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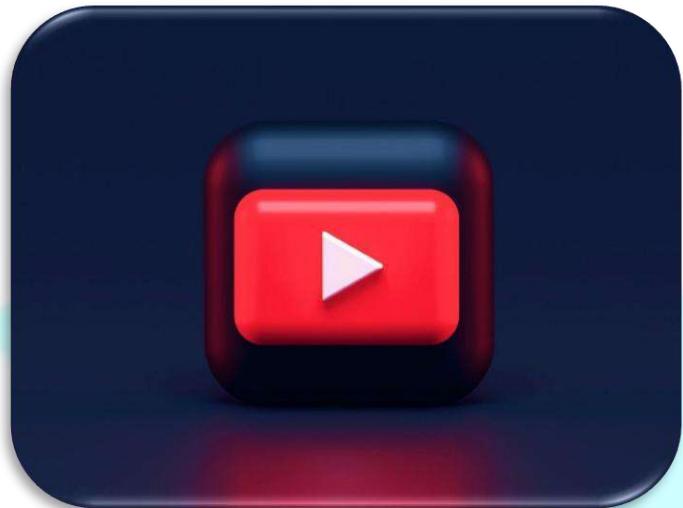
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Aparchit 16 January 2026 English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts

By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q. 1. Which bank won the 'Best Fintech & DPI Adoption' award at the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Banking Technology Awards?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) Karnataka Bank

Answer: D

- **Karnataka Bank** won the Best Fintech & DPI (Digital Public Infrastructure) Adoption award at the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Banking Technology Awards.
- It was adjudged runner-up in Best Tech Talent category.
- The bank also received Special Mention for Best Technology Bank, Best Digital Financial Inclusion, and Best Digital Sales.
- The recognition highlights the bank's focus on digital innovation, technology talent, and customer-centric banking solutions.
- Karnataka Bank reaffirmed its commitment to expanding digital capabilities to meet evolving customer needs.

Q. 2. Under the RBI 2026 Directions, what is the minimum review time that must be provided to the Internal Ombudsman for time-sensitive complaints (e.g., those governed by NPCI guidelines)?

- A) 5 days
- B) 10 days
- C) 15 days
- D) 20 days

Answer: B



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Q. 3. According to the 2026 guidelines, a decision by the Internal Ombudsman can be overruled only with the approval of:

- A) The Branch Manager
- B) The Head of Customer Service
- C) A Whole-time Director or Executive Director
- D) The RBI Ombudsman

Answer: C

Q. 4. What is the total timeline within which a bank must communicate the final decision to a customer, including the Internal Ombudsman review?

- A) 15 days
- B) 20 days
- C) 30 days
- D) 45 days

Answer: C

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced a new framework, the **Reserve Bank of India (Internal Ombudsman) Directions, 2026**, which mandates the automatic escalation of unresolved customer grievances to the Internal Ombudsman (IO).
- **Auto-Escalation:** Regulated Entities (REs), including banks and eligible NBFCs, must implement a fully automated Complaint Management System (CMS). All complaints that are partially resolved or wholly rejected must be automatically transferred to the Internal Ombudsman for review before final communication to the customer.

Review Timelines:

- **10 Days:** The IO must be given at least 10 days for review in cases where RBI, NPCI, or card networks have prescribed specific resolution timelines.
- **20 Days:** For all other cases, the complaint must be escalated to the IO within 20 days of receipt.
- **Final Decision:** The institution must communicate the final decision to the customer within a total of 30 days from the receipt of the complaint.
- **Board Oversight:** The IO reports functionally to the Customer Service Committee (CSC) of the Board. Any decision by the IO can only be overruled with the approval of a Whole-time Director or Executive Director, and such cases must be reviewed by the CSC.



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- **Scope:** The rules apply to commercial banks (with 10+ outlets), deposit-taking NBFCs (with 10+ branches), and non-deposit-taking NBFCs with an asset size of ₹5,000 crore and above as of March 31, 2025.

Q. 5. India's first state-funded BSL-4 lab for deadliest pathogens is being set up in which of the following locations?

A) Pune, Maharashtra B) Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
C) New Delhi D) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Answer: D

- India's first state-funded BSL-4 lab for the deadliest pathogens is being established in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- It is fully funded and controlled by the Gujarat government under the Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission.

BSL-4 Lab Latest News:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for India's first state-funded Bio-Safety Level 4 (BSL-4) containment facility in Gandhinagar.
- Describing it as a "health shield" for the nation, he said the laboratory marks the start of a new era in India's health security and biotechnology capabilities.
- The BSL-4 laboratory being built in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, will be India's first fully state-funded and state-controlled BSL-4 facility and the second civilian BSL-4 research lab in the country.
- A Bio-Safety Level 4 (BSL-4) facility represents the highest level of biological containment, designed to safely handle the world's most dangerous and highly infectious pathogens, many of which lack effective vaccines or treatments.
- The complex will include BSL-4, BSL-3, BSL-2, ABSL-4, and ABSL-3 laboratory modules, along with advanced utilities and support systems.



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INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2025

- India's first "Quantum City" (Q-City) was unveiled in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Ananth Technologies has received permission from IN-SPACe to launch India's first private satellite broadband service.
- India's first privately built PSLV rocket by HAL-L&T is ready to launch the Oceansat satellite in early 2026.
- Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) in Bengaluru is set to become India's first fully solar-powered zoo.
- India's first cheetah safari opened to the public on October 1, 2025, at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
- India's first 25-qubit quantum processing unit (QPU), named "QpiAI-Indus," was developed by the startup QpiAI.
- India's first defence electric vehicle (EV), named the "VEER", was developed by the Bengaluru-based deep-tech mobility company Pravaig Dynamics.
- Lxme, a financial platform for women, has indeed launched LxmePay, which it identifies as India's first Unified Payments Interface (UPI) designed exclusively for women.
- India's first indigenously designed 7-nanometer computer processor, named 'Shakti', is expected to be ready by 2028. Developed by a team at IIT Madras.
- CotoPay powered by NPCI's e-RUPI platform launches India's First e-RUPI Voucher Issuance Stack for Businesses.
- Muse Wearables, an IIT-Madras incubated startup, has partnered with NPCI to launch India's first wearable payments ecosystem, featuring a smart ring called "Ring One".
- Indore is the first city in India to use a 60-megawatt (MW) solar power plant, funded by green bonds, to power its water supply system.
- Chhattisgarh government declared Balod district as the first in India to be officially free of child marriages under the 'Child Marriage-Free India' campaign.
- India's first dedicated space astronomy observatory, AstroSat, completed 10 years of operation on 28 September 2025. It was launched on 28 September 2015 by PSLV-C30 (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C30) XL from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- Fintech Association for consumer Empowerment (FACE) , India's first self - regulatory organisation for Fintech (SRO-FT) sector.



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- The Cochin International Airport (CIAL) is both India's first airport built under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model and the world's first fully solar-powered airport.
- India's first large private gold mine is the Jonnagiri Gold Mine in the Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh.
- India's first bamboo-based bioethanol plant was inaugurated in Numaligarh, Assam.
- India's First Port-Based Green Hydrogen Project Launched at ...India has launched its first port-based Green Hydrogen Pilot Project at the V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
- A consortium led by Pixxel, including SatSure, PierSight, and Dhruva Space, won a contract from the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) to build India's first indigenous commercial Earth Observation (EO) satellite constellation.
- India's first state-of-the-art Animal Stem Cell Biobank and Laboratory has been established at the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) in Hyderabad.
- Skyroot Aerospace has achieved a crucial milestone for its Vikram-1 rocket by successfully static-firing the Kalam-1200 booster stage.
- India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, holds the record for the longest-serving PM in consecutive terms, at 16 years and 286 days, from August 15, 1947, to May 27, 1964.
- Narendra Modi overtook Indira Gandhi to become the second longest serving prime minister of India in consecutive terms.
- India's first dedicated wildlife corridor has been built by NHAI on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, near the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve.
- India's first AI-powered traffic system, the Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS), has been launched on the Dwarka Expressway in Delhi.
- Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL) has commissioned India's first off-grid 5-megawatt green hydrogen pilot plant in Kutch, Gujarat.
- India's first manned deep ocean mission 'Samudrayaan' into a 6,000-metre depth using the manned submersible vehicle 'Matsya' is expected to be launched by the end of 2026.

Q. 6. Which Indian-origin astronomer was awarded the prestigious 2026 Gold Medal by the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) for contributions to time-domain astronomy?

A) Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar B) Mansi Manoj Kasliwal
C) Shrinivas Kulkarni D) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan

Answer: C

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- Indian-origin astronomer Professor Shrinivas Kulkarni was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) in London.
- This is the Society's highest honor, previously awarded to luminaries such as Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking.
- **Field of Study:** Recognized for his "field-defining" work in time-domain astronomy and multi-wavelength transient astrophysics, which focuses on short-lived cosmic events like exploding stars (supernovae).
- **Notable Discoveries:** He is credited with discovering the first millisecond pulsar, brown dwarfs, and proving that gamma-ray bursts originate from outside our galaxy.
- He is the George Ellery Hale Professor of Astronomy and Planetary Science at Caltech and served as the director of the Caltech Optical Observatories from 2006 to 2018.
- Prof. Kulkarni also received the 2024 Shaw Prize in Astronomy.

Q. 7. As of November 2025, What was India's approximate total installed power generation capacity, and what percentage was contributed by non-fossil fuel sources?

- A) 450 GW; 46%
- B) 475 GW; 49%
- C) 510 GW; 51.5%
- D) 550 GW; 55%

Answer: C

- India's total installed power generation capacity grew from 249 GW in March 2014 to over 510 GW as of late 2025.
- India reached a total capacity of approximately 509.64 GW.
- For the first time, non-fossil fuel sources contributed more than half of this total, specifically reaching 51.55% as of November 30, 2025.
- This achievement met India's COP26 target of 50% non-fossil capacity five years ahead of the 2030 deadline.

Key milestones and status as of January 2026:

- **Total Installed Capacity:** As of November 30, 2025, India reached a total capacity of 509.74 GW, more than doubling its 2014 capacity. By early 2026, official records indicated the capacity had reached approximately 513.73 GW.



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- **Non-Fossil Fuel Achievement:** India achieved over 50% of its cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel sources (renewable energy, large hydro, and nuclear) in June 2025, five years ahead of its 2030 target.

Fuel Mix Breakdown (Nov 2025):

- **Non-Fossil Fuel Sources:** 262.74 GW (approx. 51.5% of total).
- **Fossil Fuel Sources:** 246.90 GW (approx. 48.5% of total).
- **Renewable Energy Leadership:** India added a record 44.51 GW of renewable energy capacity in 2025 (till November). As of late 2025, India ranks 3rd globally in solar power capacity and 4th in total renewable energy and wind power capacity.
- **Electricity Demand:** The country successfully met a record peak demand of 242.49 GW in June 2025.

TARGET YEAR IN NEWS 2025

- India's Nuclear Power Generation Capacity to Reach 21,880 MW by 2032.
- India is projected to become the world's second-largest economy in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) terms by 2038.
- The Indian government is preparing to implement the CAFE-III and CAFE-IV norms over a ten-year period from 2027 to 2037.
- India targets to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027.
- India will become a USD 30 trillion-economy by 2047.
- World Health Organization (WHO) is accelerating work to eliminate kala-azar by 2030.
- India has set a target to achieve a \$150 billion bioeconomy by 2025.
- Technical textiles exports will cross \$10 billion by 2030.
- Government of India has set a target of 20 per cent ethanol blending with petrol by 2025.
- India is set to become the third largest consumer market in 2026, surpassing Germany and Japan, according to a UBS report.
- India has made a declaration to achieve debris-free space missions by 2030.
- India plans to build its first privately managed strategic petroleum reserve (SPR) by 2029-30.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared India's plan to establish its own space station by 2035.
- National Strategic Plan & Roadmap for Leprosy (2023-27) to achieve zero transmission of leprosy by 2027.



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- India self-reliant in pulses by December 2027
- Indian Consumer Tech to Touch \$300 Bn By 2027.
- India is expected to overtake Japan and Germany to emerge as the third largest economy in the world by 2027.

Q. 8. Which country is the original developer of the RBS-15 missile system?

A) Germany	B) USA
C) Sweden	D) France

Answer: C

- Swedish aerospace and defence company, Saab, has showcased the capabilities of its RBS-15 missile to destroy the components of the Russian S-400 system.

About RBS-15 Missile:

- The RBS-15 (Robot system 15) is a **fire-and-forget surface-to-surface and air-to-surface anti-ship missile with land attack capability**.
- The missile was developed by the **Swedish** company **Saab Bofors Dynamics**.
- It can hit **targets up to 200 km**, moving at a subsonic **speed of Mach 0.9**.

Q. 9. Kawal Tiger Reserve is situated in which Indian state?

A) Maharashtra	B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Telangana	D) Chhattisgarh

Answer: C

- Forest officials are gearing up to conduct the wildlife census at the Kawal Tiger Reserve from January 19 to 26 in the erstwhile Adilabad district, as part of the All India Tiger Enumeration.

About Kawal Tiger Reserve:

- **Location:** It is located in the state of **Telangana**.
- It is along the banks of **river Godavari**, forming part of the Deccan peninsula-central highlands.
- The reserve is nestled in the **Sahyadri Mountain Ranges**.
- The government of India declared Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary a Tiger Reserve in 2012.



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Q. 10. Who are the Chief Guests for India's 77th Republic Day celebrations in 2026?

- A) Emmanuel Macron (President of France)
- B) Prabowo Subianto (President of Indonesia)
- C) Ursula von der Leyen and António Costa (EU Leaders)
- D) Leaders of the 10 ASEAN nations

Answer: C

- For the 77th Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2026, the Government of India has invited the top leadership of the **European Union (EU)** as Chief Guests.
- **Ursula von der Leyen**: President of the European Commission.
- **António Costa**: President of the European Council.
- This marks the first time that the top leadership of the European Union has been invited together as Chief Guests.
- Their three-day State Visit (January 25–27, 2026) coincides with the **16th India-EU Summit**, where both sides are expected to advance talks on a Bilateral Trade Agreement.

Q. 11. What is the main theme of India's 77th Republic Day in 2026?

- A) Viksit Bharat
- B) Jan Bhagidari
- C) Swavalamban ka Mantra – Vande Mataram
- D) Heritage and Development

Answer: C

- For the 77th Republic Day in 2026, India's celebrations center on themes of self-reliance, cultural pride, and global cooperation.

Themes for 2026:

- **Primary Themes:** The central themes are “स्वावलम्बन का मंत्र – वंदे मातरम्” and “समृद्धि का मंत्र – आत्मनिर्भर भारत”.
- **Tableaux Theme:** Displays often focus on "Viksit Bharat" and "Bharat – Loktantra ki Matruka".
- Indonesian President Sukarno was the inaugural Chief Guest at India's maiden Republic Day parade on January 26, 1950.



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- Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto has been invited as the chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations in 2025

About European Union (EU):

- The European Union (EU) was formally established on November 1, 1993, with the entry into force of the Maastricht Treaty.
- Headquarters :** Brussels, Belgium
- President of the European Council :** António Costa (Portugal)
- He previously served as Prime Minister of Portugal from 2015 to 2024.
- President of the European Commission :** Ursula von der Leyen (Germany)
- The European Union (EU) currently has 27 member countries.

Q. 12. Which 1989 film, written by and starring Arundhati Roy, will have its world premiere in a restored 4K version at the 2026 Berlin International Film Festival?

- A) Massey Sahib
- B) In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones
- C) Electric Moon
- D) The God of Small Things

Answer: B

- The Arundhati Roy debut film that will have its world premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival 37 years after its original TV screening is "In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones".

Film Details:

- Title:** In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones
- (1989)
- Director:** Pradip Krishen
- Arundhati Roy's Role:** Screenwriter and lead actor
- Notable Cast:** Features early, small roles by Shah Rukh Khan and Manoj Bajpayee
- Plot:** A whimsical campus comedy set in a Delhi architecture school in the mid-1970s, based on Roy's own experiences
- Awards:** Won National Film Awards for Best Screenplay and Best Feature Film in English .



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2026 Premiere Information:

- **Section:** Berlinale Classics at the 76th Berlin International Film Festival
- **Dates:** The festival runs from February 12 to 22, 2026
- Arundhati Roy, who went on to win the Booker Prize for her debut novel *The God of Small Things* in 1997, played a major character in the film.

Q. 13. India and Israel signed a Joint Ministerial Declaration of Intent to enhance collaboration in which key sector?

- A) Defence Technology**
- B) Cyber Security**
- C) Fisheries and Aquaculture**
- D) Space Exploration**

Answer: C

- India and Israel signed a Joint Ministerial Declaration of Intent to strengthen bilateral cooperation specifically in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector.
- The agreement was signed in **Eilat, Israel**, on the sidelines of the **Second Global Summit on "Blue Food Security: Sea the Future 2026"**.
- The Indian delegation was led by Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying), and the Israeli side by Avi Dichter (Minister of Agriculture and Food Security).

Q. 14. What is the theme for the 55th UPU International Letter Writing Competition 2026?

- A) Future generations and the world they inherit
- B) The importance of human connection in a digital world
- C) Imagining you are the ocean
- D) The role of postal services in climate action

Answer: B

Q. 15. Which international organization partners with India Post to conduct this annual global competition?

A) UNESCO **B) UNICEF**
C) Universal Postal Union (UPU) **D) International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**

Answer: C



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- India Post has invited school students to participate in the 55th Universal Postal Union (UPU) International Letter Writing Competition 2026.
- **2026 Theme:** "Write a letter to a friend about why human connection matters in a digital world".
- **Eligibility:** Students aged **9 to 15 years** as of May 5, 2026.
- **Format:** A handwritten letter not exceeding **800 words**.
- **Language:** English or any language listed in the **Eighth Schedule** of the Constitution of India.
- **Submission Deadline:** Schools must organize the competition internally and send selected entries to their respective Postal Circles by **March 20, 2026**.
- The international gold medalist may receive a trip to the UPU **Headquarters in Bern, Switzerland**.
- **National Level:** First prize is **₹50,000**, second prize is **₹25,000**, and third prize is **₹10,000**, each with a certificate.
- **Circle Level:** First prize is **₹25,000**, second prize is **₹10,000**, and third prize is **₹5,000**, each with a certificate.
- Universal Postal Union (UPU) Headquarters (HQ) is in **Bern, Switzerland**.

Q. 16. Which anniversary of Indian Army Day is observed on January 15, 2026?

A) 76th
B) 77th
C) 78th
D) 79th

Answer: C

- The 78th Indian Army Day was held on January 15, 2026, in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- The main parade was organized on Mahal Road, marking the first time it was conducted in a public area outside a cantonment.
- **Significance:** It commemorates the day in 1949 when Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa became the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, taking over from the last British Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Francis Roy Bucher.
- **Theme for 2026:** "Year of Networking and Data Centricity".
- **Main Venue:** In 2026, the primary Army Day parade is held in **Jaipur**, continuing the recent tradition of hosting the event outside of Delhi.
- General Upendra Dwivedi assumed office as India's 30th Chief of the Army Staff (COAS).



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Q. 17. Voyager 1 was launched by NASA in which year?

- A) 1969
- B) 1977
- C) 1981
- D) 1990

Answer: B

- Voyager 1 is expected to become the first human-made object to reach a distance of one light-day from Earth.

About Voyager 1:

- It is a space probe launched by NASA in 1977.
- **Objective:** To explore the outer planets in our solar system.
- It is the first spacecraft to travel beyond the solar system and reach interstellar space.
- It is currently the most distant human-made object from Earth.
- Voyager 1's mission has included flybys of Jupiter and Saturn, with the goal of studying their moons, rings, and magnetic fields.
- **Instruments of Voyager 1:** Cosmic Ray Subsystem, Plasma Wave Subsystem, Infrared Interferometer Spectrometer and Radiometer (IRIS) etc.

Key Achievements of Voyager 1:

- It was the first **spacecraft to cross the heliosphere**, the boundary where the influences outside our solar system are stronger than those from our Sun.
- It **crossed into interstellar space** in 2012, making it the first human-made object to venture out of the solar system.
- It **discovered a thin ring** around Jupiter and two new Jovian moons: Thebe and Metis.
- It **also found** five new moons and a **new ring called the G-ring at Saturn**.



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Q. 18. Which milestone is Voyager 1 expected to reach by late 2026?

- A) Reaching the nearest star, Proxima Centauri
- B) Surpassing 100 billion miles from Earth
- C) Reaching a distance of one "light day" from Earth
- D) Exiting the Milky Way galaxy

Answer: C

- Reaching a distance of one "light day" from Earth (meaning a radio signal will take a full 24 hours to reach the probe and another 24 to return).

Q. 19. What is the primary objective of the PRAGATI platform, which recently held its 50th meeting?

- A) To provide direct financial subsidies to startups.
- B) To serve as a platform for parliamentary debates.
- C) To monitor key government projects and resolve public grievances in real-time.
- D) To manage international diplomatic relations.

Answer: C

- Prime Minister's flagship platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, PRAGATI, recently marked a significant milestone with the successful conduct of its 50th meeting.

About PRAGATI Platform:

- PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) is a distinctive, integrated, and interactive platform designed to both resolve grievances of and to monitor and review key programmes and projects of the Government of India, along with projects highlighted by State Governments.
- It is a robust system for bringing e-transparency and e-accountability with real-time presence and exchange among the key stakeholders.
- The system has been designed in-house by the PMO with the help of the National Informatics Center (NIC).
- Through this system, the Prime Minister can directly engage with concerned Central and State officials, supported by complete information and up-to-date visual evidence from project sites.



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- The PRAGATI platform uniquely brings together three modern technologies—digital data management, video conferencing, and geospatial technology.

Key Features:

- It is a three-tier system (PMO, Union Government Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries of the States).
- At the apex level, the Prime Minister chairs PRAGATI review meetings with Chief Secretaries of States and Secretaries of Central Ministries/Departments to resolve issues related to identified projects and schemes.

Q. 20. Which three stakeholders are integrated on the PRAGATI platform to ensure cooperative federalism?

- A) PMO, State Governors, and NITI Aayog
- B) PMO, Union Secretaries, and State Chief Secretaries
- C) District Magistrates, State Ministers, and Union Ministers
- D) NITI Aayog, RBI, and State Finance Ministers

Answer: B

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the **50th meeting** of the **PRAGATI** (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) platform on **December 31, 2025**, marking a decade of technology-driven governance.

Key Highlights of the 50th Meeting:

- **Scale of Review:** The PM reviewed **five critical infrastructure** projects across Road, Railways, Power, Water Resources, and Coal sectors.
- **Financial Impact:** These projects span 5 states and have a cumulative cost exceeding **₹40,000 crore**.
- **Sector Focus:** Specific focus was placed on the **PM SHRI scheme**, with the PM emphasizing that it should become a national benchmark for outcome-oriented school education.
- **Performance Metrics:** Since its inception in 2015, PRAGATI has reviewed projects worth more than **₹85 lakh crore** and resolved over 94% of the issues raised.



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Q. 21. Which country is María Corina Machado, the winner of the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize, from?

- A) Colombia
- B) Venezuela
- C) Brazil
- D) Argentina

Answer: B

- Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado said she presented her Nobel Peace Prize medal to President Donald Trump at the White House on even as he has questioned her credibility to take over her country after the U.S. ousted then-President Nicolás Maduro.
- The Nobel Institute has said Machado could not give her prize to Trump, an honor that he has coveted.
- Even if it the gesture proves to be purely symbolic, it was extraordinary given that Trump has effectively sidelined Machado, who has long been the face of resistance in Venezuela.
- He has signaled his willingness to work with acting President Delcy Rodríguez, who had been Maduro's second in command.
- Venezuela's capital is Caracas, and its currency is the Venezuelan Bolívar.
- Venezuela is located on the northern coast of South America.

Q. 22. When is National Startup Day celebrated in India?

- A) August 15th
- B) January 10th
- C) January 16th
- D) December 31st

Answer: C

- National Startup Day is celebrated in India on January 16.
- The year 2026 marks the 10th anniversary of the Startup India initiative, which was officially launched on January 16, 2016.
- National Startup Day in India is celebrated annually on January 16.
- National Startup Day on 16 January 2026 marks a decade of the Startup India Initiative, launched in 2016 to energize entrepreneurship in India.
- Startup India has transformed into one of the world's largest and most diverse startup ecosystems, driving innovation, job creation, and inclusive economic growth.
- The initiative aligns with India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, combining economic modernization with regional uplift and social equity.



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Q. 1. The PRAGATI platform was originally launched in which year?

Answer: B

Q. 2. In the acronym PRAGATI, what does the letter 'G' stand for?

- A) Global
- B) Governance
- C) General
- D) Growth

Answer: B

- PRAGATI stands for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.

Q. 3. What is the capital and currency of Venezuela?

Answer: B

Q. 4. Where are the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) located?

- A) Paris, France
- B) Geneva, Switzerland
- C) Rome, Italy
- D) Bern, Switzerland

Answer: D

Q. 5. What is the capital and currency of Israel?

Answer: B



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Q. 6. The director of the film In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones is:

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Shah Rukh Khan
- C) Pradip Krishen
- D) Manoj Bajpayee

Answer: C

Q. 7. Which treaty officially established the European Union in 1993?

- A) Treaty of Rome
- B) Treaty of Versailles
- C) Maastricht Treaty
- D) Treaty of Lisbon

Answer: C

Q. 8. How many member states are there in the European Union?

- A) 25
- B) 27
- C) 28
- D) 30

Answer: B

Q. 9. Where are the main headquarters (HQ) of the European Union located?

- A) Paris, France
- B) Berlin, Germany
- C) Brussels, Belgium
- D) London, UK

Answer: C

Q. 10. Which of the following is NOT a current EU member?

- A) Austria
- B) Switzerland
- C) Sweden
- D) Ireland

Answer: B



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