

1. Important Days (National & International)



Mahatma Gandhi (1869–1948). Source: Wikipedia

Gandhi Jayanti (157th Birth Anniversary) & International Day of Non-Violence

- **Date & Significance:** Observed annually on **October 2** to commemorate the birth of Mahatma Gandhi (born October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, Gujarat).
- **International Day of Non-Violence:** Declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) via **Resolution 61/271** in June 2007. The day serves to disseminate the message of non-violence through education and public awareness.
- **Core Gandhian Concepts for Exams:**
 - **Satyagraha:** Firm adherence to truth through non-violent resistance.
 - **Ahinsa:** Complete avoidance of harm in thought, word, and deed.

- **Trusteeship:** Economic vision where wealthy individuals act as trustees of social wealth for the benefit of all.
- **Swadeshi:** Economic self-reliance through local manufacturing and village industries.

Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti (122nd Birth Anniversary)

- **Date & Significance:** Celebrated on **October 2** to honor India's 2nd Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri (born October 2, 1904, in Mughalsarai, UP).
- **Key Historical Contributions:**
 - Coined the iconic slogan "**Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan**" during the 1965 Indo-Pak War to rally soldiers and farmers.
 - Laid the structural groundwork for India's **Green Revolution** and supported the **White Revolution** by establishing the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) in Anand, Gujarat.
 - Signed the historic **Tashkent Declaration** on January 10, 1966, with Pakistan President Ayub Khan.

2. Government Schemes & MoUs

GOBARdhan Central Sector Scheme Expansion

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG)
- **Financial Outlay:** **₹23,731 crore** over a 10-year period (FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36).

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- **Objective:** Accelerate India's **Compressed Biogas (CBG)** ecosystem, manage cattle waste, and boost rural organic waste processing.
- **Exam Key Points:**
 - Supports the **CBG Blending Mandate (CBM)** in Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)

for transport and Piped Natural Gas (PNG) for households, targeting 5% blending by 2028-29.

- Provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for setting up commercial-scale CBG plants across rural districts.

National Coastal Mission (NCM) 2.0

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
- **Outlay & Tenure:** ₹767 crore extending up to 2030-31 as a Central Sector Scheme.
- **Key Implementation Partner:** National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai.
- **Core Objectives:**
 - Enhance climate resilience across India's 7,516 km coastline through mangrove restoration, coastal erosion defense, and ecosystem monitoring.
 - Implement Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) plans for coastal States and Union Territories.

State Initiatives:

- **'Vettri Payanam' Scheme (Tamil Nadu):** Statewide policy offering fare-free public bus transportation to women commuters across government transport corporations.
- **'GVP Mukh Abhiyan' (Gurugram, Haryana):** Launched under the "Swachhta Hi Seva 2026" campaign to transform 21 Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs) into clean public zones.

3. Banking & Economic Awareness

PM-DHARA & Green Energy Corridor Phase-III Approval

- **Scheme Name:** PM-DHARA (PM-Developing Harmonized and Accelerated Renewable-energy Access).
- **Grid Capacity Target:** Support evacuation of up to 135 GW of renewable power and deploy 50 GWh Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) by FY 2032-33.
- **Structure:** Strengthens the Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) using Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) for greenfield lines and Cost-Plus Basis for brownfield upgrades.

Bank of India Launches User-Level Programmable CBDC

- **Innovation:** Bank of India (BOI) became the first public sector bank to deploy user-level programmable Central Bank Digital Currency (e-Rupee / CBDC) with auto-issuance rules.
- **Application:** Enables direct targeted disbursements for corporate allowances, agricultural subsidies, and social welfare programs with predefined spending rules embedded directly into the digital currency token.

India's First Blue Financing for Port Infrastructure

- **Entity:** Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) in partnership with the International Finance Corporation (IFC).
- **Purpose:** First Blue Bond financial mechanism dedicated to developing Shore Power Infrastructure at Indian container terminals, enabling docked vessels to plug into grid electricity and turn off diesel generators.

4. National News

SC/ST Act "Public View" Doctrine Extended to Digital Spaces



- **Ruling Authority:** Calcutta High Court.
- **Legal Impact:** Held that casteist slurs or discriminatory remarks posted on public social media platforms (Facebook, X, Instagram) satisfy the "within public view" requirement under Sections 3(1)(r) and 3(1)(s) of the **SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989**.
- **Constitutional Linkage:** Operationalizes Article 17 (Abolition of Untouchability) and Article 21 (Right to Dignity) in virtual environments.

CAG Integrates 'BHASHINI' Language AI Engine

- **Institution:** Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.
- **Initiative:** Launched **CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad**, an AI-driven multilingual translation framework.
- **Significance:** Automatically translates complex audit reports and public finance documentation into all 22 languages listed under the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, promoting linguistic inclusion.

First National Female Farmer Worker Conference

- **Location:** New Delhi
- **Context:** Organised to align with the UN-designated **International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026**.
- **Exam Relevance:** Highlights structural land tenure issues in Indian agriculture—women perform 60–80% of manual farm labour but hold less than 14% of operational land titles.

5. International News

First UN Declaration on Sea Level Rise

- **Body:** United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

Key Provisions:

- Formalized global protections for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and vulnerable coastal nations against sea-level rise.
- Clarified international law regarding statehood preservation and maritime zone boundaries (Exclusive Economic Zones) despite physical land submergence.

Marshall Islands Strategic Mapping

- **Context:** Highlighted in UN climate assessment as one of the most low-lying coral atoll nations facing existential inundation risks.
- **Geography:** Located in Micronesia (Pacific Ocean); capital is **Majuro**.

6. Defense News & Security

DRDO Advances Ultra-Lightweight Body Armor

- **Developing Lab:** Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL), Chandigarh (DRDO).
- **Milestone:** Successfully tested next-generation ceramic-matrix composite armor panels capable of defeating **Trichy Assault Rifle (TAR)** 7.62x39mm rounds fired at 10 meters with a velocity of 695 m/s.

2nd ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME)

- **Co-hosts:** Indian Navy and Philippine Navy.
- **Objective:** Enhancing tactical interoperability, communications, and maritime search-and-rescue (SAR) operations in the South China Sea / West Philippine Sea region.

7. Sports

Asian Games 2026: Historic Gold for Indian Women's Hockey

- **Women's Hockey:** Indian Women's Hockey Team defeated Japan to secure the **Gold Medal**, ending a **44-year title wait**.
- **Olympic Qualification:** The win guarantees India direct entry into the **2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games**.
- **Total Tally:** India's overall medal count at the Asian Games reached **65**, buoyed by victories in Sailing and Greco-Roman Wrestling.

8. Awards, Honors & Culture

Jharkhand's 'Mandar' Folk Instrument Awarded GI Tag

- **Authority:** Geographical Indications Registry, Chennai.
- **Item:** **Mandar** (traditional double-headed earthen folk drum of Jharkhand).
- **Cultural Context:** Played during Sarhul, Karma, and Sohrai festivals across tribal belts in Jharkhand and neighboring regions.

65th National Exhibition of Art (Lalit Kala Akademi)

- **Organiser:** Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Art) under the Ministry of Culture.
- **Details:** 20 prominent artists conferred awards at Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi, selected from over 6,100 submitted artworks.

9. Books & Authors

Book Title	Author / Significance	Exam Theme
Gandhi Beyond 1947: The Unfinished	Analytical Study on Gandhian Geopolitics	Internationalisation of Non-Violence & Civil Rights

Book Title	Author / Significance	Exam Theme
Global Journey of Satyagraha		
Lal Bahadur Shastri: Lessons in Integrity and Governance	Commemorative Analysis	Public Administration & Food Security Policy

Practice Questions for Upcoming Exams (UPSC, SSC, Banking, Railways)

Question 1 (Government Schemes)

With reference to the **GOBARdhan Scheme** expanded in 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is implemented as a Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
2. It aims to support the mandatory blending of Compressed Biogas (CBG) in transport CNG and household PNG.
3. The total approved financial outlay for the scheme over a 10-year period is ₹23,731 crore.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, and 3

Answer: (d) 1, 2, and 3

Explanation: All three statements are correct. The Union Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas launched the GOBARdhan Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of ₹23,731 crore for FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36 to accelerate India's CBG sector and enforce the 5% CBG blending mandate by 2028–29.

Question 2 (Banking & Finance)

Which Public Sector Bank became the first in India to introduce user-level programmable Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC / e-Rupee) featuring automated conditional issuance?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Punjab National Bank
- (c) Bank of India
- (d) Union Bank of India

Answer: (c) Bank of India

Explanation: Bank of India (BOI) launched user-level programmable CBDC capabilities with auto-issuance mechanics, enabling smart contract-based social disbursements and corporate expense allocations.

Question 3 (Polity & Governance)

The Calcutta High Court recently ruled that casteist slurs made on public social media platforms fall under the "within public view" doctrine of which statutory act?

- (a) Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955
- (b) SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989
- (c) Information Technology Act, 2000
- (d) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023

Answer: (b) SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989

Explanation: The Calcutta High Court ruled that public social media posts satisfy the "within

public view" requirement under Sections 3(1)(r) and 3(1)(s) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, expanding constitutional protections under Articles 17 and 21 to digital spaces.

Question 4 (Art & Culture / GI Tags)

The traditional folk musical instrument 'Mandar', which was recently granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, belongs to which Indian state?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (b) Jharkhand

Explanation: The traditional double-headed folk drum 'Mandar' of Jharkhand received the GI tag from the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai, recognizing its cultural significance in Sarhul and Karma festivals.

Question 5 (Sports)

In October 2026, the Indian Women's Hockey Team secured direct qualification for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games after winning the Gold Medal at the Asian Games by defeating which team?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) China
- (c) Japan
- (d) Malaysia

Answer: (c) Japan

Explanation: The Indian Women's Hockey Team ended a 44-year title wait by winning the Asian Games Gold medal after defeating Japan, simultaneously clinching direct qualification for the 2028 LA Olympics.



Q1. On October 2, 2026, the union Home minister chaired a bilateral meeting to resolve the long-standing Mahanadi Water Dispute between which two primary states?

- (A) Odisha and Andhra Pradesh
- (B) Chhattisgarh and Odisha
- (C) Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra
- (D) Jharkhand and Odisha

Answer: (B) Chhattisgarh and Odisha

Explanation: Chhattisgarh (upper riparian state holding 52.94% of the basin) and Odisha (lower riparian state holding 46.33%) are the two primary parties involved in the inter-state Mahanadi water dispute.

Q2. Which Article of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to adjudicate disputes relating to waters of inter-State rivers or river valleys?

- (A) Article 260
- (B) Article 262
- (C) Article 280
- (D) Article 312

Answer: (B) Article 262

Explanation: Article 262 permits Parliament to enact laws for adjudicating inter-state river disputes and exclude the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court or any other court over such disputes.

Q3. The nationwide "People's Plan Campaign 2026-27", launched on October 2, 2026, is driven by which official slogan?

- (A) Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas
- (B) Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas
- (C) Gram Swaraj, Samridh Bharat
- (D) Atmanirbhar Gram Panchayat

Answer: (B) Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas

Explanation: The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27 under the motto "Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas" to prepare decentralized Gram Panchayat Development Plans.

Q4. Indian jurist Dr. Bimal N. Patel was sworn in on October 1, 2026, as a judge at which international judicial body headquartered in Hamburg, Germany?

- (A) International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- (B) International Criminal Court (ICC)
- (C) International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
- (D) Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

Answer: (C) International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

Explanation: Dr. Bimal N. Patel took his oath as an ITLOS Judge in Hamburg, Germany, for a 9-year term, succeeding Neeru Chadha.

Q5. What is the theme for National Wildlife Week 2026, observed from October 2 to October 8?

- (A) Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet
- (B) Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife
- (C) Wildlife Conservation through Community Action
- (D) Coexistence: Humans and Nature in Harmony

Answer: (B) Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife

Explanation: Wildlife Week 2026 is observed from October 2 to 8 with the theme "Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife" to stress ecological corridors and habitat connectivity.

Q6. Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain won the Gold Medal at the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games in which weight category?

- (A) 51 kg
- (B) 60 kg
- (C) 66 kg
- (D) 75 kg

Answer: (D) 75 kg

Explanation: Lovlina Borgohain secured gold in the women's 75kg category on October 2, 2026, defeating China's Bao Ziyi 5-0 in the final.

Q7. Under RBI's Priority Sector Lending (PSL) rules, what is the maximum loan limit for farmers against electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWRs)?

- (A) ₹50 lakh
- (B) ₹75 lakh
- (C) ₹90 lakh
- (D) ₹1 crore

Answer: (C) ₹90 lakh

Explanation: Farmers' pledge loans up to ₹90 lakh against e-NWRs/NWRs qualify under Priority Sector Lending to encourage warehouse-based post-harvest financing.

Q8. The 157th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2026, coincides with which UN-designated global observance?

- (A) World Peace Day
- (B) International Day of Non-Violence
- (C) World Human Rights Day
- (D) Global Tolerance Day

Answer: (B) International Day of Non-Violence

Explanation: In June 2007, the UN General Assembly established October 2 as the

International Day of Non-Violence in honor of Mahatma Gandhi.

Q9. Which flagship report was released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on October 2, 2026?

- (A) Global Forest Resources Assessment 2026
- (B) State of the World's Forests 2026
- (C) World Food Security Outlook 2026
- (D) State of Agricultural Commodity Markets 2026

Answer: (B) State of the World's Forests 2026

Explanation: The FAO published State of the World's Forests 2026, subtitled "Restoring Forests and Landscapes – The Way Forward for a Sustainable Future".

Q10. Which initiative was launched by Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar (MoHUA) in October 2026 to monitor major urban infrastructure projects?

- (A) SMART-50
- (B) PRAGATI-50
- (C) URBAN-NEXT
- (D) AMRUT 3.0

Answer: (B) PRAGATI-50

Explanation: Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched PRAGATI-50 under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to streamline 50 crucial urban development projects.

Q11. Under Article 317 of the Indian Constitution, how can the Chairman or a Member of the UPSC be removed on the ground of misbehaviour?

- (A) By a simple majority vote in Parliament
- (B) By the President following a Supreme Court inquiry and report

- (C) By direct order of the Prime Minister
(D) By a two-thirds majority in Rajya Sabha

Answer: (B) By the President following a Supreme Court inquiry and report

Explanation: Article 317 stipulates that removal for misbehaviour requires an inquiry by the Supreme Court on a reference made by the President, following which the President may issue removal orders.

Q12. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in October 2026?

- (A) Praveen Kumar
(B) Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor
(C) Rakesh Aggarwal
(D) Praveer Ranjan

Answer: (B) Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor

Explanation: Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor was named the new Director General of ITBP, while Praveen Kumar was appointed as DG of BSF.

Q13. The world's longest earthen dam, Hirakud Dam, is built across which river?

- (A) Godavari
(B) Krishna
(C) Mahanadi
(D) Narmada

Answer: (C) Mahanadi

Explanation: Hirakud Dam (25.8 km total length including dykes) is built across the Mahanadi River in Odisha and was declared a Ramsar site in 2021.

Q14. Which three countries will jointly host the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027?

- (A) Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea
(B) South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia

- (C) India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh
(D) England, Scotland, Ireland

Answer: (B) South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia

Explanation: The ICC announced that the 2027 Cricket World Cup will run from Oct 2 to Nov 21, 2027, jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.

Q15. When Government Security (G-Sec) yields rise sharply, what happens to the market price of existing fixed-rate government bonds?

- (A) Increases
(B) Remains unchanged
(C) Decreases
(D) Fluctuates dynamically without inverse correlation

Answer: (C) Decreases

Explanation: Bond prices and yields have an inverse relationship. When bond yields rise, the market values of existing fixed-rate bonds decline, resulting in mark-to-market valuation losses for bondholders.

Q16. Which Indian sailor secured a bronze medal in the women's dinghy event at the Asian Games 2026?

- (A) Nethra Kumanan
(B) Harshitha Tomar
(C) Sweta Shervegar
(D) Varsha Gautham

Answer: (A) Nethra Kumanan

Explanation: Chennai-based sailor Nethra Kumanan won the bronze medal in the women's dinghy event at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026.

Q17. Gram Sabhas derive their constitutional empowerment to exercise powers and perform

functions at the village level under which Article?

- (A) Article 243A
- (B) Article 243B
- (C) Article 243C
- (D) Article 243D

Answer: (A) Article 243A

Explanation: Article 243A of the Constitution provides that a Gram Sabha may exercise such powers and perform such functions at the village level as the Legislature of a State may by law provide.

Q18. Who gave the iconic slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965?

- (A) Mahatma Gandhi
- (B) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- (C) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Answer: (B) Lal Bahadur Shastri

Explanation: India's 2nd Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri (born October 2, 1904), coined the slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" to motivate soldiers and farmers during the 1965 war and food crisis.

Q19. The 'Swachhata Hi Seva 2026' campaign, which concluded on Swachh Bharat Diwas (October 2), featured which key youth-centric sub-theme?

- (A) Swachh Bharat, Unnat Bharat
- (B) Yuva for Swachhata
- (C) Clean Youth, Green India
- (D) Plastic Free India

Answer: (B) Yuva for Swachhata

Explanation: The MEA and central ministries observed the culmination of Swachhata Hi Seva

2026 on October 2 highlighting active youth participation under the banner "Yuva for Swachhata".

Q20. Paras Jain was appointed in October 2026 to lead global TMT (Technology, Media, and Telecom) banking at which international financial giant?

- (A) Barclays
- (B) HSBC
- (C) Citigroup
- (D) Deutsche Bank

Answer: (B) HSBC

Explanation: HSBC appointed Paras Jain as its new Head of Global TMT Banking.

Q21. Satkosia Gorge, where the Mahanadi River cuts across the Eastern Ghats, is situated in which state?

- (A) Chhattisgarh
- (B) Odisha
- (C) Jharkhand
- (D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: (B) Odisha

Explanation: Satkosia Gorge is located in Odisha where the Mahanadi flows through a deep gorge within the Satkosia Tiger Reserve.

Q22. The 2013 WTO Bali Peace Clause primarily protects developing nations' sovereign programs related to what?

- (A) Foreign direct investment in retail
- (B) Public stockholding for food security
- (C) Renewable energy subsidies
- (D) Intellectual property rights in pharmaceuticals

Answer: (B) Public stockholding for food security

Explanation: The Bali Peace Clause protects sovereign public stockholding programs for food security in developing countries from legal trade dispute challenges under WTO rules.

Q23. Indian boxer Parveen Hooda won the Asian Games 2026 Gold Medal after defeating which opponent in the final?

- (A) Bao Ziyi (China)
- (B) Nien-chin Chen (Chinese Taipei)
- (C) Lin Yu-ting (Chinese Taipei)
- (D) Tsukimi Namiki (Japan)

Answer: (B) Nien-chin Chen (Chinese Taipei)

Explanation: Parveen Hooda won gold in the women's boxing division at the Asian Games by defeating Nien-chin Chen of Chinese Taipei.

Q24. Which statutory body in India regulates electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWRs)?

- (A) NABARD
- (B) Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA)
- (C) SEBI
- (D) Food Corporation of India (FCI)

Answer: (B) Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA)

Explanation: WDRA is the statutory authority set up under the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007, to register warehouses and regulate e-NWRs.

Q25. Who was appointed as the new Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF) in October 2026?

- (A) Praveen Kumar
- (B) Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor
- (C) Praveer Ranjan
- (D) Gyanendra Pratap Singh

Answer: (A) Praveen Kumar

Explanation: Praveen Kumar was appointed Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF).

Q26. Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2), highlighted during the G20 Trade Ministers meeting, aims to achieve what by 2030?

- (A) Zero Poverty
- (B) Zero Hunger
- (C) Good Health and Well-being
- (D) Clean Water and Sanitation

Answer: (B) Zero Hunger

Explanation: SDG 2 aims to "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture".

Q27. India's women's recurve archery team won its maiden Asian Games Gold Medal by defeating which team in the semifinal stage?

- (A) South Korea
- (B) China
- (C) Chinese Taipei
- (D) Japan

Answer: (B) China

Explanation: The Indian women's recurve team defeated China 5-1 in the semifinals en route to winning their historic maiden gold medal.

Q28. National Wildlife Week in India was first conceptualized in 1952 by which body?

- (A) National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- (B) Indian Board for Wildlife (now National Board for Wildlife)
- (C) Wildlife Institute of India (WII)
- (D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer: (B) Indian Board for Wildlife (now National Board for Wildlife)

Explanation: Wildlife Week was conceptualized in 1952 by the Indian Board for Wildlife (presently the National Board for Wildlife) to raise awareness about wildlife conservation.

Q29. What is the maximum credit limit per borrower for food and agro-processing loans to qualify under Priority Sector Lending (PSL)?

- (A) ₹10 crore
- (B) ₹50 crore
- (C) ₹100 crore
- (D) ₹500 crore

Answer: (C) ₹100 crore

Explanation: Food and agro-processing facility loans up to ₹100 crore per borrower from the banking system qualify as Priority Sector Lending.

Q30. The United Nations International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) operates under which global convention?

- (A) 1972 Stockholm Declaration
- (B) 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
- (C) 1992 Rio Earth Summit
- (D) 1997 Kyoto Protocol

Answer: (B) 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

Explanation: ITLOS is an independent judicial body established by the 1982 UNCLOS to settle disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of the Convention.

