for oceanographic research)** | Launched at: Rishi Shipyard, Kolkata | A new Ocean Research Vessel named 'Sagar Manthan', designed for oceanographic research and related scientific activities, was launched

Q1115. **Indian Navy's First Next Generation Missile Vessel (NGMV)** | Keel-laying ceremony held at Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL), Kochi, Kerala (Contract signed: Mar 2023)

Q1116. **Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL, Est. 29 Apr 1972, HQ: Kochi, CMD: Madhu S. Nair) + Dubai-based Drydocks World** | 50:50 JV for Ship Repair Facility in Kochi, Kerala (witnessed by Sarbananda Sonowal)

Q1117. **MDL + Maharashtra Govt + MIDC MoU** | ₹27,000 Cr Greenfield Shipbuilding Cluster in Raigad district, Maharashtra

Q1118. **Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL, Est. 1972, HQ: Kochi, Miniratna-I CPSE) + Singapore- based Synergy Marine Group** | MoU for shipbuilding, ship repair & ship-conversion projects in India | CSL—est. in 1972, HQ: Kochi, Kerala, a Miniratna CategoryI CPSE under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Q1119. **FSS-1 'Surya' Launched** | First of five indigenous Fleet Support Ships built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam | Launched by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh | Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the Indian Navy's 1st indigenous Fleet Support Ship , named 'Surya'

Q1120. **NGOPV Shreyas Launch** | Yard 3040 (Shreyas) launched at GRSE Kolkata by Mrs Reyman Kochhar in presence of Vice Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar | Ans: Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata

Q1121. **11 NGOPV Contracts (30 Mar 2023)** | 7 ships awarded to Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) | 4 ships awarded to Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata

Q1122. **INS Mangrol (P82)** | 3rd Mahe-class ASW-SWC | Commissioned: Naval Dockyard Mumbai | Builder: Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) | Named after: Mangrol, Junagadh district, Gujarat

Q1123. **Indian Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV), Yard 1283 – 'Srishti'** | Was launched at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Goa

Q1124. **MoD signed contracts worth ₹53,866.50 Cr (in presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh) for 8 Next Generation Corvettes (NGCs)** | GRSE Kolkata will build 5 corvettes & GSL Goa will build 3 corvettes (1st project where warships are indigenously designed by Indian Navy and constructed by Defence PSUs) | Ans: Total contract value: ₹53,866.50 Cr | Split: 5 corvettes by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Kolkata and 3 corvettes by Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), Goa

Q1125. **Indian Navy received ASW Shallow Water Craft 'Amini' (named after Amini Island, Lakshadweep) from GRSE Kolkata** | INS Surat arrived at Muscat, Oman for the 15th India–Oman bilateral naval exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr' (Sea Breeze, started in 1993)

Q1126. **Ministry of Defence** | Signed a ₹498.58 Cr contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) for the Normal Refit and Re-powering of Brahmaputra-class guided-missile frigate INS Betwa | In the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh

[55] Indian Navy — 60 Qs

Q1127. **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** | Inaugurated the open-air naval museum 'Nausena Shaurya Vatika' near Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh | In the presence of UP CM Yogi Adityanath

Q1128. **INS Sharda** | Concluded port call to Colombo, Sri Lanka under 'MAHASAGAR' (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions), while 'Raja Parba' was celebrated in Odisha

Q1129. **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed office as the 27th Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)** | succeeding Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi

Q1130. **Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty took charge as the 20th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) at Sri Vijaya Puram, succeeding Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar** | ANC— India's 1st and only Integrated Theatre Command, est. 2001 at Sri Vijaya Puram

Q1131. **MoD ₹449 Cr Contract** | Signed with Accord Software and Systems Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru for 20 Enhanced Capability GNSS Jammers for the Indian Navy

Q1132. **INS Tarkash** | Talwar-class stealth frigate of the Indian Navy | Arrived at Port Victoria, Seychelles

Q1133. **Sea King Mk 42B ('Flying Frigate') & INAS 330 ('The Harpoons')** | Retired after 55y of Indian Navy service (commissioned 17 Apr 1971 at INS Garuda, Kochi; final flight at INS Shikra, Mumbai)

Q1134. **MoD ₹425 Cr Contract** | Signed with Bharat Forge Limited for 12 sets of 1.25 MW Marine Gas Turbine Generators (MGTGs) for the Indian Navy | In the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh

Q1135. **Indian Navy stealth frigate INS Tarkash arrived at Port Louis** | Mauritius in Jun '26 for bilateral maritime security exercises and goodwill engagement

Q1136. **INS Udaygiri (Nilgiri-class stealth frigate) and INS Kavaratti (Kamorta-class ASW corvette) visited Nha Rong Port, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**

Q1137. **Survey Vessel Large INS Ikshak & stealth frigate INS Tarkash visited Port Victoria** | Seychelles for Seychelles' 50th National Day

Q1138. **Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini arrived at Port of Baltimore, Maryland, USA under 'Lokayan 26'** | Eastern Fleet ships INS Udaygiri, INS Kavaratti & INS Shakti visited Sattahip, Thailand

Q1139. **RIMPAC 2026 (Rim of the Pacific Exercise, hosted by USA / US Navy)** | Indian Navy ship: INS Sahyadri

Q1140. **Indian Navy Port Call at Changi Naval Base, Singapore** | Ships: INS Udaygiri + INS Shakti + INS Kavaratti

Q1141. **Operation Southern Readiness 26-2** | Was conducted in Kochi under Combined Task Force 154 (CTF 154)—the maritime security training task force of the 47-nation Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) currently led by the Indian Navy | CMF, HQ: Manama, Bahrain

Q1142. **The 21st MH-60R Seahawk helicopter (out of 24 ordered under a $946M / ~₹6,400 Cr deal)** | Is manufactured by Sikorsky, a subsidiary of Lockheed Martin, USA

Q1143. **Bengaluru-based Merlinhawk Aerospace** | Partnered w/ Boeing India Defence to deliver indigenous maintenance and support for Electro-Optical/Infrared (EO/IR) sensors on Indian Navy platforms

Q1144. **'Lokayan 26' (10m voyage covering >22,000 NM from Kochi)** | INS Sudarshini departed Boston, USA and set sail for Ponta Delgada in the Azores, Portugal | 's sail training ship'

Q1145. **5th & Final Diving Support Craft** | 'DSC A 24' (Yard 329) | Built for Indian Navy by Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd (TRSL) at Titagarh, Kolkata

Q1146. **8th Indian Navy–US Navy EOD Exercise 2026** | Location: Southern Naval Command, Kochi (conducting joint exercises since 2005)

Q1147. **Indian Navy HALE Drone Lease (30m)** | Two MQ-9B SeaGuardian RPAS from General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI)

Q1148. **INS Sudarshini at Lisbon, Portugal ('Lokayan 26')** | Entered through Tagus River (trans-Atlantic voyage from Boston via Azores)

Q1149. **1st Indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV) 'Samarthak'** | Delivered to Indian Navy | Built by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) at Kattupalli shipyard

Q1150. **INS Sudarshini (Indian Navy sail training ship)** | Expedition: 'Lokayan 26' (10m, flagged off from Kochi) | Visited Barcelona, Spain | Coverage: 22,000+ NM, 18 foreign ports, 13 countries, 4 continents

Q1151. **Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Tabletop Exercise** | Venue: Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam | CSC Static: HQ Colombo, Sri Lanka | 6 Members: India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius, Bangladesh, Seychelles (6th member in 2025)

Q1152. **INS Udaygiri (Indigenous multi-role stealth frigate)** | Visited Colombo Port, Sri Lanka for Operational Turnaround (OTR) during Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit | Coinciding with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's official visit to Sri Lanka

Q1153. **4th Exercise Samudra Laksamana 2026 (Indian Navy + Royal Malaysian Navy)** | Indian ship: INS Mysore | Venue: Lumut, Malaysia

Q1154. **INS Kulish (Indian Navy Eastern Fleet Operational Deployment)** | Visited Ream Naval Base, Cambodia

Q1155. **INS Sudarshini ('Lokayan 2026', flagged off 20 Jan '26 from Kochi)** | Departed Livorno, Italy & conducted Passage Exercise with Italian Navy's 'ITS Palinuro' | Flagged off on 20 Jan '26 from Kochi covering ~22,000 NM and 18 foreign ports in 13 countries

Q1156. **13th Exercise SLINEX (India–Sri Lanka bilateral naval exercise)** | Venue: Visakhapatnam | Indian Navy ships: INS Kavaratti (indigenous ASW Corvette) + INS Jyoti (Fleet Tanker) | In the 13th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise 'SLINEX' between the Indian Navy and the Sri Lanka Navy held at Visakhapatnam

Q1157. **INS Trishul (guided-missile frigate)** | Port call at Alexandria, Egypt | Conducted PASSEX with Egyptian Navy ship 'ENS Bernees' | During its port call at Alexandria, Egypt, Indian Navy guided-missile frigate 'INS Trishul' conducted a Passage Exercise

Q1158. **Exercise VARUNA 2026 (24th edition, India + France bilateral naval exercise)** | Venue: Toulon, France | Indian Navy ship: INS Trishul | Indian Naval Ship 'INS Trishul' arrived at Toulon, France, to participate

Q1159. **INS Sudarshini ('Lokayan 26' expedition, began 20 Jan '26 from Kochi; 1st Atlantic crossing)** | Arrived at Alexandria, Egypt (via Arabian, Red & Mediterranean seas and Suez Canal) | During its 10m transoceanic expedition 'Lokayan 26' , Indian Navy sail training ship 'INS Sudarshini' arrived

Q1160. **2nd ASEAN–India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2026)** | Host: Philippines (Subic Bay & Zambales province) | Indian ships: INS Sahyadri + INS Karmuk | The opening phase at Subic Bay and sea drills off Zambales province

Q1161. **Indian Navy hosts Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 (IPRD-2026) at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi with National Maritime Foundation (NMF, 18 countries)** | Theme: 'Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific' | 's apex international conference'

Q1162. **Indian Navy Port Calls** | INS Tarkash (stealth frigate) at Mombasa, Kenya (operational turnaround) | INS Ranvijay (destroyer) at Salalah, Oman (conducted bilateral PASSEX)

Q1163. **INS Trishul Port Call** | Frontline Talwar-class guided-missile stealth frigate arrived at Valencia, Spain for Mediterranean/Atlantic maritime engagement

Q1164. **2nd Naval Commanders' Conference 2026** | Held at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi | Biannual apex conference of the Indian Navy reviewing maritime preparedness

Q1165. **MoD BrahMos Navy Contract** | ₹661.50 Cr contract with BAPL | Scope: BrahMos Fire Control Systems and Launchers for Indian Navy ships | Signed before Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh

Q1166. **INS Kulish Singapore Port Call** | Kora-class missile corvette made Operational Turnaround (OTR) at Tuas Terminal, Singapore under Eastern Fleet Deployment

Q1167. **Exercise KONKAN-26** | Indian warship: INS Trishul | Location: Plymouth, UK | Bilateral exercise with UK Royal Navy supporting India–UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and Vision 2035

Q1168. **Exercise INDRA 2026** | Indian warship: INS Sahyadri | Location: Vladivostok, Russia | Ship Class: Indigenously designed and built Shivalik-class guided missile stealth frigate | Ans: Shivalik-class guided missile stealth frigate (Project 17)

Q1169. **INS Samarthak Commissioning** | Commissioned at: Naval Base Karwar, Karnataka | Type: First of 4 indigenously built Multi-Purpose Vessels (MPVs) | Builder: Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

Q1170. **Maiden Command of CTF 154** | Commander: Commodore Milind M. Mokashi (8m tenure assumed 11 Feb '26) | Handover Ceremony: Manama, Bahrain to Commander Melissa Desjardins

Q1171. **CTF 154 Profile** | est.: May 2023 under Combined Maritime Forces (CMF, Bahrain) | Mission: Multinational maritime training task force for capacity building and maritime security cooperation

Q1172. **Guided-missile stealth frigate INS Tarkash participated in the 9th IBSAMAR 2026 (India, Brazil, South Africa; biennial since 2008) around Simon's Town and False Bay, Western Cape, South Africa** | Theme: 'Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain' | Involving India, Brazil, and South Africa, held biennially since 2008

Q1173. **Three-masted sail training ship INS Sudarshini departed Salalah Port** | Oman under the 10m transoceanic training expedition 'Lokayan-2026' (flagged off from Kochi on 20 Jan '26)

Q1174. **Indian Naval Ship INS Trishul concluded its port call at Lisbon** | Portugal (after visiting Valencia, Spain & participating in the 24th Exercise VARUNA with the French Navy at Toulon) | Earlier visited Valencia, Spain and participated in the 24th Exercise VARUNA with the French Navy at Toulon

Q1175. **Indian Naval Ship INS Trishul arrived at Civitavecchia** | Italy after participating in Exercise VARUNA 2026 (at Toulon with France) and Exercise KONKAN-26 (with the UK Royal Navy)

Q1176. **33rd edition of SIMBEX-2026 (began in 1994 as 'Exercise Lion King') concluded at Visakhapatnam (Sea Phase in Bay of Bengal)** | Indian Navy fielded INS Nilgiri, INS Kamorta & INS Sindhukirti

Q1177. **Indian Naval Ship INS Sahyadri arrived at Busan Naval Harbour** | South Korea for the India–Republic of Korea Navy (IN–RoKN) Bilateral Exercise

Q1178. **INS Tarkash arrived at Port Louis** | Mauritius to participate in the 192nd Aapravasi Diwas on 2 Nov '26 (Aapravasi Ghat in Port Louis is a 2006 UNESCO World Heritage Site) | Commemorating Aapravasi Ghat, inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2006

Q1179. **Rafale Marine (Rafale-M, Dassault Aviation) made its 1st landing on INS Vikrant** | India–France IGA signed on 28 Apr '25 (~₹63,000 Cr, delivery by 2030) for 26 Rafale-M aircraft: 22 single-seat fighters + 4 twin-seat aircraft

Q1180. **Indian Naval Ship INS Trishul arrived at Souda Bay on the island of Crete** | Greece

Q1181. **INS Sudarshini completed its 10m 'Lokayan 26' expedition (20 Jan – Nov '26) at Kochi** | Covered >22,000 nautical miles across 17 ports in 11 countries (Asia, Europe, Africa, North America), participating in Escale a Sete (France) & SAIL 250 / International Naval Review (USA) | First & final overseas port: Salalah, Oman | Flagged off on 20 Jan '26, covering >22,000 nautical miles across 17 ports in 11 countries

Q1182. **India hosted the 1st-ever BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise at Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands** | BIMSTEC: est. 6 Jun 1997, HQ Dhaka, Bangladesh, 7 members (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand)

Q1183. **Guided-missile stealth frigate INS Sahyadri arrived at Yokosuka Naval Base** | Japan for Exercise MALABAR 2026 (started in 1992 as an India–US bilateral exercise; now includes all 4 Quad nations: India, US, Japan, Australia) | Project 17

Q1184. **Indian Navy's Talwar-class guided-missile frigate INS Trishul concluded its port visit to Safaga Naval Base, Egypt**

Q1185. **8th edition of India–Myanmar Naval Exercise (IMNEX-26) commenced at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh** | Indian Navy ships: INS Rana & INS Sumedha

Q1186. **Indian Navy commenced the 5th edition of Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil 2026' (conceptualised in 2018 after the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks)** | Conceptualised in 2018 following the 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attacks of 2008

[56] Indian Army & Armed Forces — 47 Qs

Q1187. **General N. S. Raja Subramani assumed charge as India's new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), succeeding General Anil Chauhan (India's 1st CDS was General Bipin Rawat)**

Q1188. **Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth (currently VCOAS)** | Appointed next Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), succeeding General Upendra Dwivedi (retiring 30 Jun '26) | Currently serving as Vice Chief of the Army Staff, VCOAS

Q1189. **Major Prabhat Mishra (Indian Army)** | Won both the Birrer–Brookes Award and the General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Award at US Army CGSC, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas | For Outstanding Master of Military Arts and Science Thesis

Q1190. **COAS General Upendra Dwivedi** | Honoured Col Dibya Shankar Bhattacharya (Retd.) with the COAS Commendation Card and Medal at Tezpur, Assam

Q1191. **The Indian Army tested the indigenous tactical loitering munition 'Divyastra Mk-1'** | Developed by startup Hoverit, in Jodhpur, Rajasthan | 'kamikaze drone'

Q1192. **USA announced a $230M sustainment and support package for India's M777A2 155mm Ultra-Light Howitzer fleet**

Q1193. **The Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre** | Won the 6th LG Cup Horse Polo Tournament 2026 at Goshan International Polo Stadium in Drass

Q1194. **'Vijayi Roadmap' (Indian Army HQ: New Delhi)** | Released by Army Chief General Dhiraj Seth | Focus: Long- term capability development + future warfare preparedness

Q1195. **Indian Army RFP for 450 Carl Gustaf M4 (84 mm) Rocket Launchers** | Developer: Saab (Sweden) | Manufactured at: Saab's facility in Jhajjar, Haryana (1st Carl Gustaf plant outside Sweden & 1st 100% FDI project in Indian defence)

Q1196. **The Indian Army** | Launched 'Operation Jal Rahat' to carry out flood rescue and relief operations across Assam

Q1197. **'Samudra Pradakshina'** | 9 women officers from the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force completed a 314- day global circumnavigation covering ~25,500 nautical miles across 4 oceans | Flagged off on 11 Sep '25 | 's 1st Tri-Services All-Women Circumnavigation Expedition'

Q1198. **The Tri-Services expedition sailed aboard the indigenously constructed Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) Triveni** | Successfully rounding Cape Leeuwin, Cape Horn, and the Cape of Good Hope | 'Samudra Pradakshina'

Q1199. **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** | Inaugurated India's 1st Department of Military Medicine at Command Hospital (Central Command) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Q1200. **The 27th Kargil Vijay Diwas motorcycle rally (New Delhi to Dras, ~1,900 km over 13 days) carried the motto 'One Ride, One Nation, One Salute'** | India observed the 27th Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26 Jul '26 to honour the heroes of 'Operation Vijay'

Q1201. **'Adab Aur Saqafat – Literary Festival 2026'** | Organised by Indian Army at GDC Kargil, Ladakh | Theme: 'Celebrating the Culture of Ladakh Highland'

Q1202. **Honorary General of Nepali Army** | Conferred on COAS General Dhiraj Seth (31st COAS) by Nepal Pres Ramchandra Paudel at Sheetal Niwas, Kathmandu

Q1203. **Xtreme Weather Grade Diesel** | Developed jointly by Indian Army + BPCL (5y) | Operates down to – 42°C (for high-altitude regions like Ladakh/Siachen)

Q1204. **Loitering Munition Procurement Contracts (₹1,577 Cr)** | MoD signed with Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) & NIBE Pvt Ltd (for Indian Army)

Q1205. **Exercise MAITREE 2026 (15th Edition)** | Indian Army (Gorkha Rifles) + Royal Thai Army | Venue: Vibhavadi Rangsit Camp, Surat Thani, Thailand

Q1206. **1st Fully Indigenised AK-203 Assault Rifle** | Named 'Sher' | Manufactured by Indo-Russian Rifles Pvt Ltd (IRRPL) at Korwa, Amethi, UP (₹5,200 Cr contract for 6,01,427 rifles) | IRRPL—est. in 2019 under a ₹5,200 Cr contract to manufacture 6,01,427 rifles by Dec 2030

Q1207. **Defence Start-ups Incubation Partnership** | T-Hub (Hyderabad) + Central Command of Indian Army (under MoD iDEX initiative) | Selected as one of the 28 organisations to execute the Ministry of Defence-led iDEX initiative

Q1208. **Javelin ATGM Procurement ($93M)** | Indian Army signed US FMS deal for FGM-148 Javelin man- portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile systems

Q1209. **₹472-Crore T-Series Tank Overhaul Facility (T-72 & T-90)** | Vehicle Factory Jabalpur, MP (unit of Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited - AVNL) | Foundation laid by Rajnath Singh

Q1210. **First Woman IG of CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action, raised 2008– 09)** | Sanjukta Parashar | CRPF Static: Formed 27 Jul 1939 | HQ: New Delhi | DG: Gyanendra Pratap Singh | CRPF, formed on 27 Jul 1939, HQ: New Delhi under the Ministry of Home Affairs with DG Gyanendra Pratap Singh

Q1211. **Aparajita–Parang La 2026 (NCC Expedition)** | Flagged off by: Rajnath Singh | Team: 28 NCC Girl Cadets + 3 women officers (Army, Navy, Air Force) | Altitude: 5,578 m (18,300 ft) | Distance: ~250 km | Duration: 30 days | Route: Spiti Valley (HP) ↔ Changthang (Ladakh) | Himachal Pradesh

Q1212. **22nd Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 (Indian Army + US Army)** | Dual Locations: Mahajan Field Firing Ranges (near Bikaner, Rajasthan) + Auli (Uttarakhand) | The 22nd edition of the bilateral military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026' between the Indian Army and the US Army was conducted across

Q1213. **NCC 'Aparajita–Parang La 2026' High-Altitude Trek** | 20 NCC girl cadets completed ~250 km in 30 days across Parang La Pass, Ladakh | Ans: Ladakh (connecting with Spiti Valley)

Q1214. **18th Exercise Nomadic Elephant 2026 (Indian Army + Mongolian Armed Forces)** | Venue: Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand

Q1215. **Ladakh First Ascent Mountaineering Expedition (20 unclimbed peaks >6,000 m in 23 days across Chamser– Lungser, Gyama Nala & Chokula)** | Flagged in by Rajnath Singh | 20-member team from NIMAS, Dirang | Ans: National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), Dirang

Q1216. **Exercise KAZIND-2026** | Joint military exercise between the Indian Army and Kazakhstan's military forces

Q1217. **India–Sri Lanka Defence & Training MoUs (signed during Rajnath Singh's Colombo visit)** | 3 Areas: L70 air- defence gun upgrades (Sri Lankan Air Force) + NCC cooperation + National Defence Colleges cooperation

Q1218. **JOSH Teams Rollout** | JOSH = Joint Squad for Health | Launched by JP Nadda at Bharat Mandapam | Phase 1: 55 districts in 11 States | Members: MY Bharat volunteers, NCC cadets, Class-I officers

Q1219. **SSB Director General Sanjay Singhal assigned additional charge as DG of ITBP (est. 24 Oct 1962, HQ New Delhi), succeeding Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor upon his retirement on 31 Oct '26**

Q1220. **Exercise MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026** | Bilateral army drill between India and UAE at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand | Indian contingent from Bhairav Battalion | Ans: United Arab Emirates (UAE) | The joint military exercise 'MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026' commenced at the Foreign Training Node in Chaubatia, Uttarakhand

Q1221. Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL, part of Nagpur-based Solar Group) delivered 450 Nagastra-1R loitering munitions to the Indian Army under an Emergency Procurement contract worth ~₹158 Cr | SDAL is also developing the 'Bhargavastra' counter-drone system | Kamikaze drones

Q1222. 5th Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 began at Foreign Training Node, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala | Indian Army represented by Garhwal Rifles | New Zealand participated as an observer delegation for the 1st time

Q1223. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh | Released the Indian Army's 'Land Warfare Doctrine' during the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi

Q1224. 11th India–Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise 'GARUDA SHAKTI' commenced at Banyuwangi, Indonesia (Indian contingent: Parachute Regiment [Special Forces]) | Featuring troops from India's Parachute Regiment [Special Forces]

Q1225. Bharat Rice for Troops | Launched by: Rajnath Singh & Pralhad Joshi | Partnership: 5y MoU with Food Corporation of India (FCI) for depots, warehouses, manpower, and logistics in Ladakh & Northeast | The Indian Army launched 'Bharat Rice' for defence personnel in New Delhi in the presence of Rajnath Singh and Pralhad Joshi

Q1226. National Security Guard (NSG, formed 16 Oct 1984 under MHA, HQ New Delhi, DG B. Srinivasan) celebrated its 42nd Raising Day on 16 Oct '26 | NSG, formed on 16 Oct 1984 under the Ministry of Home Affairs, HQ New Delhi, Director General B. Srinivasan

Q1227. Police Commemoration Day (21 Oct; 1st observed in 1960; National Police Memorial is in New Delhi) commemorates 10 CRPF personnel martyred at Hot Springs, Ladakh on 21 Oct 1959

Q1228. ITBP (est. 24 Oct 1962, MHA, HQ New Delhi, Motto: 'Shaurya – Dridhata – Karma Nishtha', 'Himveers' guard 3,488 km India–China border from Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh) observed its 65th Raising Day on 24 Oct '26 | UN Disarmament Week: 24 to 30 Oct (UNODA HQ: New York)

Q1229. Agnipath Scheme Modification (approved 4 Nov '26) | 25% retained in regular cadre after 4y on merit | Remaining 75% (if willing) get an additional 2y engagement (taking total extended engagement to 6y), after which they get a pathway to regular enrolment subject to selection criteria | Under the major modification to the Agnipath Scheme (originally launched in Jun 2022) approved by the Union Cabinet on 4 Nov '26

Q1230. Agniveer Salary & Seva Nidhi | 70% in-hand + 30% to Agniveer Corpus Fund (matched equally by Govt): Yr 1 ₹30,000, Yr 2 ₹33,000, Yr 3 ₹36,500, Yr 4 ₹40,000 | After 4y: ~₹5.02L + ~₹5.02L + interest = ~₹11.71L Seva Nidhi (exempt from Income Tax) | Non-contributory life insurance cover: ₹48L | Under the Agnipath Scheme (entry age 17.5–21y)

Q1231. 5th edition of India–US tri-service HADR Exercise 'Tiger Triumph 2026' (1st held in 2019) commenced at the Maritime Warfare Centre, Visakhapatnam

Q1232. India & Myanmar commenced their 1st-ever bilateral Tri-Services HADR Exercise 'RAHAT MITRA' in Chennai | Theme: 'Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership'

Q1233. 12th India–Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise 'MITRA SHAKTI 2026' held at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka (Indian contingent drawn mainly from Rajputana Rifles)

[57] Indian Air Force (IAF) 26 Qs

Q1234. India | Launched 'Operation Amistad' ('Amistad' means Friendship in Spanish) sending 2 IAF C-17s & 2 BHISHM Cube portable hospitals to earthquake-hit Venezuela

Q1235. Tarun Kapoor received a 1y extension as Advisor to the PM, while Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit | Appt: the next Vice Chief of Air Staff (VCAS) | ACC, comprising the PM as Chairperson and Union Home Minister as Member | Previously served as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, CISC

Q1236. India issued a Letter of Request (LoR) to France to procure 114 Rafale fighter aircraft in a G2G deal estimated at ~₹3.25L Cr | Manufactured by Dassault Aviation

Q1237. Maiden 'Made in India' Airbus C295 Test Flight (Vadodara FAL) | Sep 2021 deal worth ~₹21,935 Cr for 56 C295 aircraft | First 16 delivered from Spain + remaining 40 manufactured in India by TASL

Q1238. The IAF participated with Rafale, C-17 Globemaster III, and IL-78 aircraft in the 45th edition of Exercise Pitch Black 2026 | Hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force at RAAF Base Darwin, Northern Australia

Q1239. Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (DCAS, IAF) | Air Marshal Tejpal Singh | Succeeds: Air Marshal Awadhesh Kumar Bharti

Q1240. IAF Counter-Drone / Counter-UAS Exercise | 'ROTOR CLAP III' | Location: Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan | Unmanned Aerial Systems

Q1241. 114 Rafale Aircraft Proposal for IAF (~₹3.25L Cr) | 20 fly-away from France + 94 manufactured in India (Make in India) | Previous orders: 36 fly-away for IAF + 26 Rafale-Marine for Navy

Q1242. 1st Woman IAF Pilot to Complete Fighter Combat Leader (FCL) Course | Sqn Ldr Bhawana Kanth (Darbhanga, Bihar) | Conducted at: TACDE, Gwalior | Avani Chaturvedi and Mohana Singh

Q1243. **Exercise Udara Shakti 2026 (Air Force)** | IAF + Royal Malaysian Air Force at Subang Air Base, Malaysia | Army: Harimau Shakti | Navy: Samudra Laksamana | The Indian Air Force and Royal Malaysian Air Force commenced their bilateral air exercise 'Udara Shakti 2026' at Subang Air Base, Malaysia

Q1244. **AMCA 5th-Gen Fighter Engine Partnership** | Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) + Rolls-Royce (UK) | Indigenous engine development for Indian Air Force AMCA

Q1245. **65th Subroto Cup 2026 (Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Stadium, New Delhi; Trophy presented by Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh)** | Junior Boys U-17: Minerva Public School, Mohali (beat EMHSS, Kerala) | Junior Girls U-17: Saint Patrick's HS, Gumla (Jharkhand) | SubJunior Boys U-15: Manik Para Vivekananda Vidyapeeth, Jhargram (WB) | Jhargram, West Bengal

Q1246. **Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust (Ayodhya, Nagara Style)** | First CEO: Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra (Retd.)

Q1247. **IAF Sarang Helicopter Display Team (world's only 5-helicopter display team)** | Participated in 2nd El Alamein International Airshow 2026 at El Alamein International Airport, Egypt

Q1248. **Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 (2nd edition)** | Participants: Indian Air Force (IAF) + Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) | Venue: Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Q1249. **IAF 'Dronathon-2026'** | Venue: Pokhran Range, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan | Focus: Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) + Counter-UAS (CUAS) | The Indian Air Force organised 'Dronathon-2026' focusing on Unmanned Aerial Systems and Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems

Q1250. **Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 (IAF, Venue: AFS Jodhpur, Rajasthan | Theme: 'Power in Partnership' | 1st edition: 2024)** | 7 Participating Countries: Australia, USA, UAE, France (Mission Pégase 26), Germany, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh

Q1251. **New IAF Chief** | Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit takes over on 31 Oct (succeeds ACM A.P. Singh) | Milestone: First Mirage-2000 squadron commander to become IAF Chief

Q1252. **Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Shakti Sharma became the 1st woman officer from a non-medical branch of the Indian Defence Forces to attain Two-Star rank (Air Vice Marshal)** | Assumed charge as Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Education) at Air HQ

Q1253. **Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia (earlier AOC-in-C, Eastern Air Command) appointed Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS), succeeding Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit (who became 29th Chief of the Air Staff; 94th IAF Day celebrated on 8 Oct '26)**

Q1254. **FWD Supreme Prototype** | Unveiled by: Flying Wedge Defence & Aerospace (FWDA, Bengaluru) | Classification: India's 1st indigenous autonomous fighter jet | Bengaluru-based defence start-up Flying Wedge Defence & Aerospace unveiled the static prototype of ‘FWD Supreme’

Q1255. **FWD Supreme Specs** | Weight: 1–1.5 tonnes | Payload: ~350 kg | Max Speed: Mach 0.8–0.85 | Range: ~1,500 km | Endurance: >2 hours

Q1256. **IAF organised the Air Force Day Aerial Display 2026 under the theme 'Wings Over Ganges' at Namo Ghat, Varanasi (commemorating IAF's 94th anniversary; Chief Guest: PM Narendra Modi)**

Q1257. **94th IAF Day (8 Oct '26)** | est.: 1932 (1st Squadron in 1933) | Theme: 'Indian Air Force – Infallible, Impervious and Precise' | Parade: Hindon AFS, Ghaziabad | 's establishment in 1932. Under the official theme'

Q1258. **IAF's IL-76MD ('Gajraj') heavy-lift transport aircraft set a world record by landing at Nyoma Airbase in eastern Ladakh at an altitude of 13,629 feet** | Popularly called 'Gajraj'

Q1259. **IAF will conduct Annual Joint HADR Exercise 'Exercise Sahayata Setu' at Air Force Station Jamnagar, Gujarat (with Indian Army, Navy, Coast Guard, NDMA)** | International participants: Sri Lanka, Nepal, Indonesia, Malaysia & Bangladesh

[58] Indian Coast Guard (ICG) 8 Qs

Q1260. **ICGS Akshay** | Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) built by Goa Shipyard Ltd | Commissioned in Goa (Coastal surveillance + Search & Rescue + Anti-smuggling)

Q1261. **ICGS Ajit (Yard 1277)** | Built & delivered by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) to Indian Coast Guard | Vessel type: Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) | Goa Shipyard Limited formally handed over 'ICGS Ajit' to the Indian Coast Guard

Q1262. **Exercise SAHYOG-HOPTAC 2026 (2nd Edition)** | Bilateral Coast Guard exercise between Indian Coast Guard & Vietnam Coast Guard (ship CSB 8002) off Chennai coast | VCG, deploying patrol ship CSB 8002 following their 7th High-Level Meeting

Q1263. **SAREX-2026 Exercise** | 12th National SAR drill conducted by ICG off Paradip, Odisha | Theme: 'Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety' | 32 foreign observers

Q1264. **Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS) comprising INS Tir, INS Sujata & ICGS Sarathi** | Completed its port visit to Port Victoria, Seychelles and conducted a PASSEX

Q1265. **A 17-member Indian Coast Guard (ICG) team (guided by HMI Darjeeling) scaled Mount Mukut (7,045 m, Chamoli district, Uttarakhand) ahead of ICG's Swarnim Jayanti (Golden Jubilee) Everest expedition in 2027** | Guided by HMI Darjeeling and flagged-in by CM Pushkar Singh Dhami

Q1266. **Ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS)** | INS Tir, INS Sujata & ICGS Sarathi | arrived at Colombo, Sri Lanka

Q1267. International Day of the Snow Leopard (Panthera uncia; IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable) | Observed: 23 Oct | Indian Navy's 1TS (INS Tir, INS Sujata & ICGS Sarathi) arrived off Male, Maldives | Scientific name: Panthera uncia; IUCN status: Vulnerable

[59] Ministry of Defence & Defence Procurement — 22 Qs

Q1268. MoD approved the 250 MW Solar Power Project with BESS on ~850 acres of defence land at Sitapur (ExCantonment), Uttar Pradesh (implemented by NTPC Ltd), and the International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations | Is observed on 10 Jun | Est. Jun 2024

Q1269. Per SIPRI | India's nuclear warhead inventory rose from 180 to 190 (vs Pakistan's 170, China's 620, France's 370, UK's 225, Israel's 90, North Korea's 60, US's 5,042, and Russia's 5,420; global total: 12,187) | Against a global total of 12,187 warheads, including 9,745 in military stockpiles

Q1270. Per SIPRI | India spent $92.1B (+8.9%, 5th largest spender) in 2025, and was the world's 2nd-largest arms importer during 2021–25 (8.2% global share) behind Ukraine | Behind the US, China, Russia, and Germany | Among the top 5 importers: Ukraine, India, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Pakistan

Q1271. India | Signed an agreement worth ~₹6,000 Cr (~$629M) to supply BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to Vietnam | After its earlier export to the Philippines

Q1272. Russia delivered the 4th squadron of the S-400 Triumf air defence system to India under the $5.43B (~₹40,000+ crore) deal | Signed in 2018 for 5 S-400 squadrons

Q1273. FY26 Annual Defence Production | Hit an all-time high of ₹1.78L Cr (+15.6% over ₹1.54L Cr in FY25; DPSUs/PSUs: ~76%, Private sector: 24%; FY27 Defence Budget: ₹7.85L Cr vs ₹2.53L Cr in FY14) | DPSUs/PSUs contributing ~76% and the private sector 24%, while the overall FY27 defence budget stands at ₹7.85L Cr

Q1274. FY26 Defence Exports | Reached an all-time high of ₹38,424 Cr (+62.66% YoY, up by ₹14,802 Cr from ₹23,622 Cr in FY25) | Record ₹1.78L Cr defence production

Q1275. US approved a $198.2M FMS sustainment package for India's AH-64E Apache helicopters (Boeing & Lockheed Martin) | Boeing and Lockheed Martin as principal contractors

Q1276. Adani Defence Plant (Investment: ₹2,500 Cr) | Location: Pali, Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh

Q1277. ICAO Council Representative | Satyajit Mohanty (Joint Secy, MoD) | Tenure: 3y | HQ: Montreal, Canada | Ans: International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) | Currently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence

Q1278. Agni-4 Ballistic Missile Test-Fire | Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha | Surface-to-surface ballistic missile | Strike Range: ≤4,000 km

Q1279. 6th Positive Indigenisation List (MoD) | 405 strategic defence items for domestic procurement | Estimated industry opportunity: ₹3,070 Cr

Q1280. Jet-Powered Loitering Munition Maiden Flight | 'Divyastra Mk3' | Developed by Kawa UAV Pvt. Ltd. (Hoverit), Lucknow

Q1281. India–Japan Maritime Security MoA (Rajnath Singh & Shinjiro Koizumi) | Protects Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCs) | Highlight: 'Veer Guardian 2026' (JASDF fighters to fly to India 1st time)

Q1282. 'RAKSHA' Defence Diplomacy Roadmap (next 10y, unveiled by Rajnath Singh in New Delhi) | 4 Pillars: Strategic Partnerships (SP) + Capacity Building (CB) + Indigenous Defence Exports (IDE) + Maritime Security (MS) | Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled a 10y strategic defence diplomacy roadmap titled 'RAKSHA' in New Delhi

Q1283. Airbus + Mahindra Aerostructures | Multi-year contract for A320neo & A321XLR fuselage skins | Manufactured in Bengaluru | Supplied to Airbus facility at Augsburg, Germany | Deliveries from 2028

Q1284. ACC approved a 1y extension in the tenure of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh until 31 Oct '27 | Secretary, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence

Q1285. Akash Missile Exports | Exported to Tajikistan and Turkmenistan (Armenia was 1st customer) | Developed by DRDO, manufactured by Bharat Dynamics (BDL) & BEL

Q1286. France and the UK | Conducted their 1st joint exercise involving France's airborne nuclear capability, named 'Exercise Rummy', over the Mediterranean Sea

Q1287. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the 13th ADMM-Plus in Cebu, Philippines (ASEAN + 8 Dialogue Partners: India [since 1992], US, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia, NZ) | India is co-chairing the ADMM-Plus EWG on Counter-Terrorism with Malaysia for 2024–2027

Q1288. Indian AI company Sarvam AI signed a 5y MoU with HQ IDS (Ministry of Defence) | Executed via 'Chanakya' (Sarvam's firewalled defence division) using the 'Sarvam 105B' foundation model

Q1289. Assam Cabinet (CM Himanta Biswa Sarma) | Approved Assam's 1st Defence Manufacturing Park at Nellie in Morigaon district (near Jagiroad) to boost defence manufacturing in Northeast India

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[60] UNESCO (World Heritage Sites & Awards) 10 Qs

Q1290. **With the inscription of Sarnath at the 48th WHC Session in Busan (South Korea), India now** | Has 45 UNESCO World Heritage Sites—comprising 37 Cultural, 7 Natural, and 1 Mixed site—plus 69 properties on the Tentative List | 'Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath'

Q1291. **North Macedonia** | Pres Droupadi Murmu unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in the capital Skopje and visited Lake Ohrid, one of Europe's oldest and deepest lakes and a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Q1292. **'Jyeshtha Varna Mahavihar' (17th-century Buddhist monastery reconstructed with Indian grant after 2015 earthquake)** | Won UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Award 2025 | Location: Lalitpur, Nepal

Q1293. **India ranks 6th globally and 2nd in the Asia-Pacific region with 45 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Uttar Pradesh now** | Has 4 UNESCO sites: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri, and Sarnath | After inscription of Sarnath (and 'Maratha Military Landscapes of India' inscribed the previous year)

Q1294. **3 New Indian Additions to UNESCO Tentative List (Total = 81)** | 1. Karst–Mud-Volcano Complex of Baratang (Natural site, A&N Islands, ~100 km north of Sri Vijaya Puram), 2. Andaman Subduction Volcanoes | Narcondam & Barren Islands (Natural site, A&N Islands; Barren Island is South Asia's only active volcano), and 3. Sirpur Cultural & Archaeological Landscape (Cultural site, Mahasamund district, Chhattisgarh, historically Shripura on Mahanadi River)

Q1295. **World Teachers' Day 2026** | Observed: 5 Oct (since 1994) | Theme: 'Standing with teachers: 60y of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures' | Organised by: UNESCO, ILO, UNICEF, EI

Q1296. **Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week 2026 observed by UN & UNESCO from 24 to 31 Oct** | 2026 Theme: 'We All Play a Part – Media and Information Literacy for the People'

Q1297. **World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2026 observed on 27 Oct** | 2026 Theme: 'Your Window to the World'

Q1298. **16 Nov: International Day for Tolerance** | 15th UNESCO–Madanjeet Singh Prize (carries $100,000; est. 1995 marking UN Year for Tolerance & Mahatma Gandhi's 125th birth anniversary; named after Indian diplomat Madanjeet Singh; 1st awarded in 1996) was awarded to Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG) | Carrying $100,000, instituted in 1995 and 1st awarded in 1996

Q1299. **3 Nov: International Day for Biosphere Reserves** | India has 18 Biosphere Reserves, with 13 in UNESCO's WNBR (1st: Nilgiri [1986, WNBR 2000]; 13th/Latest in WNBR: Cold Desert, HP [2009, WNBR 2025]; 5 not in WNBR: Manas, DibruSaikhowa, Dehang-Dibang, Great Rann of Kutch, Seshachalam) | 5 Nov: World Tsunami Awareness Day (2026 Theme: 'Be Tsunami Ready: Resilience Starts With You') | Under the 1971 MAB Programme

[61] Environment, Wildlife, Ramsar Sites & Tiger Conservation 49 Qs

Q1300. **Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) in Ballia district, Uttar Pradesh** | Became India's 100th Ramsar Site (UP's 13th and the world's 2,595th) | On World Environment Day, the Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary—popularly known as 'Surha Tal'— was designated as India's 100th Ramsar Site

Q1301. **India (100 Ramsar Sites) ranks 1st in Asia and 3rd globally after the UK (176) and Mexico (144). Within India, Tamil Nadu leads in number of Ramsar Sites (20), while Gujarat** | Has the largest wetland area

Q1302. **The Nilgiri Tahr population** | Increased by 4.68% from 1,303 (in 2025) to 1,364 in 2026 | Nilgiritragus hylocrius, State Animal of Tamil Nadu | Grass Hills National Park and Mukurthi National Park as its largest continuous habitats

Q1303. **NBA Expert Committee on Agrobiodiversity (under Section 13(1) of Biological Diversity Act, 2002)** | Chaired by 2026 Padma Shri awardee Dr. P. L. Gautam | NBA—a statutory body under MoEFCC formed on 1 Oct 2003 and HQ: Chennai

Q1304. **Centre of Excellence (CoE) & National Portal for Human-Wildlife Conflict** | Inaugurated by Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav at WII-SACON (Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu (WII HQ: Dehradun) | Affiliated with the Wildlife Institute of India - WII, Dehradun

Q1305. **Maharashtra** | Approved the ₹45 Cr Bhandup Bird Sanctuary Project along Thane Creek in Mumbai, incorporating India's 1st AI-enabled bird monitoring system | Within the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary Ramsar Site

Q1306. **Kanwar Lake (Kabartal Wetland / Kabar Taal), Bihar's 1st Ramsar site and Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake** | Is located in Begusarai district, Bihar

Q1307. **India** | Has an estimated 3,682 tigers (up by 1,456 tigers or ~65% from 2,226 in 2014, representing ~70% of global wild tigers) across 58 Tiger Reserves in 18 states covering ~84,500 sq. km (2.56% of India's geographical area). Project Tiger was launched in 1973 with 9 initial reserves | 29 Jul

Q1308. **Whitley Award 2026 ('Green Oscar', WFN, London, presented by Princess Anne)** | Indian winners: Parveen Sheikh + Barkha Subba | Prize: £50,000 each

Q1309. **World Nature Conservation Day (28 Jul)** | Was declared in 1997 by the IUCN, which was founded on 5 Oct 1948 and is HQ: Gland, Switzerland | IUCN, founded on 5 Oct 1948 and publisher of the Red List of Threatened Species

Q1310. Glaw Lake (Mishmi Hills, Kamlang Tiger Reserve, Lohit district, Arunachal Pradesh, ~1,168m) | Arunachal's 1st & India's 101st Ramsar Site (100th: Surha Tal, Ballia, UP) | Ramsar Rank: India 1st in Asia, 3rd globally (UK 176, Mexico 144) | 1st World site: Cobourg Peninsula, Australia (1974)

Q1311. Clouded Leopard Conservation Action Plan (CAP) | Launched at 83rd NBWL meeting (Coimbatore) by Bhupender Yadav | Joint initiative: MoEFCC + GEF + UNDP | 8 priority landscapes & 5 wildlife corridors in Northeast India | Ans: Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Q1312. Dedicated Mission for Clouded Leopard | Launched by Meghalaya (Clouded Leopard is the official State Animal of Meghalaya)

Q1313. World Lion Day (10 Aug) | Panthera leo (Vulnerable; Asiatic lion: 891 in 2025 across Greater Gir, Gujarat, ~35,000 sq km) | 'Project Lion' announced: 15 Aug 2020

Q1314. Asia's 1st Desert-Themed Night Safari & Zoo | Location: Deesa, Banaskantha district, Gujarat (~103 hectares, ₹542.14 Cr) | Approved by Central Zoo Authority (CZA, Est 1992) | Est. in 1992 under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972, HQ: New Delhi

Q1315. 1st Black-Necked Crane Festival (Ladakh) | State Bird of Ladakh: Black-necked Crane (Grus nigricollis, Near Threatened) | Only breeding ground in India: Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary | Grus nigricollis, classified as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List

Q1316. 25 Priority 'Potential Recipient Sites' for Tiger Conservation (out of 58 reserves) | Zero tiger reserves: Satkosia (Odisha), Kawal (Telangana), Buxa (West Bengal), Dampa (Mizoram), Kamlang (Arunachal Pradesh) | Released at Sariska, Alwar

Q1317. India's 21st Designated Repository under Biological Diversity Act 2002 | Natural History Museum of Mizoram University (recommended by NBA, notified by MoEFCC) | Under Section 39 of the Biological Diversity Act

Q1318. Yale Environmental Performance Index (EPI 2026) | India Rank: 176th out of 177 (Score: 22.46; 2nd lowest ahead of Laos at 177th) | Rank 1: Estonia (74.79) | Assessing 177 countries using 47 indicators across 12 environmental categories, topped by Estonia with 74.79 | 21.78 | In the 'Environmental Performance Index 2026' prepared by Yale University

Q1319. International Clouded Leopard Day | Observed yrly on 4 Aug | Focus: Conservation of vulnerable arboreal Clouded Leopard (Neofelis nebulosa)

Q1320. World Elephant Day (12 Aug) | Asian Elephants (Endangered, ~27,312 in India / 60% of world total) | 'Project Elephant' launched: Feb 1992 | National Heritage Animal: 22 Oct 2010 | Estimated at 27,312 across 138 corridors

Q1321. World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026 (15–18 Sep '26) | Venue: Gandhinagar, Gujarat (1st WCEF in South Asia) | Theme: 'Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity' | Organisers: CPCB + Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra + Govt of Finland + MoEFCC + Gujarat Govt + GPCB | Inaugurated by: Bhupender Yadav + CM Bhupendra Patel

Q1322. International Conference on Environment & Climate Dynamics (Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi) | Inaugurated by PM Modi | Organised by: National Green Tribunal (NGT, Est. 18 Oct 2010, Principal Bench: New Delhi, Chairperson: Justice Prakash Shrivastava) | NGT—est. on 18 Oct 2010 under the NGT Act 2010, with MoEFCC as the nodal ministry

Q1323. International Vulture Awareness Day | 1st Saturday of Sep (5 Sep '26) | BNHS released 29 vultures across Melghat Tiger Reserve + Pench Tiger Reserve (Dec '25–Jan '26) with ≤78% survival rate

Q1324. Project Cheetah (Launched: 17 Sep 2022 at Kuno National Park, MP | Lead Agency: NTCA, MoEFCC | Extinct in India: 1952 | Source countries: Namibia, South Africa & Botswana) | Population reached 56 | Under 'Project Cheetah'—launched on 17 Sep 2022 by MoEFCC and the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) at Kuno National Park

Q1325. Sonai–Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary | Location: Sonitpur district, Assam (~220 km²)

Q1326. Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 (MoEFCC, 130 NCAP cities, 7 Sep) | Category-I (>10L): #1 Lucknow (198), #2 Indore (197) | Category-II (3–10L): #1 Rourkela (198.5) | Category-III (<3L): #1 Kalinga Nagar (198.5)

Q1327. International Red Panda Day | Observed yrly on the Third Saturday of Sep (19 Sep in 2026) | To raise awareness about red panda conservation and threats to the endangered species, 'International Red Panda Day' is observed yrly

Q1328. World Rhino Day | Observed yrly on 22 Sep | 2026 Theme: 'Keep the Five Alive' | Static: Kaziranga National Park, Assam = Greater one-horned rhinoceros | India home to the greater one-horned rhinoceros, especially in Kaziranga National Park, Assam

Q1329. India-Japan Forest Management Project | 7y initiative (2025–26 to 2031–32) | Total outlay: ₹537.10 Cr | JICA share: ₹440.42 Cr | GoI share: ₹96.68 Cr | Covers: All States | 'Capacity Enhancement for Effective Forest Management Project'

Q1330. Capacity Enhancement for Forest Management Project | Focus: Frontline forest staff & institutional upgrading for forest fires, biodiversity loss, climate change, and field monitoring

Q1331. Buxa Tiger Reintroduction | Tigress T138 translocated from Valmiki Tiger Reserve (Bihar) to Buxa Tiger Reserve (West Bengal) | Launched during Wildlife Week 2026 | Marking the commencement of a phased Tiger Reintroduction Programme during Wildlife Week 2026

Q1332. Buxa Tiger Reserve Profile | Declared a Tiger Reserve in 1983 (15th tiger reserve in India) | Located in Alipurduar district, West Bengal bordering Bhutan

Q1333. Wildlife Institute of India (WII) Profile | est.: 1982 | Autonomous body under MoEFCC | HQ: Chandrabani, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Q1334. **Great Indian Bustard (GIB) Conservation** | 2 captive-bred male GIBs released into the wild at Sam in Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan by Bhupender Yadav

Q1335. **Bustard Recovery Programme Partners** | Technical Support: International Fund for Houbara Conservation | Financial Support: National CAMPA | Implementing: MoEFCC, Rajasthan Forest Dept, WII

Q1336. **MP's Three Cheetah Habitats** | 1. Kuno National Park (Sheopur), 2. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Mandsaur), 3. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (Sagar) where Vyom & Neera were released

Q1337. **Project Cheetah Census** | Total count: 60 cheetahs (as of 5 Oct '26) | 41 India-born cubs | International translocations: Namibia (Sep 2022), SA (Feb 2023), Botswana (Feb '26)

Q1338. **Ladakh Snow Leopard Safari** | Flagged off by: LG Vinai Kumar Saxena | Location: Choglamsar Protected Forest, Leh (6 open-back vehicles) | Initial Routes: Rumbak, Shang, Uley

Q1339. **India's Ramsar tally rose to 103 (announced by Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav) with Sukhna Wetland, Chandigarh (Site 2602, Chandigarh's 1st) & Sauj Jheel, Mainpuri, UP (Site 2603, UP's 14th)** | Mainpuri is the only district in UP with 2 Ramsar Sites (Saman Bird Sanctuary & Sauj Jheel)

Q1340. **India in Ramsar (joined 1 Feb 1982; 1st sites: Chilika Lake & Keoladeo NP, 1981)** | 1st in Asia & 3rd globally after UK (176) and Mexico (144) | Most sites: Tamil Nadu (20) | Largest: Sundarbans (4,230 sq km) | Smallest: Renuka Wetland (HP) & Vembannur Wetland (TN), 20 ha each | Montreux Record: Keoladeo NP (Rajasthan) & Loktak Lake (Manipur) | Accredited Wetland Cities: Indore & Udaipur | 103 Ramsar Sites as of Oct '26

Q1341. **Very Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Arnab' (1st cyclone of 2026 in the Bay of Bengal) made landfall near Narsapur in West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh** | Name 'Arnab' was contributed by Bangladesh

Q1342. **Wildlife Dates** | National Wildlife Week: 2 to 8 Oct '26 | World Wildlife Day: 3 Mar yrly

Q1343. **Chhattisgarh selected Orange Oakleaf (Kallima inachus; also State Butterfly of Madhya Pradesh) as its 1st State Butterfly** | Chhattisgarh: Formed 1 Nov 2000, Capital Raipur, CM Vishnu Deo Sai, Gov Ramen Deka | NPs: Guru Ghasidas, Indravati, Kanger Valley | Tiger Reserves: Indravati, Udanti-Sitanadi, Achanakmar

Q1344. **National Zoological Park (NZP), New Delhi celebrated its 67th Foundation Day on 1 Nov '26** | Inaugurated on 1 Nov 1959 as Delhi Zoo | Granted National Zoological Park status in 1982 | Been formally inaugurated on 1 Nov 1959 as the Delhi Zoo and accorded National Zoological Park status in 1982

Q1345. **Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Murasu' made landfall between Nellore and Narsapur (close to Ongole in Prakasam district, south Andhra Pradesh)** | Name 'Murasu' was proposed by India (formed after Cyclone Arnab) | 120 kmph winds

Q1346. **3 Maharashtra beaches—Ladghar (Ratnagiri), Guhagar (Ratnagiri) & Shrivardhan (Raigad)—received Blue Flag Certification for 2026–27 (1st time for Maharashtra)** | India's Blue Flag Beaches in 2026–27: Total 22 (9 new + 13 renewals) | Blue Flag programme started in 1985 in France, managed by FEE (Denmark) across 33 criteria in 4 areas

Q1347. **Mumbai will host the 6th Earthshot Prize 2026 (1st time in India)** | Founded by Prince William in 2020 | 5 winners every year receive GBP 1M each across 5 categories: Protect & Restore Nature, Clean Our Air, Revive Our Oceans, Build a Waste-Free World, and Fix Our Climate | Marking the 1st time the global environmental award founded by Prince William in 2020 is hosted in India

Q1348. **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2027 (by Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute & CAN International across 4 parameters: GHG Emissions, Renewable Energy, Energy Use, Climate Policy): Ranks 1–3 vacant** | 4th: Denmark (84.05), 5th: Lithuania (74.03), 6th: Luxembourg (72.03) | India ranked 28th (Score 60.85; down 5 spots from 23rd) | Last (68th): Iran

[62] Geographical Indication (GI) Tags — 8 Qs

Q1349. **Tripura's 4 GI-Tagged Products** | (1) Tripura Queen Pineapple, (2) Risa, (3) Pachra (Rignai) / Matabari Peda, and (4) Tripura Sarinda (traditional stringed musical instrument)

Q1350. **Himachal Pradesh 8 New GI Tags (Total: 17)** | Seabuckthorn, Salooni Safed Makka, Chamba Metal Art, Sirmauri Loiya, Kinnauri Topi, Sepuvadi, Kinnauri Apple, and Kinnauri Jewellery | 1st Indian GI: Darjeeling Tea

Q1351. **'Jalbhara Sweet' / 'Jalbhora Sandesh' (220+ years legacy)** | Granted GI Tag | Origin: Chandannagar, Hooghly district, West Bengal

Q1352. **New GI Tags from North Gujarat** | Unjha Cumin (Jeera) & Unjha Fennel (Variyali) | Gujarat Static: Capital: Gandhinagar | CM: Bhupendrabhai Patel | Gov: Acharya Devvrat

Q1353. **'Mission Golden Spice' (2025–2030)** | Was launched under MDoNER with a project outlay exceeding ₹175 Cr to promote Meghalaya's high-curcumin GI-tagged Lakadong Turmeric | Sangma launched 'Mission Golden Spice' for 2025–2030 to scale up value chains of Meghalaya's GI-tagged Lakadong Turmeric

Q1354. **Jodhpuri Mojari Granted GI Tag** | Jodhpur, Rajasthan (~200y-old traditional footwear craft made by Jinagar community) | Historically associated with saddle-making

Q1355. **Sacred Pithora Painting (GI Registered)** | Gujarat | Traditional ritual wall art of the Rathwa tribal community

Q1356. Tamil Nadu GI Agri Products | Panruti Jackfruit, Panruti Cashew, Chettikulam Small Onion, Puliyankudi Acid Lime, Thooyamalli Rice, Kavindhapadi Nattu Sakkarai

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[63] State News & Initiatives — Andhra Pradesh 5 Qs

Q1357. The ancient rock-cut Undavalli Caves in Guntur district | Andhra Pradesh feature a famous ~20-foot-long reclining statue of Lord Vishnu in the Anantasayana posture resting on the serpent Adishesha | Near Vijayawada | 'Andhra Pradesh Telugu Mahotsavam'

Q1358. The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet | Approved the state's 1st Private Women's University, 'Vishnu Women's University', at Bhimavaram in West Godavari district | By upgrading Sri Vishnu Engineering College for Women

Q1359. Andhra Pradesh | Partnered w/ Punjab National Bank (PNB) to set up the 'PNB Quantum Finance Hub' at Amaravati Quantum Valley

Q1360. 'Pillale Sampada' ('Children are Wealth') Initiative | Launched by Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu | Focus: Population conservation (complemented by 'Talliki Vandanam' ₹15,000/child education aid)

Q1361. Smart Urban Transport MoC | Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) + Government of Moscow | Signed at International Transport Summit, Moscow

[64] State News & Initiatives — Delhi 4 Qs

Q1362. Delhi Free Bus Travel for Women (DTC & Cluster buses) | 'Pink Saheli Smart Card' (launched 2 Mar '26 by Pres Droupadi Murmu) made mandatory from 1 Aug '26

Q1363. Delhi Government | Renamed 'Mahila Samriddhi Yojana' as 'Delhi Lakshmi Yojana' | Benefit: ₹2,500/month to eligible women

Q1364. 'MALHAR 2026' | Inaugurated by VP C. P. Radhakrishnan in New Delhi | Monsoon-themed celebration of Indian classical music organised by Antar Hriday Connect

Q1365. Delhi Government 'DURGA Scheme' (Approved by Delhi Cabinet chaired by CM Rekha Gupta) | Enables women & transgender persons to become owners and drivers of electric autos

[65] State News & Initiatives — Gujarat 4 Qs

Q1366. Gujarat's Hastkala Setu Yojana (HSY) | Crossed ₹102.08 Cr in cumulative sales, while Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) will host 'Blue India 2026' at its Panangad campus in Kochi | Theme: 'Blue Research – Blue Innovation – Blue Future' | 's handicraft promotion scheme'

Q1367. Gujarat Police + Bharat Taxi (Sahakar Taxi Cooperative) MoU | Focus: Public Safety + Traffic + Urban Mobility | Key feature: SOS linked to Police Control Room

Q1368. Travel and Tourism Fair (TTF Ahmedabad 2026) | Inaugurated by Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel at Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre, Gandhinagar

Q1369. India's First LNG-Powered Train (Diesel + LNG) | Flagged off by Amit Shah from Sabarmati Railway Station, Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Operating on a dual-fuel Diesel + LNG system

[66] State News & Initiatives — Jammu & Kashmir 2 Qs

Q1370. Abrogation of Article 370 (7th Anniversary) | Process initiated: 5 Aug 2019 | Parliament approved: 6 Aug 2019 | Observed yrly: 5 Aug

Q1371. 72nd National Film Awards Winners | Best Feature Film: Article 370 | Best Popular Film: Kalki 2898 AD | Best Direction: Amaran | Best Debut Director: Randeep Hooda (Swatantrya Veer Savarkar) | Best Children's Film: 35 Chinna Katha Kaadu | Best Film (National/Social/Environmental Values): Captain Miller | Actors highlighted: Mammootty & Kartik Aaryan

[67] State News & Initiatives — Karnataka 6 Qs

Q1372. D. K. Shivakumar took oath as the 25th CM of Karnataka, while Dr. G. Parameshwara | Was sworn in as Deputy CM | Administered the oath of office by Gov Thaawarchand Gehlot

Q1373. 3rd India International Coffee Festival (IICF 2027) | Venue: Bengaluru, Karnataka (from 26 Feb '27) | Organised by Coffee Board of India + SCAI | hosts 26th National Barista Championship

Q1374. 7.5% Professional Course Rural Reservation | Karnataka Government ('Vidyarthi Sahayahastha Scheme') | Horizontal reservation in medical/engineering for rural govt school students

Q1375. 'Sandhya Kiran' Scheme (Karnataka Cabinet) | Cashless healthcare ≤₹5L/year for State Govt pensioners below 70y, family pensioners, and dependents

Q1376. **Birth Centenary Logo of Padma Vibhushan Sri Vishwesha Tirtha Swami** | Unveiled by PM Modi at Sri Pejavara Adhokshaja Matha, Udupi, Karnataka (Udupi Sri Krishna Matha = 13th-century temple associated with Sri Madhvacharya) | Associated with the 13th-century Udupi Sri Krishna Matha founded by philosopher-saint Sri Madhvacharya

Q1377. **Dr. Sudha Yadav sworn in as Gov of Karnataka (appointed by Pres Droupadi Murmu under Article 155)** | Succeeded: Thaawarchand Gehlot | Became 2nd woman Gov of Karnataka after V. S. Ramadevi (1999–2002) | Former Lok Sabha MP from Mahendragarh, Haryana, 1999–2004

[68] State News & Initiatives — Kerala — 4 Qs

Q1378. **Kerala Government** | Launched 'Priyadarshini' free KSRTC bus travel scheme for women and transgender persons | CM: V. D. Satheesan; Gov: Rajendra Arlekar

Q1379. **Athachamayam Procession (Onam kickoff)** | Tripunithura, Ernakulam district, Kerala | Features Pulikali (Tiger Dance) | Celebrated in Malayalam month of Chingam | Marking the ceremonial beginning of the 10-day harvest festival of Onam (celebrated in the Malayalam month of Chingam)

Q1380. **Aranmula Uthrattathi Vallamkali (Aranmula, Pathanamthitta, Kerala | River: Pamba | Temple: Aranmula Sree Parthasarathy Temple | Boats: Palliyodams)** | Inaugurated by VP C. P. Radhakrishnan | Winners: Melukara Palliyodam (A-Batch) + Kottathoor-Kaithakkodi Palliyodam (B- Batch) | Malayalam month of Chingam

Q1381. **5th National Spice Conference 2026** | Venue: Jaipur, Rajasthan | Organised by: World Spice Organisation (WSO, Est. 2011, HQ: Kochi, Kerala) | Theme: 'Empowering Farmers, Protecting Consumers'

[69] State News & Initiatives — Ladakh — 4 Qs

Q1382. **Ladakh's First Heritage Village** | Kumik village (Zanskar region, Ladakh) | Declared by LG Vinai Kumar Saxena during Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2026 (known for Kanjur/Kangyur Buddhist manuscripts)

Q1383. **Sankoo (carved out of Kargil district) notified as Ladakh's 8th district** | 8 Districts of Ladakh: Leh, Kargil, Changthang, Drass, Nubra, Sham, Zanskar & Sankoo | Ladakh: UT without legislature (31 Oct 2019), LG Vinai Kumar Saxena, Hemis NP, Hanle Dark Sky Reserve

Q1384. **Ladakh declared India's 1st 100% Organic Union Territory by LG Vinai Kumar Saxena** | Sikkim was India's 1st 100% Organic State (declared in 2016)

Q1385. **Snow Leopard Census** | Ladakh holds India's largest snow leopard population: ~477 out of ~718 nationally (over 66% of the country's total)

[70] State News & Initiatives — Madhya Pradesh — 6 Qs

Q1386. **Madhya Pradesh CM Dr. Mohan Yadav declared 2027 as the 'Year of Youth' at the 'My Youth, My Pride' Conclave to involve over 2 Cr youth in state development and launch Digital Content Awards**

Q1387. **The 1st Samriddhi Kendra** | Inaugurated by Jyotiraditya Scindia in Umri village, Guna district, Madhya Pradesh. Other pilot villages include Ari (MP), Chaurawala (UP), and Narakoduru (Andhra Pradesh) | Under the WSIS Prize-winning 'Samriddh Gram' pilot project

Q1388. **India's 1st Virtual Zoo** | Indore Zoo, Madhya Pradesh (with 14-D theatre & virtual jungle safari) | Inaugurated by CM Dr. Mohan Yadav | Ans: Indore Zoo (Kamla Nehru Prani Sangrahalay), Madhya Pradesh

Q1389. **'Mission Samriddh Gaon'** | Launched by Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi | Pilot blocks in Madhya Pradesh: Budni + Khategaon (Dewas)

Q1390. **Sone River Water-Sharing MoU** | Bihar + Jharkhand | Resolved nearly 25y- old dispute | Present: Amit Shah + Samrat Choudhary + Hemant Soren + C.R. Patil | Sone River: Right- bank tributary of Ganga, originates near Amarkantak, MP | A right-bank tributary of the Ganga originating near Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh

Q1391. **Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri** | Was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh (seat vacated by L. Murugan)

[71] State News & Initiatives — Maharashtra — 2 Qs

Q1392. **Snakebite Declared Notifiable Disease** | Maharashtra Government (mandatory reporting of all suspected/ confirmed cases and deaths by all healthcare institutions)

Q1393. **Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC, Est. 1948, HQ: Mumbai) 2026–27** | Chairman: Mohit Jain (BCCL) | Deputy Chairman: Vikram Sakhuja | Ans: Mohit Jain (COO, Publisher & Board Member, Bennett, Coleman & Co. - BCCL) | ABC—founded in 1948 and HQ: Mumbai to audit and certify newspaper and magazine circulation

[72] State News & Initiatives — Odisha — 7 Qs

Q1394. **₹25,016-Crore Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project (Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda, Odisha)** | Developed by BCGCL (JV between Coal India Ltd [CIL] & BHEL; converts coal into Syngas: Carbon Monoxide [CO] + Hydrogen [H2]) | Ans: Coal India Limited (CIL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Q1395. **Odisha 'Go East Initiative' (Capital: Bhubaneswar)** | Launched by CM Mohan Charan Majhi | Purpose: Investment + Trade + Industrial Development

Q1396. **Odisha (CM: Mohan Charan Majhi, Capital: Bhubaneswar)** | Launched 'Gyanodaya Shiksharu Samruddhi' for school education + teacher development

Q1397. **Odisha Deep Sea Fishing Mission (2026–2036, CM: Mohan Charan Majhi, Capital: Bhubaneswar)** | Outlay: ₹2,295.45 Cr | Focus: Blue Economy + Marine Exports

Q1398. **Jagadguru Kripalu University** | Inaugurated by Pres Droupadi Murmu at Damapada tehsil near Cuttack, Odisha

Q1399. **'Bidesh Sikhya Bruti' Overseas Scholarship** | Government of Odisha (under MMCPY) | For SC and ST students pursuing PG/PhD abroad in top 200 QS-ranked universities

Q1400. **Fresh Gov Appointments (Oct '26)** | Odisha: Braj Mohan Ram | Karnataka: Dr. Sudha Yadav | Uttarakhand: Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen | Sikkim: Dushyant Gautam

[73] State News & Initiatives — Tamil Nadu — 7 Qs

Q1401. **Tamil Nadu Cooperative Crop Loan Waiver** | Limit increased from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000 for all farmer categories (loans taken between 1 May '25 and 28 Feb '26)

Q1402. **Tamil Nadu renamed the CM's Breakfast Scheme (covering Classes 1 to 5 in government schools since 2022) as the 'Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme' in honour of former CM K. Kamaraj** | Originally launched in 2022 by CM M. K. Stalin for government school students of Classes 1 to 5

Q1403. **Tamil Nadu Merchandise Exports (FY26)** | $59.3B (+13.7% YoY; fastest-growing merchandiseexporting state) | Kanchipuram = India's 2nd-largest exporting district

Q1404. **Tamil Nadu 'Thai Maman Thanga Mothiram' (Gold Ring Scheme)** | Launched by TN CM C. Joseph Vijay in Usilampatti, Madurai | Benefit: 1-gram gold ring for babies born in government hospitals

Q1405. **Tamil Nadu Sports Infrastructure** | Tamil Nadu Olympic City in Chennai developed via SDAT (Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu) + separate Motor Sports City | Joseph Vijay announced the development of a world-class 'Tamil Nadu Olympic City' alongside a separate Motor Sports City

Q1406. **Expanded 'Vettri Payanam' Scheme** | Launched by TN CM C. Joseph Vijay | Beneficiaries: Women and transgender individuals receive free travel across State-run buses

Q1407. **Transferred Governors (Oct '26)** | Kerala: Om Prakash Mathur (transferred from Sikkim) | Tamil Nadu: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (transferred from Kerala)

[74] State News & Initiatives — Uttar Pradesh — 7 Qs

Q1408. **With the inauguration of the new centre in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh** | Became home to India's 8th Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC)

Q1409. **India's 1st Hub-and-Spoke international flight operation** | Was launched from Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi (Spoke) via Delhi (Hub) on 25 Jun '26

Q1410. **'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan'** | Launched by PM Modi (over 1 Cr youth, 28,000 locations; originally piloted in Varanasi) | Feature: 100-week roadmap / 100 Sundays anti-drug drive

Q1411. **'Lokmata Ahilyabai Matrushakti Yatra' Scheme** | Uttar Pradesh (CM Yogi Adityanath) | 100% free bus travel on UPSRTC buses for women aged 60y and above

Q1412. **Uttar Pradesh (CM Yogi Adityanath)** | Launched 'Mukhyamantri Krishak Samriddhi Yojana' for affordable, longterm farm & machinery credit

Q1413. **Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Capital: Port Blair, no CM)** | New Lieutenant Gov (LG): Dr. Dinesh Sharma (former Deputy CM of UP) | Appointed by Pres Droupadi Murmu | Succeeds: Admiral D.K. Joshi (Retd.) | Capital: Port Blair, governed under an LG system with no CM

Q1414. **Bhadohi Renamed** | Renamed as 'Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi' by UP CM Yogi Adityanath | Honouree: Sant Guru Ravidas (medieval Bhakti reformer) | Renowned for: Carpet industry

[75] State News & Initiatives — West Bengal — 4 Qs

Q1415. **est. at New Town, Kolkata, West Bengal's 1st dedicated NIA Police Station** | Is the 17th NIA police station in India | Under the NIA Act, 2008, Ministry of Home Affairs

Q1416. **Developed at Howrah Food Park, West Bengal with a capital outlay of ~₹700 Cr, the Amul Bengal Dairy Project** | Will house the world's largest curd manufacturing plant (10L litres/day curd and 30L litres/day milk processing capacity)

Q1417. **The 31st Divya Kala Mela, showcasing products crafted by Divyangjan entrepreneurs** | Inaugurated by Dr. Virendra Kumar at Ravindra Sadan in Kolkata, West Bengal

Q1418. West Bengal Emergency Pension Scheme | ₹10,000/month pension + free bus travel + medical aid for 325 people jailed during 1975–77 Emergency | Recognised as: 'Loktantra Senani' (Soldiers of Democracy) | 25 Jun 1975 to 21 Mar 1977

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Q1419. UNGA elected Austria | Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago, and Zimbabwe to the UNSC for a 2y term starting 1 Jan '27 | Replacing Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia

Q1420. PM Modi | Will attend the G7 Summit 2026 in Evian, France (7 members: Canada, USA, Japan, Italy, Germany, UK, and France) and visit Slovakia (PM Robert Fico)

Q1421. 114th International Labour Conference (ILC, Geneva) | Indian delegation led by MoS Shobha Karandlaje | ILO est. 11 Apr 1919, HQ Geneva, DG Gilbert Houngbo (1969 Nobel Peace Prize)

Q1422. 52nd G7 Summit (Evian, France, 15–17 Jun '26) | India's 13th participation as a Partner Country and PM Modi's 7th consecutive participation

Q1423. Ambassador Sumit Seth represented India at the 56th OAS General Assembly in Panama City, Panama | As a Permanent Observer

Q1424. Bangladesh's Khalilur Rahman | Was elected Pres of the 81st Session of the UNGA (starting 8 Sep '26), succeeding 80th UNGA Pres Annalena Baerbock (former German Foreign Minister) | Representing the Asia-Pacific group

Q1425. Bimal N. Patel elected ITLOS Judge for 2026–2035 (assuming office 1 Oct '26) | Succeeds: Neeru Chadha (1st Indian woman on ITLOS, 2017–2026) | Total 7 judges elected (India, Vietnam, Ghana, Tunisia, Russia, Brazil, Netherlands) | ITLOS HQ: Hamburg, Germany | ITLOS, HQ: Hamburg, Germany, est. under the 1982 UNCLOS

Q1426. WMO awarded the 71st IMO Prize (10,000 Swiss francs, meteorology's highest honour) to Dr. Florence Rabier (France, DG of ECMWF) for breakthroughs in numerical weather prediction | Director-General of ECMWF

Q1427. Global Peace Index 2026 (20th edition by IEP, 163 countries) | India ranked 127th (score 2.409; 5th in South Asia behind Bhutan [16th], Sri Lanka [67th], Nepal [111th], and Bangladesh [117th], ahead of Pakistan [152nd] and Afghanistan [157th])

Q1428. GPI 2026 Top 5 | (1) Iceland (1.161, 1st for 19th year), (2) New Zealand, (3) Switzerland, (4) Slovenia, (5) Ireland | Bottom 5: (159) Israel, (160) Ukraine, (161) DR Congo, (162) Sudan, (163) Russia | Rank 1, score 1.161

Q1429. International Day of Play (11 Jun '26) | est. by UNGA (1st observed 11 Jun 2024) | 2026 Theme: 'Protect Play, Protect Childhood' | Officially started on 11 Jun 2024 | The United Nations 'International Day of Play' is observed yrly on 11 Jun

Q1430. World Day Against Child Labour (12 Jun '26) | Theme: 'Red card to child labour: Fair play for children, decent work for adults' (138M children in child labour globally, ~54M in hazardous work)

Q1431. International Day of Women in Diplomacy | Observed: 24 Jun

Q1432. 2026 UN Public Service Forum (marking UN Public Service Day, 23 Jun) was held in Tbilisi, Georgia | 26 Jun: International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (World Drug Day)

Q1433. 30 Jun | International Asteroid Day (1908 Tunguska impact; UNGA declared 2029 as International Year of Asteroid Awareness and Planetary Defence) & International Day of Parliamentarism (marks founding of Inter-Parliamentary Union on 30 Jun 1889; HQ Geneva, Switzerland; 183 member parliaments) | Marking the close flyby of asteroid 99942 Apophis

Q1434. ITU 'AI for Good Global Commission' (Inaugural meeting: Geneva; 40+ founding members) | Indian/Indian- origin business leaders: Mukesh Ambani + Sunil Bharti Mittal + Lakshmi Mittal

Q1435. UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance (Venue: Geneva, Switzerland; Est. by UNGA) | Indian delegation led by Kirti Vardhan Singh (MoS External Affairs) | Est. by the UN General Assembly

Q1436. 36th NATO Summit 2026 | Venue: Ankara, Türkiye | NATO Static: Est. 4 Apr 1949 | HQ: Brussels | 32 members | Sec-Gen: Mark Rutte | Article 5: Collective defence

Q1437. India formally joined the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (AFS) by depositing its Instrument of Acceptance with WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala in Geneva, Switzerland | Life Below Water

Q1438. EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar attended the ASEAN and Quad Foreign Ministers' meetings in Manila, Philippines. The year 2026 | Is celebrated as the 'ASEAN–India Year of Maritime Cooperation'

Q1439. MoS External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh represented India at the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting in Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyz Republic

Q1440. Under Article 127 of the Rome Statute (adopted 17 Jul 1998, effective 1 Jul 2002) | a state's withdrawal from the ICC takes effect one year after the UN Secretary-General receives formal notification | Acting Pres: Delcy Rodríguez | ICC, HQ: The Hague, founded under the 1998 Rome Statute | On 24 Jul '26, Venezuela formally notified the United Nations of its decision to withdraw from the International Criminal Court

Q1441. Senegalese Pres Bassirou Diomaye Faye succeeded Sierra Leone's Pres Julius Maada Bio as Chairman of the 12-member ECOWAS bloc (HQ: Abuja, Nigeria)

Q1442. **UNCTAD World Investment Report 2026** | India 2025 FDI Inflows: $39B (+44% YoY; Rank: 11th- largest recipient) | Outward FDI: $35.7 bn (18th rank) | Global FDI: $1.6T (+6%)

Q1443. **World Population Day** | Observed: 11 Jul (Est. by UNDP in 1989; inspired by 5B milestone in 1987) | 2026 Theme: 'Realizing the hopes and aspirations of young people – today and for the future.'

Q1444. **World Horse Day** | Observed yrly on 11 Jul (Declared by UNGA via resolution adopted on 3 Jun '25)

Q1445. **International Day of Hope (Declared by UNGA; Purpose: Peace, unity, resilience & sustainable development)** | Observed yrly on 12 Jul | UNGA—the main deliberative organ of the UN

Q1446. **International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms (SDS, declared by UNGA)** | Observed yrly on 12 Jul

Q1447. **World Day for International Justice (17 Jul) commemorates the 1998 adoption of the Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court (ICC), HQ: The Hague, Netherlands** | ICC, effective 1 Jul 2002

Q1448. **India Donates 5 Peacocks (Pavo cristatus)** | UNOG (Geneva) | Handed over by PR Arindam Bagchi | received by UNOG Director-General Tatiana Valovaya

Q1449. **UNSC 2028–29 Non-Permanent Seat Campaign** | Guiding framework: 'SHANTI' (Securing Holistic Advancement through Norms, Trust and Integrity) | Unveiled by EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar at UN HQ, New York | India previously served 8 terms (latest: 2021–22) | UNSC, formed 24 Oct 1945, most recently in 2021–22

Q1450. **World Breastfeeding Week (1–7 Aug '26)** | Coordinated by WABA + WHO + UNICEF | 2026 Theme: 'Prioritising Breastfeeding Education: Making a Difference for Every Mother and Child'

Q1451. **International Day of Awareness of LLDCs** | Observed yrly on 6 Aug by United Nations

Q1452. **International Day of Remembrance to Victims of Terrorism (21 Aug '26)** | Theme: 'Healing through Memory'

Q1453. **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (23 Aug)** | Commemorates victims of transatlantic slave trade | International Day Commemorating Victims of Violence Based on Religion: 22 Aug

Q1454. **26th SCO Summit 2026** | Venue: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan | Significance: 25th Anniversary of SCO (Formed: 15 Jun 2001, HQ: Beijing, India joined: 2017, 2027 Host: Pakistan) | Theme: '25y of the SCO: Together Towards Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity' | Formed on 15 Jun 2001, HQ: Beijing, China, with India becoming a full member in 2017 and Pakistan set to chair in 2027

Q1455. **SCO Tourism & Cultural Capital 2026–27** | Lahore, Pakistan (Confirmed at 26th SCO Summit, Bishkek) | Previous capitals: Varanasi (2022–23) | Almaty (2023–24) | Qingdao (2024– 25) | Cholpon-Ata (2025–26) | Pakistan SCO Chair Theme: 'Turning Vision into Action: Connectivity, Innovation and Shared Prosperity'

Q1456. **4th UN Climate Week (7–11 Sep '26)** | Venue: Baku, Azerbaijan | Ahead of COP31 (9–20 Nov '26) | Host: Antalya, Türkiye (Pres: Murat Kurum) | COP32 (2027) Host: Ethiopia | 7–11 Sep '26, focusing on Climate Action, Climate Finance, Adaptation, and Transparency

Q1457. **G20 Energy Ministerial Meeting 2026** | Venue: Houston, USA (US Presidency) | India represented by: Power & Housing Minister Manohar Lal (Karnal, Haryana) | G20 Static: Est. 1999 | 1st Summit: 2008 (Washington DC) | Members: 19 countries + EU + AU | 2027 Host: UK | 2028 Host: South Korea

Q1458. **G20 Trade Ministerial Meeting 2026 (USA Presidency)** | Venue: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA | India represented by: Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal

Q1459. **69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) 2026** | Venue: Cape Town, South Africa | Indian delegation led by: Harivansh (Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha) + P.C. Mody (RS Sec-Gen) | CPA Static: Founded 1911, HQ: London, UK | Accompanied by Rajya Sabha Secretary-General P.C. Mody

Q1460. **MERCOSUR** | est.: 1991 (Treaty of Asunción) | HQ/Secretariat: Montevideo, Uruguay | Members: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay

Q1461. **81st UN General Assembly (UNGA, Est. 1945, 193 members, HQ: New York, Addressed by EAM S. Jaishankar)** | Pres of 81st Session: Dr. Khalilur Rahman (Bangladesh) | Theme: 'Restoring trust, managing transformation: A United Nations that delivers for all.' | UNGA; est. in 1945 with 193 member countries, HQ: New York

Q1462. **SCO Council of National Coordinators Meeting** | Venue: Islamabad, Pakistan | Theme: 'Turning Vision into Action: Connectivity, Innovation and Shared Prosperity' | SCO—est. in 2001, HQ: Beijing, China, with original members China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan

Q1463. **UN World Food Programme (WFP, Est. 19 Dec 1961, HQ: Rome, Italy, 2020 Nobel Peace Prize)** | New Executive Director: Luke J. Lindberg (USA, 5y term) | Succeeds: Cindy McCain | Jointly appointed by UN SG António Guterres & FAO DG Qu Dongyu | WFP—formed on 19 Dec 1961, HQ: Rome, Italy, and awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize

Q1464. **IFFCO Chairman Dileep Sanghani** | Elected At-Large Director, ICA Global Board (2026–2030) at ICA General Assembly in Panama | ICA Static: Founded 1895, HQ: Brussels, Belgium, Pres: Dr. Ariel Guarco

Q1465. **FAO '100 Women Heroes' (FAO Est. 1945, HQ: Rome, Italy)** | Z. T. Lalrithangi ('Pi Mari-i') from Sangau village, Lawngtlai district, Mizoram | Popularly known as 'Pi Mari-i'

Q1466. **WEF Global Gender Gap Index 2026** | India's Rank: 131st (unchanged) | Top 3: #1 Iceland (93% parity, only country >90%), #2 Finland, #3 Norway | Bottom 3: Chad, Iran, Pakistan | The only country above 90% gap closure | Unchanged from the previous edition

Q1467. **First Additional Protocol to India–MERCOSUR PTA** | Promotes digital/paperless trade & electronic Certificate of Origin (e-CoO) | PTA signed: 25 Jan 2004, effective: 1 Jun 2009 (India: 450 tariff lines, MERCOSUR: 452 tariff lines) | PTA—originally signed on 25 Jan 2004 and effective 1 Jun 2009, covering 450 Indian tariff lines and 452 partner tariff lines

Q1468. **International Equal Pay Day** | Observed: 18 Sep | Focus: 'Equal pay for work of equal value' | Linked SDGs: SDG 5 (Gender Equality) + SDG 8 (Decent Work & Economic Growth) | Observed yrly on 18 Sep with the focus 'Equal pay for work of equal value', International Equal Pay Day directly supports

Q1469. **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste** | Observed: 29 Sep (Convened by FAO + UNEP, Est. 1972, HQ: Nairobi) | 2026 Theme: 'Transformative Potential of Reducing Food Loss and Waste'

Q1470. **153rd IPU Assembly (Arusha, Tanzania)** | Indian delegation led by Harivansh (Dy Chairman RS) | Milton Dick (Speaker, Australian House of Reps) elected 32nd IPU Pres

Q1471. **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Profile** | Founded: 1889 in Paris | HQ: Geneva, Switzerland (House of Parliaments) | Members: 184 national parliaments | Founded on 30 Jun 1889 in Paris, France as the focal global organisation of national parliaments

Q1472. **First BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting** | Host City: New Delhi | Welcomed by: Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah

Q1473. **BIMSTEC Profile** | est.: 6 Jun 1997 via Bangkok Declaration | Secretariat: Dhaka, Bangladesh | 7 Members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand

Q1474. **UNDP Institutional Profile** | Formed: 22 Nov 1965 | HQ: New York City, USA | Mandate: Poverty elimination, sustainable economic growth, and human development

Q1475. **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh represented India at the SCO CHG meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (focuses on economic & trade cooperation)** | SCO CHS Summits: 2026 in Kyrgyzstan, 2027 in Pakistan | SCO: est. 15 Jun 2001, HQ Beijing, 10 member countries | PM Narendra Modi participated virtually

Q1476. **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO): Founded on 16 Oct 1945** | HQ: Rome, Italy | DirectorGeneral: Qu Dongyu

Q1477. **Uzbekistan will host the 2027 SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting** | SCO: est. 15 Jun 2001, HQ Beijing, 10 members (India & Pakistan joined 9 Jun 2017 at Astana; Belarus in 2024), Secretary-General: Nurlan Yermekbayev, RATS HQ: Tashkent, Uzbekistan | As agreed at the 2026 Dushanbe CHG meeting

Q1478. **Nepal** | Became the 1st country to receive an emergency allocation ($21.6M set aside, including $20M support) from the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD, created at COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt in 2022) after the 26 Aug '26 Bhote Koshi–Trishuli flash floods (~$4.7B reconstruction need)

Q1479. **ASEAN (founded 8 Aug 1967, HQ Jakarta, Indonesia; 1st Summit in Bali in 1976; 2026 Chair: Philippines) has 11 members** | Timor-Leste (East Timor) became the 11th member on 26 Oct '25

Q1480. **EAM S. Jaishankar attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta, USA (hosted by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio)** | G20: est. 1999, 1st Summit 2008 (Washington D.C.), 19 countries + EU + AU (joined 2023) | Upcoming G20 Hosts: 2027 | United Kingdom | 2028 | South Korea

Q1481. **Smriti Mandhana & UNICEF** | Appointed: UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate | Focus: Girls' rights, equal opportunities, adolescent empowerment, health | UNICEF HQ: New York (est 11 Dec 1946) | ED: Catherine Russell | Ans: Supporting girls' rights, equal opportunities, adolescent girls' empowerment, and health | Executive Director is Catherine Russell

Q1482. **International Criminal Court (ICC, est. under Rome Statute adopted 17 Jul 1998, effective 1 Jul 2002, HQ The Hague, Netherlands)** | Won the 2026 EU Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought (instituted 1988, prize money EUR 50,000, announced by Roberta Metsola) | Carrying EUR 50,000, announced by European Parliament Pres Roberta Metsola

Q1483. **2026 Global Hunger Index (GHI, by Welthungerhilfe & Concern Worldwide; Theme: 'No Security Without Food Security'): India ranked 100th out of 122 countries with a score of 24.1 ('Serious' category; Undernourishment 9.8%, Child wasting 19.0%, Child stunting 29.3%, Child mortality 2.7%)** | Neighbours: Sri Lanka (53), Nepal (72), Myanmar (72), Bangladesh (84), Pakistan (106), Afghanistan (108)

Q1484. **WJP Rule of Law Index 2026** | India ranked 88th out of 143 countries with score 0.48 (down from 86th in 2025) | Top 5: 1. Denmark (0.95), 2. Norway (0.92), 3. Finland (0.92), 4. New Zealand (0.86), 5. Sweden (0.85) | Slipping two places from 86th in 2025

Q1485. **International Day of Non-Violence** | Observed: 2 Oct | est.: UNGA in 2007 | Commemorates: Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (philosophy and practice of non-violence)

Q1486. **World Habitat Day 2026** | Observed: First Monday of Oct (5 Oct '26) | Theme: 'Adequate Housing for All'

Q1487. **World Food Day** | Observed: 16 Oct by FAO | 2026 Theme: 'Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow'

Q1488. **World Sight Day 2026 (2nd Thursday of Oct) observed on 8 Oct '26** | United Nations Day (est. 24 Oct 1945, HQ New York, 193 member states, 9th SG Antonio Guterres [Portugal]) and World Development Information Day (est. 1972) are observed on 24 Oct | Marking the 1945 UN Charter; 193 members, 9th SG Antonio Guterres

Q1489. **International Day of Care and Support** | Observed: 29 Oct | 2026 Theme: 'Building sustainable care and support systems through decent work'

Q1490. **Anuj Shrivatri (Madhya Pradesh) won the 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open Chess Championship 2026 in the Philippines to earn a direct GM title** | Became India's 100th Chess Grandmaster and 1st GM from Madhya Pradesh

Q1491. **India** | Announced a $500M Line of Credit (LoC) for Guyana (Pres: Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali; Capital: Georgetown) on the sidelines of CHOGM 2026 in Antigua and Barbuda | Capital: Georgetown, Currency: Dollar

Q1492. **COP31 began in Antalya, Turkiye (Pres: Murat Kurum)** | COP30 (2025): Belem, Brazil | COP32 (2027): Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | UNFCCC: adopted 1992, effective 21 Mar 1994, COP1 held in Berlin in 1995

Q1493. **28th CHOGM 2026 held in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda (Chair: PM Gaston Browne)** | Theme: 'Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth' | Commonwealth of Nations: Founded 1931, HQ London, 56 members (56th: Togo), Secretary-General: Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey

Q1494. **Philippines will host the 49th ASEAN Summit 2026 in Manila (Chair: Pres Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.; Theme: 'Navigating Our Future, Together')** | ASEAN: Est. 1967, HQ Jakarta, SG Kao Kim Hourn (15th, Cambodia), 11 members (11th: TimorLeste)

Q1495. **Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda attended the 1st BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka (adopted Revised BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Public Health 2026–2030)** | Thailand offered to host the 2nd BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting in 2028

Q1496. **India hosts the inaugural SCO Civilisational Dialogue (proposed by PM Modi) in New Delhi** | Pakistan nominated Federal Minister Dr. Musadik Masood Malik | SCO: Formed 15 Jun 2001, HQ Beijing, 10 members (China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Belarus) | Heads of State Summits: 2026 Kyrgyzstan, 2027 Pakistan | Heads of Govt Summits: 2026 Tajikistan, 2027 Uzbekistan

Q1497. **Indian diplomat Shivani Gupta elected to the 21-member UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the 2027–2029 term** | First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the UN | ACABQ, a subsidiary body of the UN General Assembly

Q1498. **WIPO Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026 (19th edition)** | India ranked 38th out of 139 economies (Score 40.1; Inputs: 49th, Outputs: 25th; #1 in Lower-middle-income group & #1 in Central/Southern Asia) | Top 5 Globally: 1. Switzerland (66.7), 2. Sweden (63.2), 3. USA (62.3), 4. South Korea (61.4), 5. Singapore (61.0)

Q1499. **GII 2026 Top Innovation Clusters** | 1. Shenzhen–Hong Kong–Guangzhou, 2. Tokyo–Yokohama, 3. San Jose–San Francisco, 4. Beijing, 5. Seoul | Indian Clusters in Global List: Bengaluru (No. 25) and Delhi (No. 27)

Q1500. **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists** | Observed: 2 Nov | 2026 Theme: 'Threats Evolve. Impunity Endures.'

[77] BRICS (India's 2026 Chairship & Meetings) 12 Qs

Q1501. **NSA Ajit Doval** | Hosted the BRICS NSAs Meeting in New Delhi under India's 2026 BRICS Chairship theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability'

Q1502. **11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting held in Gurugram, Haryana (attended by all 11 BRICS members)** | Theme: 'Energy for All' | India highlighted its target of 410 GWh energy storage capacity by 2032 | Highlighting India's goal of 410 GWh energy storage capacity by 2032

Q1503. **Uzbekistan (Capital: Tashkent; Currency: Som)** | Joined New Development Bank (NDB) as its 10th member and 1st Central Asian member (alongside Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, UAE, Bangladesh, and Algeria) | CETA, signed on 24 Jul '25 | NDB, HQ Shanghai, Pres: Dilma Rousseff | The India–UK Free Trade Agreement will officially enter into force on 15 Jul '26

Q1504. **India** | Hosted the 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda

Q1505. **'Friends of MY Bharat' Module** | Launched by MoS Raksha Khadse at BRICS Youth Summit (Gandhinagar) | Connects diaspora Indian-origin youth with MY Bharat nation-building initiatives

Q1506. **18th BRICS Summit (12–13 Sep '26, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi)** | India hosts for 4th time (after 2012, 2016, 2021) | Theme: 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability' | Marks 20y of BRICS | Marking the 20th anniversary of BRICS

Q1507. **Telecom & ICT Bilateral MoU** | India and Brazil (signed by Jyotiraditya Scindia on sidelines of BRICS ICT Track Meeting, Pune) | Ans: Federative Republic of Brazil

Q1508. **BRICS Theatre Festival 2026 (12–14 Oct '26, Venue: New Delhi, Host: National School of Drama - NSD)** | Theme: 'Shared Stories, Shared Futures' (builds on Bhopal Declaration of 11th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting)

Q1509. **18th BRICS Summit 2026** | Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi | Chair: PM Narendra Modi | Theme: 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability' | Members: 11 countries (Indonesia joined in 2025; South Africa in 2010; 1st Summit: 2009 Russia; BRIC coined by Jim O'Neill in 2001 & formalised in 2006)

Q1510. **Russian Translation of 'Thirukkural' (ancient Tamil text by Thiruvalluvar)** | Gifted by PM Modi to Russian Pres Vladimir Putin at 18th BRICS Summit, New Delhi | Published by: CICT, Chennai | Translator: Naira Mkrtchyan

Q1511. **Parliament of India hosts the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi** | Theme: 'Strengthening / Fostering Parliaments for People-Centric Development'

Q1512. **Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** | Inaugurated the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Demonstration Games 2026 at Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Naranpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat (organised by MYAS & Govt of Gujarat under India's BRICS Chairship) | Featuring Mallakhamb, Yogasana, and Kalaripayattu

[78] International Relations, Foreign Visits & Global Leaders 70 Qs

Q1513. **Myanmar Pres U Min Aung Hlaing arrived in Gaya, Bihar for a 5-day visit and** | Was received by Bihar Gov Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.)

Q1514. **Malaysia began enforcing regulations on 1 Jun '26 prohibiting children under 16 from signing up for social media platforms** | After Australia became the 1st country globally to enforce a nationwide under-16 ban

Q1515. **Canada** | Introduced legislation to restrict social media access for children under 16 unless platforms prove safety | Joining countries like Australia, Brazil, and Indonesia

Q1516. **United Kingdom** | Announced plans to ban children under the age of 16 from using social media platforms

Q1517. **Swami Vivekananda Life-Size Statue** | Unveiled at the Consulate General of India in Chicago, USA by Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra (following Seattle in Apr '26)

Q1518. **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** | Became the 1st Arab country to fix 15y as the nationwide min age for social media accounts | Applicable across Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube

Q1519. **Colombia elected right-wing lawyer Abelardo De La Espriella as Pres, succeeding Gustavo Petro (Colombia's 1st left-wing Pres)** | UK PM Keir Starmer also announced his resignation in Jun '26

Q1520. **Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi scheduled to visit India (1–3 Jul '26) for the 16th India–Japan Annual Summit in New Delhi**

Q1521. **South Korean Pres Lee Jae Myung nominated Han Seong-sook as PM** | making her the 2nd female PM in South Korea's history | Replacing Kim Min-seok | 2006–2007

Q1522. **India's Haj Mission** | Won two Labbaytum Awards in Saudi Arabia under the Best Haj Coordination and Communication category. India's total Hajj quota is fixed at 1,75,025 pilgrims | Given yrly by the Saudi Haj Ministry

Q1523. **Slovakia's 'Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class)'** | Presented by Slovak Pres Peter Pellegrini to PM Narendra Modi (his 33rd international honour) | 's highest civilian and military state decoration—'

Q1524. **Seychelles Pres Patrick Herminie conferred Seychelles' highest honour 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' on PM Modi during Seychelles' 50th Independence Day** | PM Modi became 1st Indian PM to address Seychelles' National Assembly & handed over Fast Patrol Vessel 'PS LESPWAR' | Golden Jubilee

Q1525. **Operationalised on 1 Jun '26** | the India–Oman CEPA grants duty-free access to 99.38% of India's exports by value, covering 98.08% of Oman's tariff lines

Q1526. **India–Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)** | Rules of Implementation adopted under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement

Q1527. **The SHANTI Act, 2025 (Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Act, 2025)** | Allows Indian private companies and joint ventures to construct, own, and operate nuclear power plants alongside India's 100 GW by 2047 target

Q1528. **The United States fixed its permanent tariff rate on Indian imports at 10% (down from the earlier proposed 12.5%)** | After a forced-labour trade investigation

Q1529. **India–Seychelles Umbrella Line of Credit (LoC)** | Amount: ₹1,250 Cr | Purpose: Development + infrastructure projects | Ministry: MEA (S. Jaishankar) | Led by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar

Q1530. **Ali Khamenei Funeral** | India sent official delegation to Iran (Capital: Tehran | Currency: Iranian Rial | MEA Minister: S. Jaishankar)

Q1531. **India–New Zealand Bilateral Trade Target by 2030** | ₹35,000 Cr (~$4B / NZD 7B) | PM Modi's visit: 1st by an Indian PM in ~40y | New Zealand PM: Christopher Luxon | Capital: Wellington | FTA signed: 27 Apr '26 (up to NZ$20B investment over 15y) | Capital: Wellington; Currency: New Zealand Dollar; PM: Christopher Luxon

Q1532. **Thailand** | Will continue visa-free entry for Indian passport holders, but has reduced the max permissible stay duration from 60 days to 30 days

Q1533. **PM Modi gifted NZ PM Christopher Luxon three items** | (1) a Dhokra Tree of Life sculpture from Bastar, Chhattisgarh, (2) a traditional Uttarakhandi Pahari Cap, and (3) a hockey stick signed by the Indian Women's Hockey Team

Q1534. **France (Capital: Paris; Pres: Emmanuel Macron)** | Became the 1st European Union (EU) country to pass legislation banning social media usage for children below 15y of age

Q1535. **India's High Commissioner to Malaysia (Capital: Kuala Lumpur | Currency: Ringgit)** | Somnath Ghosh (previously Consul General in Chicago)

Q1536. **Peru Presidential Election 2026 (Capital: Lima | Currency: Sol)** | Pres-elect: Keiko Fujimori

Q1537. **India's Next Ambassador to North Korea (Capital: Pyongyang | Currency: Won)** | Sanjeev Jain (previously Ambassador to Cabo Verde)

Q1538. **Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada** | Approved Serhii Koretskyi as the new PM of Ukraine, replacing Yulia Svyrydenko (Capital: Kyiv; Currency: Hryvnia; Pres: Volodymyr Zelenskyy)

Q1539. **Andy Burnham** | Became the 59th PM of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Labour Party, succeeding Sir Keir Starmer | The 7th UK PM in the last decade

Q1540. **After Pres Mohammed Shahabuddin resigned** | Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad assumed charge as the Acting Pres of Bangladesh | After resignation of Bangladesh Pres Mohammed Shahabuddin nearly two years before the completion of his five-year term

Q1541. **Ngulkham Jathom Gangte (Special Secretary in the MEA)** | Appt: India's next Ambassador to Mexico | Previously serving as Special Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs

Q1542. **PM Modi Conferred Indonesia's Highest Civilian Honour** | 'Bintang Adipurna of Republic of Indonesia' (Instituted: 1959) | Presented by Pres Prabowo Subianto

Q1543. **58th International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) 2026 in Tashkent** | Uzbekistan, all four Indian participants won Gold Medals, placing India joint 1st globally among 93 nations | Debadatta Priyadarshi, Harshit Singla, Kabeer Chillar, and Sandeep Kuchi

Q1544. **Bucharest University of Economic Studies in Romania** | Conferred the honorary title of 'Doctor Honoris Causa' on Pres Droupadi Murmu for her public service, social inclusion, and contribution to India–Romania ties

Q1545. **India–Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA)** | Signed in Sep '25 in New Delhi | Came into force in Jul '26

Q1546. **Australia possesses the world's largest uranium reserves** | accounting for more than one-3rd (1/3rd) of global uranium resources. The arrangement enables long-term uranium exports to India under IAEA safeguards | Effective 2015

Q1547. **The India–UK Double Contribution Convention (DCC) exempts temporary detached workers posted in the other country from paying dual social security contributions for a period of ≤60m (5y)**

Q1548. **India and Romania (Pres Nicușor Dan)** | Signed 3 agreements at Cotroceni Palace, Bucharest across Science & Technology, Sports, and Education & Culture (establishing an ICCR Chair of Indian Studies at the University of Bucharest)

Q1549. **Nauru Officially Renamed** | 'Republic of Naoero' (native Nauruan language spelling) | World's 3rd-smallest country by population (after Vatican City & Tuvalu) | Currency: Australian Dollar

Q1550. **60y of Diplomatic Ties** | India & Guyana (Capital: Georgetown | Currency: Guyanese Dollar | Independence: 26 May 1966) | Attended by MoS Pabitra Margherita

Q1551. **Mecca Joint Defence Agreement** | Signatories: Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Türkiye (at Mecca Al- Mukarramah Summit) | Core Principle: Collective defence (attack on one treated as attack on all)

Q1552. **1st Arab Country to Abolish Death Penalty** | Lebanon (Replaced with life imprisonment with aggravated hard labour) | 1st Country Globally: Venezuela

Q1553. **France's 1st Traditional Hindu Temple** | BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir at Bussy-Saint-Georges (eastern Paris) | 13-day 'Festival of Culture' | Ans: BAPS (Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha)

Q1554. **New Zealand Under-16 Social Media Ban Bill** | Introduced by PM Christopher Luxon (follows Australia as pioneer in under-16 social media restrictions)

Q1555. **Uruguay National Day Celebrations (25 Aug)** | India represented by Sibi George (Secretary West, MEA) | Commemorates: Declaration of Independence of 25 Aug 1825

Q1556. **Vishwesh Negi** | Appointed India's next Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco (Capital: Rabat | Currency: Moroccan Dirham)

Q1557. **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Public Service & Innovation (AIPSI, Mauritius)** | Vice-Chancellor: Dr. Bhooma VG (Announced by MEA)

Q1558. **Zambia Presidential Election** | Hakainde Hichilema re-elected for 2nd 5y term (1st elected 2021) | Capital: Lusaka | Currency: Zambian Kwacha

Q1559. **23rd Pres of Bangladesh** | Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir (BNP, 1st contested election in 35y) | Succeeds: Mohammed Shahabuddin

Q1560. **Birth Centenary Commemorative Postage Stamp** | Satish Gujral (born 25 Dec 1925; Padma Vibhushan 1999; designed Belgium Embassy in New Delhi) | Released by Jyotiraditya Scindia | Born 25 Dec 1925, conferred the Padma Vibhushan in 1999, and famous for designing the Belgium Embassy in New Delhi

Q1561. **India + Uzbekistan** | Comprehensive Strategic Partnership | Leaders: PM Narendra Modi + Pres Shavkat Mirziyoyev | Bilateral Trade Target: $5B by 2030 | Static: Capital: Tashkent | Currency: Uzbekistani Som

Q1562. **India–Uzbekistan Cultural & Environmental Package** | $1M grant for Aral Sea environmental rehabilitation + Lal Bahadur Shastri Hindi Scholarship + Buddhist sites Fayaz Tepa & Kara Tepa restoration + ICCR Sanskrit Chair at Tashkent State University | Under the newly upgraded India–Uzbekistan Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

Q1563. **Belgium PM Bart De Wever's India Visit (1st in 20y)** | FY26 Bilateral Trade: ~$13.01B | Target: Double to ~$26B yrly in next 5y | Belgium: Brussels | Euro | Capital: Brussels; Currency: Euro

Q1564. **Thailand Visa-Free Entry for Indians** | ≤30 days for Indian ordinary passport holders | Effective from: 15 Sep '26

Q1565. **EU First 'Associate Member' Proposal** | Proposed by European Commission Pres Ursula von der Leyen for Canada (PM: Mark Carney) | EU Static: Formed 1993 | 27 members | HQ: Brussels | Council Pres: António Costa | EU—formed in 1993 with 27 member states, HQ: Brussels, Belgium, with European Council Pres António Costa

Q1566. **India–Vietnam 'Friendship Year' 2027** | Marks 55y of diplomatic relations | Announced at 19th India– Vietnam Joint Commission Meeting in New Delhi (Co-chaired by S. Jaishankar & Lê Hoài Trung)

Q1567. **US–Denmark–Greenland Arctic Security Agreement (Signed in New York by Donald Trump, Mette Frederiksen & Jens-Frederik Nielsen; amends 1951 agreement)** | Expands US presence to Narsarsuaq & Mestersvig (alongside existing Pituffik Space Base) | Greenland Capital: Nuuk

Q1568. **Estonia (Capital: Tallinn | Currency: Euro | Parliament: Riigikogu)** | New Pres: Ülle Madise | Succeeds: Alar Karis | 2nd woman Pres of Estonia (after Kersti Kaljulaid)

Q1569. **Norway (Capital: Oslo | Currency: Norwegian Krone)** | New King: Haakon VIII | Succeeds King Harald V (who died on 28 Aug '26, aged 89)

Q1570. **PM Modi in Tashkent** | Conferred 'Oliy Darajali Do‘stlik' Order (Order of Highest Friendship) by Pres Shavkat Mirziyoyev | Uzbekistan's highest honour for foreign leaders | PM Modi's 36th foreign honour since 2016

Q1571. **73rd Miss World 2026** | Venue: Nha Trang, Vietnam (1st time in Vietnam) | Winner: Joheirry Mola (Dominican Republic) | 1st Runner-up: Elisabeth Reynés (Spain) | 2nd Runner-up: Taunysia Thomas (Malaysia) | India's Nikita Porwal: Top 40

Q1572. **India–New Zealand FTA** | Signed: 27 Apr '26 | Effective: 20 Oct '26 | Key terms: 100% Indian goods dutyfree + 118 service sectors + $20B FDI commitment into India

Q1573. **Polish PM Donald Tusk visited India (his 2nd visit as PM after 2010)** | India & Poland agreed to double bilateral trade by 2030 under the Strategic Partnership Action Plan 2024–2028

Q1574. **Greek Parliament passed a law setting 15y as the min age for independent access to social media platforms, effective 1 Jan '27 (Australia was the 1st country to implement an under-16 ban in Dec '25)**

Q1575. **Brazilian Pres Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (Workers' Party) defeated right-wing Senator Flavio Bolsonaro in the 2026 presidential election to win a record 4th non-consecutive term** | Brazil: Capital Brasilia, Currency Real

Q1576. **Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein (accompanied by Hereditary Princess Sophie; Capital: Vaduz, Currency: Swiss Franc) visited India** | EFTA's 4 members: Switzerland, Norway, Iceland & Liechtenstein | India–EFTA TEPA: signed 10 Mar 2024, effective 1 Oct '25 ($100B investment & 1M direct jobs over 15y) | Acting Head of State

Q1577. **Sudhakar Dalela (Secretary [ER], MEA; former Ambassador to Bhutan) appointed India's next Ambassador to Nepal, succeeding Naveen Srivastava (who served since Jun 2022)** | Secretary [Economic Relations] in MEA and former Indian Ambassador to Bhutan

Q1578. **19th IOAA 2026 (Hanoi, Vietnam)** | India tally: 4 Gold, 1 Silver (5 medals) | Standing: Joint 3rd with Vietnam | Top nations: Iran & South Korea (5 Gold each)

Q1579. **India–New Zealand FTA came into force on 20 Oct '26 (signed 27 Apr '26)** | 100% duty-free access for Indian exports from Day 1 | Target: Double bilateral trade to NZ$7B (~₹35,000 Cr) by 2030 | New Zealand FDI commitment: $20B | Vijay Dashami

Q1580. **India & New Zealand signed MoC on Electronic Origin Data Exchange on 19 Oct '26** | Signed by CBIC Chairman Vivek Chaturvedi and New Zealand Customs Service Comptroller Christine Stevenson | 'Electronic Origin Data Exchange of Trade in Goods'

Q1581. **Bhutan set a Guinness World Record by building and consecrating 108 Buddhist stupas in ~9 hours at Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC)** | Stupa No. 76 was dedicated to PM Narendra Modi | Kiren Rijiju represented India | Jangchub Chortens | GMC, conceived by King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck with ~40,000 volunteers

Q1582. **India & Saudi Arabia signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj-2027 in Jeddah (during Kiren Rijiju's visit)** | India's confirmed Haj-2027 quota: 1,75,025 pilgrims

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Q1583. **Mirabai Chanu (Flag Bearer) and Lovlina Borgohain (Baton Bearer)** | Were named for the 2026 Glasgow CWG (Mascot: Finnie). The 2030 Commonwealth Games will be hosted by Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Usha announced Olympic medallists Mirabai Chanu and Lovlina Borgohain for the 23rd Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland

Q1584. **Indian judoka Arun Kumar** | Was provisionally suspended by NADA for an anti-doping violation and withdrawn from the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games contingent | 73 kg category

Q1585. **The 23rd Commonwealth Games in Glasgow** | Became the 1st edition in CWG history to introduce medals featuring Braille and tactile design elements for visually impaired athletes

Q1586. **Para powerlifter Jhandu Kumar (from Bihar)** | Won India's 1st medal at the Glasgow 2026 CWG—a Bronze in the men's heavyweight para powerlifting event with a best lift of 190 kg (130.9 points)

Q1587. **Manipuri weightlifter Chanambam Rishikanta Singh** | Won Silver in the men's 60 kg category at the Glasgow 2026 CWG with a combined lift of 264 kg | 1st medal in an able-bodied event, 2nd medal overall

Q1588. **31y-old Saikhom Mirabai Chanu lifted a combined 190 kg (85 kg Snatch + 105 kg Clean & Jerk) in the women's 48 kg event to win India's 1st Gold at Glasgow 2026 and her 3rd straight CWG Gold (after 2018 & 2022, plus 2014 Silver)** | 4 CWG medals overall

Q1589. **Chhattisgarh weightlifter Gyaneshwari Yadav** | Won Silver in the women's 53 kg category at the Glasgow 2026 CWG with a personal-best lift of 199 kg

Q1590. **Haryana's Sharmila Dhankar threw 9.81 metres to win Gold in the women's shot put F57 event at the 2026 CWG (India's 1st-ever CWG para-athletics gold), while Shilpa Shyla** | Won Bronze (7.26m) | Becoming India's 1st para-athlete to win a CWG athletics gold

Q1591. **Raja Muthupandi lifted a combined 286 kg to win Silver in the men's 65 kg weightlifting category at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games** | Registering his 3rd consecutive CWG medal after Gold Coast 2018 and Birmingham 2022

Q1592. **Gulveer Singh clocked 27 minutes 49.78 seconds at Scotstoun Stadium to win Silver in the men's 10,000- metre race—becoming the 1st Indian ever to win a CWG medal in the event**

Q1593. **Harjinder Kaur lifted a personal-best 227 kg to win Silver in the women's 69 kg weightlifting category at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games**

Q1594. **22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026 (27 Jul–2 Aug '26, Organisers: Delhi Govt + TTFI)** | Official Mascot: 'Mayur' | Venue: Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi | CM: Rekha Gupta

Q1595. **Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2026 (Lagos, Nigeria)** | India: Overall Champion (35 medals: 13 Gold, 8 Silver, 14 Bronze) | Won: Wilkinson Sword Trophy (1st time)

Q1596. **CWG 2026 (Glasgow) Historic 1st Judo Golds for India** | Asmita Dey (Women's 48 kg, Tripura | 1st Indian judoka to win CWG gold) & Harsh Singh (Men's 60 kg | 1st Indian male judoka to win CWG gold)

Q1597. **CWG 2026 (Glasgow) Men's Javelin Double Podium** | Silver: Neeraj Chopra (85.83 m) | Bronze: Yash Vir Singh (24y, 85.41 m) | Gold throw: 89.75 m

Q1598. **CWG Flag & Baton Handover at Glasgow 2026** | Next Host: Ahmedabad, Gujarat (2nd CWG in India after Delhi 2010) | 1st CWG: Hamilton, Canada (1930) | India's 1st CWG Gold: Milkha Singh (Cardiff, 1958)

Q1599. **2nd Commonwealth Cue Sports Championships 2026** | Host: Ahmedabad, Gujarat (Veer Savarkar Sports Complex; 1st edition: Mauritius 2025) | After inaugural edition held in Mauritius in 2025 | Under BSFI and WCBS

Q1600. **Indian women's cricketer Sabbhineni Meghana (from Andhra Pradesh; 2022 CWG Silver medallist & WPL 2024 winner with RCB)** | Retired from all forms of cricket | Been part of India's 2022 Birmingham CWG Silver-winning team and RCB's WPL 2024 titlewinning squad

Q1601. **Inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026 (Ahmedabad, Gujarat)** | India won both Men's (beat Sri Lanka) & Women's (beat Uganda) titles unbeaten | Aditya Shinde was India's top scorer in the final with 10 raid points (Super 10)

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Q1602. **In IPL 2026 (won by RCB over Gujarat Titans at Ahmedabad; POTM in Final: Virat Kohli), Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** | Won both MVP and the Orange Cap (776 runs, becoming the youngest-ever winner at 15y 65 days), while Kagiso Rabada won the Purple Cap (29 wickets) | Virat Kohli named Player of the Match in the final

Q1603. **15y-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi smashed a List A fifty in 11 balls for India A vs Sri Lanka A at Dambulla** | Broke Sri Lanka's Kusal Weeraratne's 12-ball List A fifty record (2005–06)

Q1604. **England Test captain Ben Stokes retired from Test cricket after the Trent Bridge Test vs New Zealand** | Only 2nd player in history after Jacques Kallis with 7,000+ Test runs & 250+ Test wickets

Q1605. **K. S. Bharat (1st wicket-keeper to hit a Ranji Trophy triple century in 2015)** | Retired from international cricket, while Russia's Mirra Andreeva defeated Poland's Maja Chwalinska to win the French Open 2026 women's singles title | Becoming the 1st Russian woman since Maria Sharapova in 2014 to win a Major

Q1606. **Kane Williamson (New Zealand) retired** | NZ's highest run-scorer across all formats with 19,346 international runs | Led NZ to inaugural WTC 2021 title

Q1607. **Smriti Mandhana** | Featured as the lone Indian sportsperson in TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026

Q1608. **Five-time World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand received the SJFI Medal at Madras Cricket Club, Chennai**

Q1609. **Shreyanka Patil** | Appointed Brand Ambassador of coconut hair oil brand KLF Nirmal for Karnataka | Representing India in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 in England and Wales

Q1610. **Rajasthan CM Bhajan Lal Sharma** | Launched the 'Yuva Suyog' platform to conduct ward-level and Panchayat- level tournaments in four sports: Cricket, Volleyball, Kabaddi, and Football

Q1611. **LA Olympics 2028 – Women's Cricket (Women's T20 format)** | India secured direct qualification (Asia berth; Captain: Harmanpreet Kaur) | Venue: Pomona, California

Q1612. **Women's T20 World Cup 2026 (Final at Lord's, London)** | Winner: Australia (7th title, beat England) | Player of Match & Series: Beth Mooney | Top Scorer: Danni Wyatt-Hodge (302 runs) | Most Wickets: Shree Charani (14)

Q1613. **India's Youngest International Cricketer** | Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (Age: 15y 99 days on T20I debut vs England at Old Trafford) > Broke Sachin Tendulkar's record (16y 205d)

Q1614. **Indian Women's Cricket Historic Test Win at Lord's (beat England by 270 runs; target 457)** | Yastika Bhatia: 113 runs (1st Indian woman Test century at Lord's) | Kranti Gaud: 5/37 & Player of Match (1st Indian woman 5-wicket haul at Lord's) | Defending a target of 457 to defeat England by 270 runs in a historic Women's Test victory at Lord's

Q1615. **Melbourne Renegades (designated home team)** | Will take on Perth Scorchers at M. A. Chidambaram Stadium (Chepauk), Chennai on 12 Dec in the opening fixture of the 2026–27 BBL season—the 1st BBL match staged outside Australia

Q1616. **New Zealand all-rounder Nathan Smith (Men's) and England batter Danni Wyatt-Hodge (Women's)** | Won the ICC Player of the Month awards for Jun '26

Q1617. **15y and 118 days** | Vaibhav Sooryavanshi smashed an 18-ball fifty against Zimbabwe at Harare to become the youngest Men's T20I half-centurion in history, surpassing Louis Bruce (Gibraltar)

Q1618. **The ICC confirmed The Oval in London as the host venue for the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Final 2027**

Q1619. **ICC Hall of Fame 2026 (Ceremony at Edinburgh, Scotland)** | Inductees: Sourav Ganguly (10th Indian man), Anjum Chopra (3rd Indian woman after Diana Edulji & Neetu David), and Kevin Pietersen (England) | After Gavaskar, Bedi, Kapil Dev, Kumble, Dravid, Tendulkar, Mankad, Sehwag, and Dhoni

Q1620. **Heather Knight (Former England Women's Captain)** | Retired from international cricket after 16y career & 320 matches (Final match: Test vs India at Lord's) | After a 16y career spanning 320 international matches across Test, ODI, and T20I formats

Q1621. **Ajinkya Rahane** | Retired from international cricket with 8,414 runs across formats and an unbeaten Test captaincy record, famously leading India to the 2–1 Border–Gavaskar Trophy win in Australia in 2020–21

Q1622. **PM Modi gifted former Australian captain Steve Waugh a nearly 20y-old photograph capturing their 1st meeting in Gujarat during his visit to the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)**

Q1623. **DRiV (Parent: Tenneco | Sector: Automotive Parts & Aftermarket)** | National Brand Ambassador: MS Dhoni | Automotive parts and aftermarket brand 'DRiV'—a business group of global automotive supplier Tenneco —appointed

Q1624. **Houlihan Lokey's 2026 IPL Brand Valuation Study** | the top 10 rankings are: (1) RCB ($312M, +16%), (2) Mumbai Indians ($264M), (3) KKR ($245M), (4) CSK ($244M), (5) SRH ($168M), (6) RR ($161M), (7) PBKS ($158M), (8) GT ($157M), (9) DC ($156M), and (10) LSG ($122M) | Ans: Mumbai Indians ($264M), Kolkata Knight Riders ($245M), and Chennai Super Kings ($244M)

Q1625. **In 2026, IPL's Business Enterprise Value** | Rose 11.4% to $20.6B (from ~$18.5B in 2025), while IPL's Standalone Brand Value grew 10.3% to $4.3B | 's 2026 IPL Brand Valuation Study, the IPL'

Q1626. **100 Test Sixes Milestone** | Rishabh Pant: 1st Indian cricketer & fastest in Test history (51 tests, 89 innings, 4,918 balls; 4th player overall after Stokes, McCullum, Gilchrist) | After Ben Stokes 138, Brendon McCullum 107, and Adam Gilchrist 100

Q1627. **John Turner (Fast Bowler)** | Announced retirement from professional cricket | Represented: England

Q1628. **Cricketer Karn Sharma (Leg-spinner, born Meerut UP)** | Announced retirement from all formats of competitive cricket (debuted T20I vs England in 2014)

Q1629. **Aimen Anwar (Pakistan Women's Fast Bowler)** | Announced retirement from international cricket with immediate effect

Q1630. **Inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027 (6 teams: Top 5 + Host)** | ICC withdrew Sri Lanka's hosting rights due to government interference in Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC)

Q1631. **ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027** | New Host: India (originally Sri Lanka) | Venues: Mumbai + Vadodara | 6 Teams: Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka | ICC Chairman: Jay Shah | ICC, founded on 15 Jun 1909, HQ: Dubai with Chairman Jay Shah

Q1632. **Most Test Half-Centuries (50s)** | Joe Root reached 69 Test 50s (during England vs Pakistan 3rd Test at Edgbaston) > Surpassed Sachin Tendulkar (68) > Shivnarine Chanderpaul (66) | Shivnarine Chanderpaul next on the list with 66

Q1633. **Longest Men's ODI Career** | Brendan Taylor (Zimbabwe): 22y 148 days (achieved in 1st ODI vs Australia at Harare) > Surpassed Sachin Tendulkar (22y 91 days)

Q1634. **Fastest T20I Century involving a Test-playing Nation** | Abhishek Sharma: 30 balls (vs Afghanistan, New Delhi) > Surpassed Finn Allen (33 balls) | Overall men's T20I record: Sahil Chauhan (27 balls vs Cyprus, 2024) | Estonia's Sahil Chauhan holds the overall men's T20I record with a 27-ball century vs Cyprus in 2024

Q1635. **Duleep Trophy 2026–27 (Final at M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai)** | Winner: East Zone (3rd title, defeated South Zone) | Captain & Player of Match: Ishan Kishan | Player of Series: Tilak Varma | Most titles overall: West Zone (19) | West Zone remaining the most successful team with 19 titles

Q1636. **Smriti Mandhana** | Leading T20I run-scorer across men's & women's cricket with 4,788 runs (171 innings) > Surpassed Suzie Bates (4,758 runs) | Also surpassed Mithali Raj (10,868 runs) in overall women's international cricket

Q1637. **Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026 (8th overall edition, 6th T20 edition, Venue: Dubai)** | Winner: India (defeated Sri Lanka by 72 runs in the final) | 6th edition played in the T20 format

Q1638. **Asian Games 2026 Women's Cricket Gold (Korogi Athletic Park, Nagoya, Japan)** | India (216/3, highest score in Asian Games women's cricket, Captain: Harmanpreet Kaur) defeated Sri Lanka by 147 runs (2nd consecutive gold after 2022; Bronze: Pakistan)

Q1639. **Smriti Mandhana** | First women's cricketer to score 11,000 international runs (achieved during Asian Games 2026 final vs Sri Lanka; earlier passed Mithali Raj's 10,868 runs) | Earlier surpassed Mithali Raj's 10,868 international runs and Suzie Bates's T20I record

Q1640. **Virat Kohli** | 2nd batter in ODI history to reach 15,000 ODI runs (vs West Indies at Greenfield International Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram) | Highest ODI runs: Sachin Tendulkar (18,426 runs)

Q1641. **Dean Elgar (Former South Africa Test Captain)** | Announced retirement from all forms of professional cricket | Represented Essex County Cricket Club, England

Q1642. **Mark Wood (England fast bowler)** | Retired from international cricket | Stats: 146 international matches, 253 wickets | Member of 2019 ODI WC & 2022 T20 WC winning teams

Q1643. **Asian Games Men's Cricket Gold** | India beat Pakistan by 19 runs (Nisshin, Japan) | Score: India 211/6 | Top scorers: Abhishek Sharma (61 off 28), Tilak Varma (51* off 22) | After posting 211/6 in 20 overs

Q1644. **63rd Irani Cup 2026-27** | Rest of India beat Ranji champions J&K by 167 runs in Srinagar | Rest of India holds record 31 titles (Tournament started in 1960)

Q1645. **ICC Player of the Month (Sep '26)** | Men's: Shubman Gill (record 5th time) | Women's: Shafali Verma (2nd time)

Q1646. **England captain Harry Brook hit the fastest double-century in ODI history in 114 balls against Sri Lanka in Rawalpindi (during the Pakistan-hosted ODI tri-series), breaking India's Shubman Gill's 117-ball record**

Q1647. **Left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh** | Became the 1st Indian bowler to take 150 wickets in T20 Internationals (dismissing Mitchell Santner vs New Zealand at Eden Park, Auckland) | Achieving the milestone by dismissing Mitchell Santner against New Zealand at Eden Park, Auckland

Q1648. **Kainat Imtiaz Retirement** | Pakistan women's fast bowler Kainat Imtiaz announced retirement from international cricket

Q1649. **Indian women's cricketer Punam Raut (Maharashtra) retired from all forms of international cricket** | In 2017, Punam Raut and Deepti Sharma shared a record 320-run opening partnership against Ireland

Q1650. **Pragyan Ojha became Chairman of the BCCI Senior Men's Selection Committee (succeeding Ajit Agarkar) as Ramesh Powar joined as member** | BCCI (est. 1928, HQ Mumbai): Pres Mithun Manhas, VP Rajeev Shukla, Secretary Devajit Saikia

Q1651. **15y-old Karnataka all-rounder Uma Kashvi (15y, 202 days) became the youngest player ever bought in a WPL auction (breaking Deeya Yadav's record)** | Signed by Delhi Capitals at base price of ₹10L in Kochi | At 15y and 202 days old, breaking 16y-old Deeya Yadav's record

Q1652. **WPL 2027 Auction (Kochi)** | Australian all-rounder Sophie Molineux was the costliest buy at ₹1.10 Cr (UP Warriorz) | India's Kiran Navgire was the 2nd-highest buy overall and costliest Indian player at ₹75L (Delhi Capitals)

Q1653. **ICC Players of the Month for Oct '26** | South Africa all-rounder Marco Jansen (Men's) and India all- rounder Deepti Sharma (Women's)

Q1654. **Australia's Glenn Maxwell retired from international cricket after a 14y career** | Won 2015 ODI WC, 2021 T20 WC & 2023 ODI WC (famous for 201* vs Afghanistan) | Joint-most T20I centuries (5) alongside Rohit Sharma

Q1655. **Indian pacer Mohammed Shami** | Retired from Test cricket with 229 wickets in 64 Tests (Test debut vs West Indies at Eden Gardens on 6 Nov 2013)

[81] Chess & FIDE — 21 Qs

Q1656. **R. Vaishali** | Beat Kazakhstan's Alua Nurman to win the WR Chess Women's Rapid title in Tokyo, while Germany's Alexander Zverev defeated Italy's Flavio Cobolli to win the French Open 2026 men's singles crown | Becoming the 1st German man since Boris Becker in 1996 to win a Grand Slam | Vaishali won the WR Chess Women's Rapid Tournament in Tokyo by defeating Kazakhstan's Alua Nurman in the final

Q1657. **India** | Beat Bangladesh 3–1 in Margao, Goa to win the SAFF Women's Championship 2026 for a record 6th time, while Savitha Shri Baskar won the 2026 Women's Asian Individual Chess Championship in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia | India's 13th title

Q1658. **R. Praggnanandhaa** | Defeated Germany's Vincent Keymer in the final round in Oslo to become the 1st Indian to win the Norway Chess title | From Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Wesley So finishing 2nd and Alireza Firouzja 3rd

Q1659. **14y-old Ethan Vaz (Goa)** | Became India's 96th Chess Grandmaster (and 3rd GM from Goa after Anurag Mhamal & Leon Mendonca) at the Sarajevo GM Mix Tournament in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Q1660. **India's 97th Chess Grandmaster (awarded by FIDE)** | Harshavardhan

Q1661. **Vladimir Kramnik (Russia, former World Chess Champion)** | Handed 2y worldwide ban by FIDE for violating the FIDE Ethics & Disciplinary Code

Q1662. **India's 98th Chess Grandmaster** | Aswath S. (Age: 17, from Chennai; achieved at Pune International RoundRobin)

Q1663. **The inaugural FIDE Excellence Awards** | Will be presented during the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan in Sep '26, where 6 Indians (Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa, Arjun, Divya Deshmukh, Humpy, and Vaishali) are nominated | Best Male

Q1664. **FIDE was founded on 20 Jul 1924 in Paris and is currently HQ** | Lausanne, Switzerland

Q1665. **French Grandmaster Alireza Firouzja** | Won the Chennai Grand Masters title and ₹25L cash prize after drawing with Arjun Erigaisi in the final round

Q1666. **V. S. Rathanvel (from Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu)** | Became India's 99th Chess Grandmaster at the Guwahati Smart City International Open 2026

Q1667. **FIDE Deputy Pres Viswanathan Anand took charge as Interim Pres of FIDE after Pres Arkady Dvorkovich** | Was listed in the European Union's (EU) 21st sanctions package

Q1668. **Grand Chess Tour St. Louis Rapid & Blitz 2026 Title** | Winner: Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa (drew vs Javokhir Sindarov; earlier won Norway Chess 2026 in Jun)

Q1669. **Esports World Cup 2026 Chess Champion (Paris, France)** | Magnus Carlsen (Norway, Team Liquid) beat Denis Lazavik 2–0 | Winner prize: $250,000 (defended 2025 title) | Hikaru Nakamura taking 3rd place and a total prize fund of $1.5M

Q1670. **Kanizsa Open 2026 (Nagykanizsa, Hungary) Group A Winner** | Grandmaster Pranesh M (Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu)

Q1671. **Grand Chess Tour Champion 2026** | Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa (1st Indian winner in history) | Defeated Fabiano Caruana 15–13 in final at St. Louis ($200,000 prize) | Earning $200,000 prize money

Q1672. **46th Chess Olympiad (Venue: Samarkand, Uzbekistan)** | India won Nona Gaprindashvili Trophy for 3rd consecutive time (2022, 2024, 2026) | India's medals: Open Silver (Gold: Uzbekistan) + Women's Bronze (Gold: China) | 47th Chess Olympiad host: Abu Dhabi, UAE | Behind gold medallist Uzbekistan

Q1673. **Bodhana Sivanandan (Indian-origin chess prodigy based in England)** | Highlighted for becoming the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster

Q1674. **Indian-origin English prodigy Bodhana Sivanandan** | Became the youngest female International Master (IM) in history at 11y, 7m, and 16 days at the European Club Cup in Budva, Montenegro (breaking Hungary's Judit Polgar's record; also became youngest WGM at the 46th Chess Olympiad in Samarkand) | Breaking Judit Polgar's record, weeks after becoming the youngest Woman Grandmaster [WGM] at the 46th Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Q1675. **Indian GM V. Pranav (Tamil Nadu)** | Won the Open title at the FIDE World Junior Blitz Championship 2026 in Al Ain, UAE (and won Silver in Rapid behind Uzbekistan's Khumoyun Begmuratov)

Q1676. **17 Arjuna Award 2025 Recipients** | Tejaswin Shankar, Muhammed Ajmal V, Priyanka Goswami (Athletics) | Treesa Jolly, Pullela Gayatri Gopichand (Badminton) | Narender (Boxing) | Vidit Gujrathi, Divya Deshmukh (Chess) | Dhanush Srikanth (Deaf Shooting) | Lalremsiami, Rajkumar Pal (Hockey) | Surjeet, Pooja (Kabaddi) | Rudransh Khandelwal (Para-shooting) | Ekta Bhyan (Paraathletics) | Arvind Singh (Rowing) | Akhil Sheoran (Shooting) | Announced on 18 Aug '26

[82] Tennis (Wimbledon, US Open & ATP/WTA) — 24 Qs

Q1677. **Wimbledon 2026** | Record total prize purse of £64.2M (~$85.74M), with Men's and Women's Singles champions earning £3.6M each | The Championships, Wimbledon—founded in 1877 in London, the oldest tennis tournament in the world

Q1678. **Former Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova (Czech Republic) received a 4y ban from the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA)**

Q1679. **Wimbledon 2026 (Grand Slam Tennis)** | Venue: All England Club, London | Surface: Grass

Q1680. **Wimbledon 2026 Women's Singles (All England Club, London)** | Winner: Linda Noskova (Czech Republic, age 21; 1st Grand Slam title) defeated Karolina Muchova

Q1681. **Wimbledon 2026 Men's Singles** | Winner: Jannik Sinner (Italy) defeated Alexander Zverev | 2nd Wimbledon title & 5th Grand Slam title (1st Italian to defend Wimbledon Men's Singles title) | Defeating Germany's Alexander Zverev in the Wimbledon 2026 Men's Singles final on the grass courts of the All England Club, London

Q1682. **U Mumba TT** | Defeated Dempo Goa Challengers in Goa to clinch Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 7 (launched in 2017 under TTFI), winning back-to-back titles in 2025 and 2026

Q1683. **Stan Wawrinka (Switzerland, 3-time Grand Slam tennis champion)** | Announced retirement from tennis

Q1684. **Leander Paes (7 consecutive Olympics, 1996 Atlanta Olympics bronze medallist, retired 2021)** | Appointed Player Ambassador of the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF, Est. 1958, HQ: Hong Kong, China)

Q1685. **Bonn Open 2026 (ATP Challenger Doubles Title)** | Winners: Ramkumar Ramanathan & Vijay Sundar Prashanth (beat Scott Duncan & Adam Heinonen) | Ramkumar's 2nd title of 2026 (13th career Challenger) | Marking the 13th career Challenger doubles title for one of the partners

Q1686. **Canadian Open 2026 Singles Champions** | Women's: Iga Świątek (Poland, beat Elena Rybakina in Toronto) | Men's: Ben Shelton (USA, beat Brandon Nakashima in Montreal) | National Bank Open presented by Rogers

Q1687. **US Open 2026 Record Player Compensation** | $108M (largest in tennis history, +20% YoY) | Singles champion payout: $5.5M

Q1688. **Cancun Country Open (Mexico) Doubles Champions** | N. Sriram Balaji & Anirudh Chandrasekar beat Reyes- Varela & Liutarevich

Q1689. **Sports Ministry Suspends Recognition** | Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) | Over governance & delayed elections | Directed IOA (Pres: P. T. Usha) to form Ad-hoc Committee

Q1690. **Roger Federer Inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame** | 20-time Grand Slam Swiss icon | Ceremony location: Newport, Rhode Island, USA

Q1691. **US Open 2026 Mixed Doubles Champions** | Karolina Muchova + Jakub Mensik (1st Grand Slam title as a team) | Defeated: Belinda Bencic + Flavio Cobolli

Q1692. **US Open 2026 Women's Singles (Arthur Ashe Stadium, New York)** | Winner: Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan) defeated Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) | Rybakina's 1st US Open title & 3rd Grand Slam title (also won 2026 Australian Open)

Q1693. **US Open 2026 Women's Doubles Champions** | Taylor Townsend (USA) + Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic) | Defeated Ashlyn Krueger & Robin Montgomery | Completed Career Grand Slam in women's doubles | Winning all 4 Grand Slam tournaments at least once | 's Doubles title, thereby completing a'

Q1694. **US Open 2026 Men's Singles (Arthur Ashe Stadium, New York)** | Winner: Alexander Zverev (Germany) defeated Ben Shelton (USA) | Zverev's 1st US Open title & 2nd Grand Slam title (after French Open 2026)

Q1695. **Jay Meena** | Won Bronze in Men's Singles Soft Tennis at Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026 | First Indian ever to win an Asian Games medal in Soft Tennis | A sport played with a lightweight rubber ball rather than a felt-covered lawn tennis ball

Q1696. **Parikshit Somani (Indian tennis player)** | Handed 4y doping ban | Prohibited substance detected: Trimetazidine

Q1697. **Yuki Bhambri (India) & Ryan Seggerman (USA) won the Men's Doubles title at the ATP 250 Almaty Open 2026 in Kazakhstan (defeating Austria's Lucas Miedler & Neil Oberleitner)** | Bhambri's 1st ATP title of 2026 and 5th career ATP doubles title | Defeating Austria's Lucas Miedler and Neil Oberleitner in the final to claim his 5th career ATP Tour doubles title

Q1698. **Asian Games Mixed Doubles TT Bronze** | Manush Shah & Diya Chitale won bronze (lost 0-4 to Wang Chuqin & Sun Yingsha in SF) | India's 2nd mixed doubles medal after Sharath Kamal & Manika Batra (2018)

Q1699. **WTT China Smash Milestone** | Manush Shah & Diya Chitale became 1st Indian mixed doubles pair to reach semifinals of a WTT Grand Smash (in Beijing)

Q1700. **Vaishnavi Adkar & Rutuja Bhosale** | Became the 1st all-Indian pair to reach a WTA Tour-level women's doubles final at the Chennai Open 2026 (beat Poland's Weronika Falkowska & USA's Alana Smith in SF; lost to Switzerland's Naima Karamoko & Simona Waltert in final) | Finishing as runners-up to Switzerland's Naima Karamoko and Simona Waltert

[83] Badminton & BWF — 15 Qs

Q1701. **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** | Defeated Indonesia's Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Fajar Alfian in the final to win the Singapore Open 2026 men's doubles title

Q1702. **US Open Badminton 2026 (USA)** | Kidambi Srikanth won Silver medal

Q1703. **PV Sindhu** | Defeated Japan's three-time World Champion Akane Yamaguchi to clinch the Japan Open 2026 (BWF Super 750), becoming the 1st-ever Indian shuttler to win the Japan Open | Her 1st BWF World Tour Super 750 crown

Q1704. **'Peacko' (inspired by the Indian Peacock)** | Was unveiled as the mascot for the BWF World Championships 2026 to be held in New Delhi

Q1705. Taipei Open 2026 (BWF World Tour Super 300) Women's Singles Champion | Tanvi Sharma (17y 222 days | youngest champion in Taipei Open history) | Defeated Vietnam's Nguyen Thuy Linh

Q1706. Biri Takar (Arunachal Pradesh para shuttler) | Won Silver (Men's Singles SL4) & Bronze (Men's Doubles) at Brazil Para Badminton International 2026

Q1707. Korea Masters 2026 Women's Singles Title (BWF World Tour) | Winner: Ashmita Chaliha (Assam | 1st Indian to win Korea Masters women's singles) | Defeated: Han Qian Xi (China)

Q1708. India Open Super 750 Badminton Tournament 2028 | Shifted from New Delhi to Guwahati, Assam ($950,000 marquee BWF World Tour event) | Traditionally held in New Delhi, the marquee $950,000 BWF World Tour badminton tournament 'India Open Super 750' will be shifted

Q1709. Satwik–Chirag | Won China Masters 2026 (BWF Super 750, Shenzhen, China) | Defeated: He Ji Ting & Ren Xiang Yu | 1st China Masters title, 2nd title of 2026 (after Singapore Open), and 10th BWF World Tour title overall

Q1710. National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) for Swimming | Location: Amingaon Sports Complex, Guwahati | Tripartite MoU: SAI + BAI + Sports Authority of Assam (SAA)

Q1711. P. V. Sindhu finished runner-up in Women's Singles at the French Open 2026 in Paris | losing to South Korea's World No. 1 An Se-young (who won her 3rd consecutive French Open title) | Giving the winner her 3rd consecutive French Open title

Q1712. 5th Asian Para Games (Nagoya 2026) | India Flag-Bearers: Pramod Bhagat & Bhavina Patel | Official Mascot: 'Uzumin' | Para badminton, 6-time Asian Para Games medallist | Para table tennis medallist

Q1713. Para-badminton player Pramod Bhagat & para-sprinter Simran Sharma (replacing initially selected Bhavina Patel) served as India's opening ceremony flag-bearers at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026 at Paloma Mizuho Stadium, Aichi-Nagoya, Japan (Theme: 'WABI: We Are Beautiful Individuals'; 18 sports; 281-member contingent with 168 athletes [112 men, 56 women])

Q1714. Hylo Open Super 500 (2026, Saarbrucken, Germany) | P. V. Sindhu won Women's Singles (beat Denmark's Line Hojmark Kjaersfeldt; Sindhu's 2nd title of 2026 after Japan Open) | Lakshya Sen won Men's Singles (beat Indonesia's Jonatan Christie; Sen's 1st BWF title of 2026 & 7th career title)

Q1715. Tanvi Patri (Odisha) won Silver in Girls' Singles badminton at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympics in Senegal (lost to China's Zhang Yi Xin) | First Indian woman to win an individual Youth Olympic badminton medal | Losing to China's Zhang Yi Xin in the final

[84] Football & Hockey (FIFA, Durand Cup & FIH) 30 Qs

Q1716. 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 (Canada, Mexico, USA; 48 teams, 104 matches; opened at Estadio Azteca, Mexico City) | Mascots: Maple, Zayu, and Clutch | Official Song: 'Dai Dai' by Shakira & Burna Boy

Q1717. FIH Women's Nations Cup 2026 (Auckland, New Zealand) | India beat New Zealand 2–0 in the final (India's 2nd title; qualified for FIH Women's Pro League) | Final POTM: Lalremsiami | Joint Top Scorers: Deepika (India) & Ashley Sessa (USA) with 6 goals each

Q1718. Indian women's football icon Grace Dangmei hails from Manipur | Her 3rd SAFF title | 's victory over Bangladesh in the SAFF Women'

Q1719. Durand Cup 2026 (Asia's oldest football tournament, organised by Indian Armed Forces) | 135th edition

Q1720. Ferran Torres scored in the 106th minute (extra time) as Spain | Defeated Argentina 1–0 at New York New Jersey Stadium (East Rutherford, NJ) to lift their 2nd FIFA Men's World Cup title (after 2010), while England beat France 6–4 for 3rd place | Became the 1st nation to simultaneously hold both the Men's and Women's FIFA World Cups

Q1721. FIFA World Cup 2026 Awards: Golden Ball: Rodri (Spain) | Golden Boot: Kylian Mbappé (France, 1st two-time winner) | Golden Glove: Unai Simón (Spain) | Best Young Player: Pau Cubarsí (Spain) | FIFA Fair Play Trophy: Netherlands | At the FIFA Men's World Cup 2026, France's Kylian Mbappé became the 1st player in history to win the Golden Boot twice

Q1722. Muscat | Oman, the Indian Sub-Junior Men's Hockey Team defeated Pakistan 3–1 for Gold, while the Indian SubJunior Women's Team lost 2–4 to China in the final to settle for Silver | Qualifying for the inaugural FIH Youth Hockey5s World Cup

Q1723. Neymar Jr. (Brazil's all-time leading scorer) | Announced international football retirement | Stats: 80 international goals in 130 caps

Q1724. The signed hockey stick commemorated the Indian Women's Hockey Team's historic title triumph at the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup in New Zealand, while NZ Opposition Leader Chris Hipkins received a Zari Zardozi Wall Hanging from Lucknow, UP

Q1725. 135th Durand Cup 2026 Champion | East Bengal FC beat Mohun Bagan SG 4–1 (17th title, equalling record) | Golden Ball: Edmund Lalrindika (1st-half hat-trick) | Asia's oldest football tournament | Salt Lake Stadium | Featuring a 1st-half hat-trick and Golden Ball award for Edmund Lalrindika

Q1726. FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026 | Venue: Belfius Hockey Arena, Wavre, Belgium | Winner: Germany (4th title) defeated Spain 1–0 (Goal: Michel Struthoff) | Bronze: Argentina defeated Netherlands 2–1

Q1727. 16th FIH Women's Hockey World Cup 2026 (Hosts: Belgium + Netherlands | Mascots: Wobble & Bubble | Slogan: 'Together for Glory') | Winner: Argentina (3rd title, beat Netherlands) | Bronze: Belgium (beat Australia 1–0) | India's rank: 5th

Q1728. **Dr. B.C. Roy Trophy (Junior Boys' National Football Championship)** | Venue: Bangalore Football Stadium, Bengaluru | Winner: Manipur (defeated Bengal 3–1)

Q1729. **Men's Junior Asia Cup Hockey 2026 (Venue: Moqi, China)** | Winner: India (defeated South Korea 4–1 in final) | Record 6th title (2004, 2008, 2015, 2023, 2024, 2026) & 1st team to win 4 consecutive titles | FIH Static: Est. 7 Jan 1924, HQ: Lausanne, Switzerland | 2015, 2023, 2024, and 2026, adding to earlier wins in 2004 and 2008

Q1730. **Women's Junior Asia Cup Hockey 2026 (Moqi, China)** | India defeated China 1–0 in final | Match-winning goal: Sanika Chandrakanth Mane | India's hat-trick of titles (2023, 2024, 2026) | 3rd place: Japan | Most titles overall: South Korea (4) | Won in 2023, 2024, and 2026, while South Korea holds the most titles overall with 4 and Japan finished 3rd

Q1731. **9th Men's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey 2026** | Hosted by Punjab for the 1st time (Opening ceremony: Jalandhar) | 6 Teams: India, Pakistan, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, China | AHF Est. 1958, HQ: Kuala Lumpur

Q1732. **12th FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup 2026 (Final Venue: Łódź, Poland)** | Winner: Spain (2nd title, after 2022) defeated DPR Korea (North Korea) | Bronze: Colombia | After its earlier victory in 2022

Q1733. **Lionel Messi Retirement** | Age: 39 | Argentina Career: 2005–2026 | Records: 207 caps + 125 goals + 8 Ballon d'Or titles | 2022 FIFA World Cup Champion | 2026 WC Final: Lost 1–0 to Spain (AET) | Losing 1–0 to Spain after extra time

Q1734. **FPAI Indian Footballer of the Year 2026** | Lallianzuala Chhangte (Mizoram) | Presented by Baichung Bhutia | 3rd FPAI Indian Player of the Year title (after Sunil Chhetri won it 3 times) | Matching Sunil Chhetri's three wins

Q1735. **James Rodríguez (Colombia)** | Retired from international football | Played 2014, 2018 & 2026 FIFA World Cups | Won 2014 WC Golden Boot (6 goals)

Q1736. **Women's Hockey Asian Games Gold 2026** | India beat China 1–0 in final at Aichi–Nagoya | Sole goal scored by Lalremsiami in 10th minute (her 200th international cap)

Q1737. **Historic Hockey Gold** | Ends 44y wait (1st gold was at 1982 New Delhi Asian Games) | Direct berth secured for Los Angeles 2028 Olympics | 's 1–0 triumph over China in the women'

Q1738. **Men's Hockey Asian Games Gold 2026** | India defeated Malaysia 5–1 in final at Gifu, Japan | Successfully defended title | Direct quota for Los Angeles 2028 Olympics

Q1739. **70th Ballon d'Or 2026 (London Palladium; created by France Football in 1956)** | Men's Ballon d'Or & Men's Striker of the Year: Harry Kane (England / Bayern Munich; 73 goals in 2025–26; 1st Englishman since Michael Owen in 2001) | Women's Ballon d'Or: Alexia Putellas (Spain; 3-time winner: 2021, 2022, 2026) | Becoming the 1st Englishman in 25y since Michael Owen in 2001 after scoring 73 goals in 2025–26, including 61 for Bayern Munich

Q1740. **2026 Ballon d'Or Key Winners: Men's Young Talent: Lamine Yamal (Women's: Vicky Lopez)** | Men's GK: Unai Simon (Women's: Cata Coll) | Men's Coach: Luis de la Fuente (Women's: Pere Romeu) | Men's Club: PSG (Women's Club: Barcelona) | Women's Striker: Charlyn Corral | Socrates Award: Bukayo Saka

Q1741. **Indian hockey midfielder Nilakanta Sharma (from Manipur)** | Announced his retirement from international hockey after the Hero Asian Champions Trophy Punjab 2026

Q1742. **9th Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 (Mohali, Punjab)** | India beat Japan 4–1 in the final to win a record 6th title | Bronze: Malaysia (beat South Korea) | Securing a record-extending 6th title

Q1743. **Former Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri** | Was selected for the 2nd edition of the FIFA Player Impact Programme (2026), becoming its 1st male participant (programme launched in 2025) | 2026, featuring 13 footballers globally, having been launched in 2025 exclusively for female footballers

Q1744. **Cristiano Ronaldo** | Retired from international football holding men's world records of 234 appearances and 146 goals for Portugal (debuted in 2003 vs Kazakhstan; 1st player to score in 6 FIFA World Cups [2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022, 2026] with 11 WC goals) | Continuing club football for Al Nassr in Saudi Arabia

Q1745. **Indian women's hockey player and Olympian Lalremsiami Hmar** | Became the 1st sportsperson (and 1st woman Olympian) from Mizoram to receive the Arjuna Award (Arjuna Award 2025) | Conferred the Arjuna Award 2025 by Pres Droupadi Murmu among 17 selected sportspersons

[85] Multi-Sport, Athletics, Shooting, Squash & F1 — 97 Qs

Q1746. **Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat, launched 31 Oct 2023 for youth aged 15–29y) earned a Guinness World Record for 'Most Users to Take an Online Quiz in One Week', received by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya** | Launched on 31 Oct 2023 under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for youth aged 15–29y

Q1747. **Mercedes driver Kimi Antonelli (19y, 9m, 13 days)** | Won the Monaco Grand Prix 2026, breaking Lewis Hamilton's record as the youngest-ever Monaco GP winner | 23y 4m 18d

Q1748. **2nd Archery Premier League (APL) 2026** | Hosted at People's Plaza, Necklace Road, Hyderabad, Telangana (8–18 Oct '26) with 6 franchise teams | Mighty Marathas, Rajputana Royals, Prithviraaj Yodhas, Kakatiya Knights, Chero Archers, and Chola Chiefs | After its inaugural season in Delhi

Q1749. Lewis Hamilton (Ferrari) | Won Barcelona–Catalunya Grand Prix (Spain) | His 1st F1 win for Ferrari and 106th career F1 victory

Q1750. Kush Maini (ART Grand Prix) | Won the Formula 2 Sprint Race at the Barcelona Grand Prix (his 1st win of 2026 and 3rd career F2 win)

Q1751. Asian Senior Fencing Championships 2026 (19–24 Jun) | Hosted at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi | Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed yrly on 18 Jun

Q1752. 3rd Asian Doubles Squash Championships 2026 (Sarawak, Malaysia) | India's Abhay Singh & Velavan Senthilkumar won their 3rd consecutive Men's Doubles title, defeating Pakistan's Nasir Iqbal & Noor Zaman

Q1753. Mercedes driver George Russell (UK) | Won the 2026 Austrian Grand Prix in Spielberg, Austria

Q1754. Lakshay & Ujjwal Kumar Singh | Won India's 1st-ever Gold medal at a World Rowing Cup in Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (6:26.09) at World Rowing Cup III in Lucerne, Switzerland

Q1755. Meghalaya | Signed the Host State Agreement for the 39th National Games 2027, alongside the inauguration of an Integrated Multipurpose Indoor Hall at J N Sports Complex, Shillong

Q1756. 22nd Asian U-20 Athletics Championships 2026 in Hong Kong | India finished 2nd overall with a record 19 medals: 10 Gold, 5 Silver, and 4 Bronze

Q1757. Pooja Singh cleared 1.93 metres to win the women's high jump gold at the Asian U-20 Athletics Championships in Hong Kong, setting a new Indian senior national record | Ahead of the World U-20 Championships in Eugene, Oregon, USA from 5–9 Aug | Men's 5000m race walk

Q1758. Indian Athletics Awards 2025 (New Delhi): Best Male: Neeraj Chopra | Best Female: Parul Chaudhary (3000m steeplechase NR) | Emerging Male: Shahnavaz Khan | Emerging Female: Pooja Singh

Q1759. Best Coach: Parveer Singh | Lifetime Achievement: P. T. Usha, Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, Bahadur Singh Chauhan & Anju Bobby George | Best State Supporting Athletics: State Govt of Odisha | Best State Association: Tamil Nadu Athletics Association | Best Technical Official: Dr. Kuldeep Singh

Q1760. Selection Committee for 1st National Sports Board constituted under National Sports Governance Act, 2025 | Headed by Cabinet Secretary Dr. T. V. Somanathan | Board Chairperson & members hold office for 3y

Q1761. British Grand Prix 2026 (Venue: Silverstone) | Winner: Charles Leclerc (Monaco, Ferrari) | Leclerc's 9th F1 win & Ferrari's 250th GP victory

Q1762. Anahat Singh | Defeated Egypt's Ruqayya Salem in the girls' singles final at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada to become the 1st Indian to win the World Squash Junior Championships title

Q1763. McLaren's Lando Norris | Won the 2026 Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix at the Hungaroring near Budapest | After his earlier Miami Sprint win

Q1764. women's 25m pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2026 in Hangzhou | China, India's Esha Singh won Gold and Manu Bhaker won Bronze | Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun

Q1765. India's 4 medals at ISSF World Cup 2026 (Hangzhou): Gold: Esha Singh (Women's 25m Pistol) | Silver: Sainyam (Women's 10m Air Pistol) | Bronze: Manu Bhaker (Women's 25m Pistol) and Sonam Maskar & Himanshu Dhillon (10m Air Rifle Mixed Team)

Q1766. Ancy Sojan (Athletics) | Set a new National Record in Long Jump

Q1767. Sikkim Mountaineer Tshering Choden | Scaled Mount Elbrus (5,642 m, Caucasus Mountains, Russia; highest peak in Europe) | Her 2nd Seven Summits peak after Kilimanjaro

Q1768. 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026 | Host: Telangana (Announced by Mansukh Mandaviya | Previous host: Bihar | 1st edition: Delhi)

Q1769. International Olympic Committee (IOC, HQ: Lausanne, Switzerland) | Provisionally lifted suspension of the Russian Olympic Committee

Q1770. Animesh Kujur clocked 10.14 seconds to finish 2nd at the Fast Arms Fast Legs Meet (World Athletics Continental Tour Challenger) in Wetzlar, Germany—the fastest 100m by an Indian abroad and 2nd fastest overall after Gurindervir Singh's 10.09s

Q1771. The 14th South Asian Games (23–31 Mar '27) will be hosted across three Pakistani cities | Lahore, Islamabad, and Faisalabad | Marking the 3rd time Pakistan hosts the event after 1989 and 2004

Q1772. Khelo India Expansion (FY27 to 2030–31) | Outlay: ₹29,054 Cr (+ ANSF: ₹7,387 Cr) | New grassroots initiatives: Khelo India Feeder Schools (KIFS) & Khelo India Utkrishta Vidyalayas (KIUV)

Q1773. Budapest Squash Open Title (PSA Copper $43,500) | Winner: Velavan Senthilkumar (beat Balazs Farkas in final)

Q1774. Harshita Jakhar (19y-old cyclist) | 1st Indian woman cyclist at Tour de France Femmes (competed in Stage 2 at Aigle, Switzerland)

Q1775. Men's 400m U20 National Record (World Athletics U20, Eugene, USA) | Mohammed Ashfaq (clocked 45.81 seconds, improving on his previous 46.05s record)

Q1776. **20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan)** | India Contingent: 492 athletes (265 men, 227 women) | Motto: 'Imagine One Asia' | 3rd time in Japan (after 1958 & 1994) | Marking Japan's 3rd time hosting after Tokyo 1958 and Hiroshima 1994 | 265 male, 227 female | Under the official motto 'Imagine One Asia', Japan is hosting the 20th Asian Games 2026 in AichiNagoya

Q1777. **5th National Javelin Day (7 Aug '26)** | Commemorates: Neeraj Chopra's Tokyo 2020 gold (7 Aug 2021) | Declared by Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in 2021 | To commemorate Neeraj Chopra's historic gold medal victory in the Men's Javelin Throw at the Tokyo Olympics 2020 and promote athletics across India | 2026 marking its 5th edition

Q1778. **2026 Italian Grand Prix (Monza, Italy)** | Winner: Kimi Antonelli | 1st Italian GP victory & 7th win of the 2026 F1 season

Q1779. **2026 Dutch Grand Prix (Circuit Zandvoort, Netherlands)** | Winner: Lando Norris (McLaren) | 2nd consecutive F1 win (after winning the Hungarian GP)

Q1780. **Archery Premier League (APL) 2026 (2nd season, 8–18 Oct '26)** | Venue: People's Plaza, Necklace Road, Hyderabad | Categories: Recurve + Compound | Inaugural Champions: Rajputana Royals

Q1781. **APL 6 Franchise Teams** | Chero Archers (Jharkhand) | Chola Chiefs (Tamil Nadu) | Kakatiya Knights (Telangana) | Mighty Marathas (Maharashtra) | Prithviraaj Yodhas (Delhi) | Rajputana Royals (Rajasthan) | 8–18 Oct '26

Q1782. **Dhiraj Bommadevara (Andhra Pradesh)** | 1st Indian man to win Archery World Cup Final in Men's Recurve | Defeated Nakanishi Junya (Japan) 6–5 in shoot-off | Venue: Saltillo, Mexico (Static: Jayanta Talukdar won bronze in 2010)

Q1783. **2026 Formula 1 Spanish Grand Prix** | Winner: Kimi Antonelli (Italy, Mercedes) | 8th Grand Prix victory of the 2026 season

Q1784. **Presidents Cup Golf (Medinah Country Club, Illinois, USA)** | Winner: USA (11th consecutive title, beat International Team) | Decisive point: Jacob Bridgeman defeated Min Woo Lee (Australia) 1-up

Q1785. **6th World Nomad Games 2026** | Venue: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan | Attended by: PM Narendra Modi | Held biennially (every 2y) | Static: Kyrgyzstan Capital: Bishkek | Currency: Kyrgyzstani Som

Q1786. **20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; Opening ceremony: Mizuho Mirai Athletic Stadium; Japan's 3rd time hosting after Tokyo 1958 & Hiroshima 1994)** | India's Flag-Bearers: Manu Bhaker (Shooting) + Pawan Sehrawat (Kabaddi, replaced Tajinderpal Singh Toor) | Marking the 3rd time Japan hosted the Asian Games after Tokyo 1958 and Hiroshima 1994 | After kabaddi player Pawan Sehrawat replaced shot-putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor

Q1787. **Asian Games 2026 India's First Medal** | Silver in Women's 10m Air Rifle Team (Score: 1898.0; Gold: China 1904.2; Bronze: Japan 1897.1) by Elavenil Valarivan, Sonam Maskar & Vidarsa K. Vinod | Behind gold medallist China at 1904.2 and ahead of bronze medallist Japan at 1897.1

Q1788. **Elavenil Valarivan (Asian Games 2026, Aichi-Nagoya)** | Won Individual Silver in Women's 10m Air Rifle (Score: 242.0 points; her 2nd silver at the 2026 Games)

Q1789. **Asian Games 2026 Women's Singles Teqball** | Quimey Dsouza (Maharashtra) finished 4th (lost bronze- medal match 0–2 to Japan's Yuina Sakamoto) | One of the debut sports at the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games

Q1790. **Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan) 6 Debut Sports** | Freestyle BMX, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), Padel, Teqball, Virtual Taekwondo, and Surfing | The 20th Asian Games 2026 held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan introduced six new debut sports disciplines

Q1791. **Suchika Tariyal (born in Budhana, UP; raised in Rohtak, Haryana)** | 1st Indian Asian Games medallist in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) | Won Bronze in Women's Traditional MMA (60 kg) by defeating Altanchimeg Baigalmaa (Mongolia) | Uttar Pradesh

Q1792. **Mirabai Chanu (Asian Games 2026, Aichi-Nagoya)** | Won Silver in Women's 49 kg Weightlifting (Total lift: 198 kg; Gold: Ri Song Gum, North Korea; Bronze: Luluk Diana Tri Wijayana, Indonesia, 191 kg) | India's 1st Asian Games weightlifting medal since 1998 (Karnam Malleswari, Bangkok) | Behind North Korea's Ri Song Gum and ahead of bronze medallist Luluk Diana Tri Wijayana of Indonesia at 191 kg

Q1793. **Asian Games 2026 Shooting Gold (10m Air Pistol Mixed Team)** | Suruchi Singh + Kamaljeet won Gold with an Asian Record score of 484.6

Q1794. **Asian Games 2026 Women's Kabaddi Gold (Tokai Citizen Gymnasium, Aichi- Nagoya)** | India defeated Iran 37–34 | Captain: Pushpa Rana | 4th gold in 5 editions since 2010 (Iran beat India in 2018) | Lost to Iran in the 2018 final

Q1795. **Asian Games 2026 Men's Kabaddi Gold (Aichi-Nagoya)** | India defeated Iran 40– 34 | Captain: Sunil Kumar | India's 10th overall Asian Games medal in men's kabaddi | Defeating Iran 40–34 in the final at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026 to secure India's 10th overall Asian Games medal in men's kabaddi

Q1796. **Asian Games 2026 Women's 10,000m Bronze** | Seema Kumari (Timing: 32:50.05) | India's 1st Asian Games medal in women's 10,000m in 16y

Q1797. **Asian Games 2026 Women's 4×400m Relay Gold (ahead of Bahrain & China)** | Indian Quartet: Kiran Pahal, M. R. Poovamma, Preethi Choudhary, and Vithya Ramraj

Q1798. **Asian Games 2026 Women's Trap Shooting** | Neeru Dhanda won Individual Gold (28/30 hits, Asian Record) + Women's Trap Team Silver (with Aashima Ahlawat & Manisha Keer)

Q1799. **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2024** | 4 Categories (Land, Water, Air, Lifetime) | Cash Prize: ₹15L each + Statuette + Certificate | Awardees: Baljeet Kaur, Skalzing Rigzin, Rimo Saha, Shiv Prasad Chamoli

Q1800. **11th Asian Senior Wushu Championships 2028** | Host: India (1st time) | Approved by Wushu Federation of Asia (WFA) at Aichi-Nagoya, Japan | WAI Executive Committee member Bhupender Singh Bajwa

Q1801. **IOA Two New Asian Games Awards (announced by IOA Pres P.T. Usha)** | Raja Randhir Singh Memorial Trophy (Best Indian Male Athlete) + Jaspal Rana Memorial Trophy (Best Indian Female Athlete)

Q1802. **2029 World Athletics Championships** | Host: Nairobi, Kenya (1st time in Africa; decided by World Athletics Council at Budapest, Hungary)

Q1803. **2032 UCI Road World Championships** | Host City: Pune, Maharashtra (1st time in India; approved by UCI at Montreal, Canada) | UCI Static: Founded 14 Apr 1900, HQ: Aigle, Switzerland | 's 1st-ever hosting of cycling'

Q1804. **Esports Games Federation (ESGF)** | Pres: Ashish Shelar | Elected at General Body Meeting with representation from 22 states

Q1805. **2026 Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon (18 Oct '26, JLN Stadium, New Delhi)** | International Event Ambassador: Shaunae Miller-Uibo (Bahamas; 2-time Olympic 400m gold medallist at Rio 2016 & Tokyo 2020) | Scheduled for 18 Oct '26 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi

Q1806. **Union Cabinet approved the 7-pillar 'Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme' on 28 Oct '26** | Total outlay: ₹1,856.67 Cr | Duration: 2026–27 to 2033–34 (1st announced in Budget 2026–27; aligned with Khelo Bharat Niti 2025)

Q1807. **Max Verstappen 2026 F1** | First win of 2026 season at Bahrain GP (staged in Malaysia) | Followed by victory at Singapore Grand Prix | Races under Dutch flag for Red Bull Racing

Q1808. **Vishvajit Ramchandra More won Silver in Men's 55 kg Greco-Roman at the 2026 U23 World Wrestling Championships in Las Vegas, USA (lost to Georgia's Koba Karumidze in final)** | First Indian ever to reach a Greco-Roman final & win a Greco-Roman silver at the U23 Worlds

Q1809. **Pankaj Advani defeated England's Robert Hall to win the 2026 World Billiards Championship (his 29th world title overall & 21st World Billiards title)** | Shruthi Lakshminarayanan (Shruthi L) defeated Sweden's Eva Palmius to complete a hat- trick (3rd consecutive title) at the World Women's Billiards Championship

Q1810. **Mercedes driver Kimi Antonelli (Italy)** | Won the 2026 United States Grand Prix in Austin, Texas (his 9th GP win of the 2026 season) | Recording his 9th Grand Prix victory of the 2026 season

Q1811. **2026 World Boxing U-19 Championships (Budva, Montenegro)** | India's Aditya won Gold in Men's 55 kg (beat Russia's Islam Magomedov) | India won 4 medals (1G, 1S, 2B; 7th rank): Silver | Megha Sheokand (80 kg) | Bronze | Harshika (65 kg) & Prachi Tokas (80+ kg) | Topped by Russia (10 medals: 5G, 5S) | 's 55 kg category by defeating Russia'

Q1812. **Manisha Bhanwala won Women's 59 kg Gold (beat USA's Abigail Nette) at the 2026 Senior World Wrestling Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan** | 1st Indian woman & 2nd Indian overall after Sushil Kumar (2010, 66 kg) to win senior Worlds Gold | Other Indian medallists: Neelam (Silver, 50 kg), Kajal (Silver, 76 kg), Tanu Sharma (Bronze, 72 kg) | Defeating USA's Abigail Nette in the final

Q1813. **Lovlina Borgohain Boxing Gold** | Won women's 75kg category (defeated China's Bao Ziyi 5–0) | 2nd Indian female boxer to win Asian Games gold after Mary Kom (Incheon 2014)

Q1814. **Kumkum Mohod Archery Milestone** | 17y-old won women's individual recurve gold at Aichi– Nagoya 2026 | First Indian archer ever to win an individual recurve gold at Asian Games

Q1815. **Asian Games 2026 Medal Tally** | Total: 85 medals (21 Gold, 27 Silver, 37 Bronze) | Overall rank: 4th | Hangzhou 2023 tally was 106 medals (28G, 38S, 40B)

Q1816. **Asian Games 2026 Top Nations** | 1st: China (341 medals) | 2nd: Japan (269 medals) | 3rd: South Korea (150 medals) | 4th: India (85 medals)

Q1817. **Neeru Dhanda Flag Bearer (Closing)** | Won 2 Gold, 1 Silver | 1st Indian woman to win individual Asian Games gold in trap shooting | Flag bearer at Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium

Q1818. **Opening Ceremony Flag Bearers** | Manu Bhaker (two-time Olympic medallist shooter) & Pawan Sehrawat (star kabaddi player)

Q1819. **OCA Institutional Profile** | est.: 16 Nov 1982 in Kuwait City | Rajeshwari Kumari: 2023 Asian Games silver medallist (women's trap) and Paris 2024 Olympian

Q1820. **Vithya Ramraj 400m Hurdles Record** | Clocked 54.75s (broken by 0.67s) | Shattered PT Usha's 42y mark (55.42s at 1984 LA Olympics) | 3 medals at 2026 Games (1G, 1S, 1B)

Q1821. **Pranavi Urs Golf Gold** | 1st Indian woman to win individual golf gold at Asian Games | 3rd Indian golfer overall after Lakshman Singh (1982) and Shiv Kapur (2002) | Team silver with Aditi Ashok & Diksha Dagar

Q1822. **Aman Sehrawat Wrestling Gold** | Men's 57kg freestyle gold (1st Indian to win gold in 57kg at Asian Games) | Defeated world champion Han Chong Song (North Korea) 11–7

Q1823. **Sawan Barwal Historic Silver** | 2:11:37 national record | 1st marathon medal outside India, ends 44-yr wait | India's marathon history: Chhota Singh (Gold, 1951), Surat Singh (Bronze, 1951), HK Seetharan (Bronze, 1982)

Q1824. **Aichi-Nagoya Asiad Female MVP** | Yu Zidi (China, 13y old) | Youngest MVP in Asian Games history | 3 Golds: 200m Butterfly, 200m Individual Medley, 400m Individual Medley | The Olympic Council of Asia named Chinese prodigy Yu Zidi as the Female Most Valuable Player of the 20th Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026

Q1825. **Aichi-Nagoya Asiad Male MVP** | Puripol Boonson (Thailand, 20y old) | 100m Gold: 9.90s (Asian Games record) | 200m Gold: 19.88s (Asian Games record & equal Asian record)

Q1826. **Anandkumar Velkumar (Tamil Nadu)** | Won Silver in Men's 1000m sprint (1:21.922, missing gold by 4 ms) and Bronze in Men's 500m sprint (40.856 s) at the World Skate Games 2026 in Asuncion, Paraguay | Clocking 1 minute 21.922 seconds, missing gold by 4 milliseconds

Q1827. **Sheetal Devi scored 704/720 in Women's Compound Qualification (equalling WR of Turkiye's Oznur Cure Girdi) and** | Partnered w/ Toman Kumar to score 1402 points in mixed-team qualification (breaking the previous WR of 1400) | Equalling the world record of Turkiye's Oznur Cure Girdi

Q1828. **Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games** | India finished 4th with a record 114 medals (30 Gold, 35 Silver, 49 Bronze; previous best: 108 at Hangzhou 2023) | Top 5: 1. China (435: 207G, 117S, 111B), 2. Japan (186: 64G), 3. Uzbekistan (145: 45G), 4. India (114: 30G), 5. South Korea (100: 29G) | Para Athletics was India's top contributor with 65 medals (22G, 19S, 24B)

Q1829. **Closing Ceremony Flag-Bearers (Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games)** | Double gold medallists Mona Agarwal (Shooting: 10m Air Rifle SH1 Gold [250.0 GR] & 50m Rifle 3P SH1 Gold [357.5 WR, breaking Sweden's Anna Benson's 356]) & Nishad Kumar (Para Athletics: Long Jump T47 Gold [7.11m] & High Jump T47 Gold [2.04m GR])

Q1830. **Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) Olympic & Paralympic Games unveiled 'Stars Align' as the official slogan (launched with Red Hot Chili Peppers' song 'Can't Stop')** | LA hosts Olympics for 3rd time (1932, 1984, 2028) & Paralympics for 1st time

Q1831. **Inaugural IOA Awards 2026** | Kumkum Mohod: Jaspal Rana Award (Best Female Athlete) | Sujeet Kalkal: Raja Randhir Singh Award (Best Male Athlete, 65kg freestyle wrestling gold)

Q1832. **IWF (est. 1905, HQ Lausanne) announced that Ahmedabad, Gujarat will host the 2029 IWF Senior World Weightlifting Championships (1st time in India)** | Upcoming IWF Hosts: 2028 Youth (Prishtina, Kosovo), 2028 Junior (Caracas, Venezuela), 2029 Senior (Ahmedabad, India), 2030 Senior (Moscow, Russia) | Marking the 1st time India will host the senior edition

Q1833. **OCA Athletes Commission Election** | Rajeshwari Kumari elected for 2026–2030 (represents South Asia) | 2nd Indian on Commission after Shiva Keshavan (Vice-Chairman)

Q1834. **Mercedes driver Kimi Antonelli (Italy) became the youngest F1 World Champion in history at 20y, 68 days (breaking Sebastian Vettel's record of 23y, 134 days in 2010) at the Mexico City GP (race won by Max Verstappen)** | 3rd Italian F1 World Champion (ending a 73y wait since Alberto Ascari in 1953)

Q1835. **Velavan Senthilkumar (Tamil Nadu) defeated Scotland's Greg Lobban in Brno to win the $35,000 PSA Copper- level Czech Open 2026** | 12th career PSA Tour title & 2nd PSA Copper title (after Budapest Open in Aug '26)

Q1836. **16y-old Dhinidhi Desinghu (Karnataka) won Bronze in Women's 100m Freestyle (56.27s NR) at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympics in Senegal** | First Indian swimmer ever to qualify for a final and win a medal at the Youth Olympic Games | Ans: Dhinidhi Desinghu (Bronze in 56.27s NR; behind Croatia's Ana Bobanovic [Gold, 55.89s] and New Zealand's Alyssa Lawson [Silver, 56.13s]) | A national record of 56.27 seconds

Q1837. **Khushbu Rajakbhai Darjada (Gujarat) won Silver in Women's -63 kg Judo at Dakar 2026 Youth Olympics (lost to Germany's Jolina Reinhold in final)** | 2nd Indian Youth Olympic judo medallist after Thangjam Tababi Devi (Silver in 44 kg at Buenos Aires 2018)

Q1838. **Rajkumari Lanchenbi Chanu (Manipur; India's sole Wushu athlete at Dakar 2026) won Bronze in Women's Changquan Combined Wushu at Dakar 2026 Youth Olympics** | First Indian ever to win a Youth Olympic medal in Wushu

Q1839. **India's Taniya won Silver in Women's 75 kg Beach Wrestling at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympics in Senegal (lost 2–1 to China's Min Zhao)** | First Indian Youth Olympic medallist in beach wrestling (which debuted at Dakar 2026) | Losing 2–1 to China's Min Zhao in the final

Q1840. **Shourya Ambure (Maharashtra) won Bronze in Women's 100m Hurdles (13.59s, U-18 NR) at the 2026 Youth Olympics in Dakar, Senegal** | 1st Indian female athlete to win a Youth Olympic track-and-field medal | 4th Summer YOG 2026 (Dakar, Senegal): Mascot 'Ayo', Motto 'Africa Welcomes, Dakar Celebrates' | Winter YOG 2028: Dolomites & Valtellina, Italy | In 13.59 seconds, an Under-18 national record

Q1841. **Historic Boxing Golds at Dakar 2026 Youth Olympics** | 1. Lairenlakpam Ambekar Meetei (Manipur) won Men's 50 kg Gold (beat Ireland's Kristian Jubani; 1st Indian boxer to win YOG Gold & India's 1st Gold at Dakar 2026) and 2. Gunjan (Haryana) won Women's 48 kg Gold (beat Algeria's Bouthaina Bensalah; 1st Indian woman to win YOG boxing Gold)

Q1842. **IOA Athletes' Commission (2026–2030): Chairperson** | P. V. Sindhu | Vice-Chairperson | Harmanpreet Singh (both also join IOA Executive Council) | Elected to IOA General Body: Mirabai Chanu & Sajan Prakash | IOA, est. 1927, HQ New Delhi, Pres P. T. Usha

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Q1843. **Shrey Parikh spelled 'Bromocriptine' correctly and scored 32/35 in the 90-2nd spell-off to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee (1st held in 1925; 1st Indian-origin winner was Balu Natarajan in 1985)** | Winning $50,000 | Surpassing Bruhat Soma's 29/30 in 2024

Q1844. **Sudarsan Pattnaik** | 1st Indian to win 'Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026' at the II International Festival of Sand Sculpture in Kaliningrad, Russia | From Puri, Odisha | For his 3-metre-high sand sculpture portraying two contrasting faces of Earth

Q1845. **19th MIFF 2026 (Mumbai)** | Golden Conch for Best Documentary (International): Polish documentary 'Silver' | Best Animation (International): 'Maya's Song' | Best Short Fiction (International): 'Under The Snow' | Best Animation (National): 'Armstrong from Angalamman Kovil Street' | Presided over by Maharashtra Gov Jishnu Dev Varma

Q1846. **Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal** | Won the Special Award at the UK–India Awards 2026 in London

Q1847. **56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026** | Host: Colombia | India won 5/5 Gold medals (Kanishk Jain, Riddhesh Anant Bendale, Rishit Garg, Shresth Suraiya, Svarit Joshi) & jointly topped medal tally (repeating 2018 feat)

Q1848. **R. Vairamuthu received the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025)** | becoming only the 3rd Tamil writer to receive India's highest literary honour after Akilan (1975) and Jayakanthan (2002) | Vairamuthu was conferred the 60th Jnanpith Award , carrying an ₹11L cash prize and a bronze statue of Goddess Vagdevi

Q1849. **Malayalam poet G. Sankara Kurup** | Won the inaugural Jnanpith Award in 1965 for his collection 'Odakkuzhal' | The Bamboo Flute | Instituted in 1961 by Bharatiya Jnanpith

Q1850. **72nd National Film Awards (2024)** | Best Actor was shared by Mammootty ('Bramayugam', Malayalam) and Kartik Aaryan ('Chandu Champion', Hindi), while Yami Gautam won Best Actress for 'Article 370' (Best Feature Film) and Rajkumar Periasamy won Best Direction for 'Amaran' | For films certified in 2024, judged by an 11-member jury chaired by Jayaraj

Q1851. **Other key winners at the 72nd National Film Awards** | Best Popular Film: Kalki 2898 AD (dir. Nag Ashwin) | Best Debut Film of a Director: Randeep Hooda (Swatantrya Veer Savarkar) | Best Hindi Film: Srikanth | Best Supporting Actor: Sanjay Mishra (Bhakshak) | Best Supporting Actress: Ropashree Varkady (Mithya) & Sachana Namidass (Maharaja) | Best Children's Film: 35 Chinna Katha Kaadu

Q1852. **37th IBO 2026 in Vilnius** | Lithuania, India won 1 Gold (Bhavyaa Gunwal) and 3 Silvers (Soumil Maity, Nishit Kalani, and Anmol Kumar)

Q1853. **National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval** | Was selected for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026 by the Lokmanya Tilak Smarak Trust, Pune

Q1854. **Assamese film 'Rador Pakhi' (Morning Sunshine), directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Bobby Sarma Baruah** | Won the Special Jury Award (Super Mama Award) in Moscow, Russia

Q1855. **Fortune India Most Powerful Women Honour (Mumbai)** | #1 Nita Ambani (Reliance Foundation), #2 Roshni Nadar (HCL), #3 Reddy Sisters, #4 Savitri Jindal, #5 Dr. Priti Adani

Q1856. **2026 Dirac Medal** | Co-recipient: Indian physicist Deepak Dhar (+ Derrida, Mézard, Sompolinsky) | Awarded by: Abdus Salam ICTP, Trieste, Italy (instituted 1985) | Ans: Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)

Q1857. **World Heritage Irrigation Structure (WHIS Award 2026)** | 140y-old Parichha Dam/Weir on Betwa River (Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh) | Selected by ICID for Marseille, France congress (criterion: >100y old)

Q1858. **Miss Universe India 2026** | Kaziah Liz Mejo (1st winner from Kerala; finale in Jaipur) | 1st runner-up: Vaishnavi Gannesh (TN) | 2nd runner-up: Anushri Satavlekar (Gujarat) | Past Indian Miss Universe winners: Sushmita Sen (1994), Lara Dutta (2000), Harnaaz Sandhu (2021) | Set to represent India at the 75th Miss Universe in Puerto Rico in Nov '26

Q1859. **Kroll India Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2025** | Rank 1: Shah Rukh Khan ($177.9M | jumped from 3rd in 2024) | Rank 2: Ranveer Singh ($162.9M) | Rank 3: Virat Kohli ($158.4M) | According to the 'India Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2025' released by global financial and risk advisory firm Kroll

Q1860. **Barclays–Hurun India Most Valuable Family Businesses 2026** | Rank 1: Ambani Family (Reliance Industries, ₹25.83L Cr, 3rd year at top) | Rank 2: Adani Family (₹19.6L Cr) | Rank 3: Sunil Bharti Mittal (₹12.1L Cr) | According to the '2026 Most Valuable Family Businesses List' released by Barclays Private Clients and Hurun India

Q1861. **1st Kashmir International Film Festival** | Venue: Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), Srinagar | Opening film: Lebanese film 'Dead Dog'

Q1862. **Tamil daily 'Dinamalar' 75th Anniversary Stamp** | Released by VP C.P. Radhakrishnan in Chennai | Founded: 1951 | Founder: T.V. Ramasubbaiyer

Q1863. **Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026 ('Nobel Prize of Asia')** | Awardees: Tommy Koh (Singapore) + Runa Khan (Bangladesh) + Bo Kyi (Myanmar) | HQ: Manila, Philippines

Q1864. **Ramon Magsaysay Award Static** | Foundation Est.: 1957 | First awards: 31 Aug 1958 | 1st Indian individual: Vinoba Bhave (1958) | 1st Indian organisation: Educate Girls (2025)

Q1865. 47th Sarala Puraskar | Winner: Odia poet/scientist Ashutosh Parida | Book: 'Bishwas De Pruthwi' (2024) | Prize: ₹7L + citation + copper plaque | Presented by: IMPaCT | Carrying ₹7L cash, a citation, and a copper plaque, presented by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust - IMPaCT

Q1866. 72nd National Film Awards | Hosted in Gujarat for the 1st time at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat | Presented by Pres Droupadi Murmu | First ceremony: 1954 | Earlier outside Delhi: 17th & 18th editions in Madras (1970 & 1971) | Instituted in 1954 and traditionally held in Delhi, except the 17th and 18th editions held in Madras/Chennai in 1970 and 1971 | Swarna Kamal

Q1867. Nobel Prize 2026 (125th Anniversary; 1st prizes in 1901) | Cash prize raised to 12M Swedish kronor (SEK 12M ≈ $1.27M) per category, up from SEK 11M in 2025 | Marking the 125th anniversary of the Nobel Prize in 2026 (1st awarded in 1901)

Q1868. India's Official Oscar 2027 Entry (99th Academy Awards, Best International Feature Film) | Marathi film 'Gondhal' | Director/Writer: Santosh Davakhar | Selected by FFI from 33 films (4th Marathi film ever submitted)

Q1869. IOAA 2026 Nodal Body | Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), TIFR | Gold winners: Pranjal Dixit, Sumant Gupta, Akshat Srivastava, Arnav Sehrawat | Silver: Harshil Patel

Q1870. 2026 Nobel Prize in Medicine | Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann & Georg Nagel | Awarded by: Karolinska Institutet (12M SEK) | Discovery: Light-gated ion channels & optogenetics | Sharing 12M Swedish kronor

Q1871. Optogenetics Explained | Light ON activates specific neurons | Light OFF controls/stops neural activity | Allows precise mapping and functional control of brain circuits

Q1872. 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics | Francis Halzen | Discovery: High-energy astrophysical neutrinos via IceCube Neutrino Observatory (South Pole, Antarctica)

Q1873. 2026 Nobel Peace Prize | Navanethem 'Navi' Pillay (South African jurist of Indian Tamil origin) | Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights | 1st non-white woman lawyer in Natal (1967) | The Norwegian Nobel Committee in Oslo awarded the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize to Navanethem 'Navi' Pillay

Q1874. 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry | Henri B. Kagan (France) and Kenso Soai (Japan) | Discovery: Non- linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis

Q1875. 2026 Nobel in Economics | Laureates: Robert E. Hall & Michael Woodford (USA) | Citation: “For microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation” (role of household/firm behaviour in monetary/fiscal policy)

Q1876. Economics Nobel Origins | Full Title: Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel | est.: 1968 by Sveriges Riksbank (not in Alfred Nobel's will) | First Awarded: 1969

Q1877. Legion of Honour Award | Conferred on: Sunil Bharti Mittal (Bharti Enterprises) | Honour: Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour (France) | Conferred by: Pres Emmanuel Macron | Ans: Strengthening India–France economic ties, telecommunications, and digital infrastructure

Q1878. Nagaland filmmaker Theja Rio's debut feature film 'Angh' won the Platform Prize at the 51st Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2026 in Canada | First Indian film ever to win the TIFF Platform Prize | Making it eligible for the 99th Oscars 2027

Q1879. Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat conferred Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (2024 & 2025) on 106 young artists in New Delhi | Instituted by Sangeet Natak Akademi in 2006 for artists ≤40y | Cash prize: ₹25,000 + Tamrapatra + Angavastram

Q1880. Veteran singer Usha Mangeshkar selected as the 1st recipient of the 'Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika National Award' (instituted by Assam Govt; awarded once every 3y; carries ₹10L cash + citation; presented by PM Modi on 29 Nov '26)

Q1881. Renowned string theorist Prof. Ashoke Sen | Won the Oskar Klein Medal 2026 (est. 1988), becoming the 1st Indian physicist to receive the honour (recognised for work on S-duality, black-hole entropy & string field theory) | Recipient of the Breakthrough Prize 2012, Padma Bhushan 2013, and Dirac Medal 2014 | Est. 1988, named after Swedish physicist Oskar Klein

Q1882. International Booker Prize renamed 'Bukhman International Booker Prize' from 2027–2036 (prize money doubled from GBP 50,000 to GBP 100,000 shared equally by author & translator; shortlist gets GBP 5,000; 2027 Jury Chair: Katie Kitamura) | 2026 Winner: 'Taiwan Travelogue' by Yang Shuang-zi, translated from Mandarin Chinese by Lin King | For 10y until 2036 | Funded by Daria and Dmitri Bukhman's Bukhman Philanthropies, with Katie Kitamura chairing the 2027 jury

Q1883. UAE Pres Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan | Conferred the 'First Class Order of Zayed II' on Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar and flydubai crew for bravery during the 30 Sep '26 flight FZ1073 incident | Travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv on 30 Sep '26

Q1884. British author M. John Harrison (81) won the 2026 Booker Prize for his dystopian satire novel 'The End of Everything' (198 pages, shortest book on the 2026 shortlist) | Oldest-ever Booker Prize winner | Booker Prize: Est. 1969 in UK, organised by Booker Prize Foundation, Prize money: GBP 50,000 | Carries GBP 50,000, presented at Old Billingsgate, London

Q1885. Bihar Museum, Patna ranked 9th globally & 1st in Asia | Famous exhibit: Didarganj Yakshi (life-sized polished sandstone figure holding a chauri/fly-whisk, discovered in 1917) | Top 5 Globally: 1. Museo Nacional de Antropologia (Mexico City), 2. Museo del Prado (Madrid), 3. Louisiana Museum of Modern Art (Denmark), 4. State Hermitage Museum (Russia), 5. Kunsthistorisches Museum (Vienna) | 10. Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York) | Was the only Indian museum in the global top 100

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Q1886. **MSME Day (27 Jun '26) Theme** | 'Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development' | Revised MSME Criteria: Micro (Inv ≤₹2.5 Cr, Turnover ≤₹10 Cr), Small (Inv ≤₹25 Cr, Turnover ≤₹100 Cr), Medium (Inv ≤₹125 Cr, Turnover ≤₹500 Cr) | 26 Jun: International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

Q1887. **Fairwood Nuclear (India)** | Partnered w/ South Korea's SK Securities for SMR/MMR projects in India, while Telangana | MoU w/ Germany's State of Thuringia | The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression on 4 Jun

Q1888. **World Environment Day on 5 Jun '26** | Was hosted by Azerbaijan with the official theme 'Now For Climate' | Organised by UNEP

Q1889. **13 Jun (International Albinism Awareness Day)** | Theme: 'Proudly in My Skin: Celebrating All Skin Tones' | 14 Jun (World Blood Donor Day) | Campaign: 'One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives'

Q1890. **12th International Day of Yoga (21 Jun '26, main national event in Kolkata; declared by UNGA in 2014, 1st observed in 2015)** | Theme: 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'

Q1891. **National Chartered Accountants Day** | Observed: 1 Jul (78th in 2026) | Marks establishment of ICAI on 1 Jul 1949 (HQ: New Delhi, Ministry of Corporate Affairs)

Q1892. **National Doctors' Day** | Observed: 1 Jul | In memory of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy (Physician & former West Bengal CM)

Q1893. **World Sports Journalists Day** | Observed: 2 Jul | Organisation: AIPS (International Sports Press Association)

Q1894. **International Day of Cooperatives 2026** | Observed: 4 Jul (First Saturday of Jul) | Theme: 'Cooperatives for a Peaceful World'

Q1895. **World Rural Development Day 2026** | Observed: 6 Jul | Theme: 'Financing the First Mile of Food Systems'

Q1896. **World Zoonoses Day** | Observed yrly on 6 Jul (Zoonoses = diseases naturally transmitted between animals and humans)

Q1897. **World Kiswahili Language Day** | Observed yrly on 7 Jul (Speakers: 200+ million) | Celebrating one of Africa's most widely spoken languages with over 200M speakers globally

Q1898. **Malala Day** | Observed: 12 Jul | Honours Malala Yousafzai (Pakistan), who won the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize at age 17 (youngest Nobel laureate in history)

Q1899. **World Youth Skills Day** | Observed yrly on 15 Jul (Declared by UNGA in 2014) | 2026 Theme: 'Skills for a Shared Future'

Q1900. **Nelson Mandela International Day on 18 Jul '26** | Was observed with the theme 'IT IS IN YOUR HANDS'

Q1901. **National Mango Day** | Is observed yrly on 22 Jul | 'King of Fruits'

Q1902. **Both the International Day for Judicial Well-being and the International Day for Women and Girls of African Descent** | Are observed every year on 25 Jul

Q1903. **World Hepatitis Day on 28 Jul '26 was observed under the theme 'Hepatitis** | Let's Break It Down' | Discoverer of the Hepatitis B virus

Q1904. **World Drowning Prevention Day (25 Jul '26) had the theme 'Unite to Turn the Tide'. International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem (26 Jul) commemorates Greenpeace activist Hayhow Daniel Nanoto from Micronesia** | World Drowning Prevention Day is observed yrly on 25 Jul with the 2026 theme 'Unite to Turn the Tide'

Q1905. **Observed on 30 Jul '26 (alongside International Day of Friendship)** | the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons had the 2026 theme 'Trapped Behind the Scam' | Proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2011

Q1906. **Côte d'Ivoire 66th Independence Day (Abidjan)** | Attended by MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh | Independence gained: 7 Aug 1960 (from French colonial rule) | Celebrated yrly on 7 Aug

Q1907. **World Lung Cancer Day** | Observed yrly on 1 Aug | Focus: Early detection, risk factors & global awareness

Q1908. **Hiroshima & Nagasaki 81st Anniversary (1945–2026)** | 6 Aug: Hiroshima ('Little Boy' | enriched uranium guntype fission) | 9 Aug: Nagasaki ('Fat Man' | plutonium implosion-type) | Aircraft: US B-29 bomber

Q1909. **Nagasaki 81st Atomic Bombing Anniversary (9 Aug '26)** | Peace Memorial Ceremony at Nagasaki Peace Park | Struck 3 days after Hiroshima (6 Aug 1945) | Japan surrender: 15 Aug 1945

Q1910. **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (9 Aug '26)** | 2026 Theme: 'Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being'

Q1911. **International Youth Day (12 Aug '26)** | 2026 Theme: 'Different Contexts, Common Aspirations'

Q1912. **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day** | Observed yrly on 14 Aug in India (instituted in 2021 to commemorate Partition victims) | To commemorate the victims, displacement, and hardships suffered by millions during the 1947 Partition of India

Q1913. **World Humanitarian Day (19 Aug '26)** | Focus: 'Families of Fallen Humanitarians' (UN OCHA) | Commemorates: 19 Aug 2003 Baghdad Canal Hotel bombing (22 killed including Sergio Vieira de Mello)

Q1914. **World Photography Day** | Observed globally every year on 19 Aug

Q1915. **World Mosquito Day (20 Aug)** | Commemorates: Sir Ronald Ross discovering malaria transmission by female Anopheles mosquito on 20 Aug 1897 (Nobel Prize: 1902) | World Steelpan Day: 11 Aug (Trinidad & Tobago) | Earning him the 1902 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

Q1916. **World Lake Day** | Observed yrly on 27 Aug | Focus: Protection of lakes from pollution, climate change, and habitat destruction

Q1917. **World Sanskrit Day 2026 (Shravana Purnima)** | 28 Aug '26 (GoI declared in 1969) | National Sports Day: 29 Aug (Major Dhyan Chand birth anniversary; Campaign Theme: 'Tribute, Play, and Move') | 1st declared by the GoI in 1969, with Sanskrit Week instituted in 2001

Q1918. **World Wide Web Day (1 Aug)** | Recognises invention of WWW by Sir Tim Berners-Lee at CERN in 1989

Q1919. **World Coconut Day** | Observed: 2 Sep | 2026 Theme: 'Coconuts in Times of Uncertainty: Securing Food, Energy, and Livelihoods'

Q1920. **National Teachers' Day** | 5 Sep | Marks birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (born 5 Sep 1888; 1st VP: 1952–62; 2nd Pres: 1962–67) | Observance began in: 1962

Q1921. **International Day of Charity** | 5 Sep (Mother Teresa's death anniversary: 5 Sep 1997) | Linked SDGs: SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 3 (Good Health), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 17 (Partnerships)

Q1922. **International Day of the World's Indigenous Women & Girls** | Observed: 5 Sep | Recognises leadership, contributions, rights & resilience of Indigenous women and girls

Q1923. **7 Sep** | International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (Health + Economy + Climate) | 8 Sep | International Literacy Day (60th Anniversary in 2026) | Highlighting clean air for human health, economic growth, and climate stability

Q1924. **International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early & Forced Marriage (proclaimed by UNGA)** | Observed: 27 Nov

Q1925. **International Day to Protect Education from Attack** | 9 Sep (Resolution led by Sierra Leone, co- sponsored by India) | 2026 Theme: 'Can Education Survive Attack? The Resilience of Human Communities'

Q1926. **World Suicide Prevention Day** | Observed: 10 Sep | Theme: 'Changing the Narrative on Suicide'

Q1927. **Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address** | Date: 11 Sep 1893 | Venue: World's Parliament of Religions, Chicago, USA | Famous opening: 'Sisters and Brothers of America' | 's iconic address opening with the words' | 's civilisational ethos to the world at the World'

Q1928. **World Duchenne Awareness Day** | Observed: 7 Sep (UNGA declared) | 2026 Theme: 'Access changes lives' (DMD = rare genetic disease causing progressive muscle weakness)

Q1929. **National Forest Martyrs Day** | Observed: 11 Sep | Commemorates 1730 Khejarli massacre (Rajasthan) where Amrita Devi led 360+ Bishnoi people sacrificing their lives to protect trees

Q1930. **International Day of Police Cooperation** | 7 Sep | 2026 Theme: 'Protecting against Vulnerability – Building Trust and Legitimacy in Policing' | INTERPOL Static: Formed 7 Sep 1923 | HQ: Lyon, France | 196 members | Pres: Lucas Philippe | Sec-Gen: Valdecy Urquiza | India joined: 15 Oct 1949 (NCB: CBI)

Q1931. **International Day for South-South Cooperation** | Observed: 12 Sep | 2026 Theme: 'Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development' | Coordinated by: UNOSSC | Marking the 2026 launch of the UN-supported Global Alliance for South-South & Triangular Cooperation coordinated by UNOSSC

Q1932. **Hindi Diwas** | Observed: 14 Sep | Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi in Devanagari script on 14 Sep 1949 under Article 343(1) | First Hindi Diwas celebrated: 1953

Q1933. **World EV Day** | Observed: 9 Sep (1st observed: 9 Sep 2020) | 2026 Theme/Campaign: 'Switching Electric: Driving Down the Cost of Motoring'

Q1934. **International Day of Democracy** | Observed: 15 Sep | 2026 Theme: 'Bring human rights into focus'

Q1935. **National Engineers' Day** | 15 Sep (1st observed: 1968) | Birth anniversary of Sir M. Visvesvaraya (born 1861, Muddenahalli, Karnataka; Bharat Ratna: 1955) | India in 2026: 23 IITs, 31 NITs, 26 IIITs | 1st celebrated in 1968, with India home to 23 IITs, 31 NITs, and 26 IIITs in 2026

Q1936. **International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer** | 16 Sep (commemorates Montreal Protocol signed on 16 Sep 1987) | 2026 Theme: 'Global Action for a Cooler Planet'

Q1937. **International Day for Interventional Cardiology** | Observed: 16 Sep | Commemorates 1st coronary angioplasty performed by Dr. Andreas Grüntzig on 16 Sep 1977

Q1938. **International Day of Science, Technology & Innovation for the South** | Observed yrly on 16 Sep

Q1939. **World Patient Safety Day 2026** | Observed: 17 Sep | 2026 Focus: 'Safe care for noncommunicable diseases (NCDs)' | Slogan: 'Safe care for life.' | In 2026, it focused on 'Safe care for noncommunicable diseases ' accompanied

Q1940. **World Bamboo Day** | Observed yrly on 18 Sep (environmental, economic & cultural importance of bamboo)

Q1941. **World Cleanup Day 2026** | Observed: 20 Sep | 2026 Theme: 'From Clean Plates to Clean Cities' (focus on preventing food waste & organic waste management)

Q1942. **International Day of Peace** | Observed: 21 Sep | 2026 Theme: 'Envision Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere'

Q1943. **International Day of Sign Languages** | 23 Sep (75th anniversary of World Federation of the Deaf, founded 23 Sep 1951, HQ: Helsinki, Finland) | 2026 Theme: 'Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights'

Q1944. **World Maritime Day 2026 (Observed on last Thursday of Sep = 24 Sep '26 by IMO)** | Theme: 'From Policy to Practice: Powering Maritime Excellence'

Q1945. **Antyodaya Diwas** | Observed yrly on 25 Sep | Marks the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

Q1946. **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons** | Observed: 26 Sep | Key fact: The US– Russia 'New START Treaty' expired on 5 Feb '26 without a successor arrangement

Q1947. **International Day for Universal Access to Information** | Observed: 28 Sep | 2026 Theme: 'Upholding Information Integrity in the Digital Age: The Role of Access to Information in Addressing Information Disorder'

Q1948. **World Heart Day 2026** | Observed: 29 Sep | Global Organiser: World Heart Federation (WHF) | 2026 Theme: 'Don't Miss a Beat.'

Q1949. **19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) Convention** | Dates: 7 to 9 Jan '27 | Location: Kolkata, West Bengal | Partners: MEA + Govt of West Bengal | Inaugurated by: PM Narendra Modi

Q1950. **4th World Hindu Congress (WHC 2026)** | Venue: Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai | Theme: 'Samanam Vratam Saha Chittam – Shared Commitment, Collective Resolve'

Q1951. **International Translation Day** | Observed: 30 Sep | 2026 Theme: 'Linguistic Diversity and Language Rights' | Honours translators, interpreters, and terminologists

Q1952. **1 Oct Observances** | International Day of Older Persons (Theme: 'The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives') | International Coffee Day (celebrated globally on 1 Oct)

Q1953. **PBD Historical Background** | Commemorates: Mahatma Gandhi's return from South Africa (9 Jan 1915) | Started: 2003 | Shifted to biennial format: 2015 | Once every two years

Q1954. **World Space Week (4 to 10 Oct)** | 2026 Theme: 'Rocket Revolution' | 4 Oct 1957: Sputnik 1 launched | 10 Oct 1967: Outer Space Treaty entered into force | World Space Week is celebrated internationally from 4 Oct to 10 Oct under the 2026 theme 'Rocket Revolution'

Q1955. **National Voluntary Blood Donation Day** | Observed: 1 Oct | 2026 Theme: 'One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives.' | Managed via e-RaktKosh portal

Q1956. **World Cotton Day 2026** | Observed: 7 Oct | 6th global celebration: Tashkent, Uzbekistan | Theme: 'Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership'

Q1957. **World Post Day (9 Oct)** | 2026 Theme: 'One postal network, infinite possibilities' | Commemorates founding of Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland | Declared at 1969 Tokyo Congress | World Post Day is observed internationally every year on 9 Oct under the 2026 theme 'One postal network, infinite possibilities'

Q1958. **World Migratory Bird Day 2026** | Observed: Second Saturday of May & Oct (9 May & 10 Oct in 2026) | Theme: 'Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter!' | World Migratory Bird Day 2026 was celebrated under the global campaign theme 'Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter!'

Q1959. **World Mental Health Day (10 Oct)** | 2026 Theme: 'Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change'

Q1960. **International Day of the Girl** | Date: 11 Oct | 2026 Global Theme: “End Child Marriage and Invest in Girls’ Rights”

Q1961. **National Girl Child Day** | Observed yrly on 24 Jan | Instituted: 2008 by Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) | The International Day of the Girl is observed on 11 Oct, India celebrates its National Girl Child Day

Q1962. **Disaster Risk Reduction Day** | Date: 13 Oct | 2026 Theme: “Resilience Starts at Home”

Q1963. **World Standards Day** | Date: 14 Oct | Commemorates: 14 Oct 1946 London meeting of 25 countries | ISO Formation: 23 Feb 1947 | ISO HQ: Vernier, Switzerland

Q1964. **International Day of Rural Women** | Date: 15 Oct | 2026 Theme: “Rural Women Farmers Caring for Mother Nature”

Q1965. **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 Oct)** | 2026–2028 Theme: 'United for Peace and Human Rights' | 2026 Focus: 'Safe Homes for All'

Q1966. **World Cities Day (31 Oct '26) Theme: 'Regenerating the City: Adequate Housing for All'** | 31 Oct '26 also marked Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (instituted 2014) on the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (born 31 Oct 1875, Nadiad, Gujarat; 1st Deputy PM & Home Minister; 182m / 600 ft Statue of Unity at Kevadia inaugurated on 31 Oct 2018) | Born 31 Oct 1875 in Nadiad, Gujarat; honoured with the 182-metre Statue of Unity at Kevadia inaugurated on 31 Oct 2018

Q1967. **1 Nov '26 State Formation Days** | 1. Tamil Nadu Day (1 Nov 1956, then Madras State), 2. Karnataka's 71st Foundation Day / Kannada Rajyotsava (1 Nov 1956 as Mysore State; renamed Karnataka in 1973), and 3. Kerala Piravi (1 Nov 1956, merging Travancore-Cochin & Malabar regions) | Marking the linguistic reorganisation of states under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 on 1 Nov 1956

Q1968. **Haryana celebrated 60y of statehood (Hirak Jayanti) on 1 Nov '26** | Formed 1 Nov 1966 as India's 17th state under Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966 | Capital: Chandigarh, CM: Nayab Singh Saini, Gov: Ashim Kumar Ghosh, NPs: Sultanpur & Kalesar

Q1969. **9 Nov** | National Legal Services Day (Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 enforced on 9 Nov 1995; NALSA; Article 39A) & 26th Uttarakhand Foundation Day (formed 9 Nov 2000 as 27th State; renamed Uttarakhand on 1 Jan 2007; 13 districts; 'Devbhoomi') | 10 Nov: World Science Day for Peace and Development (2026 Theme: 'Common ground through science diplomacy') | Marking the enforcement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 on 9 Nov 1995 and Article 39A

Q1970. **World Radiography Day** | Observed: 8 Nov to mark the discovery of X-rays by German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen on 8 Nov 1895

Q1971. **Gujarati New Year 'Bestu Varsh / Bestu Varas / Nutan Varsh' was celebrated on 10 Nov '26 (Kartik Shukla Pratipada, the 1st day of the bright fortnight of Kartik month)** | Marks the beginning of Vikram Samvat 2083

Q1972. **National Education Day** | Is observed on 11 Nov (since 11 Nov 2008) marking the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (1st Education Minister of independent India; born 11 Nov 1888 in Mecca; Bharat Ratna 1992; Autobiography: 'India Wins Freedom'; Journals: Al-Hilal & Al-Balagh)

Q1973. **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is observed on the 3rd Sunday of Nov (15 Nov '26)** | 2026 Theme: 'Remember. Support. Act.'

Q1974. **15 Nov** | International Day for the Prevention of and Fight against All Forms of Transnational Organized Crime | 2026 Campaign Message: 'Follow the money. Stop organized fraud.'

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Q1975. **DRDO tested Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (nodal lab: ADE Bengaluru) from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island** | World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (17 Jun '26) Theme: 'Rangelands: Recognize. Respect. Restore.' | Book 'Agatthiyar – The Unifier' (by O. Shama Bhat & Dr. M. N. Sudha) released by VP C. P. Radhakrishnan

Q1976. **The book 'When Audit Matters** | CAG Interventions That Made a Difference' was edited by former CAG Vinod Rai. World Oceans Day (8 Jun '26) had the theme 'Reimagine: Beyond the world we know, a new relationship with our ocean' | Observed on 8 Jun in support of SDG 14

Q1977. **Book 'China's Wars'** | Authored by former Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale. 15 Jun Days: Global Wind Day ('Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration') & World Elder Abuse Awareness Day ('Beyond Awareness: Making Elder Abuse Prevention Work')

Q1978. **Book 'IIT – The Story of India's Most Prestigious Educational Ecosystem' authored by former Cabinet Secretary Prabhat Kumar** | Launched by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla (India has 23 IITs, starting with IIT Kharagpur in 1951)

Q1979. **VP C. P. Radhakrishnan released 'VIP Culture in India** | Power, Privilege and the Distance from Democracy' by Nabam Rebia & Sandeep Kumar | 24 Jun: Passport Seva Divas (Passports Act 24 Jun 1967) | 25 Jun: Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas (marks 25 Jun 1975 Emergency under Art. 352 by Pres Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed till 21 Mar 1977) | 1975 Emergency under Article 352 declared by Pres Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed

Q1980. **VP C. P. Radhakrishnan released 'Sanskritir Ratna Bhandar** | Bhaowaiyar Itibritto' authored by Dr. Jayanta Kumar Roy & Ms. Sangita Roy | Documenting the Bhawaiya folk music tradition of North Bengal and Assam

Q1981. **Book: 'Better Never Stops'** | Author: Shyam Srinivasan

Q1982. **The book 'The Voice of Justice** | Justice Gavai Speaks', featuring speeches of former CJI Justice B. R. Gavai and released by Vice-Pres C. P. Radhakrishnan, was edited by Prof (Dr) S. Sivakumar

Q1983. **IAF Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla authored the memoir 'The Second Orbit** | Belief of a Man... Dreams of 1.4B Hearts', published by Penguin Random House India

Q1984. **International Moon Day (20 Jul) commemorates the Apollo 11 landing in 1969, while the book 'Chasing Like Dhoni: Exploring the Underbelly of Indian Cricket'** | Was co-authored by Aayush Puthran and Samod

Q1985. **The book 'Aamchi Mumbai** | My City in Stories and Poems' was authored by legendary poet-lyricist Gulzar and translated into English by Rakhshanda Jalil | Published by HarperCollins India

Q1986. **Author and political analyst Rasheed Kidwai wrote the book 'DK Shivakumar** | Congress's Crisis Manager, Karnataka's Kingmaker'

Q1987. **Book: 'Bringing the Cheetah Back to India'** | Author: Prashant Agrawal (chronicles Project Cheetah and translocation)

Q1988. **Autobiography: 'Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles'** | Author: Former Pres Ram Nath Kovind (14th Pres of India, 2017–2022) | Released by PM Modi | PM Narendra Modi announced the release of 'Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles', the autobiography

Q1989. **Book: 'India At War'** | Author: Col. D.P.K. Pillay (military history and strategic insights)

Q1990. **Biography: 'Janpriya Neta Venkaiah Naidu: Udayagiri se Uparashtrapati Tak'** | Author: Y. Lakshmi Prasad | Released by: Rajnath Singh & Rekha Gupta

Q1991. **Sonia Gandhi Memoir** | 'Belonging: A Journey of Love' | Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf | Senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi announced the release of her forthcoming memoir titled 'Belonging: A Journey of Love'

Q1992. **Book: 'Africa Before America'** | Author: Dr. Arindam Chaudhuri | Follows his 2022 work '2047: A Roadmap to Beating USA & China' | Known for 'The Great Indian Dream' and 'Planning India'

Q1993. **IIT Madras Unicorn Venture Fund (Launched by FM Nirmala Sitharaman at 'Sangam' Alumni Meet, Bengaluru; SEBIapproved)** | Partners: IIT Madras + Unicorn India Ventures | Funding range: ₹5–20 Cr for early-stage startups | 'Cashless Nation: How UPI Changed the Nation'

Q1994. **Book: 'Sankalp Se Siddhi Ka Modi Yug'** | Author: Rajya Sabha MP Ghanshyam Tiwari | Released by: Vice Pres C. P. Radhakrishnan | Radhakrishnan released the book titled 'Sankalp Se Siddhi Ka Modi Yug', authored

Q1995. **Books** | 'General Brasstacks: The Sundarji Story' by Probal Dasgupta | 'Every Last Girl' by Safeena Husain

Q1996. **Book: 'Kaho Kalidasa!'** | Author: Yugul Joshi | Publisher: Manjul Publishing House | Launched at: IGNCA, New Delhi (Attended by Culture & Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat)

Q1997. **Book: 'Cashless Nation: How UPI Changed Everything'** | Authors: Dr. Santanu Paul & B. Sambamurthy | Publisher: Penguin Random House India | Launched by: Nandan Nilekani at GFF 2026, Mumbai | Nandan Nilekani launched the book 'Cashless Nation: How UPI Changed Everything' at the Global FinTech Fest 2026 in Mumbai

Q1998. **Book: 'A Century of Service – The RSS in 100 Acts of Seva'** | Released by VP C. P. Radhakrishnan | Author: Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan (former Gov of Telangana & former LG of Puducherry) | Radhakrishnan released a book on the RSS centenary titled 'A Century of Service – The RSS in 100 Acts of Seva'

Q1999. **Book: 'Vishwasanchar Hindutva Ka'** | Released by Vice-Pres C. P. Radhakrishnan | Publisher: Saptahik Vivek (Marathi weekly based in Maharashtra, est. 1948)

Q2000. **Book: 'The PM's Table: Delicacies and Diplomacies from the Era of Nehru to Modi'** | Authors: Purabi Shridhar & Sanghita Singh

Q2001. **2026 Nobel Prize in Literature** | Anne Carson (Canadian poet, essayist, translator born in Toronto) | Notable books: Autobiography of Red, Eros the Bittersweet, Nox, Wrong Norma

Q2002. **CVC Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 (26 Oct – 1 Nov '26; 3m Preventive Vigilance Campaign: 17 Aug – 16 Nov '26)** | 2026 Theme: 'Probity for Prosperity' | VP C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book 'Advantage India: Reshaping the Future for an Equitable World' authored by Anil K. Antony

Q2003. **Guinness Record Biography** | Work: 13-volume biography of Pramukh Swami Maharaj ("Brahmaswarup Shri Pramukh Swami Maharaj: Vistrut Jivan ane Karya") | Author: Sadhu Adarshjivandas | Record: Longest Biography by a Single Author

Q2004. **Book Release** | "Sanjay Jagdale: Rag-Rag Mein Cricket" | Released by: Sunil Gavaskar | Authors: Kiran Waikar & Dr. Sunil Dudhale | Subject: Former BCCI secretary Sanjay Jagdale

Q2005. **Dr. Arif Muhammad Khan unveiled the English translation of 'The Story of Vande Mataram'** | Originally written in Malayalam by veteran RSS scholar Ranga Hari | Translated into English by Dr. Mercy Jill

Q2006. **Culture & Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched 'Timeless India** | Protection & Revival of Indian Cultural Identity under the Leadership of PM Narendra Modi' (edited by Tarun Vijay; published by IGNCA & Subhi Publications) | Edited by former Rajya Sabha MP Tarun Vijay and published by IGNCA and Subhi Publications

Q2007. **Book 'To Bishan, With Love** | Celebrating a Lifetime of Memories' compiled by Anju Bedi (wife of Bishan Singh Bedi) and launched by Capt. Amarinder Singh & Kapil Dev | Bishan Singh Bedi took 273 wickets in 67 Tests & 10 ODIs and played in India's 1st ODI on 13 Jul 1974 at Leeds | Launched in Oct '26 by former Punjab CM Capt. Amarinder Singh and former India captain Kapil Dev

Q2008. **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman released a ₹250 commemorative coin at Swatantrata Bhavan, IIT (BHU), Varanasi marking the 250th birth anniversary of Muthuswami Dikshitar (1775–1835)** | Minted at Mumbai Mint | Weight: 35g (50% Silver, 40% Copper, 5% Nickel, 5% Zinc) | Book released: 'Amara Guruguham Potruvam' | Ans: Muthuswami Dikshitar (1775–1835; part of the Carnatic Music Trinity alongside Tyagaraja and Syama Sastri) | Minted by India Govt Mint, Mumbai, weighing 35g with 50% Silver, 40% Copper, 5% Nickel, and 5% Zinc

Q2009. **Book 'Belonging** | A Journey of Love' is authored by Sonia Gandhi and published by HarperCollins

Q2010. **Former Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India C. Chandramouli** | Authored the book 'Counting a Nation: The Story of the Indian Census' (Publisher: Macmillan)

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Q2011. **FIFA suspended the All Nepal Football Association (ANFA)** | Former New Zealand Test pacer Bob Blair passed away

Q2012. **Exercise KHAAN QUEST (23rd edition, Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)** | Indian Army represented by JAT Regiment | Tibetan Buddhist scholar Robert A. F. Thurman (84) won Padma Shri in 2020 | World Refugee Day is observed on 20 Jun

Q2013. **Oscar-winning editor Marcia Lucas** | Won Best Film Editing for 'Star Wars'. Global Day of Parents (1 Jun, proclaimed by UNGA in 2012) had the 2026 theme 'Together for Parents' | Observed yrly on 1 Jun

Q2014. **BRO celebrated the 37th Raising Day of Project UDAYAK (raised 1 Jun 1990) at Doomdooma, Assam. World Milk Day (est. by FAO in 2001)** | Is observed on 1 Jun, and legendary singer Suman Kalyanpur passed away | Originally raised on 1 Jun 1990 to build strategic roads and bridges in eastern Arunachal Pradesh | 'Aajkal Tere Mere Pyaar Ke Charche' | The Border Roads Organisation celebrated the 37th Raising Day of 'Project UDAYAK'

Q2015. **Late Gujarat Minister Yogesh Patel represented the Manjalpur Assembly constituency (Vadodara). Telangana celebrated its 12th State Formation Day on 2 Jun '26 (formed on 2 Jun 2014 under the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014), and World Bicycle Day** | Was observed on 3 Jun | Under CM Vijay Rupani

Q2016. **Subhash C. Kashyap (97) served as Lok Sabha Secretary-General from 1983 to 1990. World Food Safety Day (7 Jun '26; slogan: 'Food Safety: Everyone's Business') had the theme 'From burden to solutions – safe food everywhere'** | Observed on 7 Jun, following UN Russian Language Day on 6 Jun marking Alexander Pushkin's birthday

Q2017. **Malayalam actor Salim Kumar (Best Actor National Film Award winner for 'Adaminte Makan Abu') and former CBFC Chairperson Pahlaj Nihalani** | Passed away

Q2018. **Veteran Tamil film director Bharathiraja (84) passed away** | Known as 'Father of Rural Cinema in Tamil Nadu' | Awarded Padma Shri in 2004

Q2019. **Jaspal Rana (49, Uttarakhand) passed away** | India's most successful CWG athlete with 15 medals (9 Gold, 4 Silver, 2 Bronze) | Arjuna (1994), Padma Shri (1997), Dronacharya (2020)

Q2020. **Lt Gen Vijay Oberoi (84) passed away** | Commissioned into 1st Maratha Light Infantry (' Jangi Paltan') | International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed on 19 Jun | ' Jangi Paltan', raised in 1768

Q2021. **Former US Federal Reserve Chairman (1987–2006) Alan Greenspan ('Fed Maestro', aged 100) passed away** | 23 Jun is also observed as International Widows' Day | Popularly known as the 'Fed Maestro'

Q2022. **Veteran Tamil filmmaker & actor K. Bhagyaraj passed away** | 27 Jun is observed as International Day of Deafblindness marking the birth anniversary of Helen Keller

Q2023. **Obituary: Vijaya Mehta (Padma Shri awardee)** | Renowned theatre director & actress (Indian theatre + Marathi cinema)

Q2024. **Obituary: Lt. Gen. M. M. Lakhera (aged 88; PVSM, AVSM, VSM)** | Former Gov of Mizoram & former Lt. Gov of Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Q2025. **Obituary: Puviyarasu (aged 96)** | Veteran Tamil poet, translator, screenwriter & actor | Two-time Sahitya Akademi Award winner for 'Puratchikaaran' (2007) & 'Kaiyoppam' (2010)

Q2026. **Obituary** | Teejan Bai (Ganiyari, Chhattisgarh; Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri & Fukuoka Prize) | Legendary exponent of 'Pandavani' folk art (Kapalik style)

Q2027. **Shapoor Zadran (aged 38)** | Former Afghanistan fast bowler (44 ODIs + 36 T20Is)

Q2028. **Girish Bharadwaj ('Bridge Man of India')** | Built 140+ hanging footbridges | Awarded Padma Shri in 2017

Q2029. **Obituary: Legendary Playback Singer S. Janaki ('Nightingale of South India' / 'Janaki Amma')** | Sang highest number of songs in Kannada & popularly known as 'Gaana Kogile' in Karnataka

Q2030. **Obituary: Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani** | Former Emir of Qatar (Tenure: 1995–2013 | Capital: Doha | Currency: Qatari Riyal)

Q2031. **Obituary: Antonio Rattín** | Argentine football legend & Boca Juniors midfielder (represented Argentina in 1962 & 1966 FIFA World Cups)

Q2032. **Veteran New Zealand actor Sam Neill (78), famous for playing Dr. Alan Grant in Steven Spielberg's Jurassic Park series and starring in Jane Campion's The Piano** | Passed away

Q2033. **Veteran Indian National Congress leader H. Hanumanthappa** | Was a three-term Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament from Karnataka, while Pat Oliphant was a Pulitzer Prize-winning Australian-born American editorial cartoonist

Q2034. **Sir Garfield Sobers** | Passed away at 89. He scored 365 not out against Pakistan at Sabina Park, Kingston in 1958, a Test record that stood for 36y until Brian Lara broke it in 1994 | Knighted in 1975 | 8,032 runs & 235 wickets in 93 Tests

Q2035. **Former England football captain and manager Kevin Keegan ('King Kev' / 'Mighty Mouse')** | Passed away at the age of 75

Q2036. **CRPF observed its 87th Raising Day on 27 Jul '26. It** | Was originally raised as the Crown Representative's Police at Neemuch (MP) on 27 Jul 1939 and renamed CRPF on 28 Dec 1949 under the CRPF Act, 1949 | Ans: Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh | CRPF, DG: Gyanendra Pratap Singh

Q2037. **Former Uttarakhand Minister and three-time MLA (Dehradun, Doiwala, and Rajpur) Hira Singh Bisht** | Passed away at age 85

Q2038. **Nirmal 'Nimsdai' Purja (Age 43, Nepal-born mountaineer)** | Died in avalanche on Broad Peak (Karakoram range) | Famous for 'Project Possible' (2019): all 14 eight-thousanders in 6m & 6 days

Q2039. **Franco Baresi (Passed away at 66)** | Legendary Italy & AC Milan defender (20-season one-club career) | Member of Italy's 1982 FIFA World Cup-winning squad

Q2040. **General V. N. Sharma (Passed away)** | Chief of the Army Staff: 1 May 1988 to 30 Jun 1990 | Commissioned: Jun 1950 (16th Light Cavalry) | Younger brother of Major Somnath Sharma (1st Param Vir Chakra recipient)

Q2041. **Glen Hansard (Irish musician, passed away at 56)** | Won 80th Oscar for Best Original Song 'Falling Slowly' from the movie 'Once' | The Oscar-winning song 'Falling Slowly' featured

Q2042. **Justice M. S. Liberhan (Passed away)** | Headed 1992 Liberhan Commission (investigated 6 Dec 1992 Babri Masjid demolition; report submitted in 2009 after 17y) | Former CJ of AP & Madras High Courts | Appointed on 16 Dec 1992 and submitting its report in 2009 after 17y

Q2043. **Dr. D. Y. Patil (Passed away)** | Founder of D. Y. Patil Educational Group | Padma Shri (1991) | Former Gov of Bihar, West Bengal, and Tripura

Q2044. **M. P. Parameswaran (Passed away)** | Former BARC nuclear scientist, writer & science activist | Famous for 'Fourth World' theory ('Fourth World: Dream and Reality')

Q2045. **Zhu Rongji (Former Premier of China 1998–2003, under Pres Jiang Zemin)** | Passed away at age 97 | Former Gov of PBOC & Mayor of Shanghai

Q2046. **Historian Sumit Sarkar (Passed away at 87)** | Renowned Marxist historian & author of 'The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal, 1903–1908', 'Modern India (1989)', and 'Writing Social History (1998)'

Q2047. **Filmmaker Raja Sen (Passed away at 71)** | 3-time National Award-winning Bengali director | Feature debut 'Damu' won National Film Award for Best Children's Film

Q2048. **Sculptor Chandrashekhar Y. Shilpi (Passed away)** | Recipient of 2024 National Award for Master Craftspersons (Handicrafts Dept, Ministry of Textiles, presented by Pres Murmu)

Q2049. **Maj Gen Sunil Kumar Razdan (Retd., Passed away)** | 7 PARA SF, Kirti Chakra & VSM awardee | Historic distinction: Indian Army's 1st wheelchair-borne General

Q2050. **Sri Lankan Singer Nanda Malini (Passed away at 82)** | Studied classical music at Bhatkhande College of Hindustani Music, Lucknow, UP | Ans: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Q2051. **Actress Sowcar Janaki (Passed away at 94)** | Born in Andhra Pradesh | Versatile actor in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada | Padma Shri & Kalaimamani awardee

Q2052. **Filmmaker Kuku Kohli (Passed away at 77)** | Directed 'Phool Aur Kaante' (introduced Ajay Devgn) | Real name: Sandesh Kohli

Q2053. **King Harald V (Passed away at 89 on 28 Aug '26)** | King of Norway from 1991 to 2026 (Europe's oldest living monarch)

Q2054. **Don Nelson (Passed away at 86)** | NBA Legend & 2nd-winningest coach in NBA history (1,335 wins, 3-time Coach of the Year, 'Nellie Ball' style)

Q2055. **Obituary: Sudivya Kumar (aged 56)** | JMM leader & Jharkhand Minister (Higher & Technical Education, Urban Development, Tourism, Sports) | Two-time MLA from Giridih constituency

Q2056. **Obituary: Bhagat Chunni Lal** | Former Punjab Cabinet Minister (2012 SAD-BJP govt) & Deputy Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha | 3-time BJP MLA from Jalandhar West

Q2057. **Obituary: Solomon Pappaiah (aged 90)** | Veteran Tamil scholar & orator | Conferred Padma Shri in 2021 (Literature & Education)

Q2058. **Obituary: Alla Kali Krishna Srinivas (Alla Nani)** | Former Deputy CM & Health Minister of Andhra Pradesh | 3-time MLA from Eluru (former YSRCP leader, joined TDP in 2025) | Popularly known as Alla Nani

Q2059. **Obituary: N. Purushothama Mallya (aged 97)** | Konkani activist & writer | Pioneered 100-line 'Shataka' poetry | Translated Thirukkural into Konkani (2002; Sahitya Akademi Award 2008) | Padma Shri (2015) | Winning the Sahitya Akademi Translation Award in 2008

Q2060. **Obituary: Sudarshan Nachiappan (aged 78)** | Former Union Minister of State & Congress Rajya Sabha MP (entered RS in 1999) from Tamil Nadu

Q2061. **Obituary: Mike Burton (USA, aged 85)** | 3-time Olympic swimming gold medallist (400m & 1500m freestyle in 1968 Mexico City + 1500m freestyle in 1972 Munich) | Ans: United States of America (USA)

Q2062. **Obituary: Mushtaq Khan** | Veteran Hindi film actor known for supporting and character roles in 500+ films

Q2063. **Nana Patekar Passing** | Passed away at 75 | Best Actor National Award for 'Krantiveer' (1994) | Best Supporting Actor for 'Parinda' (1989) & 'Agni Sakshi' (1996) | Padma Shri in 2013 | Made his cinematic acting debut with 'Gaman'

Q2064. **Jeffrey Archer Passing** | Renowned British author & House of Lords member passed away at 86 | Debut novel: 'Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less' (1976) | Famous for 'Kane and Abel', final work 'Adam and Eve'

Q2065. **Obituary: Guruvayur Dorai** | Revered Carnatic Mridangam maestro | Awards: Padma Shri, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, Kalaimamani Award

Q2066. **Padma Shri (2023) awardee Cheruvayal Raman ('Nellachan' = father of paddy/rice) passed away** | Belonged to the Kurichiya tribal community of Wayanad, Kerala

Q2067. **Veteran Marathi actress and renowned Lavani artiste Madhu Kambikar** | Passed away

Q2068. **Veteran Tamil music composer Devanesan Chokkalingam ('Deva', 75) passed away** | Affectionately called 'Thenisai Thendral' ('Melodic Breeze') and famed for popularising 'Gaana' folk music | Popularly known as 'Deva'

Q2069. **Leading jeweller Vummidi Ethiraj (Vummidi Bangaru Jewellers) passed away** | Played a key role in crafting the historic gold-plated silver sceptre 'Sengol' (presented to Jawaharlal Nehru in 1947 & installed in the new Parliament building by PM Modi in 2023) | Patriarch of the 125y-old Vummidi Bangaru Jewellers

Q2070. **Renowned painter & former Rajya Sabha MP (2014–2020) Jogen Chowdhury (87, born 16 Feb 1939 in Faridpur) passed away** | Awarded Kalidas Samman (2001) & Banga Bibhushan (2012) | Served as Keeper of Art at Rashtrapati Bhavan (1972– 1987) and taught at Kala Bhavana, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan

Q2071. **Veteran Dogri & Hindi writer, filmmaker, and Sahitya Akademi Fellow Ved Rahi passed away** | Won the 1983 Sahitya Akademi Award in Dogri for his short-story collection 'Aale'

Q2072. **Veteran football journalist and former footballer Bhasi Malaparamba passed away** | Covered 8 FIFA World Cups from Spain 1982 through Brazil 2014

Q2073. **Padma Shri (2025) neurosurgeon & founding Director of AIIMS Bhubaneswar Prof. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra passed away** | 1980 F1 World Champion Alan Jones (Australia / Williams, 2nd Australian F1 champion after Jack Brabham) passed away | 6 Nov: International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

Q2074. **Obituaries** | 2002 CWG Gold-winning women's hockey coach Gurdial Singh Bhangu (Dronacharya Award 2000; Mamta Kharab scored the golden goal vs England in 2002) & modernist painter Arpita Singh (Padma Bhushan 2011) | 5 Nov: International Prosthetics & Orthotics Day (Theme: 'People') | 7 Nov: National Cancer Awareness Day (Marie Curie's birth anniversary) | Padma Bhushan 2011, Lalit Kala Akademi Fellowship 2014

Q2075. **Renowned sitar maestro Pandit Manilal Nag passed away** | Exponent of the Bishnupur Gharana | First musician from Bishnupur Gharana to receive the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award | conferred Padma Shri in 2020

Q2076. **2018 Economics Nobel laureate William D. Nordhaus (shared with Paul M. Romer) passed away** | Developed the Dynamic Integrated Climate-Economy (DICE) Model linking economic growth, carbon emissions, and climate change

Q2077. **Former Madras and Calcutta High Court judge Justice C. S. Karnan passed away** | In 2017, he became the 1st sitting High Court judge in India sentenced to imprisonment for contempt of court

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Q2078. **Two New SEZs in Puducherry** | (1) Multi-Sector SEZ at Karasur Village, Villianur Taluk (by PIPDIC) and (2) Oulgaret Municipality SEZ (India's 1st SEZ developed by an Urban Local Body) | CM: N. Rangaswamy; LG: Kuniyil Kailashnathan

Q2079. **Annual Ambubachi Mela 2026 held at Kamakhya Temple on Nilachal Hills** | Guwahati, Assam

Q2080. **Telangana Government (CM Revanth Reddy; Gov Shiv Pratap Shukla)** | Launched flagship Breakfast and Milk Scheme for government school & junior college students from pre-primary to Class XII

Q2081. **Telangana Musi River Rejuvenation Project (CM: A. Revanth Reddy, Hyderabad)** | Outlay: ₹7,345 Cr | Stretch: 55 km | Model: River Thames, London

Q2082. **'AssamSAT'** | India's 1st state-owned Earth Observation Satellite System (State: Assam; for disaster management, flood monitoring & agriculture)

Q2083. **Harela Festival** | Traditional festival of Uttarakhand's Kumaon region (marking beginning of Sawan; dedicated to Lord Shiva & Goddess Parvati) | Known as 'Devbhoomi'

Q2084. **Maruti Suzuki Kharkhoda Plant** | Location: Sonipat, Haryana | Phase-1 capacity: 2.5L cars/year | Future capacity: 10L cars/year | Minister: H. D. Kumaraswamy

Q2085. **Himachal Pradesh's 'Mukhyamantri Machhuara Samman Nidhi Yojana'** | each eligible reservoir fisherman receives a lump-sum assistance of ₹3,500 during the fishing ban period | Gov: Kavinder Gupta | Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched the 'Mukhyamantri Machhuara Samman Nidhi Yojana', providing

Q2086. **Haryana–Rajasthan Yamuna Agreement (Signed in presence of Amit Shah)** | Water allocation: 580 MCM | Source: Hathnikund Barrage | River: Yamuna | Ans: 580M Cubic Metres (MCM)

Q2087. **'Project Sahara – Divyangjan Equipment Distribution Programme 2026'** | Launched in Raipur by Chhattisgarh Government | Free motorised tricycles, hearing aids & prosthetics

Q2088. **Typhoon Dolphin** | Landfall: Near Yuhuan, Zhejiang province (Eastern China) | Swept through: Okinawa prefecture, Japan | After sweeping through Japan's southern Okinawa prefecture and causing widespread air travel disruptions and evacuations across eastern China

Q2089. **Indriya Jewellery Brand (Aditya Birla Group)** | Southern Brand Ambassador: Krithi Shetty (launched Varalakshmi campaign) | Ahead of the auspicious Varalakshmi festival

Q2090. **Pres's Colour Presentation** | Awarded to Puducherry Police by Union Home Minister Amit Shah (also flagged off Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra from Rajiv Gandhi Square, Puducherry) | The highest honour for a military or police force of a State/UT | Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah presented the prestigious 'Pres's Colour'

Q2091. **'CM-IMPACT Read & Rise Programme'** | Launched by Meghalaya Government | Target: Ensure every child can read & write by age 7 | Static: Capital: Shillong | Statehood: 21 Jan 1972 | 'Scotland of the East'

Q2092. **Telangana 'MeeSeva Door Delivery Services'** | Toll-free number: 1100 | Home delivery of Birth, Death, Caste, Income & Residence Certificates

Q2093. **Mount Anak Krakatau Eruption (Indonesia)** | Location: Sunda Strait (between Java & Sumatra) | Flights temporarily suspended at Soekarno-Hatta International Airport, Jakarta

Q2094. **Bathukamma (9-day floral festival of Telangana)** | Begins on Day 1 with 'Engilipula Bathukamma' and concludes on Day 9 with 'Saddula Bathukamma'

Q2095. **Haridwar Kumbh 2027 (launched by CM Pushkar Singh Dhami)** | Winning logo designed by Madhu Sharma (Jagjitpur, Haridwar) | Official theme song 'Kumbh Ka Parv Aa Gaya' written, composed & sung by Raghav Raja (4 Kumbh places: Prayagraj, Haridwar, Ujjain, Nashik) | Out of 13 shortlisted designs

Q2096. **Berkap-Reiju Festival 2026 celebrated in Imphal by the Kom community of Manipur (organised by Kom Union Manipur [KUM] & attended by Manipur CM Yumnam Khemchand Singh)**

Q2097. **Telangana govt will develop Nelakondapalli Buddhist Stupa (Khammam district) as an international Buddhist heritage destination** | Telangana: Capital Hyderabad, CM Revanth Reddy, Gov Shiv Pratap Shukla | NPs: Kasu Brahmananda Reddy, Mahavir Harina Vanasthali, Mrugavani | Tiger Reserves: Amrabad, Kawal

Q2098. **Home Minister Amit Shah** | Inaugurated the 1857 Martyrs' Memorial in Ambala, Haryana (22 acres, ₹594 Cr cost; honours Nana Saheb Peshwa, Rani Lakshmibai, Tatya Tope & Begum Hazrat Mahal)

Q2099. **50th edition (Golden Jubilee, 1,000 drums) of Wangala Festival 2026 celebrated by the Garo community (honouring Misi Saljong) at Wangala A'dam, Garo Heritage Village, Chibragre, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya** | Meghalaya: CM Conrad Sangma, Gov C. H. Vijayashankar, NPs: Nokrek & Balpakram | 50th edition, expanded from 100 drums to 1,000 drums

Q2100. **Ningol Chakouba Festival 2026 celebrated in Manipur (by the Meitei community)** | Manipur: Capital Imphal, CM Y. Khemchand Singh, Gov Ajay Kumar Bhalla, NP: Keibul Lamjao (world's only floating NP on Loktak Lake, home to Sangai deer)

Q2101. **Himachal Pradesh Cabinet approved 'Mukhya Mantri Apna Parivar Sukhi Parivar Yojana'** | ₹1,500/month to ~3.50L women (aged 18–59y) + 300 units free electricity/month to eligible families | HP NPs: Great Himalayan, Inderkilla, Khirganga, Pin Valley, Simbalbara | CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Gov Kavinder Gupta