

Current Affairs MCQs

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QUESTIONS

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Instructions

- Each question carries **4 options** — only **one is correct**.
- Correct answers are highlighted in **green ✓** with detailed explanations.
- A **Detailed Answer Key** is provided at the end for quick revision.
- Recommended time: **300 minutes** for all 200 questions.

TOTAL ATTEMPTED

CORRECT

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Questions 1 – 20

1

International Labour Day observed on May 1 has its origin in which historic event?

A Paris Commune of 1871

B Haymarket Affair of 1886

C Russian Revolution of 1917

D General Strike of 1926

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Labour Day originated from the Haymarket Affair of May 4 1886 in Chicago where workers demanding an 8-hour workday clashed with police. The Second International declared May 1 as International Workers Day in 1889 to commemorate this event.

2

Labour Day was first celebrated in India in 1923 in which city?

A Mumbai

B Kolkata

C Chennai

D Delhi

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The first May Day celebration in India was organised on May 1 1923 in Madras (now Chennai) by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan led by Singaravelar Chettiar. He raised the red flag for the first time in India on this occasion.

3

May 1 2026 marks the formation day of which Indian state established in 1960?

A Gujarat

B Maharashtra

C Karnataka

D Goa

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Maharashtra and Gujarat were carved out of the bilingual Bombay State on May 1 1960 following the States Reorganisation Act on the basis of language. May 1 is celebrated as Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Day simultaneously.

4

Google announced a Rs 15 billion investment for a data centre project to be executed by AdaniConnex and Airtel Nxtra in which state?

A Telangana

B Karnataka

C Andhra Pradesh

D Tamil Nadu

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Google's Rs 15 billion data centre in Andhra Pradesh will be jointly developed by AdaniConnex and Airtel Nxtra. This reflects India's growing attractiveness as a hyperscale data centre destination driven by digital India growth and the semiconductor ecosystem being built in Andhra Pradesh.

5

Ladakh got 5 new districts approved by LG Vinai Kumar Saxena in May 2026 increasing total districts from 2 to how many?

A 5

B 6

C 7

D 8

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Ladakh which became a Union Territory in August 2019 had only 2 districts (Leh and Kargil). On April 27 2026 LG Vinai Kumar Saxena approved 5 new districts: Nubra (HQ: Diskit), Sham (HQ: Khaltse), Changthang (HQ: Nyoma) — carved from Leh; and Zaskar (HQ: Padum), Drass (HQ: Drass-Ranbirpura) — carved from Kargil. Total districts are now 7. The MHA had originally approved this in August 2024.

6

The Hmar People's Convention Democratic cadres laid down arms in May 2026 marking the end of the last active insurgent group in which state?

A Manipur

B Nagaland

C Mizoram

D Meghalaya

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Hmar People's Convention Democratic (HPCD) was the last active insurgent group in Mizoram. Their surrender in May 2026 marks complete peace in a state that has been a model of successful insurgency resolution in Northeast India through negotiation and development.

7

India's first green methanol plant proposed at Kandla in Gujarat will use which invasive plant species as its primary feedstock?

A Lantana camara

B Parthenium hysterophorus

C Prosopis juliflora

D Eichhornia crassipes

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Prosopis juliflora (also called Vilayati Babul or Mesquite) is a highly invasive thorny shrub that has degraded millions of hectares of grazing land in Rajasthan and Gujarat. Using it as biomass feedstock for green methanol turns an ecological threat into an energy resource.

8

UAE officially exited OPEC effective May 1 2026 reducing OPEC membership to how many countries?

A 9

B 10

C 11

D 12

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: UAE's exit reduced OPEC from 12 to 11 members. UAE had been one of OPEC's largest producers (around 3.3 million barrels per day). The exit reflects UAE's strategic shift toward long-term oil production expansion outside OPEC's quota constraints.

9

India's GST revenue in April 2026 touched a record high of how much making it the highest monthly collection since GST's launch in 2017?

A Rs 1.87 lakh crore

B Rs 2.10 lakh crore

C Rs 2.43 lakh crore

D Rs 2.78 lakh crore

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: April GST collections are typically high due to year-end compliance and annual return filings. The record Rs 2.43 lakh crore collection in April 2026 reflects India's expanding formal economy, improved tax compliance through e-invoicing, and buoyant domestic consumption despite global headwinds.

10

INS Mahendragiri delivered to the Indian Navy in May 2026 is the how-many-th ship of Project 17A?

A Fourth

B Fifth

C Sixth

D Seventh

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Project 17A (Nilgiri class) is India's stealth guided-missile frigate programme. INS Mahendragiri is the 6th of seven ships being built across Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders and GRSE. These frigates feature over 75% indigenous content and advanced stealth, radar and weapon systems.

11

The MHA notified the Citizenship Amendment Rules 2026 in May 2026 to overhaul which framework?

A Citizenship by naturalisation

B Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) framework

C Person of Indian Origin (PIO) framework

D Non-Resident Indian (NRI) banking framework

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Citizenship Amendment Rules 2026 overhauled OCI card regulations, tightening conditions for dual status holders including a new rule prohibiting minor children from simultaneously holding a foreign passport and OCI status. OCI cards allow foreign nationals of Indian origin to live and work in India indefinitely.

12

Aung San Suu Kyi was moved from prison to house arrest in May 2026. She has been in detention since which year?

A 2019

B 2020

C 2021

D 2022

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Aung San Suu Kyi was detained following the February 1 2021 military coup in Myanmar led by Min Aung Hlaing. A Nobel Peace Prize laureate, she had served as State Counsellor of Myanmar from 2016 until the coup. Her move to house arrest in May 2026 was described by international observers as insufficient for democratic restoration.

13

The Piprahwa Relics of Tathagata Buddha arrived in Leh Ladakh for public exposition beginning on which occasion?

A Mahavir Jayanti

B Guru Purnima

C Buddha Purnima

D Diwali

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Piprahwa Relics are ancient bone relics of the Buddha discovered in 1898 at Piprahwa in UP believed to be from the Shakya clan's share after Buddha's parinirvana. Their exposition in Leh on Buddha Purnima carries deep spiritual significance for the Buddhist-majority Ladakh region.

14

Karnataka launched India's first state-led Centre of Excellence for Space Technology in which city in May 2026?

A Mysuru

B Hubli

C Bengaluru

D Mangaluru

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Karnataka's Centre of Excellence for Space Technology in Bengaluru aims to foster a space-tech startup ecosystem, provide testing infrastructure and support ISRO's vision of commercialising India's space sector. Bengaluru is home to ISRO headquarters and a dense cluster of aerospace companies.

15

India's Composite PMI (combining manufacturing and services) rose to 58.3 in April 2026 from 57.0 in March. This index is jointly published by HSBC and which global financial data company?

A Bloomberg

B Reuters

C S&P Global

D Moody's Analytics

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The HSBC India Composite PMI is jointly published by HSBC and S&P Global PMI. A reading above 50 indicates expansion. India's April 2026 Composite PMI of 58.3 reflected strong momentum in both manufacturing (55.9) and services sectors driven by domestic demand recovery and supply chain shifts benefiting India amid global geopolitical disruptions.

16

Conservationist Parveen Shaikh received the Whitley Award 2026 (Green Oscar) for community-led conservation of which endangered bird?

A Great Indian Bustard

B Indian Skimmer

C Siberian Crane

D Black-necked Stork

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Parveen Shaikh's work in Chambal and Andaman focused on protecting the Indian Skimmer - a bird characterised by its uniquely elongated lower mandible used for skimming water to catch fish. The Whitley Award (Green Oscar) is given by the Whitley Fund for Nature UK for grassroots conservation leadership.

17

World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on which date?

A 1-May

B 2-May

C 3-May

D 4-May

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 following a UNESCO recommendation. It is observed on May 3 to raise awareness about press freedom and remind governments of their duty to respect and uphold the right to freedom of expression. The day also marks the anniversary of the Windhoek Declaration (1991).

18

India was ranked at which position in the 2026 World Press Freedom Index released by Reporters Without Borders?

A 143rd

B 151st

C 157th

D 162nd

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India ranked 157th out of 180 countries in the RSF (Reporters Sans Frontieres) World Press Freedom Index 2026. Concerns cited include attacks on journalists, concentration of media ownership, and challenges faced by independent media. Norway consistently tops this index as the most press-free country.

19

Rohit Jain was appointed as Deputy Governor of RBI in May 2026 replacing which outgoing Deputy Governor?

A M.K. Jain

B T. Rabi Sankar

C Michael Patra

D Swaminathan J.

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: T. Rabi Sankar served as RBI Deputy Governor overseeing fintech, payment systems and forex management. RBI has four Deputy Governors with distinct portfolios covering monetary policy, regulation, currency management and information technology. Rohit Jain takes over the fintech and payment systems responsibilities.

20

Prasoon Joshi was appointed as Chairman of Prasar Bharati in May 2026. Prasar Bharati oversees which two public broadcasting bodies?

A AIR and NDTV

B Doordarshan and All India Radio

C Doordarshan and CNN-IBN

D AIR and BBC India

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Prasar Bharati is India's public broadcaster established by the Prasar Bharati Act 1990. It oversees Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR). Prasoon Joshi is a renowned lyricist, author and advertising professional and former Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification.



Questions 21 – 40

21

GalaxEye's Mission Drishti launched on a SpaceX Falcon 9 on May 3 2026 is the world's first satellite of which type?

A Hyperspectral imaging satellite

B OptoSAR satellite combining optical and SAR sensors

C Fully reusable small satellite

D Private Indian deep space probe

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: GalaxEye's Mission Drishti is the world's first OptoSAR satellite - simultaneously combining optical imaging with Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) in one platform. SAR works through clouds and at night while optical sensors provide colour imagery. This dual-sensor approach is uniquely valuable for disaster monitoring, maritime surveillance and agriculture.

22

India successfully conducted the second flight test of its LR-AShM in May 2026. LR-AShM stands for?

A Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile

B Long-Range Hypersonic Anti-Ship Missile

C Laser-Ranging Anti-Ship Munition

D Long-Range Air-to-Ship Missile

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The LR-AShM (Long-Range Hypersonic Anti-Ship Missile) is a DRDO-developed missile designed to engage naval targets at long range with hypersonic speed. It provides India's Navy a significant deterrent capability against adversary surface vessels. The second test confirmed propulsion, guidance and hypersonic glide vehicle performance.

23

Indian Railways rolled out its 100th Vande Bharat trainset from which factory in May 2026?

A Integral Coach Factory Chennai

B Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala

C Modern Coach Factory Raebareli

D Diesel Locomotive Works Varanasi

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Modern Coach Factory (MCF) in Raebareli Uttar Pradesh is the primary production hub for Vande Bharat trainsets. MCF was established in 2012 and has significantly scaled up production capacity. The 100th Vande Bharat milestone reflects India's rapid railway modernisation under the National Rail Plan.

24

Ishank Singh became the youngest person to swim across the Palk Strait in May 2026. The Palk Strait separates India from which country?

A Maldives

B Sri Lanka

C Bangladesh

D Myanmar

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Palk Strait is a narrow body of water between Tamil Nadu in India and the Mannar district of Northern Sri Lanka. At its narrowest it is about 53 km wide. The Adam's Bridge (Ram Setu) chain of limestone shoals partially crosses this strait. Ishank Singh's feat highlights India's growing presence in open water endurance swimming.

25

The second edition of India-Cambodia bilateral military exercise CINBAX-II 2026 was held in which province of Cambodia?

A Siem Reap Province

B Phnom Penh Province

C Kampong Speu Province

D Kandal Province

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Exercise CINBAX (Cambodia-India Bilateral Army Exercise) is a bilateral exercise focused on jungle warfare and counter-terrorism. The 2nd edition was held in Kampong Speu Province Cambodia. This reflects India's deepening Act East policy military engagement with ASEAN nations beyond its traditional partners.

26

India settled for a bronze medal at the Thomas Cup 2026 after losing in the semi-finals to which country?

A China

B Indonesia

C Denmark

D France

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: India defeated Chinese Taipei 3-0 in the quarterfinals to reach the semis but lost 0-3 to France. France had emerged as a global badminton power following significant investments in the sport. India's bronze in the Thomas Cup reflects the depth of Indian men's badminton talent including players like Lakshya Sen and HS Prannoy.

27

International Firefighters Day is observed every year on which date?

A 2-May

B 3-May

C 4-May

D 5-May

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: International Firefighters Day (IFFD) is observed on May 4 - the feast day of St. Florian the patron saint of firefighters. The day was established in 1999 following the deaths of five firefighters in Australia. It recognises the sacrifice and service of firefighters globally with the symbolic colours of blue (water) and red (fire).

28

The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) entered full force in January 2026. India is exploring which potential domestic response mechanism?

A India Carbon Offset System (ICOS)

B India Border Adjustment Mechanism (IBAM)

C India Carbon Tariff System (ICTS)

D India Emissions Levy Framework (IELF)

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: CBAM places a carbon price on imports of carbon-intensive goods (steel, cement, aluminium, fertilisers) entering the EU. India - a major exporter of these goods to Europe - is exploring an India Border Adjustment Mechanism (IBAM) to counter CBAM's trade impact and avoid double penalisation of Indian exporters.

29

The Enforcement Directorate celebrated its 70th founding anniversary on May 1 2026 and attached assets worth how much in FY 2025-26?

A Rs 41,622 crore

B Rs 61,000 crore

C Rs 81,422 crore

D Rs 1,02,000 crore

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) established in 1956 operates under the Department of Revenue (Ministry of Finance). It enforces the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Attaching Rs 81,422 crore in FY26 represents a record year for the agency in asset seizures.

30

India announced the squad for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 in May 2026 with Harmanpreet Kaur as captain. Who was named as vice-captain?

A Jemimah Rodrigues

B Deepti Sharma

C Richa Ghosh

D Smriti Mandhana

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Smriti Mandhana was named vice-captain of India's Women's T20 World Cup 2026 squad led by Harmanpreet Kaur. India entered the tournament as defending ODI World Cup champions after their historic title win in 2025. The Women's T20 WC 2026 was scheduled to be hosted in England.

31

Barkha Subba won the Whitley Award 2026 (Green Oscar) for grassroots conservation of which rare amphibian?

A Manipuri Newt

B Himalayan Salamander

C Indian Purple Frog

D Malabar Gliding Frog

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Barkha Subba's conservation work in Sikkim focused on the Himalayan Salamander - a critically endangered species found only in the Eastern Himalayas. The Whitley Fund for Nature (UK) presents the Green Oscar annually to conservation leaders from biodiverse nations. India had two winners in 2026 (Parveen Shaikh for Indian Skimmer and Barkha Subba for Himalayan Salamander).

32

Which Indian institution was included in the top 50 of the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2026?

A IIT Bombay

B IIT Delhi

C IISc Bengaluru

D IIT Madras

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru consistently ranks as India's top research university. Its inclusion in the top 50 of the THE Asia University Rankings 2026 reflects its strong research output particularly in science, engineering and interdisciplinary studies. IISc was established in 1909 following a contribution from Jamsetji Tata.

33

TTAADC (Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council) is a body under which Schedule of the Indian Constitution?

A Fifth Schedule

B Sixth Schedule

C Seventh Schedule

D Ninth Schedule

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution provides for autonomous district councils (ADCs) in tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram. TTAADC in Tripura has legislative and judicial powers over its territory. The Fifth Schedule covers tribal areas in other states but does not provide for ADCs.

34

India set a target to expand chemical-free natural farming to how many million hectares by FY31?

A 1.5 million hectares

B 2.5 million hectares

C 3.25 million hectares

D 5.0 million hectares

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's Natural Farming expansion target of 3.25 million hectares by FY31 builds on the Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) model. Natural farming uses no synthetic inputs, relying instead on cow dung, urine and local biological preparations. The target reduces dependence on costly chemical imports and improves soil health.

35

Cotton Productivity Mission approved by Union Cabinet in May 2026 - India is the world's largest cotton producer but faces yield gaps compared to which country that leads in per hectare yield?

A USA

B Brazil

C Australia

D China

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India is the world's largest cotton producer by area but has among the lowest yields per hectare (around 450 kg/hectare). Australia leads with over 2000 kg/hectare through precision irrigation and superior varieties. The Cotton Productivity Mission aims to close this gap through better seeds, drip irrigation and agronomic practices.

36

FSSAI issued guidelines in May 2026 banning analogue paneer. What is analogue paneer made from?

A Skimmed milk powder and starch

B Vegetable fats and non-dairy proteins replacing milk fat

C Goat milk and additives

D Soy protein and synthetic coagulants

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Analogue paneer replaces milk fat with cheaper vegetable fats (such as palm oil or hydrogenated fat) and non-dairy proteins while mimicking the appearance of real paneer. FSSAI banned it to protect consumers from adulteration and dairy farmers from unfair competition. Real paneer under FSSAI standards must be made from whole or standardised milk.

37

India's remittances in 2024 reached how much making India the world's top recipient according to a World Bank report highlighted in May 2026?

A USD 98 billion

B USD 110 billion

C USD 134 billion

D USD 150 billion

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India received USD 134 billion in remittances in 2024 - the world's largest recipient for several consecutive years. The Gulf countries (UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait) and the USA are the primary sources. Remittances support 3-4% of India's GDP and provide a crucial buffer to the current account deficit and rural household incomes.

38

The Union Cabinet approved increasing the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges in May 2026 from 34 to how many including the Chief Justice of India?

A 36

B 37

C 38

D 40

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Cabinet approved increasing the Supreme Court's sanctioned strength from 34 to 38 judges (including CJI) to address over 93,000 pending cases. The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Act was subsequently passed. The original Constitution of India fixed the number at 8 which has been progressively increased over the decades.

39

The Union Cabinet approved two new semiconductor manufacturing units in May 2026 bringing total approved projects under India Semiconductor Mission to?

A 10

B 11

C 12

D 14

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) now has 12 approved projects with cumulative investments of approximately Rs 1.60 lakh crore. The two new units approved in May 2026 include a mini/micro-LED display unit and an advanced packaging facility. The semiconductor push is critical for India's electronics manufacturing and reducing import dependence.

40

The tagged Amur falcon named Apapang completed a nonstop flight of approximately 4750 km from Somalia to central India in how many hours setting a new record for this migratory species?

A 72 hours

B 85 hours

C 95 hours

D 110 hours

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Amur Falcon (*Falco amurensis*) is a small raptor that makes one of the world's longest migrations from East Asia to Southern Africa. Tagged as Apapang by researchers at the Wildlife Institute of India it flew 4750 km nonstop from Somalia to central India in just 95 hours. Amur falcons famously roost at Doyang reservoir in Nagaland during their annual migration. This tracking reveals remarkable endurance in small raptors.



Questions 41 – 60

41

IIT Madras Global Research Foundation established its first international centre in which US city in May 2026?

A San Francisco

B Palo Alto

C Menlo Park

D Seattle

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: IIT Madras opened its first US research centre in Menlo Park California - the heart of Silicon Valley - on May 6 2026. The centre will foster collaborative research between IIT Madras and US tech companies and universities particularly in AI, deep tech and semiconductor research. IIT Madras consistently ranks as India's top engineering institution.

42

Three Indian journalists won the Pulitzer Prize 2026. Which of the following was NOT among the Indian winners?

A Anand RK

B Aniruddha Ghosal

C Suparna Sharma

D Barkha Dutt

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Anand RK, Aniruddha Ghosal and Suparna Sharma were the three Indian journalists who won the Pulitzer Prize 2026. The Pulitzer Prize in Journalism is one of the world's most prestigious media awards presented annually by Columbia University. These journalists won in the International Reporting category for their investigative coverage.

43

Ted Turner who passed away in May 2026 at age 87 was the founder of which global media network?

A BBC World

B Al Jazeera

C CNN

D Fox News

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Ted Turner founded Cable News Network (CNN) in 1980 - the world's first 24-hour news channel. Turner also founded TBS (Turner Broadcasting System) and championed environmental causes including the UN Foundation. CNN revolutionised television journalism by demonstrating that a dedicated news channel could be commercially viable.

44

Vietnam President To Lam who visited India in May 2026 also holds which additional position in Vietnam's political system?

A Prime Minister

B Chairman of National Assembly

C General Secretary of the Communist Party

D Defence Minister

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Vietnam follows a one-party system governed by the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV). To Lam holds both the position of President and General Secretary of the CPV - consolidating significant power. His state visit to India and the elevation of ties to Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership reflects both nations' Indo-Pacific strategic alignment.

45

India and Vietnam elevated bilateral ties to which level during President To Lam's visit to India in May 2026?

A Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

B Special Strategic Partnership

C Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

D Elevated Global Partnership

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The elevation of India-Vietnam ties to Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership builds on the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership established in 2016. Key pillars include defence cooperation, trade, digital economy and people-to-people ties. India-Vietnam bilateral trade target was set at USD 25 billion by 2030.

46

South Coast Railway (SCoR) notified in May 2026 as India's 18th railway zone will have its headquarters in which city?

A Vijayawada

B Guntur

C Visakhapatnam

D Tirupati

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: South Coast Railway (SCoR) with headquarters in Visakhapatnam was notified as India's 18th railway zone in May 2026. It was carved out of South Central Railway (SCR) to improve administrative efficiency in coastal Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. Visakhapatnam is a major port city and industrial hub making it a natural headquarters choice.

47

DPIIT issued a revised SOP for expedited 60-day FDI clearance for land-border countries identifying how many sub-sectors for this framework?

A 25

B 30

C 40

D 50

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India requires government approval for FDI from countries sharing land borders (China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar). DPIIT's 40 sub-sector fast-track framework ensures investment decisions are made within 60 days, balancing national security scrutiny with India's need for capital - particularly relevant for Chinese FDI in electronics and technology sectors.

48

RBI's Foreign Exchange Management (Authorised Persons) Regulations 2026 discontinued which category of forex service provider?

A Authorised Dealer Category I

B Full-Fledged Money Changers (FFMCs)

C Authorised Dealer Category II

D Money Transfer Service Scheme agents

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: RBI replaced the Full-Fledged Money Changers (FFMCs) framework with the new Forex Correspondent (FxC) model. FFMCs were standalone entities that exchanged foreign currency. The FxC model integrates these services into a broader banking and financial institution network, improving oversight, consumer protection and accessibility of forex services.

49

EAM S. Jaishankar's visit to Jamaica in May 2026 was historic as the first bilateral visit by an Indian External Affairs Minister to Jamaica. Jamaica is located in which region?

A Central America

B Caribbean

C South America

D North Atlantic

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Jamaica is a Caribbean island nation in the Greater Antilles group. India and Jamaica share Commonwealth membership, cricket heritage, and a large Indian-origin diaspora descended from indentured labourers. EAM Jaishankar's visit focused on development cooperation, health (supply of generic medicines), and climate resilience partnerships.

50

NCRB data released in May 2026 showed cybercrime in India rose by what percentage while overall crime rate dropped by 6%?

A 9%

B 12%

C 17%

D 21%

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) data showed cybercrime in India rose 17% while the overall crime rate fell 6%. This paradox reflects the structural shift in criminal activity from physical to digital spaces. Online financial fraud, sextortion, fake job scams and social media crimes drive the surge. India's I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre) coordinates responses.

51

The Vadinar Ship Repair Facility approved in May 2026 with an investment of Rs 1570 crore is being developed as a joint venture between Deendayal Port Authority and which organisation?

A Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

B Garden Reach Shipbuilders

C Cochin Shipyard Limited

D Hindustan Shipyard Limited

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Vadinar Ship Repair Facility in Gujarat - a joint venture between Deendayal Port Authority and Cochin Shipyard Limited - will reduce India's dependence on foreign ship repair facilities (Dubai, Singapore, China). Currently 65-70% of Indian ship repair work goes abroad. Vadinar's strategic location near major shipping lanes makes it ideal for this facility.

52

Popular actor and TVK leader Vijay took oath as Chief Minister of which state on May 10 2026?

A Andhra Pradesh

B Kerala

C Karnataka

D Tamil Nadu

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Vijay - the popular Tamil film star who founded the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) party - won the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections and was sworn in as Chief Minister on May 10. His party swept to power on a platform of social justice, anti-corruption and welfare. This is one of the most dramatic political entries in Tamil Nadu's post-MGR history.

53

Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani named as India's next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) in May 2026 was previously serving as which position?

A Chief of Army Staff

B Vice Chief of Army Staff

C Commander-in-Chief Eastern Command

D Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani served as Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) before being elevated as India's next CDS succeeding General Anil Chauhan. The CDS position was created in January 2020 following the Kargil Review Committee recommendations to ensure better civil-military integration and joint service planning.

54

India successfully flight-tested an advanced version of which missile featuring Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) capability in May 2026?

A BrahMos

B Prithvi III

C Agni

D Pralay

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: MIRV technology allows a single ballistic missile to carry multiple nuclear warheads each capable of being guided to different targets independently. India's Agni MIRV capability - demonstrated through Mission Divyastra - significantly enhances India's nuclear deterrence. China and Pakistan's growing missile arsenals drove India's accelerated development of MIRV.

55

Kuljeet Kaur Marhas became the first Indian woman to be elected as a Fellow of The Meteoritical Society on May 9 2026. The Meteoritical Society studies?

A Ocean floor geology

B Meteorites asteroids comets and planetary materials

C Atmospheric science

D Seismic activity and earthquakes

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Meteoritical Society is an international scientific organisation founded in 1933 dedicated to the study of extraterrestrial materials including meteorites, asteroids, comets and planetary geology. Kuljeet Kaur Marhas's Fellowship recognition reflects India's growing contribution to planetary science and meteoritics research.

56

Indian Coast Guard Ship Achal commissioned on May 9 2026 at Goa Shipyard Limited belongs to which class of vessels?

A Vikram-class

B Adamyia-class

C Samarth-class

D Priyadarshini-class

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: ICGS Achal is an Adamyia-class Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) - a 51-metre vessel designed for high-speed coastal and offshore patrol, search and rescue, and anti-smuggling operations. Built indigenously at Goa Shipyard Limited, it reflects India's push for self-reliance in maritime security vessel construction under Make in India.

57

Suvendu Adhikari was inaugurated as Chief Minister of West Bengal on May 9 2026. He belongs to which political party?

A Congress

B Trinamool Congress

C BJP

D CPI(M)

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Suvendu Adhikari of BJP became West Bengal's Chief Minister after BJP's landmark victory in the 2026 Assembly elections ending over a decade of TMC rule under Mamata Banerjee. Adhikari had himself defected from TMC to BJP in 2020 and played a key role in BJP's Bengal strategy.

58

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched PMGSY-IV in May 2026 from Bhairunda in which district of Madhya Pradesh?

A Bhopal

B Sehore

C Vidisha

D Raisen

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: PMGSY (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) was launched on December 25 2000 by PM Vajpayee. PMGSY-IV expands rural road connectivity targeting 25,000 habitations with 62,500 km of roads at a cost of Rs 70,125 crore. Shivraj Singh Chouhan - a former Madhya Pradesh CM - is the Union Agriculture Minister who launched it from his home turf.

59

Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani was appointed as India's new Chief of Defence Staff on May 11 2026 succeeding which outgoing CDS?

A Gen Bipin Rawat

B Gen Anil Chauhan

C Gen Manoj Pande

D Gen Upendra Dwivedi

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: General Anil Chauhan had served as India's 2nd CDS after the tragic death of India's first CDS General Bipin Rawat in a helicopter crash in December 2021. The CDS serves as the permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and the Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister.

60

National Technology Day is observed on May 11 every year to commemorate which historic event of 1998?

A Launch of PSLV-C1

B India's first supercomputer PARAM

C Pokhran-II nuclear tests under Operation Shakti

D ISRO's first satellite Aryabhata

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: On May 11 1998 India conducted five nuclear tests at Pokhran in Rajasthan under Operation Shakti (also called Pokhran-II). PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared India a nuclear weapons state. The tests triggered international sanctions but established India's credibility as a nuclear power. National Technology Day also marks test-firing of the Trishul missile.



Questions 61 – 80

61

PM Modi visited Somnath Temple on May 11 2026 for the Somnath Swabhiman Parv marking 1000 years since which ruler's attack on the temple in 1026?

A Timur

B Aurangzeb

C Mahmud of Ghazni

D Muhammad of Ghor

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Mahmud of Ghazni attacked and plundered the Somnath Temple in Gujarat in 1026 CE - one of the most devastating raids of medieval India. He carried away enormous wealth and broke the Shivalinga. The temple was rebuilt multiple times. The current temple was reconstructed after independence under Sardar Patel's leadership and reopened by President Rajendra Prasad in May 1951.

62

Somnath Temple was reopened after post-independence reconstruction in May 1951 by which President of India?

A C. Rajagopalachari

B Rajendra Prasad

C S. Radhakrishnan

D Zakir Husain

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel spearheaded the Somnath Temple reconstruction despite opposition from PM Nehru who feared it would be seen as majoritarian. President Rajendra Prasad attended the consecration ceremony in May 1951 marking the temple's restoration. This was a landmark moment in post-partition India's efforts to revive its cultural heritage.

63

SEBI proposed GARUDA in May 2026 as a green-channel fast-track approval mechanism for which category of financial entities?

A Mutual Funds

B Foreign Portfolio Investors

C Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)

D Non-Banking Financial Companies

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: SEBI's GARUDA (Green-channel Approval for Regulatory Understanding by AIF Domains) mechanism streamlines registration and regulatory approval for AIFs that meet pre-defined eligibility criteria. AIFs include hedge funds, private equity, venture capital and real estate funds. Faster approvals aim to attract more alternative investment capital into India.

64

ICMR and ICAR jointly launched the SEHAT initiative on May 11 2026. What does SEHAT stand for?

A Science and Engineering for Health and Agricultural Technology

B Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation

C Sustainable Ecosystem for Health and Agri-Technology

D Strategic Engagement for Holistic Agricultural Transformation

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: SEHAT (Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation) is a joint ICMR-ICAR initiative recognising that agricultural practices directly impact human nutrition and health outcomes. It focuses on biofortified crops, reducing pesticide residues, improving post-harvest food safety and linking farm-to-fork decisions with health data.

65

India's Global Capability Centre (GCC) ecosystem crossed how many centres in FY 2025-26 as per the Nasscom-Zinnov report released in May 2026?

A 1500 centres

B 1800 centres

C 2100 centres

D 2500 centres

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's GCC ecosystem crossed 2100+ centres in FY26 employing over 1.7 million professionals. GCCs are offshore units of global multinationals handling high-skill functions like R&D, analytics, AI, engineering and finance. Bengaluru hosts the largest number followed by Hyderabad, Chennai and Pune. India commands over 65% of the global GCC market.

66

International Nurses Day on May 12 marks the birth anniversary of which personality?

A Mary Seacole

B Florence Nightingale

C Clara Barton

D Edith Cavell

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: International Nurses Day is observed on May 12 - the birthday of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) - the founder of modern nursing who revolutionised hospital sanitation during the Crimean War. The National Florence Nightingale Awards are conferred by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on this day. In 2026, 15 nursing personnel received this prestigious recognition.

67

RBI signed a revised bilateral MoU with the European Central Bank (ECB) in May 2026. The Eurozone administered by the ECB had recently expanded from 20 to 21 members in January 2026. Which was the newest Eurozone member?

A Romania

B Hungary

C Serbia

D Bulgaria

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Bulgaria adopted the Euro on January 1 2026 becoming the Eurozone's 21st member. The RBI-ECB bilateral MoU signed in May 2026 — covering banking supervision cooperation and financial stability matters — acknowledged this Eurozone expansion. Bulgaria had been in ERM-II (the mandatory 2-year pre-Euro waiting mechanism) since 2020.

68

SBI Research projected India's Q4 FY26 GDP growth at which percentage in May 2026?

A 6.80%

B 7.00%

C 7.20%

D 7.50%

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: SBI Research's Q4 FY26 GDP projection of 7.2% reflected strong domestic consumption, robust GST collections (record Rs 2.43 lakh crore in April 2026) and manufacturing sector recovery. India's full-year FY26 GDP was expected to exceed 7% making it one of the fastest-growing major economies despite global uncertainties from the West Asia conflict.

69

The VB-G RAM G Act 2025 replacing MGNREGA from July 1 2026 increases the guaranteed employment from 100 to how many days per year?

A 110 days

B 120 days

C 125 days

D 150 days

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: VB-G RAM G (Viksit Bharat Gramin Rozgar aur Madhyam aur Gramin) Act increases the employment guarantee from 100 to 125 days per household per year. It also modifies the fund-sharing ratio and introduces digital work measurement. The original MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) was enacted in 2005 under PM Manmohan Singh.

70

India's first functional PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Park inaugurated by PM Modi in May 2026 is located in which city?

A Surat

B Coimbatore

C Warangal

D Tirupur

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: PM MITRA parks are modelled on global textile hubs like China's textile industrial clusters. Warangal in Telangana hosts India's first functional PM MITRA Park. These parks integrate spinning, weaving, processing and garmenting under one roof with plug-and-play infrastructure, worker hostels and MSME support facilities.

71

The World Resources Institute (WRI) Global Forest Watch report released in May 2026 stated the world lost 4.3 million hectares of primary tropical rainforest in 2025. Which three countries had the highest primary tropical forest loss?

A India China Indonesia

B Brazil Bolivia DRC

C Brazil Colombia Peru

D Indonesia Malaysia Vietnam

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The WRI Global Forest Watch report (April-May 2026) covering 2025 data found that Brazil ranked 1st for tropical primary forest loss (though down 42% from 2024), Bolivia ranked 2nd (its second-highest level ever due to severe fires and agricultural expansion), and DRC ranked 3rd. Indonesia improved significantly in 2025 and was NOT among the top 3. Bolivia surpassed DRC for the first time reflecting alarming deforestation linked to cattle ranching and soy expansion.

72

N. Rangasamy was sworn in as Chief Minister of Puducherry on May 13 2026 for which time?

A Third time

B Fourth time

C Fifth time

D Sixth time

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: N. Rangasamy is a veteran politician of Puducherry who has served multiple terms as Chief Minister. His All India N.R. Congress (AINRC) party returned to power in the 2026 Puducherry Assembly elections. Puducherry as a Union Territory with Legislature has unique constitutional provisions under Article 239A.

73

The Union Cabinet approved the Ahmedabad to Dholera Semi High-Speed Double Line project at an estimated cost of Rs 20667 crore. The project will add approximately how many kilometres of railway line?

A 98 km

B 115 km

C 134 km

D 160 km

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The 134 km Ahmedabad (Sarkhej) to Dholera Semi High-Speed Double Line will connect Ahmedabad to the Dholera Special Investment Region (DSIR) - a planned smart industrial city being developed under the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor. Dholera is also home to India's first greenfield semiconductor fab planned by Tata Electronics.

74

The Union Cabinet approved a Rs 37500 crore scheme for promoting which type of energy projects in May 2026?

A Green Hydrogen Production Projects

B Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects

C Offshore Wind Energy Projects

D Nuclear Micro-Reactor Projects

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Coal and lignite gasification converts solid coal into syngas (a mixture of hydrogen, CO and methane) which can be used for fertiliser production, power generation and as industrial feedstock. India has the world's 4th largest coal reserves. Domestic gasification reduces dependence on imported natural gas and LNG.

75

NTA cancelled the NEET-UG 2026 examination following paper leak allegations. This was the first-ever complete cancellation of NEET-UG. How many candidates had appeared for this examination?

A Over 15 lakh

B Over 18 lakh

C Over 22 lakh

D Over 25 lakh

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Over 22 lakh candidates had appeared for NEET-UG 2026 - one of the world's largest single-day examinations. The complete cancellation was unprecedented. Previous controversies in 2024 had led to reforms including the creation of the National Testing Agency Reforms Committee. The complete cancellation of NEET-UG 2026 triggered major political and judicial debates about exam integrity.

76

India's gold reserves rose to approximately how many tonnes by March 2026 now accounting for about 16% of total forex reserves?

A 650 tonnes

B 750 tonnes

C 880 tonnes

D 1000 tonnes

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's gold reserves reached approximately 880 tonnes by March 2026 - the result of consistent RBI purchases over several years. Gold now constitutes about 16% of India's total forex reserves (\$640 billion as of May 2026). Gold is held as a hedge against currency depreciation and geopolitical uncertainty. India imported nearly \$72 billion worth of gold in FY26.

77

PMGSY-IV launched by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in May 2026 targets connectivity for 25000 habitations by constructing approximately 62500 km of roads. What is the total outlay for PMGSY-IV?

A Rs 30000 crore

B Rs 50000 crore

C Rs 70125 crore

D Rs 95000 crore

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: PMGSY-IV (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Phase IV) was launched in May 2026 with a total outlay of Rs 70125 crore to provide all-weather road connectivity to 25000 remaining unconnected habitations (with population 250+ in plain areas and 100+ in hilly/tribal areas). It targets construction of 62500 km of new roads and 62500 km of upgrades. PMGSY was originally launched on December 25 2000 by PM Vajpayee.

78

V. D. Satheesan was elected as the Chief Minister of Kerala on May 14 2026. He belongs to which political party?

A CPI(M)

B Indian National Congress

C Indian Union Muslim League

D Kerala Congress

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: V.D. Satheesan is the President of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) and a senior leader of the Indian National Congress. His government ended LDF (Left Democratic Front) rule under Pinarayi Vijayan. This marks Congress's return to power in Kerala after nearly a decade bringing the United Democratic Front (UDF) back into government.

79

India hosted the BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting on May 14 and 15 2026. The meeting was chaired by which Indian minister?

A PM Narendra Modi

B NSA Ajit Doval

C EAM S. Jaishankar

D Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's BRICS chairship for 2026 with the theme 'Building for Resilience Innovation Cooperation and Sustainability' included hosting the BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting chaired by EAM S. Jaishankar. Key outcomes included a joint statement on the Palestine issue (supporting a two-state solution), WTO reform and South-South cooperation on climate finance.

80

I4C and RBIH signed an MoU in May 2026 to use AI for detecting mule accounts and cyber financial frauds. I4C functions under which ministry?

A Ministry of Finance

B Ministry of Electronics and IT

C Ministry of Home Affairs

D Ministry of Commerce

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: I4C (Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre) under the Ministry of Home Affairs coordinates national responses to cybercrime. RBIH (Reserve Bank Innovation Hub) is RBI's innovation arm. Their MoU uses AI to identify mule accounts - bank accounts used by criminals to layer illegal funds - addressing one of India's most rapidly growing financial crimes.



Questions 81 – 100

81

India's retail CPI inflation rose to what percentage in April 2026 driven mainly by higher food and vegetable prices?

A 3.48%

B 3.92%

C 4.15%

D 4.60%

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: India's CPI inflation rose marginally from 3.4% in March 2026 to 3.48% in April 2026. While still within RBI's 2-6% tolerance band the uptick was driven by vegetable price spikes due to heatwave damage to crops in UP, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Vegetable prices carry significant weight in India's food CPI.

82

The government raised the effective import duty on gold and silver from 9.2% to what percentage effective May 13 2026 to conserve foreign exchange?

A 12.50%

B 15.00%

C 18.40%

D 20.00%

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: With gold imports surging to nearly \$72 billion in FY26 and the rupee under pressure, the government raised the effective import duty on gold and silver from 9.2% to 18.4%. This was done through a surcharge on the existing custom duty. Higher import duties discourage gold imports and reduce the current account deficit pressure.

83

CII elected which person as its President for 2026-27 in May 2026?

A Rajiv Memani

B Suchitra Ella

C R Mukundan

D Shashwat Goenka

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: R Mukundan is the Managing Director and CEO of Tata Chemicals. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is India's premier business association. Its President leads industry's engagement with government on policy, represents Indian business internationally and chairs key CII committees on economic competitiveness.

84

India assumed the chairship of the Kimberley Process for 2026. The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme regulates trade in which commodity?

A Gold

B Rough Diamonds

C Rare Earth Minerals

D Precious Gemstones

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Kimberley Process (KP) was established in 2003 to prevent the trade in conflict diamonds (also called blood diamonds) which fund rebel movements against legitimate governments. India - the world's largest diamond cutting and polishing centre (processing 90% of global rough diamonds) - holds the 2026 KP chairship under the theme 'Credibility Compliance Consumer Confidence'.

85

The International Day of Families 2026 is observed on May 15 with which theme?

A Families Technology and Education

B Families Inequalities and Child Wellbeing

C Families Climate Action and Sustainability

D Families Migration and Development

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: International Day of Families was designated by the UN in 1993 and is observed on May 15 each year. The 2026 theme - Families Inequalities and Child Wellbeing - highlights how growing wealth inequality within and between countries disproportionately affects children's nutrition education and health outcomes when families lack economic security.

86

India and UAE signed an MoU on May 15 2026 for cooperation in strategic petroleum reserves and increased supply of which fuel?

A Crude oil

B Natural gas

C Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)

D Diesel

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India imports approximately 60% of its LPG from the Gulf. The India-UAE MoU secures long-term supply arrangements for LPG (used in Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana cooking gas connections) and cooperation on strategic petroleum reserves - critical for India's energy security given the West Asia conflict disruptions.

87

The Government of India banned sugar exports until which date in 2026?

A June 30 2026

B August 31 2026

C September 30 2026

D December 31 2026

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India banned sugar exports until September 30 2026 citing domestic supply concerns due to below-normal monsoon outlook (92% of LPA) and possible El Nino concerns affecting sugarcane cultivation. India is the world's largest sugar producer and its export decisions significantly impact global sugar prices. The ban protects domestic consumers from price spikes.

88

The MSP for common paddy was fixed at how much per quintal for marketing season 2026-27?

A Rs 2369 per quintal

B Rs 2441 per quintal

C Rs 2515 per quintal

D Rs 2590 per quintal

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The CCEA (Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs) approved the MSP for 14 Kharif Crops for 2026-27. Common paddy MSP was fixed at Rs 2441 per quintal - an increase over the previous year. MSPs are based on the cost of cultivation plus a 50% return as recommended by the Swaminathan Commission and the CCEA uses A2+FL cost formula.

89

The Bhojshala complex in Dhar district Madhya Pradesh was declared a temple by the Madhya Pradesh High Court Indore Bench on May 15 2026. Bhojshala is associated with which ruler?

A Aurangzeb

B Paramara King Bhoja

C Alauddin Khilji

D Muhammad bin Tughluq

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Bhojshala was a Sanskrit academy built by Paramara dynasty King Bhoja (1010-1055 CE) - celebrated for his patronage of learning and construction of the Bhopal lake. The complex contains a Devi Vag Mata (Saraswati) shrine. A mosque was later constructed within the complex during medieval times creating a long-standing dispute resolved by the HC in May 2026.

90

A new Ebola outbreak was confirmed on May 15 2026 in the Ituri province of DRC. The WHO declared this a PHEIC on May 17 2026. PHEIC stands for?

A Pandemic Health Emergency in Contagious Infections

B Public Health Emergency of International Concern

C Primary Health Emergency Intervention Crisis

D Pan-Health Emergency International Committee

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: A PHEIC (Public Health Emergency of International Concern) is the highest level of alarm under the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005). Only the WHO Director General can declare a PHEIC. As of May 2026 the most significant previous PHEIC declarations were for H1N1 (2009), Ebola (2014, 2019), Zika (2016), COVID-19 (2020) and Mpox (2022, 2024).

91

The Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways signed a tripartite MoU for India's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu. Which South Korean company is the key partner?

A Hyundai Heavy Industries

B Samsung Heavy Industries

C HD Korea Shipbuilding and Offshore Engineering (HD KSOE)

D Daewoo Shipbuilding

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard at Thoothukudi (Tuticorin) will be developed with HD KSOE - South Korea's leading shipbuilder. Shipbuilding is a strategic sector where India has lagged badly behind South Korea China and Japan. This shipyard will target 1 million GT of shipbuilding capacity positioning India as a significant global shipbuilder by 2030.

92

India approved Lormalzi (donanemab) in May 2026 as the country's first approved disease-modifying therapy for early-stage Alzheimer's disease. It was developed by which pharmaceutical company?

A Pfizer

B Novo Nordisk

C Eli Lilly

D Roche

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Lormalzi (donanemab) developed by Eli Lilly is an amyloid-beta plaque-targeting monoclonal antibody that slows cognitive decline in early-stage Alzheimer's. It works by clearing amyloid plaques from the brain - a key biomarker of Alzheimer's. India's approval makes it the first disease-modifying (not just symptomatic) Alzheimer's therapy available in India.

93

India assumed the Chair of the Common Criteria Development Board for 2026 to 2028. Common Criteria is an international standard in which domain?

A Aerospace manufacturing

B Global Cybersecurity and IT product evaluation

C Nuclear power plant safety

D Maritime navigation systems

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Common Criteria (CC) is an international standard (ISO 15408) for IT security product evaluation and certification. The Common Criteria Development Board oversees the standard's evolution. India's chairship marks its emergence as a global cybersecurity standard-setting power alongside the USA, EU nations, Japan and South Korea.

94

India is planning to construct a Rs 40000 crore subsea gas pipeline connecting Oman and Gujarat. This pipeline if built will primarily transport?

A Crude oil

B Liquefied Natural Gas

C Natural gas

D Liquefied Petroleum Gas

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The proposed India-Oman subsea gas pipeline (approximately 1200 km underwater) would transport natural gas directly from Oman's gas fields to Gujarat bypassing LNG liquefaction and regasification costs. It would make natural gas cheaper for Indian industry and reduce India's energy import bills significantly. Similar undersea pipelines exist in Europe and Southeast Asia.

95

Under Operation Ragepill India recorded its first seizure of Captagon tablets worth Rs 182 crore in May 2026. Captagon is a banned synthetic drug primarily produced in which country?

A Afghanistan

B Myanmar

C Syria

D Colombia

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Captagon (fenethylamine) is a synthetic amphetamine-type stimulant originally developed as a medical drug but now produced illicitly primarily in Syria by groups linked to the Assad regime. It has become a major revenue source for Syrian armed factions. Captagon use has spread across Gulf states and India is emerging as a transit country for global trafficking routes.

96

ZSI discovered two new spider species *Psechrus ntu* and *Psechrus phenshunyu* in May 2026 in which state?

A Manipur

B Arunachal Pradesh

C Nagaland

D Meghalaya

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) discovered two new spider species of the Psechridae family from Nagaland. These lace-web spiders are commonly found in humid forest environments. Nagaland's biodiversity-rich subtropical forests in the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot continue to yield new species discoveries. ZSI has been responsible for thousands of new species descriptions since its establishment in 1916.

97

CSIR-NGRI scientists discovered an ancient underground river channel beneath the Prayagraj to Kanpur stretch in UP. Which modern river flows on the surface above this ancient channel?

A Yamuna

B Ganga

C Gomti

D Ghaghra

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (Hyderabad) used seismic and gravity data to discover an ancient buried river channel beneath the Gangetic plains in the Prayagraj-Kanpur stretch. This paleo-channel once carried massive water flows and now constitutes a significant aquifer contributing to groundwater recharge in this densely populated region.

98

Sikkim which became India's 22nd state on May 16 1975 completed how many years of statehood on May 16 2026?

A 49 years

B 50 years

C 51 years

D 52 years

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Sikkim became India's 22nd state on May 16 1975 through the Constitution (36th Amendment) Act 1975 following a referendum in which over 97% voted for merger with India. PM Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) and Governor Om Prakash Malthur led the May 16 2026 celebrations marking 51 years of Sikkim's integration with India.

99

The BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting in New Delhi in May 2026 reaffirmed support for a Palestinian State within pre-1967 borders with which city as its capital?

A Ramallah

B Hebron

C East Jerusalem

D Gaza City

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The BRICS FM joint declaration reaffirmed the two-state solution - an independent, sovereign Palestinian State based on pre-1967 borders with East Jerusalem as capital - in line with multiple UNGA resolutions. This position reflects BRICS nations' collective opposition to unilateral Israeli actions in the West Bank and Gaza.

100

PM Modi received Sweden's highest honour for a Head of Government - the Royal Order of the Polar Star Commander Grand Cross - from King Carl XVI Gustaf in which Swedish city?

A Stockholm

B Uppsala

C Gothenburg

D Malmo

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Royal Order of the Polar Star is one of Sweden's most prestigious honours awarded to foreign Heads of State and Government. PM Modi received this in Gothenburg - Sweden's second-largest city and major port - from King Carl XVI Gustaf during his bilateral visit with Swedish PM Ulf Kristersson on May 17 2026.



Questions 101 – 120

101

ISRO signed an MoU with the Norwegian Space Agency during PM Modi's Oslo visit. India's Arctic research station Himadri is located in which Norwegian territory?

A Tromso

B Bergen

C Ny-Ålesund Svalbard

D Jan Mayen Island

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's Himadri Arctic Research Station is located at Ny-Ålesund in the Svalbard archipelago - a high-latitude Arctic territory of Norway. Established in 2008 Himadri facilitates Indian research on Arctic climate change glaciology and atmospheric science. The India-ISRO Norway Space MoU opens new collaboration on Arctic observation and satellite data sharing.

102

PM Modi witnessed the signing of an MoU between Tata Electronics and Dutch company ASML in the Netherlands. ASML is strategically significant because it is the world's only manufacturer of which critical technology?

A 5G base stations

B EUV (Extreme Ultraviolet) lithography machines

C Advanced DRAM memory chips

D Gallium Nitride wafers

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: ASML's EUV (Extreme Ultraviolet) lithography machines are essential for manufacturing the most advanced chips (below 7nm). Without ASML's EUV machines no semiconductor manufacturer can produce cutting-edge chips - making ASML arguably the most strategically critical company in the global semiconductor supply chain. The Tata-ASML MoU supports India's fab at Dholera Gujarat.

103

The WHO declared the Ebola outbreak in DRC and Uganda a PHEIC on May 17 2026. Who has the authority to declare a PHEIC under the International Health Regulations?

A UN Secretary General

B WHO Director General

C World Health Assembly

D UN Security Council

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Only the WHO Director General can declare a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) under the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005). The determination follows advice from the IHR Emergency Committee of independent experts. A PHEIC triggers international response coordination and travel/trade recommendations.

104

Kami Rita Sherpa set a new world record on May 17 2026 by scaling Mount Everest for how many times?

A 28th time

B 30th time

C 31st time

D 32nd time

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Kami Rita Sherpa - a Nepali high-altitude guide from the Sherpa community of Khumbu - scaled Everest for a record 32nd time on May 17 2026 at 10:12 AM Nepal time. He has been consistently breaking his own records since 2018. Everest was first summited on May 29 1953 by Tenzing Norgay Sherpa and Edmund Hillary.

105

India and Iceland deepened ties at the India-Nordic Summit 2026 in Oslo. Iceland generates nearly 100% of its electricity from renewable sources. Approximately what percentage of Iceland's electricity generation comes from hydropower?

A About 20%

B About 45%

C About 72%

D About 90%

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Iceland generates approximately 72% of its electricity from hydropower and about 27% from geothermal energy. It is nearly 100% renewable in electricity. Geothermal energy accounts for about 65% of Iceland's total PRIMARY ENERGY (including heating — about 85% of all Icelandic homes are heated geothermally) but only about 27% of electricity. India-Iceland cooperation signed at the Nordic Summit 2026 focuses on geothermal technology transfer for India's volcanic regions in Ladakh and the Andaman Islands.

106

The 79th World Health Assembly commenced on May 17 2026 in Geneva. India was represented by which Union Minister?

A Mansukh Mandaviya

B Harsh Vardhan

C JP Nadda

D Rajesh Bhushan

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The World Health Assembly (WHA) is the supreme decision-making body of the WHO and meets annually in Geneva. India's Health Minister JP Nadda represented India at the 79th WHA. Key agenda items included pandemic treaty negotiations, Ebola PHEIC response, UHC progress review and climate-health linkages.

107

The President of India promulgated the SC (Number of Judges) Amendment Ordinance on May 18 2026 under which Article of the Constitution?

A Article 72

B Article 111

C Article 123

D Article 143

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Article 123 empowers the President of India to promulgate ordinances when Parliament is not in session if immediate legislative action is required. The SC Judges Amendment Ordinance was subsequently replaced by the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Act passed by Parliament.

108

IMD announced the Southwest Monsoon advanced over the Andaman Sea on May 16 and is expected to reach Kerala by which date - about 6 days ahead of its normal onset date of June 1?

A May 20 2026

B May 24 2026

C May 26 2026

D June 1 2026

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Southwest Monsoon's normal onset date over Kerala is June 1. In 2026 IMD predicted an early onset around May 26 - 6 days ahead of normal. Despite this early advance the monsoon was forecast at 92% of LPA (below normal) raising concerns for Kharif crop production particularly in rain-fed agricultural areas of Central and Peninsular India.

109

BCCI was ruled not a public authority under the RTI Act by the CIC in May 2026. BCCI is registered under which state's Societies Registration Act?

A Maharashtra

B Karnataka

C Tamil Nadu

D Delhi

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) is registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act. The CIC ruled it is not a public authority under RTI because it receives no direct government funding, is not substantially financed by the government and is not owned or controlled by any government entity - despite its de facto monopoly over cricket in India.

110

The design of India's first bullet train for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project was unveiled on May 18 2026. The train's maximum operating speed is targeted at?

A 200 km/h

B 250 km/h

C 320 km/h

D 350 km/h

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (bullet train) project uses Japan's Shinkansen E5 series technology with a maximum operational speed of 320 km/h. The project is being implemented by the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) with technical and financial assistance from Japan. The 508 km corridor will reduce travel time from over 7 hours to about 2 hours.

111

The Indian rupee breached which psychological barrier against the US dollar in May 2026 hitting a record low?

A Rs 90 per dollar

B Rs 93 per dollar

C Rs 96 per dollar

D Rs 100 per dollar

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The rupee's depreciation beyond Rs 96 per dollar was driven by Iran's Strait of Hormuz closure (pushing oil prices to \$115/barrel), foreign portfolio investor outflows, and a strong dollar globally. RBI intervened through USD-INR buy/sell swap auctions and foreign exchange market operations to stabilise the currency.

112

India received the restitution of Chola Copper Plates from the University of Leiden during PM Modi's visit to the Netherlands. These plates are also known as?

A Pala Copper Plates

B Anaimangalam Copper Plates
(Leiden Plates)

C Sinhala Copper Plates

D Pallava Grant Plates

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Anaimangalam Copper Plates (Leiden Plates) are Chola-era inscribed copper plates that had been held in the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. The Dutch East India Company (VOC) had acquired them during the colonial era. Their restitution during PM Modi's visit marks a significant diplomatic moment in India's campaign to recover its looted cultural heritage from Western institutions.

113

May 18 2026 marks the 52nd anniversary of India's first nuclear test known as Smiling Buddha conducted at Pokhran in 1974 under which Prime Minister?

A Lal Bahadur Shastri

B Indira Gandhi

C Rajiv Gandhi

D Morarji Desai

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Operation Smiling Buddha (May 18 1974) was India's first successful nuclear weapons test at the Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan. PM Indira Gandhi gave the go-ahead for the test. India described it as a peaceful nuclear explosion (PNE). The test prompted significant international criticism and led to the formation of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) to restrict nuclear technology transfer.

114

India and Norway elevated their bilateral ties to a Green Strategic Partnership during PM Modi's visit to Oslo. This partnership specifically focuses on which interconnected areas?

A Space technology and AI

B Climate action renewable energy critical minerals and green shipping

C Nuclear power and maritime security

D Agricultural cooperation and food security

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The India-Norway Green Strategic Partnership focuses on: clean energy transition, cooperation on critical minerals (where Norway has expertise in battery metals), green shipping (Norway is a major maritime nation), offshore wind (where Norway's Equinor has global expertise) and Arctic research via India's Himadri station in Svalbard.

115

PM Modi received Norway's highest honour from King Harald V in Oslo on May 18 2026. Which award did he receive?

A Order of the Seraphim

B Royal Order of the Polar Star
Commander Grand Cross

C Grand Cross of the Royal
Norwegian Order of Merit

D Royal Order of Saint Olav

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit is Norway's highest civilian honour for foreign nationals. PM Modi received it from King Harald V during his visit to Oslo on May 18 2026 in recognition of India-Norway bilateral ties and PM Modi's leadership on global issues including climate change and multilateralism.

116

The India-Nordic Summit 2026 held in Oslo was the third edition. The second edition was held in which city?

A Helsinki

B Stockholm

C Copenhagen

D Reykjavik

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The India-Nordic Summit series: 1st edition in Stockholm (2018), 2nd in Copenhagen (2022), and 3rd in Oslo (2026). The five Nordic nations (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) are collectively India's important partners in areas of clean energy, maritime technology, life sciences, digital governance and Arctic cooperation.

117

The India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) referenced during PM Modi's Europe visit commits to how much investment in India over the next 15 years?

A USD 50 billion

B USD 75 billion

C USD 100 billion

D USD 150 billion

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The India-EFTA TEPA (Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement) with Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland - signed in March 2024 - commits EFTA nations to USD 100 billion in investment in India over 15 years, potentially creating 1 million jobs. It was India's first FTA with a developed country bloc and covers goods, services and investment.

118

The Supreme Court modified the absolute freeze on Section 124A (sedition) proceedings in *Kamran v. State of Madhya Pradesh 2026*. Section 124A of the IPC has been substantially replaced by which section of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023?

A Section 124

B Section 152

C Section 196

D Section 295

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Section 152 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023 replaces Section 124A (sedition) of the IPC. While Section 124A targeted 'exciting disaffection towards the government', Section 152 BNS covers 'acts endangering sovereignty unity and integrity of India' with narrower but still controversial scope. The Supreme Court's modification in May 2026 allowed proceedings to continue with accused's consent, ending the blanket 2022 freeze.

119

The Eastern Regional Agriculture Conference 2026 was organised in which city on May 19 2026?

A Kolkata

B Patna

C Bhubaneswar

D Ranchi

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Eastern Regional Agriculture Conference 2026 was held in Bhubaneswar Odisha under the chairmanship of Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Eastern India (Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, WB, UP, Chhattisgarh) has significant untapped agricultural potential particularly in rice, pulses and oilseeds. The conference focused on extending natural farming and PM-KUSUM scheme to this region.

120

DRDO completed the final development trials of ULPGM-V3 on May 19 and 20 2026. What does ULPGM-V3 stand for?

A Ultra Light Precision Guided Munition Version 3

B Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile Version 3

C Unified Launch Platform Guided Missile Version 3

D Unmanned Land Platform Guided Munition Version 3

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: ULPGM-V3 (UAV Launched Precision Guided Missile Version 3) is a DRDO-developed lightweight precision missile launched from combat drones (UAVs). It enables UAV-based strike capability against ground targets with minimal collateral damage. Successful development trials mark readiness for induction into Indian Army and Air Force combat drone systems.



121

The AMCA (Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft) programme facility was laid in Puttaparthi in Andhra Pradesh at an investment of Rs 15000 crore. AMCA is India's indigenous how-many-th generation stealth fighter?

A 3rd generation

B 4th generation

C 5th generation

D 6th generation

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: AMCA (Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft) is India's ambitious 5th-generation twin-engine stealth multirole combat aircraft programme. Designed by DRDO's Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) it will feature supercruise capability, internal weapons bays, advanced AESA radar and stealth shaping. It will supplement the Rafale jets and replace the ageing MiG-29 and Mirage-2000 fleet.

122

India's petrol and diesel prices were hiked by 90 paise per litre in May 2026. India's petrol prices are deregulated but are influenced by which key global benchmark?

A WTI Crude

B Brent Crude

C Dubai Crude

D OPEC Basket Price

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Indian refineries typically use the Indian Basket - a blend of Dubai/Oman and Brent crude - as the benchmark for pricing. Brent Crude from the North Sea is the primary global price benchmark. With Brent crossing \$115/barrel in April 2026 amid the Hormuz crisis domestic fuel prices were raised to pass on the cost to consumers, contributing to inflation.

123

The MHA clarified that CAA applicants must declare and surrender any foreign passports. CAA provides citizenship to persecuted minorities from which three countries?

A Pakistan Afghanistan Bangladesh

B Myanmar Nepal Sri Lanka

C Pakistan Afghanistan Iran

D Bangladesh Pakistan Bhutan

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 provides an expedited path to Indian citizenship for Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian minorities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh who entered India before December 31 2014. Notably it does not include Muslims. The CAA Rules were notified in March 2024 and Amendment Rules in 2026 tightened document and nationality requirements.

124

India is set to receive the 4th squadron of the S-400 air defence missile system from Russia. What is the range of the S-400 system?

A 100 km

B 200 km

C 400 km

D 600 km

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The S-400 Triumph (NATO: SA-21 Growler) is Russia's most advanced air defence system with a range of up to 400 km against aircraft and up to 60 km against ballistic missiles. India purchased 5 squadrons for USD 5.43 billion despite US threats of CAATSA sanctions. The system can simultaneously track and engage multiple aerial threats including stealth aircraft and cruise missiles.

125

India achieved nationwide rollout of E20 fuel (20% ethanol blending) by April 1 2026 under the National Policy on Biofuels. Which ministry coordinates India's ethanol blending programme?

A Ministry of Agriculture

B Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

C Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

D Ministry of Road Transport

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme is coordinated by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. E20 (20% ethanol in petrol) reduces oil imports, cuts carbon emissions and provides additional income to sugarcane farmers. India achieved the E10 target in 2022 and the E20 target by April 2026 - 5 years ahead of the original 2030 plan.

126

Anti-Terrorism Day is observed in India on May 21 every year to commemorate the assassination of which former Prime Minister?

A Indira Gandhi

B Rajiv Gandhi

C Lal Bahadur Shastri

D V.P. Singh

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated on May 21 1991 at Sriperumbudur Tamil Nadu during an election rally by a suicide bomber linked to the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam). He was India's 7th Prime Minister. Anti-Terrorism Day was declared on May 21 1991 and is observed every year with pledges against terrorism, violence and communalism.

127

International Tea Day celebrated on May 21 was jointly proposed to the UN by India and which other country?

A Sri Lanka and Kenya

B China and Japan

C Sri Lanka and China

D Kenya and Vietnam

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: India and Sri Lanka together proposed International Tea Day to the FAO which designated May 21 as International Tea Day in 2019. Tea is one of the world's most consumed beverages and is of great economic importance to India (Assam, Darjeeling, Nilgiris) Sri Lanka (Ceylon tea) and Kenya (African tea). India is the world's 2nd largest tea producer after China.

128

India and Italy set a bilateral trade target of how much by 2029 during PM Modi's visit to Rome in May 2026?

A 15 billion EUR

B 20 billion EUR

C 25 billion EUR

D 30 billion EUR

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: India and Italy elevated ties to a Special Strategic Partnership during PM Modi's visit to Rome in May 2026 with a trade target of 20 billion EUR by 2029. Key sectors of cooperation include defence (Leonardo, Fincantieri), green energy, pharmaceuticals, fashion and IMEC connectivity. Italy is an important entry point for India into EU markets.

129

The INNOVIT India hub announced during PM Modi's Italy visit will focus on joint innovation in which sectors?

A Textile defence and agriculture

B AI quantum computing fintech and semiconductors

C Pharmaceuticals biotechnology and healthcare

D Space defence and renewable energy

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: INNOVIT India is a joint India-Italy innovation hub facilitating startup collaboration and technology transfer specifically in AI, quantum computing, fintech and semiconductor technologies. Italy has a strong tradition in industrial design and advanced manufacturing that complements India's digital and software strengths in these emerging technology sectors.

130

Italy agreed to participate in developing the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal. Lothal was a prominent site of which ancient civilisation?

A Vedic civilisation

B Maurya Empire

C Indus Valley Civilisation

D Gupta Empire

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Lothal in Gujarat was one of the most important cities of the Indus Valley Civilisation (also called the Harappan civilisation), dating to around 2400 BCE. It had one of the world's earliest known dockyard. The National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal being developed by the Ministry of Ports will become a world-class museum showcasing India's 4500-year-old maritime history.

131

India's GERD (Gross Expenditure on Research and Development) stands at 0.65% of GDP. What is the global average GERD as percentage of GDP?

A 0.90%

B 1.30%

C 1.80%

D 2.40%

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's GERD of 0.65% is significantly lower than the global average of 1.8% and far behind South Korea (4.9%), Israel (5.4%), Japan (3.3%) and China (2.4%). India's Science Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy 2020 set a target of increasing GERD to 2% of GDP - requiring a massive scaling up of both government and private sector R&D investment.

132

The multilateral military exercise PRAGATI 2026 held in Meghalaya featured 12 friendly nations. Which of the following was NOT one of the participating nations?

A Bhutan

B Cambodia

C Indonesia

D Bangladesh

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: The 12 nations participating in PRAGATI 2026 at Umroi Military Station were: Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Bangladesh was notably not among the participants - reflecting the state of India-Bangladesh relations under Muhammad Yunus's interim government which had been more Pakistan-friendly.

133

The RBI Central Board approved the transfer of a record surplus of how much to the Central Government for FY 2025-26?

A Rs 1.76 lakh crore

B Rs 2.11 lakh crore

C Rs 2.86 lakh crore

D Rs 3.20 lakh crore

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: RBI approved a record surplus transfer of Rs 2,86,588.46 crore (approximately Rs 2.86 lakh crore) to the Central Government for FY2025-26. This was made possible by higher interest income from RBI's foreign currency assets, revaluation gains on gold holdings (as gold prices surged) and exchange rate gains from dollar sales. The surplus provides significant fiscal room for capital expenditure.

134

India will host the Quad Foreign Ministers Meeting on May 26 2026 in New Delhi. Which four countries comprise the Quad grouping?

A India USA Japan China

B India USA Japan Australia

C India USA Australia UK

D India Japan Australia France

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) comprises India, USA, Japan and Australia - four Indo-Pacific democracies with shared concerns about China's maritime assertiveness. The Quad focuses on maritime security, technology, health security, climate, and infrastructure. The Foreign Ministers Meeting in New Delhi was attended by EAM Jaishankar, US Secretary of State Rubio, Japanese FM and Australian FM.

135

IN-SPACe announced a full technology transfer offer of which launch vehicle to Indian private industry enabling private sector manufacturing and operation?

A GSLV Mk III

B SSLV

C PSLV

D Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV)

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre) offered full technology transfer of the PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle) to Indian private companies. This is a landmark in India's space sector liberalisation - PSLV has successfully launched 60+ missions. Private companies like Tata Advanced Systems, L&T and others can now bid to manufacture and operate PSLV-class rockets.

136

Odisha mandated that all new government-procured two-wheelers and four-wheelers must be electric vehicles from which date?

A January 1 2026

B April 1 2026

C June 1 2026

D October 2 2026

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Odisha's June 1 2026 EV mandate for government vehicles makes it one of India's leading states in green fleet transition. The policy covers both two-wheelers and four-wheelers procured for official use by state government departments. This follows similar policies by Delhi, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Government fleet electrification creates anchor demand that supports EV adoption across the economy.

137

India launched the indigenous naval vessel Sanghmitra in May 2026. It belongs to which class being built at Goa Shipyard Limited and GRSE Kolkata?

A Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs)

B Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs)

C Fast Attack Craft (FACs)

D Cadet Training Ships

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: 11 NGOPVs are being built simultaneously at Goa Shipyard Limited (6 ships) and GRSE Kolkata (5 ships) - India's largest concurrent naval shipbuilding programme. NGOPVs are 105-metre vessels with a maximum speed of 26 knots designed for EEZ surveillance, anti-piracy, search and rescue and humanitarian operations. INS Sanghmitra is one of these 11 vessels.

138

The UN (DESA) lowered India's economic growth forecast for 2026 to which percentage in May 2026 citing global uncertainties?

A 5.90%

B 6.20%

C 6.40%

D 6.60%

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) revised India's 2026 growth forecast down from 6.6% to 6.4% citing the West Asia conflict (oil price shock), global trade slowdown and tight monetary conditions. India's 2027 projection was maintained at 6.6%. Despite the downward revision India remains the world's fastest-growing major economy in 2026.

139

The first International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit was postponed by India in May 2026 from its originally scheduled date of June 1 to 2. IBCA was launched by India in April 2023 and officially came into force in January 2025 after how many countries ratified the Framework Agreement?

A 3 countries

B 5 countries

C 7 countries

D 10 countries

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: IBCA came into force on January 23 2025 after 5 countries ratified the Framework Agreement: India, Nicaragua, Eswatini, Somalia and Liberia. IBCA was launched by PM Modi on April 9 2023 during the 50th anniversary of Project Tiger. It covers 7 big cat species: tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar and puma. Its membership is open to 95+ range countries globally.

140

PM Modi received the FAO Agricola Medal at FAO Headquarters in Rome on May 20 2026. He was the first Indian Head of Government to visit FAO in nearly how many decades?

A One decade

B Two decades

C Three decades

D Four decades

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: PM Modi's visit to FAO HQ in Rome in May 2026 was the first by an Indian Head of Government in nearly three decades. FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) is a UN agency headquartered in Rome focused on ending hunger, improving nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture. India's contributions through millets promotion, food security initiatives and Global Biofuels Alliance were highlighted.



141

India and Italy elevated their bilateral relationship to a Special Strategic Partnership during PM Modi's Rome visit. Italy is a key partner for India under which economic corridor?

A Trans-Caspian International Transport Route

B India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)

C International North-South Transport Corridor

D Cotton Road Initiative

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: IMEC (India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor) was announced at the G20 New Delhi Summit in September 2023 connecting India through the Middle East to Europe via rail and shipping links. Italy - as a Mediterranean hub - is a critical terminus country for IMEC. Italian ports (particularly Trieste and Genoa) could serve as IMEC's European endpoints.

142

India became the second-largest trading partner of Bangladesh in May 2026 surpassing which country?

A China

B United Kingdom

C United States of America

D Japan

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India overtook the USA to become Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner in 2026, with bilateral trade exceeding \$14 billion. China remains Bangladesh's largest trading partner. Bangladesh exports mainly garments to the USA and EU but imports massive volumes of inputs from India (cotton yarn, chemicals, machinery). India-Bangladesh relations have been complex under the Yunus interim government.

143

India's Kaal Bhairava autonomous combat aircraft under Operation 777 is planned to be manufactured in which continent?

A Asia

B North America

C Europe

D Australia

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Kaal Bhairava is India's domestically designed Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV) - a loyal wingman drone concept. Under Operation 777 its manufacturing is planned in Europe through collaboration with European aerospace firms. This reflects India's multi-alignment strategy: using European industrial partnerships for advanced defence platforms while maintaining independence in design and operations.

144

The US credit rating was downgraded from Aaa to Aa1 by Moody's in May 2026. Which agency had previously downgraded the US credit rating in 2011?

A Fitch Ratings

B DBRS Morningstar

C S&P Global Ratings

D AM Best

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: S&P downgraded the US from AAA to AA+ in August 2011 following the debt ceiling crisis under President Obama. Fitch followed in August 2023. Moody's completed the hat-trick in May 2026 stripping the US of its last AAA rating from the three major agencies. All three cited fiscal deterioration, growing debt and political dysfunction over debt ceiling management.

145

India raised Pakistan's record of alleged genocidal acts at the UNSC Open Debate on Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict on May 21 2026. India was represented by?

A EAM S. Jaishankar

B NSA Ajit Doval

C India's Permanent Representative to the UN

D Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (PR to UN) represents India at UNSC meetings New York. India is not currently a permanent member of the UNSC. At the Open Debate India specifically referenced Pakistan's role in the 1971 Bangladesh genocide and contemporary support for terrorist groups as evidence of systematic violation of civilian protection norms.

146

A report in May 2026 highlighted that India witnessed an unprecedented heatwave with 97 of the world's 100 hottest cities located in India on a single day. Which Indian state had the highest concentration of these cities?

A Rajasthan

B Uttar Pradesh

C Madhya Pradesh

D Bihar

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest concentration of extremely hot cities in India's 2026 heatwave crisis. Cities like Allahabad, Varanasi, Kanpur and Agra recorded temperatures above 47°C. This extreme heat was attributed to climate change, urban heat island effect, low rainfall in preceding months and anomalous atmospheric conditions over North India.

147

India and Cyprus elevated bilateral ties to Strategic Partnership in May 2026. Cyprus initiated a Friends of IMEC group involving EU member states to advance which connectivity corridor?

A Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor

B International North-South Transport Corridor

C India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor

D Blue Dot Network

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Cyprus's Friends of IMEC group among EU member states aims to accelerate political and regulatory support for the IMEC corridor within Europe. Cyprus - a Mediterranean island nation at the junction of Europe, Asia and Africa - has strategic significance for IMEC's western maritime leg. The group will coordinate EU policy alignment with IMEC's infrastructure development timeline.

148

Cyprus announced its decision to join the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) under which specific pillar during its President's visit to India?

A Maritime Security pillar

B Marine Ecology pillar

C Trade Connectivity and Maritime Transport pillar

D Disaster Risk Reduction pillar

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: IPOI (Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative) was launched by PM Modi in 2019 with 7 pillars. Cyprus joined under the Trade Connectivity and Maritime Transport pillar - appropriate given Cyprus's position as a major maritime registry nation (3rd largest ship registry globally) and a gateway for trade between Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

149

Raghav Chadha a Rajya Sabha member was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Petitions of Rajya Sabha in May 2026. He represents which political party?

A Congress

B Trinamool Congress

C Aam Aadmi Party

D Samajwadi Party

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Raghav Chadha is a Rajya Sabha member of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) representing Punjab. He is a Chartered Accountant and economist by training. The Committee on Petitions of the Rajya Sabha examines petitions submitted by citizens on various issues and recommends appropriate action to the government.

150

The Delhi High Court allowed which Olympian wrestler to participate in the Asian Games 2026 selection trials in May 2026?

A Bajrang Punia

B Sakshi Malik

C Vinesh Phogat

D Ravi Dahiya

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Vinesh Phogat was allowed by the Delhi HC to participate in Asian Games 2026 selection trials despite ongoing disciplinary proceedings. Vinesh is a celebrated Indian wrestler who had controversially been disqualified from the Paris 2024 Olympics final due to weight excess. She had also been a prominent participant in the 2023 wrestlers' protest against WFI leadership.

151

India's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) dropped from 39 per 1000 live births in 2014 to how much in 2024 as per data released in May 2026?

A 18

B 21

C 24

D 28

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's IMR fell from 39 (2014) to 24 (2024) per 1000 live births - a fall of 15 points over a decade. This improvement reflects the impact of Janani Suraksha Yojana, ASHA workers, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, improved nutrition (POSHAN Mission) and expanded immunisation coverage. India's target is to reduce IMR to below 20 by 2030 under SDG 3.

152

India and Qatar set a bilateral trade target of how much by 2030 during high-level diplomatic engagements in May 2026?

A USD 20 billion

B USD 25 billion

C USD 28 billion

D USD 35 billion

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India and Qatar set a USD 28 billion bilateral trade target by 2030. Qatar is India's largest LNG supplier and a major source of remittances for Indian workers in the Gulf. India-Qatar bilateral trade was approximately USD 18 billion in 2025. Qatar's sovereign wealth fund QIA has significant investments in Indian markets and infrastructure.

153

World Red Cross Day is observed on May 8 to mark the birthday of which personality?

A Clara Barton

B Florence Nightingale

C Henry Dunant

D Louis Pasteur

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Henry Dunant (1828-1910) was a Swiss businessman and humanitarian who founded the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1863 after witnessing the Battle of Solferino. He won the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901. World Red Cross Day is observed on his birthday - May 8.

154

World Thalassaemia Day is observed on May 8 every year. Thalassaemia is which type of disorder?

A Autoimmune

B Infectious viral

C Inherited blood disorder affecting haemoglobin production

D Metabolic enzyme deficiency

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Thalassaemia is a group of inherited blood disorders where the body produces abnormal or insufficient haemoglobin. India has the world's largest thalassaemia burden with approximately 1-1.5 lakh children with thalassaemia major. Punjab, Gujarat and Sindhi communities have higher prevalence. India's National Health Mission supports thalassaemia screening and bone marrow transplants.

155

Europe Day (also called Schuman Declaration Day) is observed on May 9. The Schuman Declaration of 1950 proposed which organisation that became the foundation of the EU?

A NATO

B European Coal and Steel Community

C Council of Europe

D Western European Union

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Schuman Declaration of May 9 1950 proposed pooling French and German coal and steel production under a common authority - which led to the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in 1951. This was the first step toward European integration. The ECSC eventually evolved into the European Economic Community (1957) and the European Union (1993).

156

The India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement signed in July 2025 was debated in the UK Parliament in February 2026 and is expected to come into force in 2026. The FTA eliminates UK tariffs on approximately 90% of Indian goods. Which Indian export category stands to benefit most from this tariff elimination?

A Defence equipment and aircraft

B Textiles pharmaceuticals and chemicals

C Real estate and construction services

D Agricultural commodities and dairy

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The India-UK FTA signed on July 24 2025 by PM Modi and UK PM Keir Starmer eliminates UK tariffs on 90% of Indian goods benefiting India's textiles pharma and chemical exports significantly. India will reduce tariffs on UK whisky (from 150% to lower levels) and UK automobiles. The UK estimates it will reduce tariffs on Indian exports by up to 400 million GBP annually. The agreement was debated in the UK Parliament on February 9 2026 and is expected to come into force in 2026.

157

India's current account deficit (CAD) widened significantly in FY 2025-26 primarily due to surge in which import category?

A Electronics

B Gold

C Crude oil

D Defence equipment

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's CAD widened sharply in FY26 driven by crude oil imports surging to over \$160 billion due to global supply disruptions from the Iran Strait of Hormuz closure and oil prices reaching \$115/barrel. Gold imports (\$72 billion) further widened the deficit. India finances its CAD through remittances (\$134 billion), FDI and FPI inflows.

158

The World Bank's Human Capital Index report released in 2026 showed India's HCI score has improved from 0.44 in 2018. India's most recent ranking in the Human Capital Index placed it at which position?

A 96th

B 108th

C 116th

D 130th

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India ranked 116th in the World Bank's Human Capital Index (HCI) 2020 report — the most recent full country-ranked HCI publication — with a score of 0.49. The HCI measures the human capital a child born today can expect to attain by age 18. Singapore topped the index while India lags behind due to gaps in quality-adjusted schooling and health indicators.

159

Suvendu Adhikari was sworn in as Chief Minister of West Bengal on May 9 2026. West Bengal Assembly has how many seats?

A 252

B 272

C 294

D 315

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The West Bengal Legislative Assembly has 294 seats. BJP won 207 seats in the 2026 elections - a massive majority. TMC under Mamata Banerjee was reduced to 81 seats. Suvendu Adhikari had won the high-profile Nandigram constituency in 2021 defeating Mamata Banerjee herself.

160

May 7 2026 marked the first anniversary of India's Operation Sindoor launched against Pakistan in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack of April 22 2025. How many terrorist infrastructure sites were struck by India in this operation?

A 5 sites

B 7 sites

C 9 sites

D 12 sites

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Operation Sindoor launched on May 7 2025 struck nine terrorist infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in response to the Pahalgam attack (April 22 2025) that killed 26 tourists. India described the operation as focused measured and non-escalatory. Pakistan called its counter-response 'Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos'. A ceasefire was subsequently reached. May 10 is now observed as 'Youm-e-Marka-e-Haq' in Pakistan.



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161

India signed an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in May 2026 under which framework allowing IAEA inspection of two more civilian nuclear power plants?

A Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

B India-Specific Safeguards Agreement

C Additional Protocol

D Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: India is not a signatory to the NPT but signed an India-Specific Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA in 2008 following the India-US Civil Nuclear Agreement (123 Agreement). Under this agreement India separates its civilian and military nuclear facilities - civilian facilities are under IAEA safeguards while military facilities are not. Additional civilian plants added to the list in May 2026.

162

India ranked at what position in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 released by WIPO showing a remarkable improvement from 81st position in 2015?

A 35th

B 38th

C 42nd

D 47th

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: India ranked 38th in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 published by WIPO — climbing from 81st in 2015, 48th in 2020 and 39th in 2024. India leads among lower-middle-income economies and in Central and Southern Asia. Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai feature among top 50 global science and technology clusters. Switzerland, Sweden and USA occupy the top three positions globally.

163

Peter Magyar became the new Prime Minister of Hungary in May 2026 after his Tisza party defeated long-serving Viktor Orban. Hungary is a member of which military alliance?

A Warsaw Pact

B CSTO

C NATO

D SEATO

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Hungary is a NATO member since 1999. Viktor Orban had been Hungary's PM since 2010 and had a troubled relationship with NATO allies due to his pro-Russia stance and blocking of Ukraine aid. Peter Magyar's Tisza (RESPECT AND FREEDOM) party won the 2026 elections on a pro-EU, anti-corruption platform - signalling a major shift in Hungarian foreign policy alignment.

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West Bengal approved the Annapurna Bhandar Scheme in its first cabinet meeting under CM Suvendu Adhikari on May 11 2026. The scheme provides what benefit to ration card holders?

A Free housing

B Enhanced food grain allocation at subsidised rates

C Free healthcare

D Employment guarantee for 200 days

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Annapurna Bhandar Scheme announced in WB BJP's first cabinet meeting provides enhanced subsidised food grain to ration card beneficiaries - expanding on the central PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). This was a key election promise of BJP in West Bengal targeting food security for the state's economically vulnerable population.

165

The government has approved how many PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) parks across different states under the Central Sector Scheme?

A 3 parks

B 5 parks

C 7 parks

D 10 parks

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Government of India has approved 7 PM MITRA parks at: Tamil Nadu (Virudhnagar), Telangana (Warangal), Gujarat (Navsari), Karnataka (Kalaburagi), Madhya Pradesh (Dhar), Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow) and Maharashtra (Amravati). The scheme aims to attract Rs 70000 crore investment and create 20 lakh direct and indirect jobs. Total government outlay is Rs 4445 crore over 7 years. Rajasthan submitted a proposal but was not selected among the final 7.

166

RBI conducted a USD-INR Buy-Sell Swap auction in May 2026 to inject rupee liquidity into the banking system. In this mechanism banks sell USD to RBI and simultaneously agree to repurchase them after what fixed tenor?

A 1 year

B 2 years

C 3 years

D 5 years

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: In a Buy-Sell USD-INR Swap RBI buys USD from banks (injecting rupee liquidity) and simultaneously sells the same USD forward after 3 years at a pre-agreed forward rate. This injects long-term rupee liquidity without permanently reducing India's forex reserves — unlike an OMO (Open Market Operation) which permanently injects through bond purchases. RBI used this mechanism to stabilise the rupee and bank liquidity during the May 2026 external sector stress.

167

India's forex reserves stood at approximately USD 640 billion in May 2026 providing import cover for over how many months?

A 6 months

B 8 months

C 10 months

D 12 months

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's forex reserves of approximately USD 640 billion in May 2026 represent over 10 months of import cover - one of the highest in India's history. This comfortable reserve buffer gives RBI room to intervene in the currency market to stabilise the rupee. India's reserves include foreign currency assets, gold, SDRs (Special Drawing Rights) and India's reserve tranche at the IMF.

168

India's LEADS 2025 report evaluates states on logistics performance. What does LEADS stand for in this context?

A Logistics Efficiency and Development Score

B Logistics Ease Across Different States

C Logistics Excellence and Development Survey

D Logistics Effectiveness and Distribution Score

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) is an annual assessment by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry evaluating states' logistics ecosystems across infrastructure, services, regulatory and operating environments. Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram and Delhi were the top Exemplar states in LEADS 2025 reflecting effective logistics infrastructure and policy implementation.

169

India's subsea gas pipeline plan to Oman via Gujarat would address India's dependence on LNG imports. India currently imports LNG from which country in the highest quantity?

A Qatar

B Australia

C USA

D Russia

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: Qatar is India's largest LNG supplier accounting for over 35% of India's total LNG imports. India has long-term LNG sale and purchase agreements with Qatargas and RasGas (now QatarEnergy LNG). The subsea pipeline from Oman would diversify India's gas supply sources and eliminate the cost premiums associated with LNG liquefaction and regasification.

170

India and Sweden elevated bilateral ties to Strategic Partnership in May 2026. Sweden is home to which technology companies relevant to India's industrial goals?

A Volvo Ericsson and IKEA

B Shell BP and Total

C Airbus Safran and Thales

D Nokia Kone and Finnair

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: Sweden's major global companies include Volvo (commercial vehicles), Ericsson (5G telecom equipment), IKEA (furniture and retail), Saab (defence aircraft), AstraZeneca (pharmaceuticals) and Spotify (digital technology). India-Sweden cooperation under the new Strategic Partnership covers 5G technology, defence (Gripen), clean tech, life sciences and innovation ecosystems.

171

India's Earnings from Software Exports (IT-BPM) in FY 2025-26 reached approximately how much making India the world's leading IT services exporter?

A USD 180 billion

B USD 210 billion

C USD 235 billion

D USD 260 billion

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's IT-BPM sector exported approximately USD 235 billion worth of services in FY 2025-26. The sector employs over 5.8 million professionals directly and over 15 million indirectly. USA accounts for approximately 60% of India's IT exports followed by Europe (20%) and Rest of World. The industry is led by TCS, Infosys, Wipro, HCL and Tech Mahindra.

172

Sweden confirmed it will contribute a payload to India's Shukrayaan-1 (Venus Orbiter Mission). Shukrayaan-1 is being developed by ISRO and is expected to launch in which year?

A 2026

B 2027

C 2028

D 2031

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: ISRO's Shukrayaan-1 (Venus Orbiter Mission) is planned for launch in 2028 when Venus and Earth are optimally aligned for a mission. Shukrayaan will study Venus's atmosphere, surface and subsurface. India's interest in Venus is driven by questions about why Earth and Venus - similar in size and composition - evolved so differently with Venus becoming an inhospitable hellscape.

173

India achieved E20 ethanol blending nationwide by April 1 2026 under the National Biofuel Policy. What are the two primary sources of ethanol for blending in India?

A Corn and sugarcane

B Sugarcane (molasses and juice) and foodgrain-based (rice wheat maize)

C Bamboo and agricultural residue

D Jatropha and algae

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: India's ethanol for blending comes primarily from two sources: (1) sugarcane - via molasses (a by-product of sugar manufacturing) and direct sugarcane juice, and (2) foodgrain-based ethanol from surplus rice, wheat and maize (allowed since 2018 to diversify supply). Sugar mills supply the majority. The blending programme generates about Rs 40000 crore additional revenue for farmers annually.

174

India abstained on a UNGA climate resolution on May 20 2026 that was adopted with 141 votes in favour 8 against and 28 abstentions. The 8 countries that voted against included the US Russia Iran Belarus and which others?

A North Korea Sudan Honduras Paraguay

B Israel Liberia Saudi Arabia Yemen

C Pakistan China Brazil Argentina

D UK France Australia Japan

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The UNGA climate resolution (May 20 2026) backed the ICJ advisory opinion on states' legal climate obligations. The 8 who voted against were: USA, Russia, Iran, Belarus, Israel, Liberia, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. India was among 28 abstentions citing concerns the resolution went beyond UNFCCC mandates. The resolution was co-sponsored by Vanuatu and championed by small island states facing existential climate threats.

175

Mahindra & Mahindra and DBS Bank India signed an MoU for India's first sustainability-linked dealer financing programme. What does sustainability-linked financing specifically mean?

A Financing only for EV purchases

B Loan interest rates linked to achieving environmental social governance targets

C Financing backed by green bonds

D Loans exclusively for solar installations

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Sustainability-linked financing links loan pricing (interest rates) to the borrower's achievement of pre-agreed environmental social and governance (ESG) targets. If dealers meet sustainability KPIs (like EV share of sales, energy efficiency targets) they get lower interest rates. If they miss targets the rate increases. This mechanism incentivises real-world sustainability improvements rather than just green labelling.

176

India's startup ecosystem has grown rapidly to become the world's 3rd largest globally. As of FY 2025-26 India has approximately how many DPIIT-recognized startups?

A 50000+

B 1 lakh+

C 1.5 lakh+

D 2 lakh+

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's DPIIT-recognized startup ecosystem crossed 1.5 lakh (150000+) startups in FY26 making India the world's 3rd largest startup ecosystem after the USA and China. Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR and Mumbai are the top three startup hubs. India has 100+ unicorns (startups valued above USD 1 billion). The Startup India initiative launched in 2016 provides tax exemptions, funding support and regulatory fast-tracking to eligible startups.

177

Major Abhilasha Barak received the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award for 2025 at a ceremony on May 22 to 23 2026. She serves in which wing of the Indian Army?

A Corps of Signals

B Corps of Engineers

C Army Aviation Corps

D Army Air Defence

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Major Abhilasha Barak is a pilot in the Indian Army Aviation Corps - the first woman combat aviator in the Indian Army. She flies the Cheetah helicopter used in high-altitude missions in Siachen and mountainous terrains. Her UN award recognises her role in promoting gender inclusion in military peacekeeping and training programmes.

178

India's CAFE III norms (Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency Phase III) are scheduled from April 2027 to March 2032. They are framed under which authority?

A NITI Aayog

B Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

C Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)

D Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: CAFE norms in India are framed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power. CAFE Phase I required average fleet fuel efficiency of 18.15 km/litre by 2017-18. Phase II required 21.56 km/litre by 2021-22. Phase III will require further improvements pushing automakers toward hybrids and EVs to meet the mandatory fleet average.

179

The World Cities Report 2026 released at the World Urban Forum in Baku highlighted a global housing crisis affecting how many billion people trapped in affordability issues?

A 1.5 billion

B 2.1 billion

C 3.4 billion

D 4.2 billion

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The World Cities Report 2026 by UN-Habitat found 3.4 billion people - nearly 43% of the global population - live in inadequate or unaffordable housing. Rapid urbanisation, climate change impacts on housing, financialisation of real estate and inadequate government investment in social housing drive this crisis. India's urban housing deficit alone exceeds 29 million units according to Ministry of Housing estimates.

180

India's 8 core infrastructure sectors recorded 1.7% growth in April 2026. These 8 sectors together account for approximately what percentage of India's total Index of Industrial Production (IIP)?

A 20.27%

B 30.15%

C 40.27%

D 55.00%

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The 8 Core Industries (coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity) have a combined weight of 40.27% in India's IIP (Index of Industrial Production). Their growth or contraction significantly influences overall industrial output. In April 2026 the core sector grew 1.7% driven by electricity and steel output, while coal production moderated due to transport constraints.



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181

A study published in Nature in May 2026 warned the Amazon Rainforest could begin ecological collapse at what level of global warming?

A 1.0 to 1.2 degrees C

B 1.2 to 1.5 degrees C

C 1.5 to 1.9 degrees C

D 2.0 to 2.5 degrees C

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Amazon Rainforest stores approximately 150-200 billion tonnes of carbon. Scientists warn that at 1.5-1.9°C global warming the Amazon may cross a tipping point beyond which it begins converting from a carbon sink to a carbon source, irreversibly transforming into savannah. Brazil's deforestation (though reduced under Lula) and climate change interact to push the system toward this threshold.

182

The Buff-tip Moth (*Phalera cf. bucephala*) flagged as an invasive species threatening Ladakh's economy primarily damages which trees?

A Deodar and Pine

B White Willow and Poplar

C Apple and Apricot

D Chinar and Walnut

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Buff-tip Moth is a European invasive species recently detected in Ladakh where it defoliates White Willow and Poplar trees. These trees are economically critical in Ladakh - used for timber, shade, windbreaks and supporting apricot orchards. Their destruction would devastate Ladakh's fragile agricultural ecosystem and traditional rural livelihoods.

183

India's urban unemployment rate as per PLFS Q4 FY26 stood at 6.6%. The PLFS is published by which government body?

A RBI

B NITI Aayog

C Ministry of Labour and Employment

D National Statistical Office (NSO)

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) is conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The quarterly urban PLFS measures employment, unemployment, Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and Worker Population Ratio (WPR) for persons aged 15 and above in urban areas.

184

The central government raised effective import duty on gold from 9.2% to 18.4% in May 2026. This is the effective duty after combining basic customs duty and which additional levy?

A Agriculture Infrastructure Development Cess

B Social Welfare Surcharge

C Gold Monetary Cess

D Health and Education Cess

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: India's effective gold import duty is a combination of the Basic Customs Duty (BCD) and the Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) levied on gold imports. When the government raised the effective duty to 18.4% it adjusted the combination of BCD and AIDC to make imported gold more expensive and discourage the surge in gold imports that was widening India's current account deficit.

185

Tripura became the first state to complete all priority areas under Deregulation Phase-II. This phase aims to reduce which type of burden on businesses?

A Tax filing burden

B Regulatory compliance burden by eliminating outdated laws

C Import-export documentation burden

D Environmental clearance burden

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Deregulation Phase-II is part of the Central government's Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) initiative to reduce regulatory compliance burden. It involves identifying and amending or repealing outdated laws, mandatory licenses, returns and registrations that impose unnecessary compliance costs on businesses. Tripura completing all 18 priority areas marks a milestone in ease of doing business reforms.

186

The BRICS 2026 FM Meeting in New Delhi produced a joint statement. India's BRICS chairship theme for 2026 'Building for Resilience Innovation Cooperation and Sustainability' is notable because the theme acronym spells out?

A BRIDGE

B BRICS

C POWER

D INDIA

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: India's 2026 BRICS theme 'Building for Resilience Innovation Cooperation and Sustainability' was deliberately designed so the initial letters of each word spell out BRICS itself. This creative branding under India's chairship reflects the theme of strengthening the BRICS institution itself while addressing global challenges. India will host the 2026 BRICS Summit.

187

The India-Nordic Summit 2026 in Oslo brought together India with 5 Nordic nations. Which of the following is NOT a Nordic nation?

A Denmark

B Finland

C Netherlands

D Iceland

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The five Nordic nations are Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The Netherlands is a Western European nation (not Nordic/Scandinavian). The Netherlands was the country PM Modi visited separately (The Hague) where he witnessed the ASML-Tata MoU and received the restitution of Chola Copper Plates - it was not part of the India-Nordic Summit.

188

May 18 2026 marks the 52nd anniversary of India's Smiling Buddha test. India's nuclear doctrine is based on which key principle?

A First use and massive retaliation

B No First Use (NFU) and credible minimum deterrence

C Pre-emptive strike capability

D Launch on warning

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: India's nuclear doctrine (2003) is based on: No First Use (NFU) - India will not be the first to use nuclear weapons, Credible Minimum Deterrence - maintaining just enough nuclear capability to deter adversaries, and a commitment to massive retaliation against any nuclear first use on India or its forces. India regularly reaffirms NFU though there is ongoing debate about whether to maintain this posture.

189

India's agricultural exports in FY 2025-26 grew by 2.3% to how much, just below the all-time high of USD 53.2 billion achieved in FY 2022-23?

A USD 44.5 billion

B USD 48.2 billion

C USD 53.1 billion

D USD 58.7 billion

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's agricultural exports reached USD 53.1 billion in FY 2025-26 — growing 2.3% YoY from USD 52 billion in FY25 — despite US tariff challenges (tariffs raised to 50% before being cut back to 10% by February 2026). Key export drivers: basmati rice, spices, marine products and coffee. India turned from a net cotton exporter to net importer in FY26 due to domestic production shortfalls.

190

India's Defence Industrial Corridors in UP and Tamil Nadu aim to achieve defence production of how much by 2025?

A Rs 25000 crore

B Rs 35000 crore

C Rs 50000 crore

D Rs 1.75 lakh crore

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: India's two Defence Industrial Corridors (UP and Tamil Nadu) together target defence production of Rs 1.75 lakh crore by 2025 (though this timeline has been progressively extended). The corridors have attracted investment commitments from Brahmos, Tata Advanced Systems, Mahindra, L&T and international firms. Actual production has been lower than targets due to infrastructure development timelines.

191

India and Italy's INNOVIT hub is part of a broader India-Italy Science Technology and Innovation Partnership. Italy leads globally in which of these fields?

A Quantum computing

B Industrial design and luxury manufacturing

C Pharmaceutical generics

D Space launch vehicles

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Italy is globally renowned for industrial design (automotive - Ferrari, Lamborghini; furniture - B&B Italia, Cassina), luxury manufacturing (fashion - Gucci, Prada; leather goods) and craftsmanship. The INNOVIT India hub bridges Italian design excellence with Indian digital and manufacturing capabilities in AI, quantum and semiconductors - combining Italy's industrial tradition with India's technological depth.

192

The RBI surplus transfer of Rs 2.86 lakh crore to the Government for FY26 is paid from which RBI fund after maintaining the minimum Contingency Reserve?

A Profit and Loss Account

B Currency and Gold Revaluation Account

C Contingency Fund

D Investment Revaluation Account

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: RBI's Contingency Fund (CF) is maintained as a buffer against risks from monetary operations, exchange rate changes and systemic risks. After maintaining the CF at a minimum of 6.5% of the balance sheet (recommended by the Bimal Jalan Committee in 2019) the surplus from the CF and other income is transferred to the government. RBI's surplus has grown dramatically due to high gold prices and foreign currency gains.

193

India's GCC (Global Capability Centre) sector employs over 1.7 million professionals as of FY26. What distinguishes a GCC from a regular BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) unit?

A GCCs handle only IT work while BPOs handle customer service

B GCCs are fully-owned subsidiaries doing high-value work while BPOs are third-party vendors for routine work

C GCCs serve domestic clients while BPOs serve global clients

D GCCs are regulated by SEBI while BPOs are regulated by RBI

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: GCCs (Global Capability Centres) are in-house subsidiaries of multinationals (like Walmart Global Tech India, Goldman Sachs India, Google India R&D) that perform high-value strategic work including AI/ML research, product development, financial risk modelling and cybersecurity - not just routine back-office tasks. BPOs are third-party vendors. GCCs represent a higher rung of the global value chain for India.

194

India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth for March 2026 was reported at what percentage reflecting continued industrial recovery?

A 2.10%

B 3.30%

C 4.10%

D 5.80%

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's IIP grew 4.1% in March 2026 driven by manufacturing sector expansion particularly in capital goods, consumer durables and infrastructure-related industries. The IIP is published monthly by the National Statistical Office (NSO) under MoSPI. The three broad sectors measured — mining, manufacturing and electricity — had weightages of approximately 14.37%, 77.63% and 7.99% respectively.

195

Moody's downgraded the US credit rating from Aaa to Aa1 in May 2026. This makes Moody's the third major rating agency to strip the US of its top rating. What is the top rating called at Moody's?

A AAA

B Aaa

C AA+

D Triple A Plus

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The three major global credit rating agencies use slightly different notation: S&P and Fitch use AAA (top rating) while Moody's uses Aaa. The US had been stripped of AAA by S&P in 2011 and Fitch in 2023. Moody's Aaa downgrade to Aa1 completes the trifecta with all three major agencies now viewing US sovereign debt as less than prime investment grade - reflecting growing US debt (over \$36 trillion) and fiscal deficit concerns.

196

India and Cyprus elevated bilateral ties during Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides' visit. Cyprus supports India's bid for permanent membership in which body?

A G7

B UN Security Council

C IAEA Board of Governors

D Nuclear Suppliers Group

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Cyprus reiterated support for India's permanent membership in a reformed United Nations Security Council (UNSC) during the May 2026 state visit. India has long championed UNSC reform arguing that the current P5 structure (US, UK, France, Russia, China) is outdated and does not reflect 21st-century global realities. G4 nations (India, Germany, Japan, Brazil) collectively advocate for UNSC reform.

197

India's PSLV technology transfer to private sector under IN-SPACe was a landmark because PSLV has successfully launched how many missions as of May 2026?

A 42 missions

B 52 missions

C 60+ missions

D 75 missions

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle) has completed over 60 successful missions since its first successful launch in October 1994. It is considered one of the world's most reliable launch vehicles with a success rate exceeding 95%. PSLV has launched satellites for over 30 countries and been the workhorse for India's landmark missions including Chandrayaan-1 and Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan).

198

India and Denmark deepened maritime cooperation at the India-Nordic Summit 2026 in Oslo. Denmark is home to A.P. Moller-Maersk — the world's second-largest container shipping company. Which company overtook Maersk in January 2022 to become the world's largest container line?

A CMA CGM (France)

B COSCO (China)

C MSC (Mediterranean Shipping Company)

D Hapag-Lloyd (Germany)

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) headquartered in Geneva Switzerland overtook Maersk in January 2022 to become the world's largest container shipping company with over 7.3 million TEU capacity — about 57% larger than Maersk. Despite losing the top spot Maersk remains a global leader in logistics and green shipping. India-Denmark cooperation on green shipping uses Maersk's expertise in methanol-fuelled vessels and decarbonisation.

199

India's Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya launched its 3rd AI-powered HoloBox featuring Mahatma Gandhi. The Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya is dedicated to all Prime Ministers of India and is located in which city?

A New Delhi

B Mumbai

C Lucknow

D Ahmedabad

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya (PM Museum) was inaugurated by PM Modi in April 2022 in New Delhi at Teen Murti Bhavan campus. It is dedicated to all Prime Ministers of India from Jawaharlal Nehru to the present. The AI-powered HoloBox technology allows visitors to have interactive conversations with holographic representations of former Prime Ministers - the first was Indira Gandhi, the second was Jawaharlal Nehru.

200

India's Heat Action Plans (HAPs) became more critical in 2026 as 97 of 100 hottest cities globally were in India. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) coordinates HAPs. Under which Ministry does NDMA function?

A Ministry of Health

B Ministry of Home Affairs

C Ministry of Environment

D Ministry of Rural Development

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Chaired by the Prime Minister, NDMA coordinates disaster management including Heat Action Plans. HAPs include measures like cool shelters, hydration points, early warning systems, modified school/work timings and targeted outreach to vulnerable populations (elderly, outdoor workers, urban poor).



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| 3 | B | Maharashtra | 103 | B | WHO Director General |
| 4 | C | Andhra Pradesh | 104 | D | 32nd time |
| 5 | C | 7 | 105 | C | About 72% |
| 6 | C | Mizoram | 106 | C | JP Nadda |
| 7 | C | Prosopis juliflora | 107 | C | Article 123 |
| 8 | C | 11 | 108 | C | May 26 2026 |
| 9 | C | Rs 2.43 lakh crore | 109 | C | Tamil Nadu |
| 10 | C | Sixth | 110 | C | 320 km/h |
| 11 | B | Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) framework | 111 | C | Rs 96 per dollar |
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| 23 | C | Modern Coach Factory Raebareli | 123 | A | Pakistan Afghanistan Bangladesh |
| 24 | B | Sri Lanka | 124 | C | 400 km |
| 25 | C | Kampong Speu Province | 125 | B | Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas |
| 26 | D | France | 126 | B | Rajiv Gandhi |
| 27 | C | 4-May | 127 | A | Sri Lanka and Kenya |
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| 29 | C | Rs 81,422 crore | 129 | B | AI quantum computing fintech and semiconductors |
| 30 | D | Smriti Mandhana | 130 | C | Indus Valley Civilisation |
| 31 | B | Himalayan Salamander | 131 | C | 1.80% |
| 32 | C | IISc Bengaluru | 132 | D | Bangladesh |
| 33 | B | Sixth Schedule | 133 | C | Rs 2.86 lakh crore |
| 34 | C | 3.25 million hectares | 134 | B | India USA Japan Australia |
| 35 | C | Australia | 135 | C | PSLV |
| 36 | B | Vegetable fats and non-dairy proteins replacing milk fat | 136 | C | June 1 2026 |
| 37 | C | USD 134 billion | 137 | B | Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs) |
| 38 | C | 38 | 138 | C | 6.40% |

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| 39 | C | 12 | 139 | B | 5 countries |
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| 41 | C | Menlo Park | 141 | B | India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) |
| 42 | D | Barkha Dutt | 142 | C | United States of America |
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| 50 | C | 17% | 150 | C | Vinesh Phogat |
| 51 | C | Cochin Shipyard Limited | 151 | C | 24 |
| 52 | D | Tamil Nadu | 152 | C | USD 28 billion |
| 53 | B | Vice Chief of Army Staff | 153 | C | Henry Dunant |
| 54 | C | Agni | 154 | C | Inherited blood disorder affecting haemoglobin production |
| 55 | B | Meteorites asteroids comets and planetary materials | 155 | B | European Coal and Steel Community |
| 56 | B | Adanya-class | 156 | B | Textiles pharmaceuticals and chemicals |
| 57 | C | BJP | 157 | C | Crude oil |
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| 65 | C | 2100 centres | 165 | C | 7 parks |
| 66 | B | Florence Nightingale | 166 | C | 3 years |
| 67 | D | Bulgaria | 167 | C | 10 months |
| 68 | C | 7.20% | 168 | B | Logistics Ease Across Different States |
| 69 | C | 125 days | 169 | A | Qatar |
| 70 | C | Warangal | 170 | A | Volvo Ericsson and IKEA |
| 71 | B | Brazil Bolivia DRC | 171 | C | USD 235 billion |
| 72 | C | Fifth time | 172 | C | 2028 |
| 73 | C | 134 km | 173 | B | Sugarcane (molasses and juice) and foodgrain-based (rice wheat maize) |
| 74 | B | Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects | 174 | B | Israel Liberia Saudi Arabia Yemen |
| 75 | C | Over 22 lakh | 175 | B | Loan interest rates linked to achieving environmental social governance targets |
| 76 | C | 880 tonnes | 176 | C | 1.5 lakh+ |
| 77 | C | Rs 70125 crore | 177 | C | Army Aviation Corps |
| 78 | B | Indian National Congress | 178 | C | Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) |
| 79 | C | EAM S. Jaishankar | 179 | C | 3.4 billion |

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| 80 | C | Ministry of Home Affairs | 180 | C | 40.27% |
| 81 | A | 3.48% | 181 | C | 1.5 to 1.9 degrees C |
| 82 | C | 18.40% | 182 | B | White Willow and Poplar |
| 83 | C | R Mukundan | 183 | D | National Statistical Office (NSO) |
| 84 | B | Rough Diamonds | 184 | A | Agriculture Infrastructure Development Cess |
| 85 | B | Families Inequalities and Child Wellbeing | 185 | B | Regulatory compliance burden by eliminating outdated laws |
| 86 | C | Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) | 186 | B | BRICS |
| 87 | C | September 30 2026 | 187 | C | Netherlands |
| 88 | B | Rs 2441 per quintal | 188 | B | No First Use (NFU) and credible minimum deterrence |
| 89 | B | Paramara King Bhoja | 189 | C | USD 53.1 billion |
| 90 | B | Public Health Emergency of International Concern | 190 | D | Rs 1.75 lakh crore |
| 91 | C | HD Korea Shipbuilding and Offshore Engineering (HD KSOE) | 191 | B | Industrial design and luxury manufacturing |
| 92 | C | Eli Lilly | 192 | C | Contingency Fund |
| 93 | B | Global Cybersecurity and IT product evaluation | 193 | B | GCCs are fully-owned subsidiaries doing high-value work while BPOs are third-party vendors for routine work |
| 94 | C | Natural gas | 194 | C | 4.10% |
| 95 | C | Syria | 195 | A | Aaa |
| 96 | C | Nagaland | 196 | B | UN Security Council |
| 97 | B | Ganga | 197 | C | 60+ missions |
| 98 | C | 51 years | 198 | C | MSC (Mediterranean Shipping Company) |
| 99 | C | East Jerusalem | 199 | A | New Delhi |

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| 100 | C | Gothenburg | 200 | B | Ministry of Home Affairs |

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