

Part 1: National News & Government Schemes

Q1. The Government of India recently launched the 'SUMAN Roadmap 2030'. What is the primary target of this framework?

- A) Reducing the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) to below 10 per 1,000 live births
- B) Reducing the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) to below 70 per 100,000 live births
- C) Elimination of childhood tuberculosis by 2030
- D) Achieving 100% institutional deliveries across all tribal blocks

Answer: B) Reducing the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) to below 70 per 100,000 live births

Detailed Explanation: The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare unveiled the Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) Roadmap 2030 during a flagship healthcare conference. This strategic framework aims to reduce the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India to below 70 per one lakh (100,000) live births by the year 2030, aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3.1). It also focuses on significantly lowering neonatal and infant mortality rates through assured, dignified, and quality healthcare for mothers and newborns.

Q2. Which newly introduced integrated healthcare initiative unifies the 'Home-Based Newborn Care' (HBNC) and 'Home-Based Care for Young Child' (HBYC) programs?

- A) Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK)
- B) PM Shishu Suraksha Yojana
- C) Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Mission 2.0
- D) Integrated Child Digital Health Mission

Answer: A) Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK)

Detailed Explanation: The Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK) was launched as a comprehensive, unified program that integrates existing fragmented schemes like HBNC and HBYC. SSBSK provides continuous, structured home-based healthcare and nutritional monitoring for children right from their birth up to 5 years of age. Under this, every child will receive a health dashboard to reduce preventable childhood illnesses and stunting.

Q3. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released its 2026 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) report tracking India's internal progress. Which tracking matrix was utilized for this domestic evaluation?

- A) Sustainable India Monitoring Index (SIMI)
- B) National Indicator Framework (NIF)
- C) Global Progress Tracking Module (GPTM)
- D) People-Planet Partnership Index

Answer: B) National Indicator Framework (NIF)

Detailed Explanation: On the occasion of National Statistics Day, MoSPI released its updated SDG publication mapping India's progress using the National Indicator Framework (NIF). The NIF comprises 277 distinct national metrics tailored specifically to India's domestic policy ecosystem. It serves as the primary backbone for evaluating how well central and state welfare policies are converging with global UN SDG targets.

Q4. Under the newly launched pilot project of the 'PM Family Care Tracker' (PM-FCT) in Gandhinagar, each child's health and educational welfare records are digitally linked to which identifier?



- A) National School Enrollment Number (NSEN)
- B) Birth Registration Number (BRN) or ABHA ID
- C) Permanent Education Number (PEN)
- D) State Ration Card QR Code

Answer: B) Birth Registration Number (BRN) or ABHA ID

Detailed Explanation: The PM Family Care Tracker (PM-FCT) is a new integrated digital platform designed to monitor a child's health, nutrition, education, and welfare benefits from pregnancy up to 18 years of age. In its pilot stage launched in Gandhinagar, the platform assigns a unique ID linked directly to the child's Birth Registration Number (BRN) or Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) ID, allowing automatic alerts for missed immunizations or school dropouts.

Q5. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced a sharp upward revision in passport services fees effective from July 1, 2026. What is the revised fee for a standard 36-page adult passport under the normal scheme?

- A) ₹1,800
- B) ₹2,000
- C) ₹2,500
- D) ₹3,000

Answer: C) ₹2,500

Detailed Explanation: Effective July 1, 2026, the Ministry of External Affairs has updated the tariff structure for Indian passports. The fee for a standard 36-page ordinary adult passport under the normal route has been increased from ₹1,500 to ₹2,500. For Tatkaal applications, the standard fee has been raised from ₹3,500 to ₹5,000. This is the first major passport tariff restructuring in over a decade to fund tech upgrades in Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) 2.0.

Q6. The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (OPSA) to the Government of India has launched a common national platform called 'TRL Compass'. What does "TRL" stand for in this platform's context?

- A) Technology Readiness Level
- B) Transferable Research Licence
- C) Technical Risk Liquidation
- D) Total Resource Logistics

Answer: A) Technology Readiness Level

Detailed Explanation: The 'TRL Compass' platform was rolled out by the OPSA to act as a standardized national framework for evaluating research and innovation projects seeking public funding. It adapts the globally accepted 9-level Technology Readiness Level (TRL) scale. This allows government funding bodies, incubators, and university labs to objectively assess how close a deep-tech invention or scientific project is to commercial deployment.

Part 2: Economics, Banking & Finance

Q7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) put into effect a stringent consumer protection framework regarding the "mis-selling" of financial products. What relief are customers entitled to under these rules?

- A) Token penalty waiver only
- B) Compulsory equity conversion of the disputed amount
- C) Full refund of the product value plus compensation for incurred losses
- D) Free insurance cover for the subsequent financial year

Answer: C) Full refund of the product value plus compensation for incurred losses



Detailed Explanation: To protect consumers from deceptive banking practices, the RBI's new rules against the mis-selling of financial products (such as forcing third-party insurance or toxic investment products onto account holders) became operational on July 1, 2026. Under this, if mis-selling is proven via the Banking Ombudsman or internal audits, banks are legally mandated to offer a full refund of the primary principal/premium along with clear compensation for financial losses.

Q8. On July 1, 2026, oil marketing companies announced a massive price cut on which specific fuel commodity, marking its first downward revision this year?

- A) Domestic 14.2-kg LPG Cylinder
- B) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) per kg
- C) Commercial 19-kg LPG Cylinder
- D) Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF)

Answer: C) Commercial 19-kg LPG Cylinder

Detailed Explanation: State-owned oil marketing companies (OMCs) slashed the prices of 19-kg commercial LPG cylinders by a massive ₹183.50 across major metros. This brings relief to commercial establishments like hotels and restaurants. However, prices for domestic 14.2-kg LPG cylinders used in households remained unchanged. The drop follows a cooling period in international crude oil indexes.

Q9. The Government of India infused an additional ₹30,000 Crore into the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF). With this, what is the GoI's total capital commitment to NIIF?

- A) ₹45,000 Crore
- B) ₹50,000 Crore
- C) ₹60,000 Crore

D) ₹75,000 Crore

Answer: C) ₹60,000 Crore

Explanation: The Union Government infused a fresh tranche of ₹30,000 crore into India's quasi-sovereign wealth fund, the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF). This capital expands NIIF's capacity to set up 'Infrastructure Fund II', focusing heavily on green energy assets, e-mobility, and large transportation grids. This investment effectively doubles the government's cumulative commitment to NIIF to ₹60,000 crore.

Q10. As per the latest commercial notifications effective July 1, 2026, what new spending threshold has HDFC Bank introduced for credit cardholders to access complimentary domestic airport lounges?

- A) Minimum spend of ₹30,000 in the preceding calendar month
- B) Minimum spend of ₹50,000 in the preceding calendar year
- C) Minimum spend of ₹60,000 in the preceding calendar quarter
- D) No spending cap, but a flat entry fee of ₹500 per visit

Answer: C) Minimum spend of ₹60,000 in the preceding calendar quarter

Detailed Explanation: Commercial credit card rewards programs underwent structural tightening on July 1, 2026. HDFC Bank has enforced a spend-linked eligibility model: cardholders must spend a minimum of ₹60,000 in the *preceding* calendar quarter to unlock up to three complimentary domestic lounge visits in the *succeeding* quarter. This prevents the operational overcrowding of airport lounges.

Q11. Which financial technology company recently announced a deep API integration with

'Google Pay' to streamline cross-border e-commerce merchant settlements for global Indian small businesses?

- A) Razorpay
- B) PayGlocal
- C) Pine Labs
- D) PhonePe

Answer: B) PayGlocal

Detailed Explanation: Cross-border merchant payment platform PayGlocal integrated its technical payment processing matrix directly into Google Pay. This allows international buyers to complete transactions with Indian merchants seamlessly while optimizing currency exchange spreads and compliance tracking under RBI's cross-border payment aggregator guidelines.

Part 3: International Affairs & Bilateral MOUs

Q12. Union Minister Piyush Goyal visited London, UK, to review progress on the India-UK Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA). During this forum, he was conferred with which special honor?

- A) Freedom of the City of London
- B) Exceptional Leadership in Elevating India-UK Relations Award
- C) Global Trade Visionary Fellowship
- D) King Charles III Bilateral Merit Medal

Answer: B) Exceptional Leadership in Elevating India-UK Relations Award

Detailed Explanation: During his high-level trade visit to London from June 25–27, 2026, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal met with UK Secretary of State Peter Kyle. To celebrate a decade of bilateral acceleration, Goyal was presented with the

Special Award for Exceptional Leadership in Elevating India-UK Relations at the 10th anniversary of the India Global Forum (IGF) UK-India Awards.

Q13. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which premier academic institution to launch the 'Corporate Mitra Scheme' for MSMEs?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIM Ahmedabad
- D) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru

Answer: B) IIT Madras

Detailed Explanation: The Ministry of Corporate Affairs signed an agreement with IIT Madras to roll out the 'Corporate Mitra Scheme'. The project provides data-driven technical, regulatory, and corporate governance training to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Candidates successfully finishing the practical capsules receive a formal Corporate Mitra Certification to assist small enterprises in legal filings and digital scaling.

Q14. Global maritime and trade experts are analyzing recent geopolitical developments regarding the 'Strait of Hormuz'. Which specific legal principle under the UNCLOS governs the right of ships to navigate through this strategic strait?

- A) Right of Innocent Passage
- B) Right of Transit Passage
- C) Exclusive Flag-State Enclave Law
- D) Contiguous Sovereign Interdiction

Answer: B) Right of Transit Passage

Detailed Explanation: The Strait of Hormuz is an international strait connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea,

accounting for roughly 20% of global oil shipments. Under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), straits used for international navigation are governed by the **Right of Transit Passage**, which is more permissive than "innocent passage" and cannot be suspended or taxed unilaterally by coastal states like Iran. This has become a focal point of discussion following recent regional ceasefires.

Q15. A strategic MoU was signed between the Data Security Council of India (DSCI) and the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (OPSA). What is the primary deliverable of this partnership?

- A) Setting up 5G quantum labs in rural banks
- B) Developing a 'Technology Radar' methodology for cyber capability mapping
- C) Creating an encrypted communication tool for the Indian Navy
- D) Auditing security parameters of Aadhaar centers

Answer: B) Developing a 'Technology Radar' methodology for cyber capability mapping

Detailed Explanation: Vinayak Godse (CEO of DSCI) and Dr. Preeti Banzal (Scientist 'G', OPSA) inked a pact to cooperate deeply on evaluating tech readiness and creating a national 'Technology Radar'. This tool dynamically maps India's critical cybersecurity capabilities, detects systemic vulnerabilities in emerging infrastructure, and sets standard public evaluation parameters for deep-tech software security.

Part 4: Defense & Aerospace

Q16. The Indian Navy is participating in the 30th edition of the world's largest maritime war games exercise, 'RIMPAC', held around the

Hawaiian Islands. Which nation hosts this massive exercise?

- A) Australia
- B) Japan
- C) United States of America
- D) France

Answer: C) United States of America

Detailed Explanation: The Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise is the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise, hosted biennially by the United States Navy's Indo-Pacific Command. The 30th edition features a massive fleet of over 30 warships, 5 submarines, 206 aircraft, and 30,000 personnel from various partner nations training together under the theme "Partners: Integrated and Prepared" to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Q17. The third-generation fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) 'HELINA', which completed validation trials, has been indigenously developed by which organization?

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- D) Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)

Answer: B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Detailed Explanation: HELINA (Helicopter-launched Nag) is a purely indigenous third-generation, lock-on-before-launch anti-tank guided missile system developed by the DRDO. It is designed to be integrated onto the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) 'Dhruv'. Guided by an imaging infra-red seeker operating in direct hit and top-attack modes, it is one of the most advanced anti-armour weapons systems in the world.

Q18. India's final phase of construction for the 624 MW 'Kiru Hydroelectric Power Project' is progressing rapidly. On which river is this run-of-the-river power asset being constructed?

- A) Jhelum River
- B) Chenab River
- C) Indus River
- D) Ravi River

Answer: B) Chenab River

Detailed Explanation: The Kiru Hydroelectric Power Project is a 624 MW run-of-the-river power project being built on the Chenab River near the isolated village of Kiru in the Kishtwar district of Jammu & Kashmir. It is critical for national energy security and regional infrastructure development, and reports indicate that more than 83% of the total engineering and structural work has been successfully executed.

Part 5: Sports News

Q19. Who won the recently concluded Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix 2026 at the Red Bull Ring track, finishing ahead of Max Verstappen?

- A) Lando Norris
- B) George Russell
- C) Lewis Hamilton
- D) Andrea Kimi Antonelli

Answer: B) George Russell

Detailed Explanation: Mercedes AMG Petronas driver George Russell secured a clinical victory at the Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix 2026. He managed his tires perfectly to finish 1.611 seconds ahead of Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen, vaulting himself back up to P2 in the overall Drivers' World Championship standings.

Q20. Global motorsport competitions like Formula 1 operate under the overarching technical, administrative, and safety rules of which apex sports governing body?

- A) International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- B) Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)
- C) World Motor Sports Council (WMSC)
- D) International Road Federation (IRF)

Answer: B) Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)

Detailed Explanation: The FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile) is the non-profit association that represents the interests of motoring organizations and motor car users worldwide. It is the sole governing body for international motorsport events, including Formula One, the World Rally Championship, and Formula E, regulating both safety standards and car engineering limitations.

Part 6: Awards, Honors & Appointments

Q21. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- A) Ravi Agrawal
- B) Nitin Gupta
- C) Sanjay Kumar Verma
- D) Manoj Singh

Answer: A) Ravi Agrawal

Detailed Explanation: Senior IRS officer Ravi Agrawal has been formally appointed to lead the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the apex policy-making body for the Income Tax Department in India. His appointment comes at a crucial time as the department transitions toward completely AI-driven faceless



assessments and prepares for the upcoming full fiscal layouts.

Q22. The prestigious International Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize for English was recently conferred upon whom for translating a classic partition-era regional novel?

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Mini Krishnan
- C) Dr. Jaganmohan Rao
- D) Vikram Seth

Answer: C) Dr. Jaganmohan Rao

Detailed Explanation: Dr. Jaganmohan Rao was awarded the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize for English. The award recognizes his exceptional work in translating an acclaimed, emotionally heavy regional masterpiece into English, preserving its linguistic style and cultural nuances for a global audience.

Part 7: Important Days & Anniversaries

Q23. National Doctors' Day is celebrated across India every year on July 1. This day honors the birth and death anniversary of which legendary physician and freedom fighter?

- A) Dr. B.C. Roy
- B) Dr. Hakim Ajmal Khan
- C) Dr. Dwarkanath Kotnis
- D) Dr. Kadambini Ganguly

Answer: A) Dr. B.C. Roy

Detailed Explanation: India celebrates National Doctors' Day on July 1 to honor the contributions of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, an eminent physician, freedom fighter, and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal. Remarkably, he was born on July 1, 1882, and died on the exact same date eighty years later in

1962. He was awarded India's highest civilian honor, the Bharat Ratna, in 1961.

Q24. On July 1, National Chartered Accountants (CA) Day is observed to commemorate the establishment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). In which year was the ICAI founded via an Act of Parliament?

- A) 1947
- B) 1949
- C) 1952
- D) 1956

Answer: B) 1949

Detailed Explanation: National CA Day is celebrated on July 1 to mark the founding of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on July 1, 1949, under the Chartered Accountants Act passed by the constituent parliament. ICAI is the second-largest professional accounting and finance body in the world.

Q25. Every year on June 29, India observes 'National Statistics Day' to honor which legendary scientist's contribution to economic planning and statistical architecture?

- A) Dr. C.R. Rao
- B) Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis
- C) Srinivasa Ramanujan
- D) Dr. K.C. Sreedharan Pillai

Answer: B) Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis

Detailed Explanation: National Statistics Day is observed annually on June 29 (the birth anniversary of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis) to popularize the use of statistics in daily policy and planning. Known as the "father of modern statistics in India," Mahalanobis established the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) and designed



the famous Mahalanobis distance metric and the basic blueprint of India's Second Five-Year Plan.

Q26. June 30 is globally commemorated as 'International Asteroid Day' by the United Nations. Which historical cosmic event does this day mark?

- A) The Chicxulub impact that wiped out dinosaurs
- B) The 1908 Tunguska explosion over Siberia
- C) The Chelyabinsk meteor strike of 2013
- D) The discovery of Ceres, the first asteroid

Answer: B) The 1908 Tunguska explosion over Siberia

Detailed Explanation: International Asteroid Day is observed on June 30 to mark the anniversary of the Earth's largest recorded asteroid impact in modern history—the Tunguska event, which flattened roughly 80 million trees over 2,000 square kilometers of Siberian forest on June 30, 1908. The day aims to raise public awareness about asteroid impact hazards and planetary defense initiatives.

Part 8: Art, Culture, Festivals & Books

Q27. The famous 'Ambubachi Mela' festival, celebrating the annual menstruation of the presiding Goddess, concluded recently. At which historic shakti peeth temple is this festival celebrated?

- A) Taratarini Temple, Odisha
- B) Kamakhya Temple, Assam
- C) Kalighat Temple, West Bengal
- D) Jwalaji Temple, Himachal Pradesh

Answer: B) Kamakhya Temple, Assam

Detailed Explanation: The Ambubachi Mela is an annual Hindu festival held at the historic Kamakhya Temple situated atop the Nilachal

Hills in Guwahati, Assam. It celebrates the annual menstruation course of the Goddess Kamakhya. The temple remains closed for three days, during which devotees observe strict restrictions, followed by a grand reopening that attracts lakhs of pilgrims and tantric practitioners.

Q28. A critically acclaimed historical book titled 'The Lost Relics of Vijayanagara: Mapping the Twilight of an Empire' was released. Who is the author of this work?

- A) Shashi Tharoor
- B) William Dalrymple
- C) Anirudh Kanisetti
- D) Ramachandra Guha

Answer: C) Anirudh Kanisetti

Detailed Explanation: Renowned new-age historian and author Anirudh Kanisetti released his latest book *The Lost Relics of Vijayanagara*. The book provides an immersive, data-backed architectural look into the socio-economic collapses and artistic resilience of Hampi and the wider Vijayanagara Empire following the decisive Battle of Talikota.

Q29. The traditional 'Hemis Tsechu' monastic festival, featuring sacred masked Cham dances by monks to celebrate the victory of good over evil, began in which state/UT?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Sikkim
- C) Ladakh
- D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: C) Ladakh

Detailed Explanation: The Hemis Festival is one of Ladakh's most famous monastic celebrations, held at the Hemis Gompa (monastery) to celebrate the birth anniversary of Guru Padmasambhava (Guru Rinpoche), the founder

of Tibetan Tantric Buddhism. The main attraction is the mystical **Cham Dance**, where monks wear heavy resin masks and colorful silk robes to enact cosmic battles against evil forces.

Q30. The unique 'Sao Joao' festival, where local residents wear crowns of flowers called 'Kopel' and jump into overflowing wells to celebrate fertility and rain, was celebrated in which state?

- A) Kerala
- B) Goa
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer: B) Goa

Detailed Explanation: Sao Joao is a traditional Catholic festival celebrated with immense enthusiasm across Goa on June 24 every year. Dedicated to St. John the Baptist, the festival features people wearing vibrant flower crowns called 'Kopels', singing traditional mandos, and leaping into wells, streams, and swimming pools to symbolise the joy of St. John in his mother's womb when visited by Mary.

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