



PREMIUM STUDY MATERIAL

Current Affairs MCQs

August 2026

Comprehensive Practice Set for UPSC · SSC · Banking · Railways · State PCS

100

QUESTIONS

150

MINUTES



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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: **150 minutes** for all 100 questions.

TOTAL ATTEMPTED

CORRECT

INCORRECT

SCORE %



Questions 1 – 20

1

PM Modi announced a Sports Talent Mission in his 80th Independence Day address. It targets a national talent hunt for children in which age group?

A 5-16 years

B 6-12 years

C 10-18 years

D 8-14 years

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The Sports Talent Mission is a national talent hunt for children aged 5-16, aimed at preparing India for its 2036 Olympic Games bid.

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The Sports Talent Mission announced on 15 August 2026 is aimed at preparing India for hosting which event?

A 2034 FIFA World Cup

B 2036 Olympic Games

C 2030 Commonwealth Games

D 2032 Asian Games

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The talent hunt supports India's bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games.
Note: Ahmedabad separately hosts the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

3

For the first time ever at the Red Fort in 2026, which composition was played in full when PM Modi arrived?

A Saare Jahan Se Achha

B Vande Mataram

C Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon

D Jana Gana Mana

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: For the first time at the Red Fort, the full version of Vande Mataram was played on PM Modi's arrival, marking 150 years of the national song.

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Vande Mataram, which completed 150 years in 2026, was composed by which writer?

A Subramania Bharati

B Sarojini Naidu

C Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

D Rabindranath Tagore

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Vande Mataram was composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and first appeared in his novel Anandamath. Note: Jana Gana Mana (national anthem) is by Rabindranath Tagore.

5

How many times did PM Modi reference young Indians in his 80th Independence Day address?

A 64 times

B 36 times

C 28 times

D 52 times

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: PM Modi referred to young Indians 52 times, using terms like 'Yuva Shakti', 'Yuva', 'Naujawan' and 'Saathiyon' — reflecting the speech's youth focus after the July student protests.

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What does GOBARDhan, the scheme approved by the Union Cabinet in August 2026, stand for?

A Gramin Organic Bio-Agro Resource Dhan

B Green Organic Bio-Agriculture Resource Development

C Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan

D Government Organic Bio-Agro Reform Dhan

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: GOBARDhan stands for Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan. It converts cattle dung and organic waste into Compressed Bio Gas and organic manure.

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What is the financial outlay approved for the GOBARdhan scheme for FY27-FY36?

A Rs 31,600 crore

B Rs 12,450 crore

C Rs 23,731 crore

D Rs 18,200 crore

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Union Cabinet approved Rs 23,731 crore for GOBARdhan covering FY27 to FY36 — a ten-year window.

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The GOBARdhan scheme aims to increase production of which fuel by tenfold?

A Green Hydrogen

B Liquefied Natural Gas

C Compressed Bio Gas (CBG)

D Ethanol

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: GOBARdhan targets a tenfold increase in Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) production, supporting both waste management and clean energy goals.

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The CCEA approved Rs 8,970.20 crore in August 2026 for a four-lane corridor between which two Assam cities?

A Nagaon and Tinsukia

B Guwahati and Tezpur

C Guwahati and Silchar

D Dibrugarh and Jorhat

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The CCEA approved Rs 8,970.20 crore for the 135.87 km four-lane Guwahati-Tezpur corridor in Assam.

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The approved Guwahati-Tezpur four-lane corridor lies on which National Highway?

A NH-15

B NH-37

C NH-27

D NH-44

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The Guwahati-Tezpur corridor lies on NH-15, which runs through the Northeast. Do not confuse with NH-27, the East-West Corridor.

11

PM Modi's 80th Independence Day address introduced 'Shakti ki Saptadhara'. How many reform streams does it comprise?

A Five

B Seven

C Nine

D Twelve

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Saptadhara sets out seven reform streams: manufacturing, agriculture and food processing, technology and innovation, logistics and connectivity, defence and security, green and blue economy, and soft power.

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Which of the following is NOT one of the seven pillars of the Saptadhara framework announced on 15 August 2026?

A Judicial reform

B Green and blue economy

C Logistics and connectivity

D India's soft power

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The seven Saptadhara pillars are manufacturing, agriculture and food processing, technology and innovation, logistics and connectivity, defence and security, green and blue economy, and soft power. Judicial reform is not among them.

13

The Lok Sabha passed a Bill in August 2026 to rename the State of Kerala as:

A Malabar

B Kerala Pradesh

C Keralam

D Keralam Rajya

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Kerala Alteration of Name Bill 2026 renames the state 'Keralam', its name in Malayalam. Renaming a state requires Parliament's approval under Article 3.

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The Kerala Alteration of Name Bill 2026 was passed in the Lok Sabha by which method?

A Voice vote without discussion

B Division of votes

C Two-thirds majority after debate

D Secret ballot

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The Bill was passed by voice vote without discussion — a procedural detail examiners like to test alongside the Article 3 requirement.

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Which State Assembly passed a resolution in August 2026 urging the Centre to scrap NEET?

A West Bengal

B Kerala

C Tamil Nadu

D Karnataka

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Tamil Nadu Assembly passed the anti-NEET resolution with support from DMK, AIADMK, PMK and Left parties — a rare cross-party consensus.

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The Tamil Nadu Assembly resolution sought UG medical admissions based on what criterion instead of NEET?

A State-level entrance test

B Common University Entrance Test

C Class 12 marks

D Interview and aptitude test

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The resolution sought UG medical admissions based on Class 12 marks, TN's long-standing position that NEET disadvantages rural and state-board students.

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How many fraudulent mobile applications did the Government block in the action reported in August 2026?

A 1,254

B 2,406

C 5,890

D 3,718

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: The Government blocked 3,718 fraudulent mobile apps, including illegal loan apps, alongside action on 15.75 lakh SIM cards and 5.77 lakh IMEIs.

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Under which Act were the 3,718 fraudulent mobile apps blocked?

A Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023

B IT Act 2000

C Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002

D Telecommunications Act 2023

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The apps were blocked under the Information Technology Act, 2000 — Section 69A empowers the Centre to block content in the interest of public order.

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India added 11 new international entry points for e-visa in August 2026. What is the new total number of e-visa ports?

A 72

B 96

C 64

D 88

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: India added 11 new e-visa entry points (9 land ports, 2 airports), taking the total to 88.

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The two new airports added as e-visa entry points in August 2026 were:

A Patna and Vijayawada

B Indore and Madurai

C Nagpur and Coimbatore

D Bhopal and Tirupati

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Bhopal and Tirupati were the two airports added as e-visa entry points in August 2026.



Questions 21 – 40

21

Union Minister Amit Shah launched the 'Gramin Gyan Setu' app to interconnect libraries in which Lok Sabha constituency?

A Lucknow

B Ahmedabad East

C Varanasi

D Gandhinagar

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Amit Shah launched 'Gramin Gyan Setu' to interconnect libraries across the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency — his own constituency — to promote rural reading.

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Amit Shah inaugurated NUCFDC's new premises in Mumbai under which programme?

A Sahkar Nav-Kranti

B Sahkar Bharati

C Sahkar Se Samriddhi

D Gram Sahkar Mission

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The NUCFDC premises in Mumbai were inaugurated under 'Sahkar Nav-Kranti'. NUCFDC is the umbrella body for urban cooperative banks, under the Ministry of Cooperation.

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Union Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurated the first National Conclave of Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology under which name?

A IIHT SUTRA 2026

B IIHT TANTU 2026

C IIHT KARGHA 2026

D IIHT VASTRA 2026

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: Giriraj Singh inaugurated 'IIHT SUTRA 2026', the first National Conclave of Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology, at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

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The National Handloom Day celebrated on 7 August 2026 was which edition?

A 12th

B 8th

C 15th

D 10th

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The 2026 edition was the 12th National Handloom Day — the observance began in 2015.

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National Handloom Day commemorates the launch of which historical movement?

A Non-Cooperation Movement of 1920

B Civil Disobedience Movement of 1930

C Swadeshi Movement of 1905

D Quit India Movement of 1942

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: National Handloom Day commemorates the Swadeshi Movement launched on 7 August 1905, which promoted indigenous goods and boycotted British textiles.

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Who was the Chief Guest at the 12th National Handloom Day celebrations in 2026?

A Union Minister Giriraj Singh

B Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan

C President Droupadi Murmu

D PM Narendra Modi

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: President Droupadi Murmu was Chief Guest at the 12th National Handloom Day at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre.

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Quit India Movement Day 2026 marked which anniversary of the 1942 movement?

A 84th

B 80th

C 86th

D 82nd

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: 2026 marked the 84th anniversary of the Quit India Movement, launched by Gandhi on 8 August 1942 with the call 'Do or Die'.

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Quit India Movement Day is also known by which name?

A August Kranti Diwas

B Azadi Sangram Diwas

C Swaraj Diwas

D Bharat Chhodo Diwas

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: Quit India Movement Day is also called August Kranti Diwas. The Bombay session where it was launched is remembered as August Kranti Maidan.

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Nagasaki Day observed on 9 August 2026 marked which anniversary of the atomic bombing?

A 80th

B 78th

C 81st

D 84th

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Nagasaki Day 2026 marked the 81st anniversary. Hiroshima was bombed on 6 August 1945, Nagasaki on 9 August 1945.

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The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2026 was observed with which theme?

A Indigenous Youth as Agents of Change

B Indigenous Women: Keepers of Traditional Knowledge

C Protecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation

D Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: The 2026 theme was 'Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being'. The day is observed on 9 August each year.

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World Elephant Day is observed annually on which date?

A 12 August

B 14 August

C 10 August

D 16 August

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: World Elephant Day falls on 12 August. In 2026 MoEFCC used the occasion to confer the Gaj Gaurav Awards.

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International Left Handers Day is observed on which date?

A 18 August

B 11 August

C 13 August

D 15 August

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: International Left Handers Day is observed on 13 August, the same date as World Organ Donation Day in India.

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World Organ Donation Day is observed in August on which date?

A 21 August

B 17 August

C 13 August

D 9 August

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: World Organ Donation Day is observed on 13 August to raise awareness about organ donation and transplantation.

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The 7.4 magnitude earthquake of 10 August 2026 had its epicentre at San Jose del Palmar, in which country?

A Peru

B Chile

C Colombia

D Ecuador

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The epicentre was San Jose del Palmar in Colombia's rural Choco province, about 250 miles west of Bogota. It was the country's most powerful quake this century.

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What was the magnitude of the August 2026 earthquake that struck Colombia?

A 7.4

B 8.1

C 6.2

D 6.8

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The Colombia earthquake measured 7.4 on the moment magnitude scale.

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Which Indian city was confirmed as host of the 2030 Commonwealth Games?

A Bhubaneswar

B Ahmedabad

C Mumbai

D New Delhi

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Ahmedabad was confirmed as host of the 2030 Commonwealth Games, receiving the Games flag at the Glasgow 2026 closing ceremony.

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Ahmedabad received the Commonwealth Games flag at the closing ceremony of which edition?

A Gold Coast 2018

B Birmingham 2022

C Glasgow 2026

D Victoria 2026

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The handover took place at the closing ceremony of Glasgow 2026, the 23rd Commonwealth Games.

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The 2030 Commonwealth Games will be India's how many-th time hosting the event?

A Fourth

B First

C Third

D Second

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: 2030 will be India's second time hosting the Commonwealth Games, after Delhi 2010.

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Zhu Rongji, who passed away in August 2026 at the age of 97, was a former Premier of which country?

A Singapore

B China

C South Korea

D Vietnam

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Zhu Rongji, Premier of China from 1998 to 2003, died on 14 August 2026 at 97. He is credited with major state-enterprise reforms and China's WTO accession.

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How many NBFCs did the RBI identify for the Upper Layer (NBFC-UL) for FY27?

A 17

B 21

C 12

D 15

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The RBI identified 17 NBFCs for the Upper Layer for FY27, up from 15 in January 2025. NBFC-UL entities face bank-like regulatory requirements.



Questions 41 – 60

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Which of the following was newly added to the RBI's NBFC Upper Layer list for FY27?

A Shriram Finance

B Bajaj Finance

C L&T Finance

D REC

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: REC, PFC, IRFC and HUDCO were the new additions to the NBFC Upper Layer list for FY27 — all infrastructure financing entities.

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Which entity was retained in the RBI's NBFC Upper Layer list for FY27?

A Muthoot Finance

B Reliance Capital

C Aditya Birla Finance

D Tata Sons

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Tata Sons was retained in the NBFC-UL list despite earlier reports of a possible exit, making it a frequently tested detail.

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The RBI extended the deadline for its revised loan recovery and recovery agents framework to which date?

A 1 October 2026

B 1 July 2027

C 1 April 2027

D 1 January 2027

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: The RBI pushed the revised recovery framework from 1 October 2026 to 1 January 2027, with a one-year transition for agents to obtain IIBF certification.

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Who was appointed as an Executive Director of the RBI effective 3 August 2026?

A Rajeshwar Rao

B Swaminathan Janakiraman

C Monisha Chakraborty

D Deepak Mohanty

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Monisha Chakraborty was appointed RBI Executive Director effective 3 August 2026.

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TRAI launched a new number series on 10 August 2026 for utility and courier service calls. Which series is it?

A 1602

B 1601

C 1600

D 1605

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: TRAI launched the 1601 series on 10 August 2026 for utility and courier service calls, to curb impersonation fraud. Note: 1600 was earlier allotted for transactional banking calls.

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What was India's gross GST collection in July 2026?

A Rs 2.11 lakh crore

B Rs 2.45 lakh crore

C Rs 1.95 lakh crore

D Rs 1.78 lakh crore

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: Gross GST collections in July 2026 stood at Rs 2.11 lakh crore, with net collections at Rs 1.81 lakh crore.

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By what percentage did India's gross GST collections grow year-on-year in July 2026?

A 19.3%

B 15.4%

C 8.2%

D 11.7%

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Gross GST collections grew 15.4% year-on-year in July 2026.

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Bajaj General Insurance signed an MoU in August 2026 with which global reinsurer?

A Munich Re

B Swiss Re Corporate Solutions

C Lloyd's of London

D Berkshire Hathaway Specialty

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Bajaj General Insurance signed the MoU with Swiss Re Corporate Solutions on 9 August 2026, targeting high-tech and manufacturing sector commercial insurance.

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Which foreign bank received IFSCA approval in August 2026 to offer wealth management products from GIFT City?

A Deutsche Bank

B HSBC

C Citibank

D Standard Chartered

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Standard Chartered received IFSCA approval for wealth management from GIFT City. It was also the first foreign bank to begin operations at GIFT City, in 2020.

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Indian Bank approved Rs 500 crore in MSME loans during which milestone event in August 2026?

A 120th Foundation Day Credit Outreach Programme

B 75th Anniversary Outreach

C Golden Jubilee Celebration

D 100th Foundation Day

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: Indian Bank approved Rs 500 crore to 128 beneficiaries during its 120th Foundation Day Credit Outreach Programme, and launched a Unified MSME Portal.

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The Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) signed an MoU with NISM in August 2026 to establish which centre?

A Capital Markets Innovation Hub

B Derivatives Training Institute

C Financial Literacy Academy

D Commodity Markets Research Centre

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: MCX and NISM signed an MoU to set up a Commodity Markets Research Centre. NISM is SEBI's educational arm.

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RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group agreed to acquire a 1.4 GW solar portfolio from which company?

A Tata Power Renewables

B ReNew Solar Power

C Azure Power

D Adani Green Energy

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group is acquiring the 1.4 GW solar portfolio from ReNew Solar Power through its arm Purvah Green Power.

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What was the value of RPSG's acquisition of the 1.4 GW solar portfolio?

A Rs 2,340 crore

B Rs 4,859 crore

C Rs 6,720 crore

D Rs 9,150 crore

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The RPSG-ReNew solar portfolio deal is valued at Rs 4,859 crore.

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Muthoot FinCorp secured which licence from the RBI in August 2026?

A Perpetual Authorised Dealer Category-II

B Small Finance Bank Licence

C Universal Banking Licence

D Payments Bank Licence

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: Muthoot FinCorp secured a perpetual Authorised Dealer Category-II licence from the RBI, allowing it to offer a wider range of forex services.

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India's semiconductor market was valued at what figure in 2026?

A USD 15.60 billion

B USD 21.30 billion

C USD 12.41 billion

D USD 8.75 billion

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India's semiconductor market was valued at USD 12.41 billion in 2026.

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India's semiconductor market is projected to reach what value by 2031?

A USD 17.42 billion

B USD 25.80 billion

C USD 32.50 billion

D USD 14.20 billion

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The market is projected to reach USD 17.42 billion by 2031.

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How many semiconductor projects has the Indian government approved across six states?

A 9

B 12

C 18

D 6

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The government has approved 12 semiconductor projects spread across six states.

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What is the total investment associated with India's approved semiconductor projects?

A Rs 2.85 lakh crore

B Rs 76,000 crore

C Rs 1.64 lakh crore

D Rs 4.20 lakh crore

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The approved semiconductor projects carry a combined investment of Rs 1.64 lakh crore.

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According to Independence Day 2026 data, UPI handles approximately what share of global real-time payments?

A 35%

B 70%

C 25%

D 50%

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: UPI now handles roughly 50% of global real-time payment transactions — a figure highlighted in Independence Day 2026 messaging on Digital Public Infrastructure.

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How many UPI transactions were recorded in FY 2025-26?

A 18,300 crore

B 12,450 crore

C 31,700 crore

D 24,161 crore

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: UPI recorded 24,161 crore transactions worth Rs 314 lakh crore in FY 2025-26.



Questions 61 – 80

61

Lohia Aerospace signed an MoU with Israel's Massivit to establish India's first facility of which kind?

A Satellite assembly unit

B Large-format additive manufacturing facility

C Composite materials testing centre

D Semiconductor packaging plant

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Lohia Aerospace and Israel's Massivit will set up India's first large-format additive manufacturing (3D printing) facility, for aerospace and defence applications.

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The Lohia Aerospace-Massivit additive manufacturing facility will be established in which city?

A Nashik

B Kanpur

C Bengaluru

D Hyderabad

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Lohia Aerospace-Massivit facility will come up in Kanpur with an investment of USD 8-10 million.

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Cochin Shipyard delivered the vessel 'MS Maria' in August 2026 to a shipping company from which country?

A Germany

B Netherlands

C Denmark

D Norway

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: Cochin Shipyard delivered 'MS Maria', the second HS EcoFreighter MPV, to Germany's HS Schiffahrts.

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'MS Maria' delivered by Cochin Shipyard is a vessel of what capacity?

A 12,000 DWT

B 3,500 DWT

C 20,000 DWT

D 7,000 DWT

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: 'MS Maria' is a 7,000 DWT ice-class vessel with advanced fuel efficiency features.

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Scientists from Delhi University discovered three new species of which amphibian in Northeast India in August 2026?

A Caecilians

B Cascade frogs

C Tree frogs

D Bush frogs

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Delhi University scientists described three new cascade frog species. Cascade frogs of the genus *Amolops* live near fast-flowing hill streams.

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The newly discovered cascade frog species '*Amolops sendenyu*' was found in which state?

A Tripura

B West Bengal

C Meghalaya

D Nagaland

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: *Amolops sendenyu* was found in Nagaland. The other two were *Amolops ammachi* (Tripura) and *Amolops bella* (West Bengal), published in Harvard's Bulletin.

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Small Modular Reactor development in India is enabled by private sector participation under which Act?

A Energy Conservation Act, 2001

B Nuclear Liability Act, 2010

C SHANTI Act, 2025

D Atomic Energy Act, 1962

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The SHANTI Act, 2025 enables private sector participation in nuclear energy, including Small Modular Reactors.

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The SHANTI Act, 2025 sets a civil liability cap of what amount for nuclear operators?

A 300 million SDR

B 150 million SDR

C 1 billion SDR

D 500 million SDR

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The SHANTI Act, 2025 caps civil nuclear liability at 300 million SDR (Special Drawing Rights).

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India Optel Limited launched which indigenous product for the civil market in August 2026?

A VAJRA Night Vision Goggles

B DRISHTI Thermal Imagers

C GARUD High Resolution Binoculars

D NETRA Surveillance Cameras

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: India Optel Limited launched 'GARUD' High Resolution Binoculars — defence-grade optics adapted for civilian use under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

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Amgen announced a Science and Innovation Centre at Genome Valley in which city?

A Bengaluru

B Hyderabad

C Pune

D Ahmedabad

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Amgen will set up its Science and Innovation Centre at Genome Valley, Hyderabad, focusing on discovery chemistry, precision medicine and drug metabolism.

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The Amgen Science and Innovation Centre in India is expected to become operational by which year?

A 2028

B 2027

C 2030

D 2026

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The Amgen centre in Hyderabad is expected to be operational by 2027.

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Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth created history in August 2026 by becoming the IAF's first woman:

A Flight Instructor

B Squadron Commander

C Test Pilot

D Fighter Combat Leader

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth became the IAF's first woman Fighter Combat Leader. She was earlier among India's first women fighter pilots inducted in 2016.

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Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth completed her advanced combat course at which IAF establishment?

A ASTE Bengaluru

B AFA Dundigal

C FIS Tambaram

D TACDE Gwalior

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: She completed the course at TACDE (Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment), Gwalior — the IAF's elite 'Top Gun' school.

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How long was the advanced combat course completed by Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth?

A 24 weeks

B 16 weeks

C 20 weeks

D 12 weeks

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The advanced combat course at TACDE runs for 20 weeks.

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Hindustan Shipyard Limited delivered which vessel to the Indian Navy in August 2026?

A INS Nistar

B INS Nireekshak

C INS Nirdeshak

D INS Nipun

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Hindustan Shipyard Limited delivered INS Nipun, a Diving Support Vessel, to the Indian Navy.

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INS Nipun, delivered in August 2026, is India's second indigenous vessel of which type?

A Landing Ship Tank

B Survey Vessel

C Fleet Support Ship

D Diving Support Vessel

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: INS Nipun is India's second indigenous Diving Support Vessel, with 75% indigenous content, saturation diving systems and remotely operated vehicles.

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The Ministry of Defence signed a Rs 449 crore contract with Accord Software and Systems for how many ECGNSS Jammers?

A 35

B 50

C 10

D 20

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: The MoD signed a Rs 449 crore contract with Accord Software and Systems for 20 ECGNSS Jammers with at least 75% indigenous content.

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Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja was appointed as the next Director General of which organisation?

A Military Operations

B National Cadet Corps

C Armed Forces Medical Services

D Defence Intelligence Agency

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja was appointed Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS), effective 31 August 2026.

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Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja played a key role in operationalising which humanitarian medical response system?

A BHISHM Cube

B AAROGYA Pod

C RAKSHA Module

D SANJEEVANI Unit

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: He played a key role in operationalising the BHISHM Cube, India's portable hospital system for disaster and humanitarian medical response.

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The Agni-4 missile tested in August 2026 has a range of approximately:

A 2,000 km

B 5,500 km

C 7,000 km

D 4,000 km

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Agni-4 has a range of about 4,000 km with a 1,000 kg payload. It is a medium-range ballistic missile; the 6 August 2026 event was an operational user trial, not a maiden test.



Questions 81 – 100

81

How many Rafale fighters did the IAF deploy for Exercise Udara Shakti 2026?

A 2

B 4

C 6

D 8

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: The IAF deployed 4 Rafale fighters and 2 C-17 Globemaster III aircraft for Exercise Udara Shakti 2026 with the Royal Malaysian Air Force.

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R Praggnanandhaa won his maiden title at which chess tournament in August 2026?

A Tata Steel Masters

B Norway Chess

C Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz

D Sinquefield Cup

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: R Praggnanandhaa won his maiden Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz title, the fourth leg of the 11th Grand Chess Tour.

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How many points did R Praggnanandhaa score to win the Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz 2026?

A 19.0

B 23.5

C 26.0

D 21.5

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Praggnanandhaa scored 23.5 points to win the Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz 2026.

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R Praggnanandhaa finished ahead of which Uzbek grandmaster at the Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz 2026?

A Javokhir Sindarov

B Shamsiddin Vokhidov

C Nodirbek Yakubboev

D Nodirbek Abdusattorov

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: He finished ahead of Uzbekistan's Javokhir Sindarov.

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The Union Cabinet approved the GOBARdhan scheme in August 2026. Which ministry administers it?

- ☐ A Ministry of Rural Development
- ☐ B Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- ☐ C Ministry of Jal Shakti
- ☒ D Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: GOBARdhan is administered by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, since Compressed Biogas is blended into CNG and PNG networks.

86

Under the GOBARdhan scheme, what administered price has been fixed for Compressed Biogas?

- ☒ A Rs 2,110 per MMBTU
- ☐ B Rs 900 per MMBTU
- ☐ C Rs 3,200 per MMBTU
- ☐ D Rs 1,450 per MMBTU

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: GOBARdhan fixes a government-backed administered CBG price of Rs 2,110 per Metric Million British Thermal Unit, with a minimum tenure of ten years.

87

Under GOBARDhan, what is the Compressed Biogas blending obligation set for FY 2026-27?

A 3%

B 1%

C 8%

D 5%

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The CBG blending obligation is 3% in FY 2026-27, rising to 4% in FY 2027-28 and 5% from FY 2028-29 in the CNG (transport) and PNG (domestic) segments.

88

Under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana, what Central Financial Assistance is provided per MW after commissioning?

A Rs 2 crore per MW

B Rs 25 lakh per MW

C Rs 50 lakh per MW

D Rs 1 crore per MW

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: PM-SSY provides Central Financial Assistance of Rs 1 crore per MW post-commissioning, plus up to Rs 50 lakh per project for feasibility studies including bathymetry and hydrography surveys.

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The National Institute of Solar Energy has estimated India's total floating solar potential at approximately:

A 102.18 GWp

B 78.30 GWp

C 150.40 GWp

D 45.60 GWp

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: NISE estimated India's floating solar potential at about 102.18 GWp across reservoirs and inland water bodies. Current installed floating solar capacity is only around 700 MW.

90

India's UPSC Civil Services Mains examination 2026 commenced on which date?

A 28 August 2026

B 21 August 2026

C 14 August 2026

D 1 September 2026

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: UPSC Mains 2026 began on 21 August 2026 and ran through 30 August 2026. UPSC Prelims 2026 had been held on 24 May 2026.

91

In his 80th Independence Day address, PM Modi noted India has signed or is negotiating Free Trade Agreements with approximately how many countries?

A Nearly 40

B Nearly 15

C Nearly 60

D Nearly 25

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: PM Modi cited FTAs signed or under negotiation with nearly 40 countries, framing Atmanirbhar Bharat as export-oriented rather than isolationist.

92

Indian para-cyclists won how many total medals at the UCI Para Sport Denmark Grand Prix in August 2026?

A 15

B 12

C 9

D 6

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Indian para-cyclists won 12 medals — 2 gold, 5 silver and 5 bronze — at the UCI Para Sport Denmark Grand Prix, held 7-9 August 2026.

93

Which Indian para-cyclist was the top performer with 6 medals at the Denmark Grand Prix 2026?

A Kalpana Devi

B Arshad Shaikh

C Harshvardhan Deshmukh

D Jyoti Gaderiya

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: Arshad Shaikh was India's top performer at the Denmark Grand Prix with 6 medals.

94

England pacer John Turner announced retirement from professional cricket in August 2026 at what age?

A 28

B 25

C 31

D 23

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: England pacer John Turner retired at just 25, citing a prolonged back stress fracture and recurring injuries.

95

Who topped the Kroll Celebrity Brand Valuation rankings released in August 2026?

A Ranveer Singh

B Deepika Padukone

C Virat Kohli

D Shah Rukh Khan

✓ Ans: D

Explanation: Shah Rukh Khan topped the Kroll Celebrity Brand Valuation rankings released in August 2026.

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What was Shah Rukh Khan's brand value according to the Kroll Celebrity Brand Valuation 2025?

A USD 162.9 million

B USD 194.2 million

C USD 177.9 million

D USD 158.4 million

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Shah Rukh Khan's brand value was USD 177.9 million, ahead of Ranveer Singh (USD 162.9M) and Virat Kohli (USD 158.4M).

97

Who ranked second in the Kroll Celebrity Brand Valuation 2025 with a value of USD 162.9 million?

A Akshay Kumar

B Alia Bhatt

C Ranveer Singh

D Virat Kohli

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: Ranveer Singh ranked second with USD 162.9 million, ahead of Virat Kohli at USD 158.4 million.

98

The Sangeet Natak Akademi conferred the Akademi Ratna (Fellowship) on how many artists in August 2026?

A 5

B 11

C 7

D 15

✓ Ans: C

Explanation: The Sangeet Natak Akademi conferred the Akademi Ratna (Fellowship) on 7 artists, including Ramlal Bareth, Rita Ganguly, Puru Dadheech and Sudharani Raghupathy.

99

The Gaj Gaurav Awards 2026 were conferred by MoEFCC on which occasion?

A

World Elephant Day

B

World Nature Conservation Day

C

World Environment Day

D

National Wildlife Week

✓ Ans: A

Explanation: The Gaj Gaurav Awards 2026 were conferred by MoEFCC on World Elephant Day (12 August) for contributions to elephant conservation.

100

India is home to approximately what share of the global wild Asian elephant population?

A

30%

B

60%

C

80%

D

45%

✓ Ans: B

Explanation: India hosts roughly 60% of the world's wild Asian elephant population, making it central to the species' survival.



Answer Key

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Q.	ANS	CORRECT ANSWER	Q.	ANS	CORRECT ANSWER
1	A	5-16 years	51	D	Commodity Markets Research Centre
2	B	2036 Olympic Games	52	B	ReNew Solar Power
3	B	Vande Mataram	53	B	Rs 4,859 crore
4	C	Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay	54	A	Perpetual Authorised Dealer Category-II
5	D	52 times	55	C	USD 12.41 billion
6	C	Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan	56	A	USD 17.42 billion
7	C	Rs 23,731 crore	57	B	12
8	C	Compressed Bio Gas (CBG)	58	C	Rs 1.64 lakh crore
9	B	Guwahati and Tezpur	59	D	50%
10	A	NH-15	60	D	24,161 crore
11	B	Seven	61	B	Large-format additive manufacturing facility
12	A	Judicial reform	62	B	Kanpur
13	C	Keralam	63	A	Germany
14	A	Voice vote without discussion	64	D	7,000 DWT
15	C	Tamil Nadu	65	B	Cascade frogs
16	C	Class 12 marks	66	D	Nagaland
17	D	3,718	67	C	SHANTI Act, 2025
18	B	IT Act 2000	68	A	300 million SDR

19	D	88	69	C	GARUD High Resolution Binoculars
20	D	Bhopal and Tirupati	70	B	Hyderabad
21	D	Gandhinagar	71	B	2027
22	A	Sahkar Nav-Kranti	72	D	Fighter Combat Leader
23	A	IIHT SUTRA 2026	73	D	TACDE Gwalior
24	A	12th	74	C	20 weeks
25	C	Swadeshi Movement of 1905	75	D	INS Nipun
26	C	President Droupadi Murmu	76	D	Diving Support Vessel
27	A	84th	77	D	20
28	A	August Kranti Diwas	78	C	Armed Forces Medical Services
29	C	81st	79	A	BHISHM Cube
30	D	Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being	80	D	4,000 km
31	A	12 August	81	B	4
32	C	13 August	82	C	Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz
33	C	13 August	83	B	23.5
34	C	Colombia	84	A	Javokhir Sindarov
35	A	7.4	85	D	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
36	B	Ahmedabad	86	A	Rs 2,110 per MMBTU
37	C	Glasgow 2026	87	A	3%
38	D	Second	88	D	Rs 1 crore per MW
39	B	China	89	A	102.18 GWp
40	A	17	90	B	21 August 2026

41	D	REC	91	A	Nearly 40
42	D	Tata Sons	92	B	12
43	D	1 January 2027	93	B	Arshad Shaikh
44	C	Monisha Chakraborty	94	B	25
45	B	1601	95	D	Shah Rukh Khan
46	A	Rs 2.11 lakh crore	96	C	USD 177.9 million
47	B	15.4%	97	C	Ranveer Singh
48	B	Swiss Re Corporate Solutions	98	C	7
49	D	Standard Chartered	99	A	World Elephant Day
50	A	120th Foundation Day Credit Outreach Programme	100	B	60%



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