

# GENERAL AWARENESS – CURRENT EVENTS

## Chapter: Current Events of National and International Importance

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### ★ NATIONAL EVENTS ★

**Q1. Which state inaugurated India's first semiconductor cluster in Bhiwadi on 15 May 2026?**

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Haryana

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Rajasthan**

■ *Explanation: Rajasthan's first semiconductor cluster was inaugurated in Bhiwadi, Alwar district, in the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster at Salarpur, Khushkhhera on 15 May 2026.*

**Q2. Who was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the 18th West Bengal Assembly on 15 May 2026?**

- A) Biman Banerjee
- B) Rathindra Bose
- C) Suwendu Adhikari
- D) Firhad Hakim

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Rathindra Bose**

■ *Explanation: Rathindra Bose, a BJP MLA from Cooch Behar, was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the 18th West Bengal Legislative Assembly.*

**Q3. India and UAE signed an MoU on 15 May 2026 for cooperation in which area?**

- A) Defence Technology
- B) Strategic Petroleum Reserves & LPG supplies
- C) Space Exploration
- D) Digital Payments

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Strategic Petroleum Reserves & LPG supplies**

■ *Explanation: India and UAE signed an MoU for cooperation in strategic petroleum reserves and for increased LPG supplies to India.*

**Q4. Which state became the first in India to complete all priority areas under Deregulation Phase-II in May 2026?**

- A) Goa
- B) Sikkim
- C) Tripura
- D) Meghalaya

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Tripura**

■ *Explanation: Tripura became the first state in India to complete all priority areas under Deregulation Phase-II of the national Compliance Reduction and Deregulation initiative.*

**Q5. India released its first satellite-tagged Ganges soft-shell turtle in which national park in May 2026?**

- A) Jim Corbett National Park
- B) Kaziranga National Park
- C) Sundarbans National Park
- D) Kanha National Park

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Kaziranga National Park**

■ *Explanation: India released its first satellite-tagged Ganges soft-shell turtle in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve in Assam on 15 May 2026, on Endangered Species Day.*

**Q6. Which organisation held the stone-breaking ceremony for India's first Autonomous Maritime Shipbuilding and Systems Centre in 2026?**

- A) DRDO
- B) HAL
- C) Sagar Defence Engineering
- D) Mazagon Dock

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Sagar Defence Engineering**

■ *Explanation: Sagar Defence Engineering held the ceremony at Juvvaladinne Fishing Harbour in Andhra Pradesh in March 2026.*

**Q7. Which High Court declared the Bhojshala-Kamal Maula Mosque complex a temple in May 2026?**

- A) Allahabad High Court
- B) Madhya Pradesh High Court (Indore Bench)
- C) Bombay High Court
- D) Rajasthan High Court

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Madhya Pradesh High Court (Indore Bench)**

■ *Explanation: The MP High Court, Indore Bench, declared the Bhojshala-Kamal Maula Mosque complex in Dhar district a temple on 15 May 2026.*

**Q8. FACT (Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore) commenced production of which fertiliser at its Udyogamandal plant in May 2026?**

- A) Urea
- B) DAP (Di-Ammonium Phosphate)
- C) MOP
- D) SSP

✓ **Correct Answer: B) DAP (Di-Ammonium Phosphate)**

■ *Explanation: FACT commenced Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) production at its Udyogamandal plant in Kochi on 15 May 2026.*

**Q9. The Election Commission of India will conduct Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in which state from 30 May 2026?**

- A) Bihar
- B) Odisha
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Chhattisgarh

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Odisha**

■ *Explanation: The ECI will conduct a month-long Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Odisha from 30 May 2026 as Phase III.*

**Q10. The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 was passed by Indian Parliament in which month?**

- A) February 2025
- B) March 2025
- C) April 2025
- D) May 2025

✓ **Correct Answer: C) April 2025**

■ *Explanation: Parliament passed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in April 2025, which was widely reported as a significant legislative event.*

**Q11. India's 'Operation Brahma' was launched to provide relief to which earthquake-hit country in 2025?**

- A) Nepal
- B) Afghanistan
- C) Myanmar
- D) Bangladesh

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Myanmar**

■ *Explanation: India launched 'Operation Brahma' in March 2025 to provide humanitarian assistance to earthquake-hit Myanmar.*

**Q12. Which project was launched to revitalise public spaces through art in India in 2025?**

- A) Project PARI
- B) Project ABCD
- C) Art India Mission
- D) Kala Darpan

✓ **Correct Answer: A) Project PARI**

■ *Explanation: Project PARI (Public Art of India) was launched in March 2025 to revitalise public spaces through art across India.*

**Q13. India's first PPP Green Waste Processing Plant was inaugurated in which city?**

- A) Bhopal
- B) Indore
- C) Jaipur
- D) Surat

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Indore**

■ *Explanation: India's first PPP Green Waste Processing Plant was inaugurated in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, in March 2025.*

**Q14. India recorded its highest number of child adoptions in how many years as of 2025?**

- A) 8 years
- B) 10 years
- C) 12 years
- D) 15 years

✓ **Correct Answer: C) 12 years**

■ *Explanation: India recorded its highest child adoptions in 12 years in 2025, reflecting improved adoption frameworks and policies.*

**Q15. What is the target nuclear power capacity India aims to achieve as reported in 2025?**

- A) 50 GW
- B) 75 GW
- C) 100 GW
- D) 150 GW

✓ **Correct Answer: C) 100 GW**

■ *Explanation: India announced plans in 2025 for Nuclear Power Surge targeting 100 GW of nuclear power capacity as part of its clean energy transition.*

★ INTERNATIONAL EVENTS ★

**Q16. Australia banned which neo-Nazi organisation on 15 May 2026 under new anti-hate legislation?**

- A) Proud Boys
- B) National Socialist Network (NSN)
- C) Atomwaffen Division
- D) Base Movement

✓ **Correct Answer: B) National Socialist Network (NSN)**

■ *Explanation: Australia banned the neo-Nazi National Socialist Network (NSN) on 15 May 2026 under new anti-hate legislation, with the ban taking effect at midnight.*

**Q17. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held a bilateral meeting with which Iranian counterpart in New Delhi in May 2026?**

- A) Mohammad Zarif
- B) Hossein Amir-Abdollahian
- C) Seyyed Abbas Araghchi
- D) Ali Bagheri Kani

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Seyyed Abbas Araghchi**

■ *Explanation: EAM S. Jaishankar held a bilateral meeting with Iranian FM Seyyed Abbas Araghchi in New Delhi on 15 May 2026 on the sidelines of a meeting.*

**Q18. India and China celebrated 75 years of diplomatic relations in which year?**

- A) 2023
- B) 2024
- C) 2025
- D) 2026

✓ **Correct Answer: C) 2025**

■ *Explanation: India and China celebrated the 75th Anniversary of their diplomatic relations in April 2025.*

**Q19. BrahMos Deal reported in March 2026 relates to the supply of BrahMos missiles to which country?**

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) Vietnam
- C) Philippines
- D) Indonesia

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Philippines**

■ *Explanation: The BrahMos deal reported in March 2026 was related to India supplying BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to the Philippines.*

**Q20. The India-Seychelles joint military exercise is known as:**

- A) SHAKTI
- B) LAMITIYE
- C) MITRA SHAKTI
- D) EKUVERIN

✓ **Correct Answer: B) LAMITIYE**

■ *Explanation: LAMITIYE is the bilateral military exercise conducted between India and Seychelles, reported in March 2026 current affairs.*

**Q21. Census 2027 – India's upcoming census was announced in March 2026 with a gazette notification. Which ministry oversees it?**

- A) Ministry of Statistics
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Rural Development

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Ministry of Home Affairs**

■ *Explanation: India's Census is conducted under the Ministry of Home Affairs. The gazette notification for Census 2027 was issued as reported in March 2026.*

★ **ECONOMY & BANKING** ★

**Q22. Which country hosted the 2026 FIFA World Cup alongside Canada and Mexico?**

- A) Brazil
- B) United States of America
- C) Argentina
- D) Spain

✓ **Correct Answer: B) United States of America**

■ *Explanation: The 2026 FIFA World Cup is jointly hosted by USA, Canada, and Mexico — the first World Cup to be co-hosted by three nations.*

**Q23. The Artemis-2 Mission mentioned in March 2026 current affairs is a mission by which space agency?**

- A) ISRO
- B) ESA
- C) NASA
- D) JAXA

✓ **Correct Answer: C) NASA**

■ *Explanation: Artemis-2 is NASA's crewed lunar flyby mission, which was reported prominently in March 2026 current affairs.*

**Q24. Sheetal Devi, mentioned in 2026 current affairs, is associated with which sport?**

- A) Wrestling
- B) Para Archery
- C) Badminton
- D) Shooting

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Para Archery**

■ *Explanation: Sheetal Devi is a celebrated Indian para archer who has won multiple international medals and is frequently nominated for prestigious awards.*

**Q25. Prahar LMG (Light Machine Gun) is developed by which Indian organisation?**

- A) HAL
- B) BEL
- C) DRDO
- D) OFB

✓ **Correct Answer: C) DRDO**

■ *Explanation: Prahar LMG is a light machine gun developed by DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) for the Indian Armed Forces.*

**Q26. NITI NCAER States Economic Forum Portal was launched by which minister in 2025?**

- A) PM Narendra Modi
- B) Finance Minister
- C) Home Minister
- D) Commerce Minister

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Finance Minister**

■ *Explanation: The NITI NCAER States Economic Forum Portal was launched by the Finance Minister in April 2025 as a platform for state-level economic data and analysis.*

**Q27. By what percentage did the central government hike Dearness Allowance (DA) for employees in March 2025?**

- A) 1%
- B) 2%
- C) 3%
- D) 4%

✓ **Correct Answer: B) 2%**

■ *Explanation: The Cabinet approved a 2% hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) for central government employees in March 2025.*

## ★ SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ★

**Q28. The MGNREGS wage hike 2025-26 refers to increased wages under which government scheme?**

- A) PM Kisan Samman Nidhi
- B) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
- C) PM Awas Yojana
- D) Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme**

■ *Explanation: MGNREGS is the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. A wage hike was announced for 2025-26 to benefit rural workers.*

**Q29. Supreme Court of India in May 2026 dismissed UP government's plea related to VAT on which commodity?**

- A) Petrol
- B) Natural Gas
- C) Diesel
- D) Coal

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Natural Gas**

■ *Explanation: The Supreme Court dismissed a batch of pleas filed by the Uttar Pradesh government on Value Added Tax on natural gas on 14 May 2026.*

**Q30. J&K; Cabinet approved power infrastructure projects worth ₹93 crore for which city in May 2026?**

- A) Jammu
- B) Srinagar
- C) Leh
- D) Kargil

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Srinagar**

■ *Explanation: The J&K; Cabinet approved ₹93 crore power infrastructure projects for Srinagar and adjoining areas in May 2026, including grid augmentation.*

**Q31. Which Indian space mission was called PSLV-C60 SpaDeX – a space docking experiment?**

- A) ISRO's mission to Mars
- B) India's first space docking experiment
- C) Chandrayaan-4 lander
- D) Aditya L-2 solar mission

✓ **Correct Answer: B) India's first space docking experiment**

■ *Explanation: SpaDeX (Space Docking Experiment) was India's first space docking technology demonstration mission launched by ISRO on PSLV-C60.*

**Q32. Eri Silk received global certification as a milestone in 2025. Eri Silk is primarily produced in which region of India?**

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Gujarat
- C) Northeast India (especially Assam)
- D) Tamil Nadu

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Northeast India (especially Assam)**

■ *Explanation: Eri Silk is primarily produced in the northeastern states of India, especially Assam. Its global certification in 2025 was a milestone for the indigenous textile industry.*

**Q33. The Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum announced in 2025 will be located in which city?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Varanasi
- D) Bhopal

✓ **Correct Answer: B) New Delhi**

■ *Explanation: The Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum is planned to be built in New Delhi, showcasing India's 5,000-year civilisational heritage.*

## ★ SPORTS ★

**Q34. India's Jaitapur nuclear plant being developed with cooperation of which country?**

- A) USA
- B) Russia
- C) France
- D) Japan

✓ **Correct Answer: C) France**

■ *Explanation: The Jaitapur Nuclear Power Plant in Maharashtra is being developed in collaboration with France's EDF (Électricité de France).*

**Q35. IndiGo's CEO news reported in March 2026 relates to appointment of a new CEO. Who is IndiGo's parent company?**

- A) Tata Sons
- B) InterGlobe Aviation
- C) Air India Group
- D) SpiceJet Ltd

✓ **Correct Answer: B) InterGlobe Aviation**

■ *Explanation: IndiGo is operated by InterGlobe Aviation Ltd. and is India's largest low-cost carrier by market share.*

**Q36. Which article of the Indian Constitution was cited in the Supreme Court 9-judge bench hearing in May 2026 related to freedom of conscience?**

- A) Article 19(1)
- B) Article 21
- C) Article 25(1)
- D) Article 32

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Article 25(1)**

■ *Explanation: The Indian government told a nine-judge Supreme Court bench that Article 25(1) protects freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise, and propagate religion.*

**Q37. The T20 World Cup 2026 reward for India mentioned in March 2026 current affairs is associated with which sporting event?**

- A) ICC T20 World Cup 2024
- B) ICC T20 World Cup 2026
- C) Asia Cup 2025
- D) IPL 2025

✓ **Correct Answer: A) ICC T20 World Cup 2024**

■ *Explanation: The T20 World Cup reward in 2026 is linked to India's victory in the ICC T20 World Cup 2024 held in the West Indies and USA.*

**Q38. R. Ashwin (Ashwin MLC) mentioned in current affairs 2026 relates to his role in:**

- A) Being inducted into the Hall of Fame
- B) Becoming a Member of the Legislative Council
- C) Joining BCCI committee
- D) Starting a cricket academy

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Becoming a Member of the Legislative Council**

■ *Explanation: Cricket star R. Ashwin was nominated/elected to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council (MLC), making headlines in current affairs.*

## ★ AWARDS & HONOURS ★

**Q39. Where was the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 held?**

- A) India
- B) South Africa
- C) Pakistan & UAE (Hybrid Model)
- D) England

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Pakistan & UAE (Hybrid Model)**

■ *Explanation: The ICC Champions Trophy 2025 was held under a hybrid model, with matches in Pakistan and the UAE. India played their matches in UAE.*

**Q40. Who won the ICC Champions Trophy 2025?**

- A) Australia
- B) New Zealand
- C) India
- D) England

✓ **Correct Answer: C) India**

■ *Explanation: India won the ICC Champions Trophy 2025, defeating New Zealand in the final, under the captaincy of Rohit Sharma.*

**Q41. Which Indian athlete won a gold medal in the 2024 Paris Olympics in Javelin Throw?**

- A) Neeraj Chopra
- B) Sumit Antil
- C) Kishore Kumar Jena
- D) Anderson Peters

✓ **Correct Answer: A) Neeraj Chopra**

■ *Explanation: Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics, while he had won gold at Tokyo 2020. At Paris 2024, Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem won gold.*

**Q42. India will host the 2036 Summer Olympics in which city?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) Delhi
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Bengaluru

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Ahmedabad**

■ *Explanation: India has officially bid to host the 2036 Summer Olympics in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, with the IOC shortlisting India as a preferred host.*

**Q43. Who received the Bharat Ratna award posthumously in 2024?**

- A) MS Swaminathan
- B) Karpooi Thakur
- C) Both A and B
- D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Both A and B**

■ *Explanation: Both Dr. MS Swaminathan (Father of Green Revolution in India) and Karpooi Thakur (former Bihar CM) received the Bharat Ratna posthumously in 2024.*

**Q44. Which Indian film won the Best International Feature Film at the Oscars 2024?**

- A) RRR
- B) The Elephant Whisperers
- C) All We Imagine as Light
- D) No Indian film won in 2024

✓ **Correct Answer: D) No Indian film won in 2024**

■ *Explanation: No Indian film won the Best International Feature Film at the 2024 Oscars, though India submitted 'All We Imagine as Light' as its official entry for 2025.*

★ GOVERNMENT SCHEMES ★

**Q45. The Nobel Peace Prize 2024 was awarded to:**

- A) Greta Thunberg
- B) Nihon Hidankyo (Japanese atomic bomb survivors' organisation)
- C) WHO
- D) Malala Yousafzai

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Nihon Hidankyo (Japanese atomic bomb survivors' organisation)**

■ *Explanation: The Nobel Peace Prize 2024 was awarded to Nihon Hidankyo, a Japanese organisation of atomic bomb survivors (Hibakusha), for its efforts toward a nuclear-free world.*

**Q46. Which country's author won the Nobel Prize in Literature 2024?**

- A) South Korea (Han Kang)
- B) France
- C) USA
- D) Nigeria

✓ **Correct Answer: A) South Korea (Han Kang)**

■ *Explanation: South Korean author Han Kang won the Nobel Prize in Literature 2024 for her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas.*

**Q47. The Pravasini Award / Nari Shakti Puraskar is given on which day every year?**

- A) Republic Day (26 Jan)
- B) Independence Day (15 Aug)
- C) International Women's Day (8 March)
- D) National Science Day (28 Feb)

✓ **Correct Answer: C) International Women's Day (8 March)**

■ *Explanation: The Nari Shakti Puraskar is conferred by the President of India on International Women's Day (8 March) every year.*

**Q48. PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana provides free electricity up to how many units per month?**

- A) 100 units
- B) 200 units
- C) 300 units
- D) 500 units

✓ **Correct Answer: C) 300 units**

■ *Explanation: PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (Rooftop Solar Scheme) provides up to 300 units of free electricity per month to households by installing rooftop solar panels.*

**Q49. Viksit Bharat 2047 is India's vision to become a developed nation by which year?**

- A) 2035
- B) 2040
- C) 2047
- D) 2050

✓ **Correct Answer: C) 2047**

■ *Explanation: Viksit Bharat 2047 is India's national vision to become a fully developed nation by the year 2047, which marks 100 years of Independence.*

## ★ ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY ★

**Q50. One Nation One Subscription scheme provides access to research journals to students. It is managed by which ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Science & Technology
- C) Ministry of IT
- D) Ministry of Finance

✓ **Correct Answer: A) Ministry of Education**

■ *Explanation: One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) is managed by the Ministry of Education to provide access to research and academic journals to students and researchers across India.*

**Q51. PM VISHWAKARMA Yojana is primarily targeted at which group of people?**

- A) Farmers
- B) Traditional artisans and craftsmen
- C) IT professionals
- D) Women entrepreneurs

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Traditional artisans and craftsmen**

■ *Explanation: PM VISHWAKARMA Yojana was launched to support traditional artisans and craftspeople (Vishwakarmas) with skills training, toolkits, and credit support.*

**Q52. Digital Agriculture Mission approved in 2024 aims to digitise the agricultural sector using which technology?**

- A) Blockchain only
- B) AI, Big Data, Remote Sensing, and Digital Infrastructure
- C) 5G only
- D) Satellite Internet

✓ **Correct Answer: B) AI, Big Data, Remote Sensing, and Digital Infrastructure**

■ *Explanation: The Digital Agriculture Mission uses AI, Big Data, Remote Sensing, GIS, and digital infrastructure to modernise Indian agriculture and empower farmers.*

**Q53. COP29 (UN Climate Conference) was held in 2024 in which country?**

- A) Egypt
- B) Azerbaijan (Baku)
- C) UAE
- D) Brazil

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Azerbaijan (Baku)**

■ *Explanation: COP29 was held in Baku, Azerbaijan in November 2024, where nations negotiated on climate finance and emission reduction targets.*

**Q54. COP30 in 2025 is scheduled to be held in which country?**

- A) India
- B) USA
- C) Brazil (Belém)
- D) China

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Brazil (Belém)**

■ *Explanation: COP30 is scheduled to be held in Belém, Brazil in November 2025, marking a significant milestone in the Amazon region.*

**Q55. India's first Ramsar site designated in 2025 from Ladakh is:**

- A) Pangong Tso
- B) Tso Moriri
- C) Tsomoriri Wetland Complex
- D) Nubra Wetland

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Tsomoriri Wetland Complex**

■ *Explanation: Tsomoriri Wetland Complex in Ladakh received Ramsar site status, being one of the highest Ramsar sites in India.*

**Q56. Project Cheetah — cheetahs were reintroduced to India in which national park?**

- A) Jim Corbett
- B) Kuno National Park
- C) Sariska Tiger Reserve
- D) Gir National Park

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Kuno National Park**

■ *Explanation: Cheetahs were reintroduced to India under Project Cheetah at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, with the first batch brought from Namibia in September 2022 and South Africa in 2023.*

**Q57. International Solar Alliance (ISA) headquartered in India was founded in which year?**

- A) 2015
- B) 2016
- C) 2018
- D) 2020

✓ **Correct Answer: B) 2016**

■ *Explanation: The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was founded in 2016 and is headquartered in Gurugram, India. It was jointly launched by India and France at COP21.*

**Q58. India's defence indigenisation policy 'Make in India for Defence' has a revised positive indigenisation list that bars import of how many defence items (approx.) as of 2025?**

- A) Over 100 items
- B) Over 300 items
- C) Over 500 items
- D) Over 700 items

✓ **Correct Answer: C) Over 500 items**

■ *Explanation: India's Ministry of Defence released multiple positive indigenisation lists banning import of over 500 defence items to promote domestic production under 'Make in India'.*

**Q59. Operation Sindoor (2025) was a military operation conducted by India against targets in:**

- A) China
- B) Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Afghanistan

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir**

■ *Explanation: Operation Sindoor was India's military strike against terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir in response to the Pahalgam terror attack in April 2025.*

## ★ APPOINTMENTS ★

**Q60. The Pahalgam terror attack that triggered Operation Sindoor occurred in which year?**

- A) 2024
- B) 2025
- C) 2026
- D) 2023

✓ **Correct Answer: B) 2025**

■ *Explanation: The Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu & Kashmir occurred in April 2025, leading to India's Operation Sindoor against terrorist camps in Pakistan.*

**Q61. India's Light Combat Aircraft Tejas Mark-2 is being developed with which country for its fighter engine?**

- A) USA (GE Aerospace)
- B) Russia
- C) France
- D) Israel

✓ **Correct Answer: A) USA (GE Aerospace)**

■ *Explanation: India signed a deal with GE Aerospace (USA) for co-production of the F414 engines to power the Tejas Mk-2 advanced light combat aircraft.*

**Q62. Who became the new Chief of the Naval Staff of India in 2024?**

- A) Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- B) Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi
- C) Admiral Karambir Singh
- D) Admiral Sunil Lanba

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi**

■ *Explanation: Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi took over as the Chief of the Naval Staff of India in 2024.*

**Q63. Who was appointed as the 25th Chief Justice of India in 2024?**

- A) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- B) Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- C) Justice B.R. Gavai
- D) Justice N.V. Ramana

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Justice Sanjiv Khanna**

■ *Explanation: Justice Sanjiv Khanna was appointed as the 51st Chief Justice of India (25th if counting some renumberings) in November 2024, succeeding Justice D.Y. Chandrachud.*

★ MISCELLANEOUS & REPORTS ★

**Q64. Who is the current Secretary-General of the United Nations (2026)?**

- A) Ban Ki-moon
- B) Kofi Annan
- C) António Guterres
- D) Tedros Adhanom

✓ **Correct Answer: C) António Guterres**

■ *Explanation: António Guterres has been serving as the Secretary-General of the United Nations since 2017 and was re-elected for a second term through 2026.*

**Q65. Who became India's Foreign Secretary in 2024 after Vinay Mohan Kwatra?**

- A) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- B) Vikram Misri
- C) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- D) S. Jaishankar

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Vikram Misri**

■ *Explanation: Vikram Misri was appointed as India's Foreign Secretary in 2024, succeeding Vinay Mohan Kwatra.*

**Q66. India's G20 Presidency Summit was successfully held in which city in 2023?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Chennai

✓ **Correct Answer: B) New Delhi**

■ *Explanation: India held the G20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi in September 2023 under the theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – One Earth, One Family, One Future'.*

**Q67. What is the name of India's UPI-based credit card initiative linked to RuPay for international travellers?**

- A) UPI ONE
- B) UPI-Lite
- C) RuPay Credit on UPI
- D) DigiPay Global

✓ **Correct Answer: C) RuPay Credit on UPI**

■ *Explanation: RuPay Credit on UPI allows users to link their RuPay credit cards to UPI apps for seamless payments, and this service is being expanded internationally.*

**Q68. Major name changes in India 2025-26 include renaming which city to its earlier historical name?**

- A) Allahabad → Prayagraj (done earlier)
- B) Aurangabad → Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar
- C) Both A and B occurred in this period
- D) Gurgaon → Gurugram (done earlier)

✓ **Correct Answer: B) Aurangabad → Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar**

■ *Explanation: Aurangabad was officially renamed to Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar in Maharashtra, which was formalised and widely covered in India's major place name changes during 2025-26.*

**Q69. India's Census 2027 will be the country's which census since independence?**

- A) 14th
- B) 15th
- C) 16th
- D) 17th

✓ **Correct Answer: C) 16th**

■ *Explanation: India's Census 2027 (delayed from Census 2021 due to COVID-19) will be the 16th census since Indian independence in 1947.*

**Q70. Which organisation releases the World Happiness Report annually?**

- A) World Bank
- B) UNDP
- C) UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- D) WHO

✓ **Correct Answer: C) UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network**

■ *Explanation: The World Happiness Report is published annually by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) using data from the Gallup World Poll.*

**Q71. India's rank in the Global Innovation Index 2024 was:**

- A) 30th
- B) 39th
- C) 55th
- D) 65th

✓ **Correct Answer: B) 39th**

■ *Explanation: India ranked 39th in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024, published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), an improvement from previous years.*

**Q72. The International Year of Cooperatives is being observed in which year as declared by the UN?**

- A) 2024
- B) 2025
- C) 2026
- D) 2027

✓ **Correct Answer: B) 2025**

■ *Explanation: The United Nations declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives to promote cooperative enterprises as key drivers of sustainable development.*

**Q73. The PRAHAR LMG is designed to replace which older weapon in the Indian Army?**

- A) AK-47
- B) INSAS LMG
- C) L16 Mortar
- D) FN MAG

✓ **Correct Answer: B) INSAS LMG**

■ *Explanation: DRDO's Prahar Light Machine Gun is designed as a modern replacement for the ageing INSAS LMG (Indian Small Arms System LMG) used by the Indian Army.*

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