

I. National News

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the 594-km-long Ganga Expressway. Which two cities does this six-lane expressway primarily connect?

- (a) Lucknow and Varanasi
- (b) Meerut and Prayagraj
- (c) Delhi and Agra
- (d) Kanpur and Patna

Answer: (b) Meerut and Prayagraj

Explanation: The Ganga Expressway is one of India's longest expressway projects. It reduces travel time between Meerut and Prayagraj from 12 hours to roughly 6–8 hours. It is designed to act as a catalyst for industrial and economic development in eastern Uttar Pradesh.

2. Which state recently marked 50 years of statehood with an event where the Prime Minister hailed its organic farming model as a "template for the country"?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: (b) Sikkim

Explanation: Sikkim joined the Indian Union in 1975. During the Golden Jubilee celebrations, PM Modi highlighted how Sikkim's 100% organic status has made its crops like Large Cardamom and Ginger globally competitive, urging tourists to spend at least 5% of their budget on local products.

3. The Supreme Court of India recently ruled that existing laws are sufficient to combat hate speech, provided they are enforced strictly. In which context was this ruling primarily delivered?

- (a) Social Media Regulation
- (b) Election Campaigning

- (c) Combating hate speech and crimes
- (d) Religious gatherings

Answer: (c) Combating hate speech and crimes
Explanation: The Supreme Court emphasized that the problem lies not in the lack of legislation, but in the lack of "enforcement of existing laws" to deter hate-motivated actions.

II. International News

4. Which major global oil producer officially left OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) in late April 2026, marking a significant shift in energy geopolitics?

- (a) Qatar
- (b) Angola
- (c) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- (d) Ecuador

Answer: (c) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Explanation: The UAE's exit from OPEC is a historic move. The UAE seeks to increase its production capacity and pursue independent energy goals, dealing a blow to the group's ability to control global oil prices.

5. The United States recently returned 657 stolen artefacts to India in a restitution effort valued at approximately:

- (a) \$5 Million
- (b) \$14 Million
- (c) \$25 Million
- (d) \$50 Million

Answer: (b) \$14 Million

Explanation: The U.S. returned 657 stolen artefacts to India, part of a \$14 million restitution agreement. These pieces range from ancient terracotta to stone sculptures smuggled out of India over decades.

III. Economics & Banking

6. India has formally submitted its new Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for 2035 to the UN. What is the target for reducing emissions intensity by 2035 from the 2005 level?

- (a) 36%
- (b) 47%
- (c) 52%
- (d) 60%

Answer: (b) 47% from the 2005 level

Explanation: India's new NDCs for the 2031-35 period pledge a 47% reduction in emissions intensity. Additionally, the nation aims for 60% non-fossil fuel electricity capacity by 2035.

7. Which company recently laid the foundation stone for a monumental ₹1.35 lakh crore (\$15 billion) AI data centre hub in Visakhapatnam?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- (c) Google
- (d) Meta

Answer: (c) Google

Explanation: This is one of the largest FDIs in India's history. Google, in collaboration with AdaniConneX, aims to transform Visakhapatnam into a global "AI-patnam", generating over 30,000 jobs.

IV. Appointments & Persons in News

8. Who has been appointed as the first-ever woman Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court in April 2026?

- (a) Justice B.V. Nagarathna
- (b) Justice Lisa Gill
- (c) Justice Hima Kohli
- (d) Justice Bela Trivedi

Answer: (b) Justice Lisa Gill

Explanation: Justice Lisa Gill was appointed by the President under Article 217(1), succeeding Dhiraj Singh Thakur. This is a historic first for the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

9. Who was recently appointed as the new Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog?

- (a) Suman Bery
- (b) Ashok Kumar Lahiri
- (c) Arvind Panagariya
- (d) Rajiv Kumar

Answer: (b) Ashok Kumar Lahiri

Explanation: Ashok Kumar Lahiri, a former Chief Economic Adviser and member of the Finance Commission, has been appointed to lead NITI Aayog's strategic planning towards "Viksit Bharat 2047."

V. Sports

10. FIFA has announced a 15% increase in financial distribution for all 48 teams participating in which tournament?

- (a) 2026 FIFA World Cup
- (b) 2027 Women's World Cup
- (c) 2025 Club World Cup
- (d) 2028 FIFA World Cup

Answer: (a) 2026 FIFA World Cup

Explanation: For the 2026 World Cup (USA, Canada, Mexico), FIFA is significantly boosting financial payouts to the 48 participating nations to support global football development.

11. Who currently leads the IPL 2026 "Orange Cap" table as of April 30, 2026?

- (a) Riyan Parag
- (b) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
- (c) Shubman Gill
- (d) Yashasvi Jaiswal

Answer: (b) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi

Explanation: The young sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has reclaimed the top spot in the Orange Cap race during the ongoing IPL 2026 season.

VI. Awards & Honors

12. Which Indian lawyer became the first to receive the 'Medal of Honour' from the World Jurist Association (WJA) for work against child labour and trafficking?

- (a) Harish Salve
- (b) Bhuwan Ribhu
- (c) Prashant Bhushan
- (d) Mukul Rohatgi

Answer: (b) Bhuwan Ribhu

Explanation: Bhuwan Ribhu, founder of Just Rights for Children, was recognized for his legal activism that led to mandatory FIRs for missing children in India.

VII. Books & Authors

13. Which Kannada author recently made history by winning the International Booker Prize 2025/2026 for the short story collection "Heart Lamp"?

- (a) Vivek Shanbhag
- (b) Banu Mushtaq
- (c) Vasudhendra
- (d) Pratibha Nandakumar

Answer: (b) Banu Mushtaq

Explanation: Banu Mushtaq is the first Kannada author to win this prestigious global award, highlighting the richness of regional Indian literature on the world stage.

VIII. Defense Newsa

14. India's Defence Minister recently addressed the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) Defence Ministers' meeting in which city?

- (a) Tashkent
- (b) Bishkek
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Astana

Answer: (b) Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)

Explanation: The meeting in Bishkek focused on regional security, counter-terrorism, and strengthening military cooperation among SCO member states.

15. Which indigenous missile system recently underwent a successful hypersonic test flight as part of India's strategic defense upgrades in April 2026?

- (a) BrahMos-II
- (b) Agni-Prime
- (c) Shaurya
- (d) Pralay

Answer: (a) BrahMos-II

Explanation: BrahMos-II, the hypersonic version of the BrahMos cruise missile, is a key component of India's deterrence capability, capable of flying at speeds exceeding Mach 7.

IX. MOUs & Government Schemes

16. Which platform is being adopted by the Goa Government and Cochin Port Authority to modernize digital pension disbursement?

- (a) BHIM-Pension
- (b) SAMPANN
- (c) PRAGATI
- (d) DARPAN

Answer: (b) SAMPANN

Explanation: SAMPANN (System for Accounting and Management of Pension) is a digital platform launched by the Department of Telecommunications that ensures end-to-end processing and direct bank transfers.

17. Which state has recorded the highest number of women SHGs trained as drone pilots under the "Nam0 Drone Didi Yojana" (NDDY) as of April 2026?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer: (b) Karnataka Explanation: Karnataka leads in empowering women through drone technology for agricultural services like spraying fertilizers and pesticides.

18. The "Bharat Vistar" initiative was recently launched as an AI digital companion for which target group?

- (a) School students
- (b) MSME owners
- (c) Indian farmers
- (d) Defense personnel

Answer: (c) Indian farmers Explanation: Bharat Vistar uses AI to provide real-time, vernacular guidance to farmers regarding soil health, weather, and crop management.

X. Science, Tech & Environment

19. NITI Aayog's recently released "DPI@2047" roadmap suggests a two-phase implementation. What is the focus of Phase 1 (DPI 2.0: 2025-2035)?

- (a) Grassroots innovation
- (b) Livelihood-led growth
- (c) International digital exports
- (d) Space-tech integration

Answer: (b) Livelihood-led growth Explanation: The DPI@2047 Roadmap aims to use Digital Public Infrastructure to remove structural bottlenecks in MSMEs and agriculture to empower citizens through livelihoods.

20. A CAG report released in April 2026 revealed an alarming disappearance of lakes in which region of India?

- (a) Western Ghats
- (b) Jammu & Kashmir
- (c) Sundarbans
- (d) Thar Desert

Answer: (b) Jammu & Kashmir Explanation: The CAG report found that 518 lakes (74% of the total in the region) have either completely vanished or significantly shrunk since 1967 due to encroachment and pollution.

Techniques to Remember Facts

Example: If the RBI changes the Repo Rate, quickly recall what "Repo Rate" actually means. Connecting current news to your basic syllabus makes it "stick" better.

Daily Quiz Habit: Reading isn't enough; you must recall. Spend **15 minutes every night** taking a daily current affairs quiz.

Keywords & Mnemonics: For lists (like G7 countries or index rankings), create short, funny acronyms.

Monthly Revision Cycles:

Frequency	Action
Daily	30 mins reading + 10 mins quiz.
Weekly	Review your handwritten or digital notes every Sunday.
Monthly	Read a "Monthly Capsule" PDF to fill in any gaps from your daily notes.