

International Relations & World Affairs

1. 81st UN General Assembly: UNSC Expansion & Anti-Terrorism Stance

- **UNSC Permanent Seat Endorsement:** Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov officially backed India and Brazil for permanent seats in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) during the 81st UNGA session. Moscow reaffirmed that UNSC expansion must prioritize developing nations across Asia, Africa, and Latin America while explicitly opposing extra seats for Western countries like Germany and Japan.
- **India's Counter-Terrorism Statement:** India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar delivered a firm address at the UNGA, labeling Pakistan a "serial practitioner of terrorism". He asserted that attempts to normalize cross-border state-sponsored terrorism or avoid its geopolitical consequences will not be tolerated, highlighting India's sovereign right to self-defense.

2. Global Human Rights & Crisis Reports

- **Yemen Displacement Crisis:** The International Organization for Migration (IOM) released its latest update revealing that over 145,000 individuals are currently displaced in Yemen, with a sharp increase of 16,000 newly displaced persons within a single week due to escalating economic hardship and conflict.

National Affairs & Polity

1. Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Passes Statehood Resolution

- **Legislative Action:** The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly passed a resolution

demanding the immediate restoration of full statehood to the Union Territory.

- **Key Context:** The resolution emphasizes restoring constitutional rights and administrative autonomy stripped during the reorganization of August 2019.

2. High-Altitude Rescue at Kalindi Khal & Auden's Col

- **Disaster Response:** State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) high-altitude teams, alongside the Indian Army, executed a complex rescue operation in Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand.
- **Details:** 19 trekkers stranded at Kalindi Khal and 29 trekkers stranded at Auden's Col were safely evacuated via helilift to the Harsil Army Base medical facility.

Banking, Economy & Finance

1. Public Sector Bank Strike Deferred

- **IBA & UFBU Agreement:** The proposed nationwide three-day public sector bank strike was formally deferred following conciliation meetings between the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) and the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU).
- **Impact:** Disruption to clearing services and branch operations across state-run banks was averted after progress was made regarding 5-day work weeks and wage revision adjustments.

2. Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) Economic Report

- **GDP Contribution:** The Ministry of Tourism released data under the official Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) framework showing tourism directly contributes **5.22%** to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

- **Employment Expansion:** Total employment generated by the sector rose to **8.46 crore**.
- **Domestic vs. Foreign Footfall:** Domestic tourist visits grew to 428.55 crore, while foreign tourist visits surged to 2.53 crore, generating ₹2,76,831 crore in foreign exchange earnings.

INDIA TOURISM ECONOMIC INDICATORS

GDP Contribution	5.22%
Total Employment Sector	8.46 Crore
Foreign Exchange Revenue	₹2,76,831 Crore
e-Visa Processing Time	95% cleared within 72 Hours

Government Schemes & Initiatives

1. **Newborn Gold Ring Scheme (Tamil Nadu)**
 - **Launch:** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay launched the state's 22-carat 1-gram Gold Ring Scheme for newborns at the Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai.
 - **Budget Allocation:** ₹755.83 crore allocated for the initial rollout covering 1.28 lakh gold rings.
 - **Eligibility:** Newborns born on or after June 22, 2026, in state government-run hospitals to native mothers.
2. **NIDHI+ & Dekho Apna Desh 2.0 Digital Frameworks**
 - **NIDHI+ Portal:** Enhanced National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry platform created to facilitate single-window online registration, classification, and integrated payments for hospitality operators.
 - **Dekho Apna Desh 2.0:** Focuses on developing offbeat, tourism-ready

destinations to reduce over-tourism at primary heritage hubs and generate local rural employment.

Defense, Infrastructure & Science/Technology

1. **Project DRISHTI (Northeast Frontier Railway & IIT Guwahati)**
 - **AI Security Integration:** Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) partnered with IIT Guwahati to deploy **Project DRISHTI**, an Artificial Intelligence system.
 - **Function:** Real-time automated inspection of freight wagon locking mechanisms, doors, and security seals using high-speed computer vision sensors to prevent cargo theft and operational delays.
2. **Sabarmati Railway Infrastructure Rollout**
 - **Investment:** Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated railway infrastructure projects worth over **₹1,542 crore** in Sabarmati, Gujarat.
 - **Major Highlights:**
 1. Flagged off the nation's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)-powered train.
 2. Commissioned a dedicated WAG-12 high-horsepower locomotive maintenance depot.
 3. Extended full implementation of the **Kavach** Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system on the Sabarmati-Sarkhej rail corridor.

Sports Current Affairs

1. **Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya) Highlights**
 - **Men's Kabaddi Gold:** The Indian men's kabaddi team defeated Iran 40-34 in a high-intensity final to win the Gold Medal. This marks India's 13th overall Asian Games Kabaddi gold medal.

- **Women's Squash Silver:** 18-year-old Anahat Singh won the Silver Medal in squash singles, becoming only the third Indian in history to reach the Asian Games squash singles final.

Art, Culture, Festivals & Important Days

1. World Tourism Day 2026

- **Theme & Focus:** Centered on Digital Innovation, Data, and AI in Tourism Transformation.
- **Cultural Event:** The Delhi Government hosted the cultural festival "RANG. RAS. ROOH" at Baansera, a bamboo park situated on the banks of the Yamuna River, featuring performances by the Nizami Brothers.

2. Birth Anniversary: Shaheed Bhagat Singh (28 September 1907)

- **Historical Significance:** September 28 marks the 119th birth anniversary of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh.
- **Key Historical Milestones for Competitive Exams:**
 - Founded Naujawan Bharat Sabha in March 1926.
 - Reorganized the Hindustan Republican Association into the **Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA)** in 1928 along with Chandrashekhar Azad.
 - Exploded non-lethal bombs in the Central Legislative Assembly on April 8, 1929, alongside Batukeshwar Dutt to protest the Public Safety Bill and Trade Disputes Bill.
 - Executed on March 23, 1931 (Martyrs' Day / Shaheed Diwas) along with Rajguru and Sukhdev in the Lahore Conspiracy Case.

Exam-Oriented Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs)

Q1. Which Indian public sector railway zone launched 'Project DRISHTI' in collaboration with IIT Guwahati to monitor freight wagon security using AI?

- (a) Northern Railway
- (b) Northeast Frontier Railway
- (c) Western Railway
- (d) Southeastern Railway

• **Answer: (b) Northeast Frontier Railway**

• **Explanation:** Project DRISHTI is an AI-powered visual inspection framework jointly developed by Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) and IIT Guwahati to inspect wagon locks, doors, and seals automatically.

Q2. Which state government launched the 'One-Gram Gold Ring Scheme' for newborns delivered in government medical centers?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka

• **Answer: (c) Tamil Nadu**

• **Explanation:** Tamil Nadu CM C. Joseph Vijay launched the 22-carat 1-gram gold ring welfare program at Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai, with a budget of ₹755.83 crore.

Q3. According to official Ministry of Tourism economic calculations (TSA), what is the direct contribution of tourism to India's GDP?

- (a) 3.15%
- (b) 4.80%
- (c) 5.22%

(d) 7.10%

• **Answer:** (c) 5.22%

• **Explanation:** Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) metrics released on World Tourism Day confirm that tourism contributes 5.22% directly to India's overall GDP and sustains 8.46 crore jobs.

Q4. Where was the nation's first LNG-powered train service inaugurated alongside railway works worth ₹1,542 crore?

(a) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

(b) Sabarmati, Gujarat

(c) Nagpur, Maharashtra

(d) Mysuru, Karnataka

• **Answer:** (b) Sabarmati, Gujarat

• **Explanation:** Union Minister Amit Shah flagged off India's first LNG-powered train and associated infrastructure projects in Sabarmati, Gujarat.

Q5. At the 81st UN General Assembly session, which permanent UNSC member state explicitly backed India and Brazil's bids for permanent seats?

(a) France

(b) Russia

(c) United Kingdom

(d) China

• **Answer:** (b) Russia

• **Explanation:** Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov advocated for UNSC expansion favoring India and Brazil to improve representation for the Global South, while opposing additional seats for Germany or Japan.

Category 1: International News

Question 1 During the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in September 2026, which permanent member country's Foreign Minister explicitly backed India and Brazil's bids for permanent seats on the UN Security Council (UNSC)?

(A) United States

(B) Russia

(C) France

(D) China

• **Answer:** (B) Russia

• **Detailed Explanation:** Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov officially supported India and Brazil's bids for permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) during the 81st session of the UN General Assembly. Lavrov called for greater representation of developing nations across Asia, Africa, and Latin America while explicitly opposing additional permanent seats for Western nations such as Germany and Japan. Permanent seats on the UNSC currently consist of the P5 members (USA, UK, Russia, France, China). India advocates for comprehensive UNSC structural reform under the G4 banner (India, Brazil, Germany, Japan).

Question 2 At the 81st UN General Assembly session, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar criticized which country as a "serial practitioner of terrorism" while addressing global security challenges?

(A) Afghanistan

(B) Pakistan

(C) Iran

(D) Myanmar

• **Answer:** (B) Pakistan



- **Detailed Explanation:** External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar delivered a firm address at the UN General Assembly in New York, indirectly describing Pakistan as a "serial practitioner of terrorism". He emphasized that attempts to normalize cross-border state-sponsored terrorism or avoid its legal and geopolitical consequences will not be tolerated. He reiterated that India retains its absolute right to defend its sovereignty against cross-border aggression under international law.

Question 3 Which strategic maritime choke point saw heightened international tension in late September 2026 due to strict conditions maintained regarding its reopening?

- (A) Bab-el-Mandeb Strait
- (B) Strait of Malacca
- (C) Strait of Hormuz
- (D) Bosphorus Strait

- **Answer:** (C) Strait of Hormuz
- **Detailed Explanation:** Iran maintained strict conditions for traffic through the strategic Strait of Hormuz, escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia and impacting global energy security. Connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea, the Strait of Hormuz is the world's most critical crude oil transit bottleneck, carrying approximately 20% of global petroleum production daily.

Category 2: National News

Question 4 The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly passed a resolution demanding which of the following actions from the Central Government on September 28, 2026?

- (A) Repeal of the J&K Reorganisation Act
- (B) Urgent restoration of full statehood

- (C) Special financial package under Article 370
- (D) Inclusion of Ladakhi in the 8th Schedule

- **Answer:** (B) Urgent restoration of full statehood
- **Detailed Explanation:** The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly passed a resolution seeking the urgent restoration of full statehood to the Union Territory of J&K. The resolution was passed following extensive floor debates and a walkout by opposition members. Jammu and Kashmir was reorganized into a Union Territory under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which officially came into force on October 31, 2019.

Question 5 Former Supreme Court Judge Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia recently highlighted that which process lies strictly outside the jurisdiction of the Election Commission of India (ECI)?

- (A) Delimitation of electoral constituencies
- (B) Determination of Indian citizenship
- (C) Registration of political parties
- (D) Disqualification under the Anti-Defection Law

- **Answer:** (B) Determination of Indian citizenship
- **Detailed Explanation:** Former Supreme Court Judge Sudhanshu Dhulia clarified that the adjudication and determination of Indian citizenship fall under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and designated statutory tribunals, not the Election Commission of India. Under Article 324 of the Constitution, ECI's mandate is restricted to preparing electoral rolls and conducting free and fair elections, whereas



citizenship determination follows the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Question 6 Which state assembly was adjourned twice on September 28, 2026, amid opposition protests against the implementation of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act?

- (A) Jharkhand
- (B) Odisha
- (C) Chhattisgarh
- (D) Rajasthan

• **Answer:** (B) Odisha

• **Detailed Explanation:** The Odisha Legislative Assembly was adjourned twice on September 28, 2026, due to intense protests led by opposition BJD and Congress members regarding the implementation of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Amendment Act. Opponents raised concerns over state royalty revenue allocation, local community rights, and commercial mining auction procedures.

Question 7 Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced central assessment teams would be dispatched to which two states on September 28, 2026, to evaluate drought conditions?

- (A) Rajasthan and Gujarat
- (B) Karnataka and Maharashtra
- (C) Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
- (D) Madhya Pradesh and Bihar

• **Answer:** (B) Karnataka and Maharashtra

• **Detailed Explanation:** Union Minister for Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that Central Inter-Ministerial Teams (CIMTs) are being sent to Karnataka and Maharashtra to assess ground-level

agricultural distress and crop damages due to dry spells. These empirical assessments determine financial relief allocations under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

Category 3: Economics & Banking

Question 8 The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) deferred its proposed 3-day nationwide strike scheduled from September 28 to 30, 2026. Which of the following is NOT a key demand of the bank unions?

- (A) Implementation of a 5-day banking workweek
- (B) Updation of basic pension for past retirees
- (C) Complete privatization of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)
- (D) Option to switch from NPS to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS)

• **Answer:** (C) Complete privatization of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)

• **Detailed Explanation:** UFBU deferred its strike following high-level discussions with the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) and the Finance Ministry. Their core demands include:

1. A 5-day banking week with all Saturdays declared as holidays.
2. Pension updates for older retirees to match current pay scales.
3. A uniform Dearness Allowance (DA) formula.
4. An option for NPS-covered employees to switch to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). Privatization of RRBs is not part of their charter of demands.

Question 9 According to Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) metrics released in late September 2026, what is the direct contribution

of the tourism sector to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?

- (A) 2.15%
- (B) 3.80%
- (C) 5.22%
- (D) 7.40%

• **Answer:** (C) 5.22%

• **Detailed Explanation:** As per official Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) data, tourism directly accounts for 5.22% of India's total GDP. Furthermore, employment in the Indian tourism sector expanded from 6.94 crore jobs in 2019-20 to 8.46 crore in 2023-24, highlighting the sector's crucial role in job creation and service-sector growth.

Question 10 In late September 2026, which digital platform began testing a native "buy" option inside its conversational AI assistant in India for seamless in-app purchases?

- (A) Microsoft Copilot
- (B) OpenAI ChatGPT
- (C) Google Gemini
- (D) Meta AI

• **Answer:** (C) Google Gemini

• **Detailed Explanation:** Google initiated testing for a built-in "buy" option within its Gemini AI assistant in India. The tool allows consumers to evaluate products and execute purchases directly within the chat window without switching to external browser tabs or third-party application pages.

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Category 4: Sports News

Question 11 18-year-old squash player Anahat Singh won the silver medal in squash singles at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya. Whom did she play in the final?

- (A) Joshna Chinappa
- (B) Sivasangari Subramaniam
- (C) Dipika Pallikal
- (D) Tanvi Khanna

• **Answer:** (B) Sivasangari Subramaniam

• **Detailed Explanation:** 18-year-old Indian athlete Anahat Singh clinched the silver medal in the women's squash singles event at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya after competing against top seed Sivasangari Subramaniam of Malaysia in the final. Anahat became only the third Indian squash player to reach an Asian Games singles final.

Question 12 The Indian Men's Kabaddi team won the Gold Medal at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya on September 28, 2026, by defeating which team in the final?

- (A) South Korea
- (B) Pakistan
- (C) Iran
- (D) Chinese Taipei

• **Answer:** (C) Iran

• **Detailed Explanation:** The Indian men's kabaddi team defeated rivals Iran 40-34 in a thrilling final match at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya. This victory marked India's 13th overall Gold medal in kabaddi history at the Asian Games.

Question 13, With the 2026 Asian Games victory over Iran, what is the total count of Gold Medals won by India in Kabaddi (men's and women's events combined) across Asian Games history?

- (A) 10
- (B) 11

(C) 13

(D) 15

- **Answer:** (C) 13
- **Detailed Explanation:** India holds an unprecedented record in Asian Games Kabaddi, boasting a cumulative total of 13 Gold Medals—9 won by the Men's National Team and 4 won by the Women's National Team.

Category 5: Appointments & Resignations

Question 14 Under which Article of the Constitution of India is the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)—which invited applications for central postings on September 28, 2026—established?

(A) Article 280

(B) Article 315

(C) Article 324

(D) Article 338

- **Answer:** (B) Article 315
- **Detailed Explanation:** The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is a constitutional body established under Article 315 of Part XIV of the Constitution of India. Articles 315 to 323 contain detailed provisions regarding the composition, appointment, tenure, functions, and independence of Public Service Commissions for the Union and individual States.

Question 15, Who currently serves as the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development in the Government of India?

(A) Piyush Goyal

(B) Shivraj Singh Chouhan

(C) Dharmendra Pradhan

(D) Bhupender Yadav

- **Answer:** (B) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- **Detailed Explanation:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan serves as the Union Cabinet Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Union Minister for Rural Development. He actively manages central relief packages, agricultural policies, and drought evaluation missions.

Category 6: Awards & Honors

Question 16 On World Tourism Day 2026, the Telangana State Tourism Awards honored excellence across which key operational areas of the tourism sector?

(A) Travel agencies and tour operators

(B) Classified hotels and independent restaurants

(C) Local cultural performers and tour guides

(D) All of the above

- **Answer:** (D) All of the above
- **Detailed Explanation:** The Telangana State Tourism Awards celebrated high standards across the tourism value chain, presenting awards to travel agencies, tour operators, heritage properties, classified hotels, independent restaurants, and eco-tourism initiatives to promote local economic growth.

Question 17 Which unified digital registry operated by the Ministry of Tourism serves as the official online portal for registration, recognition, and classification of accommodation and hospitality providers in India?

(A) PRASHAD

(B) NIDHI+

(C) SAATHI 2.0

(D) SWADESH



- **Answer:** (B) NIDHI+
- **Detailed Explanation:** NIDHI+ (National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry) is an online digital platform managed by the Ministry of Tourism. It offers end-to-end processing, integrated payment gateways, and transparent approvals for registering and classifying hotels, homestays, and tour services, fostering the Ease of Doing Business.

Category 7: Books, Legal Documents & Authors

Question 18 Which statutory document/affidavit filed by election candidates was heavily discussed in legal news on September 28, 2026, regarding voters' 'Right to Know'?

- (A) Form 16
- (B) Form 26
- (C) Form 12B
- (D) Form 7

- **Answer:** (B) Form 26
- **Detailed Explanation:** Form 26 is the mandatory sworn affidavit submitted by every candidate alongside nomination papers to the Returning Officer under the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Candidates must disclose assets, liabilities, educational background, and pending criminal cases. It links directly to the fundamental right to information under Article 19(1)(a).

Question 19 In September 2026 educational audits, which state government set up a review process after discovering over 1,000 typographical/grammatical errors across primary school textbooks (Classes 1 to 8)?

- (A) Bihar

- (B) Odisha
- (C) Madhya Pradesh
- (D) Assam

- **Answer:** (B) Odisha
- **Detailed Explanation:** Odisha State School and Mass Education Minister Nityanand Gond reported that 1,075 typographical, grammatical, and spelling errors, alongside 5 factual errors, were identified across primary textbooks for Classes 1 to 8. Corrective measures and printing quality audits were initiated.

Category 8: Defense & Security News

Question 20 Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), in technical collaboration with IIT Guwahati, introduced which AI-based system in September 2026 to monitor freight wagon doors and security seals?

- (A) Project NETRA
- (B) Project DRISHTI
- (C) Project TRINETRA
- (D) Project KAVACH

- **Answer:** (B) Project DRISHTI
- **Detailed Explanation:** Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) teamed up with IIT Guwahati to develop 'Project DRISHTI'. This Artificial Intelligence (AI) visual analytics system automatically inspects freight train wagon doors, locking mechanisms, and security seals in real-time as trains pass, ensuring freight security and preventing cargo theft.

Question 21 Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched infrastructure projects worth over ₹1,542 crore in Sabarmati, Gujarat. Which automated train safety technology was included in this deployment?

- (A) Train Management System (TMS)



- (B) Kavach Automatic Train Protection System
- (C) CBTC Metro Guard
- (D) Automatic Train Supervision (ATS)

- **Answer:** (B) Kavach Automatic Train Protection System
- **Detailed Explanation:** Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated ₹1,542+ crore railway projects in Sabarmati, Gujarat. Key components included the rollout of the indigenous 'Kavach' safety system, India's first LNG-powered train trial infrastructure, a WAG-12 electric locomotive maintenance depot, and automatic signalling.

Category 9: Government Schemes

Question 22 Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay of Tamil Nadu launched a welfare scheme at Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai on September 28, 2026. What does the scheme provide?

- (A) A 1-gram 22-carat gold ring for newborn babies
- (B) Free nutritional kits for expectant mothers
- (C) A monthly grant of ₹500 per newborn
- (D) Free health insurance cover of ₹5 Lakhs for infants

- **Answer:** (A) A 1-gram 22-carat gold ring for newborn babies
- **Detailed Explanation:** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay launched the 22-carat 1-gram gold ring scheme for newborn babies born in government hospitals, starting at Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai on September 28, 2026.

Question 23 Which flagship Ministry of Tourism scheme focuses on promoting lesser-known, tourism-ready destinations to reduce

overcrowding at primary hubs and support local livelihoods?

- (A) Swadesh Darshan 1.0
- (B) Dekho Apna Desh 2.0
- (C) PRASHAD Scheme
- (D) HRIDAY Scheme

- **Answer:** (B) Dekho Apna Desh 2.0
- **Detailed Explanation:** 'Dekho Apna Desh 2.0' is a key scheme by the Ministry of Tourism that focuses on developing offbeat, lesser-known destinations. It aims to distribute tourist footfall evenly across states, relieve pressure on overcrowded tourist centers, and expand local employment opportunities.

Question 24 The central government's PRASHAD scheme primarily provides funding and planning for which category of infrastructure development?

- (A) High-altitude adventure sports centers
- (B) Pilgrimage rejuvenation and spiritual heritage sites
- (C) Coastal shipping ports
- (D) Border tourism corridors

- **Answer:** (B) Pilgrimage rejuvenation and spiritual heritage sites
- **Detailed Explanation:** PRASHAD stands for Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive. The scheme focuses on infrastructure at major pilgrimage centers nationwide—such as Ayodhya, Kashi, Bodh Gaya, Puri, Tirupati, and Amritsar—to improve visitor amenities while preserving heritage architecture.

Category 10: MoUs & Agreements

Question 25 The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) signed a technological collaboration



agreement with which premier institution to implement the AI-driven Project DRISHTI?

- (A) IIT Bombay
- (B) IIT Delhi
- (C) IIT Guwahati
- (D) IISc Bengaluru

- **Answer:** (C) IIT Guwahati
- **Detailed Explanation:** Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) partnered with IIT Guwahati to develop 'Project DRISHTI', an AI-powered visual inspection technology designed to audit freight wagon locks and seals in transit.

Category 11: Important Days & Themes

Question 26 World Rabies Day is observed globally on September 28. In honor of which famous scientist's contributions to vaccination is this day commemorated?

- (A) Alexander Fleming
- (B) Louis Pasteur
- (C) Edward Jenner
- (D) Robert Koch

- **Answer:** (B) Louis Pasteur
- **Detailed Explanation:** World Rabies Day is held every year on September 28 to raise awareness about rabies prevention. The date marks the death anniversary of Louis Pasteur, the French chemist and microbiologist who developed the first effective rabies vaccine. The global campaign targets zero human deaths from dog-transmitted rabies by 2030 ("Zero by 30").

Question 27 World Tourism Day is celebrated globally on September 27 every year under the leadership of which United Nations body?

- (A) UNESCO

- (B) UN Tourism (UNWTO)
- (C) UNDP
- (D) UNEP

- **Answer:** (B) UN Tourism (UNWTO)
- **Detailed Explanation:** World Tourism Day is celebrated annually on September 27 by UN Tourism (UN World Tourism Organization). The date marks the adoption of UNWTO Statutes on September 27, 1970. The 2026 theme highlights the role of AI, data, and digital innovation in driving sustainable tourism.

Category 12: Art, Culture & Festivals

Question 28 The cultural festival titled "RANG. RAS. ROOH"—featuring Qawwali by the Nizami Brothers—was organized on September 26-27, 2026, at 'Baansera'. Where is Baansera located?

- (A) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Delhi (Sarai Kale Khan, Yamuna banks)
- (C) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- (D) Hyderabad, Telangana

- **Answer:** (B) Delhi (Sarai Kale Khan, Yamuna banks)
- **Detailed Explanation:** The Delhi Government organized "RANG. RAS. ROOH" at Baansera, Delhi's first bamboo park located at Sarai Kale Khan along the banks of the Yamuna River. The event brought together music, local food, art, and a Qawwali performance by the Nizami Brothers to promote urban eco-tourism.

Question 29 Which UNESCO World Heritage Site in Bihar—promoted under India's Buddhist Circuit tourism initiative—marks the location where Lord Buddha attained Enlightenment?

- (A) Sarnath
- (B) Kushinagar



(C) Bodh Gaya

(D) Nalanda

- **Answer:** (C) Bodh Gaya
- **Detailed Explanation:** Bodh Gaya in Bihar is a major pilgrimage destination where Siddhartha Gautama attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree. It is a focal point of India's Buddhist Circuit, receiving targeted infrastructure support through the PRASHAD and Swadesh Darshan schemes.

Category 13: Birth & Death Anniversaries

Question 30 Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to freedom fighter Shaheed Bhagat Singh on his birth anniversary on September 28, 2026. In which year was Bhagat Singh born?

(A) 1905

(B) 1907

(C) 1911

(D) 1919

- **Answer:** (B) 1907
- **Detailed Explanation:** Shaheed Bhagat Singh was born on September 28, 1907, in Banga, Punjab (present-day Pakistan). He was a prominent revolutionary leader in the freedom movement and a leading member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA). Along with Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar, he was executed by the British colonial government on March 23, 1931 (commemorated annually as Shaheed Diwas / Martyrs' Day).

Quick Revision Summary Matrix

S.No.	Category	Key Subject	Core Exam Takeaway
1	International	UNSC Permanent Seat Bids	Russia backed India and Brazil's UNSC permanent seats bid at 81st UNGA.
2	National	J&K Statehood	J&K Assembly passed a resolution demanding full statehood.
3	Banking & Econ	Banking Workweek	UFBU deferred 3-day strike; demands 5-day week and pension updates.
4	Sports	Asian Games Squash	Anahat Singh won Squash Singles Silver at Asian Games.
5	Sports	Asian Games Kabaddi	Indian Men's Kabaddi team won



S.N o.	Category	Key Subject	Core Exam Takeaway
			Gold (13th overall gold in Kabaddi).
6	Defense / Rail	Project DRISHTI	NFR & IIT Guwahati launched AI system for freight wagon monitoring.
7	Govt Schemes	Tamil Nadu Gold Scheme	1-gram 22k gold ring scheme launched for newborn babies in TN.
8	Days	Sept 28 Observances	World Rabies Day (Pasteur anniversary) & Bhagat Singh Jayanti.