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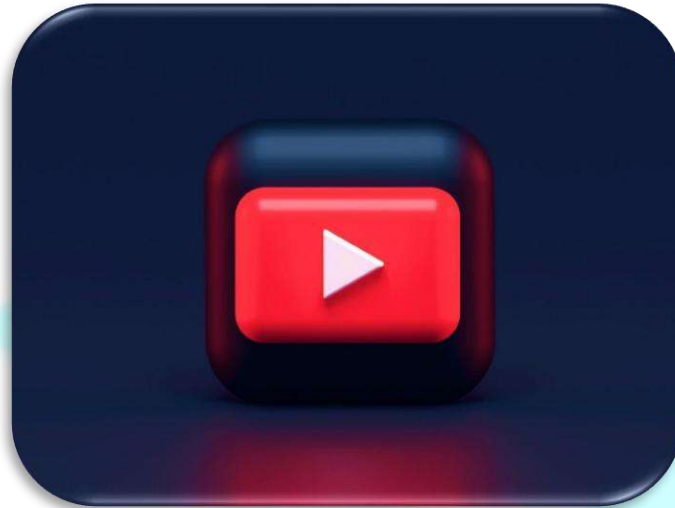


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## Aparchit 29 January 2026 English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

**Q. 1. Who is the chairperson of the newly formed SAARG committee by PFRDA?**

- A) Ananth Narayan
- B) Raamdeo Agrawal
- C) Narayan Ramachandran
- D) Kalpen Parekh

**Answer: C**

**Q. 2. What does 'SAARG' stand for in the context of the PFRDA committee?**

- A) Strategic Asset Allocation and Retirement Growth
- B) Strategic Asset Allocation and Risk Governance
- C) Security Allocation and Risk Governance
- D) Sustainable Asset Allocation and Risk Governance

**Answer: B**

- The PFRDA has constituted the Committee for Strategic Asset Allocation and Risk Governance (SAARG) to comprehensively review and modernise National Pension System (NPS) investment guidelines.
- The SAARG committee, chaired by Narayan Ramachandran, will submit its recommendations within 9 months

### About Narayan Ramachandran Committee:

- A high-level expert committee titled Strategic Asset Allocation and Risk Governance (SAARG) to review and reform NPS investment guidelines across Government and Non-Government sectors.
- **Constituted by:** PFRDA, the statutory regulator for pension funds in India.

### Aim:

- To strengthen NPS investment architecture by aligning it with global pension best practices, the evolving Indian capital market, and long-term subscriber needs.





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## Key functions / mandate:

- **Foundational review & global benchmarking:** Assess adequacy of current NPS guidelines and benchmark them with leading global pension systems.
- **Asset class review & expansion:** Review existing asset classes and recommend new asset classes to improve diversification and resilience.
- **Strategic asset allocation:** Propose optimal allocation across equity, debt, money market and alternatives with prudential limits.
- **Performance & accountability:** Reform benchmarking and evaluation methods for Pension Funds under NPS.
- **Risk management & ALM:** Recommend comprehensive market, credit, liquidity and operational risk frameworks aligned with pension liabilities.
- **Governance & intermediaries:** Review custodial architecture and end-to-end investment process across NPS intermediaries.
- **Sustainability integration:** Embed climate transition risks and net-zero pathways into NPS investment decisions.

**Q. 3. Which institution released the report series titled “Enhancing Circular Economy in End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs), Waste Tyres and E-waste and Lithium-ion Batteries in India” in January 2026?**

- A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
- D) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)

**Answer: B**

**Q. 4. According to the NITI Aayog report, the number of End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs) in India is projected to increase from 23 million in 2025 to approximately how many by 2030?**

- A) 35 million
- B) 40 million
- C) 50 million
- D) 65 million

**Answer: C**



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- National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog , a premier policy think tank of the Government of India(GoI), released 3 reports on “Enhancing Circular Economy in End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs); Waste Tyres and E-waste; and Lithium-ion Batteries (LIBs) in India”.
- These reports were formally launched at the International Material Recycling Conference (IMRC) organised by the Material Recycling Association of India (MRAI) in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- The NITI Aayog’s report titled ‘Enhancing Circular Economy of End of Life Vehicles (ELVs) in India’ projected that the number of ELVs in India are expected to nearly double i.e. from 23 million (in 2025) to about 50 million (by 2030).
- The 2nd report titled ‘Enhancing Circular Economy of Waste Tyres in India’ outlines the key challenges and opportunities in managing End-of-Life Tyres (ELTs) aimed at accelerating India’s circular economy goals.
- India, the world’s 3rd largest producer and consumer of tyres, generates nearly 1.5 to 2 Million Tonnes (MT) of waste tyres every year.
- The report titled ‘Advancing Circular Economy of Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (E-waste) and Lithium-ion Batteries in India’ was developed by NITI Aayog in collaboration with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).
- India’s electronic waste (E-waste) is projected to increase from 6.19 MMT to 14 MMT by 2030.
- India’s annual economic value of E-waste will be Rs 51,000 crore, of which 60% is extractable, in contrast to it, the existing recovery systems capture only 18% of this potential.

## NITI AAYOG IN NEWS 2025

- According to NITI Aayog, this sector is projected to reach \$300 billion by 2030, reflecting its economic and ecological potential.
- The "We Rise" initiative, a joint project by NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and DP World, aims to help women-led businesses in India expand globally
- The second edition of the North Eastern Region (NER) District Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index Report (2023-24) was released in July 2025 by NITI Aayog.
- All districts in Mizoram, Sikkim, and Tripura are classified as "Front Runners".
- Hnahthial (Mizoram) was the best-performing district, with Longding (Arunachal Pradesh) having the lowest score.





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- The report was developed in collaboration with the UNDP and the Ministry of Development of Northeast Region (MDoNER).
- India has surpassed Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy, according to NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam, referencing IMF data.
- India is now a USD 4 trillion economy, trailing only the US, China, and Germany.
- Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) and NITI Aayog join hands to catalyse healthy entrepreneurship ecosystems across India
- Telangana government, in partnership with NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub, is launching the Quantum Frontier Tech Charter to build a quantum innovation ecosystem in Hyderabad.
- NITI Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam's tenure was extended by one year in February 2025.
- The Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission launched the inaugural issue of NITI Aayog's report titled "Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025" in New Delhi.
- Odisha tops the ranking in fiscal health among 18 major States, followed by Chhattisgarh and Goa with scores of 55.2 and 53.6, respectively.

### **NITI Aayog ( National Institution for Transforming India):**

- **Founded :** 1st January 2015
- **Preceding :** Planning Commission ( 15th March 1950)
- **Headquarters :** New Delhi
- **Chairperson :** Narendra Modi
- **Vice Chairperson :** Suman K Bery
- **CEO :** BVR Subrahmanyam

**Q. 5. Which state secured the first position in the PESA (Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas) State Rankings for the year 2024-25?**

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Odisha

**Answer: C**

- The PESA Rankings for 2024-25 were released, showing Maharashtra first, Madhya Pradesh second and Himachal Pradesh third among PESA States.

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- About PESA Rankings of States for Year 2024-25

The performance of the States in PESA Ranking is as follows:

State	Performance
Maharashtra Madhya Pradesh Himachal Pradesh	Front Runner
Rajasthan Chhattisgarh Telangana	Performer
Andhra Pradesh Gujarat	Aspirant
Odisha Jharkhand	Beginner

- The PESA Rankings of the States for 2024-25 assess how well States have implemented the PESA Act in the Fifth Schedule Areas.
- Released by:** It is release by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- Aim:** The Rankings aim to encourage States with Fifth Schedule Areas to strengthen Gram Sabha-centered self-governance and identify areas needing focused support.





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## Measurement of performance:

- The performance of States was measured on mutually agreed **100-point PESA indicators** to ensure objectivity, transparency and accountability in the implementation of the PESA Act.
- The PESA Indicators were formally released during **PESA Mahotsav on 24th December, 2025**, the day when PESA Act came into force in 1996.

## The performance of the States in PESA Ranking (2024-25) is as follows:

- **Front Runner category:** Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh
- **Performer's category:** Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Telangana
- **Aspirant category:** Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat
- **Beginner category:** Odisha and Jharkhand

## About Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) PESA Act:

- The act intends to **provide tribal self-rule** for people living in scheduled and tribal areas.
- To promote local self-governance in rural India, the **73rd constitutional amendment** was made in 1992, due to which a three-tier Panchayati Raj Institution was made into a law.
- However, its application to the **scheduled and tribal areas** under **Article 243(M)** was restricted.
- After the Bhuria Committee recommendations in 1995, PESA Act 1996 came into existence.
- The PESA Act conferred the **powers to Gram Sabha**, whereas state legislature has given an advisory role to ensure the proper functioning of Panchayats and Gram Sabhas.

**Q. 6. According to the TomTom Traffic Index 2025, which Indian city is the world's second most congested?**

- A) Mumbai  
C) Bengaluru

- B) Pune  
D) New Delhi

**Answer: C**

**Q. 7. Which city topped the global list as the most congested city in the world in the TomTom Traffic Index 2025?**

- A) Bengaluru  
C) Dublin

- B) London  
D) Mexico City

**Answer: D**

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- Bengaluru emerged as India's most traffic-congested city, recording an average congestion level of 74.4 per cent, thereby ranking second globally, trailing after Mexico City in 2025.
- As per TomTom Traffic Index 2025, Bengaluru was the second most congested city in the world in 2025.
- TomTom Traffic Index is an **annual analysis of global traffic trends and commuting behavior**.
- **Released by:** TomTom, an Amsterdam- based company that offers traffic solutions
- **Benchmark:** The Index **measures congestion levels, average speeds and travel times per mile** across the global road network.
- The TomTom Traffic Index is compiled using anonymised GPS data and real driving speeds from across the world.
- **2025 edition:** TomTom Traffic Index 2025 is the **15th edition** of the index.

### Findings related to India:

- **India** ranked as the **fifth** most traffic-congested country globally and second in Asia, with commuters experiencing an **average congestion level of 37.4 per cent**.
- **Bengaluru** emerged as **India's most traffic-congested city**, recording an **average congestion level of 74.4 per cent**, thereby ranking second globally.
- During peak hours, commuters in Bengaluru took 15 minutes to travel 4.2 kilometres and commuters lost 168 hours per year due to heavy traffic.
- **Kolkata** ranked fourth among the world's **slowest** cities.
- **Pune** became the **fifth most congested city** globally, overtaking Mumbai.
- **Mumbai showed slight improvement**, with time lost to congestion reducing to 126 hours per year.
- **New Delhi** ranked **23rd** in the global congestion index.
- Other Indian cities featured in the rankings: Jaipur, Chennai, Hyderabad, Ernakulam, and Ahmedabad.

### Findings related to Global Congestion:

- For the first time, TomTom calculated global congestion using driving data from over **2.2 trillion miles** (3.6 trillion km) worldwide.
- The index showed that **global congestion increased from 20% to 25%**, marking a rise of 5 percentage points
- **Least Congested:** U.S.A ranked 54th globally in congestion, making it one of the least congested countries.





- **Most Congested:** Colombia ranked first with nearly 50% congestion, making it the most congested country.

**A) 1<sup>st</sup>**

C) 5<sup>th</sup>

**Answer: C**

- Q. 9. ExoMiner++ is a new deep learning software developed by which space organization?**

### C) JAXA

**Answer: A**



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- ExoMiner++ is a new deep learning software designed to discover exoplanets.
- It is developed by **NASA** (National Aeronautics and Space Administration).
- It analyses data from both the **Kepler** and **TESS** (Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite) missions.
- The software scans stellar “light curves” for dips in brightness caused by planets transiting in front of their stars.
- Unlike standard black-box models, **ExoMiner++ is an explainable AI**, offering probability scores and reasoning to help astronomers verify and trust its findings.

### About ExoMiner:

- ExoMiner is an **open-source artificial intelligence software** designed to analyse exoplanet data from space missions.
- **Developed by:** It was developed by a team from **NASA’s Ames Research Center in 2021**.
- The team later created ExoMiner++, trained using Kepler and TESS data.

### NASA IN NEWS 2025

- NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have launched IMAP, Carruthers Geocorona Observatory, and the SWFO-L mission to study the Sun’s influence in the solar system.
- NASA-ISRO joint satellite NISAR will be launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, on July 30 .
- GSLV-F16 will inject the Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite into a 743 km Sun-synchronous orbit with an inclination of 98.4 degrees.
- NASA launched twin satellites as part of the TRACERS mission to study magnetic reconnection and its effects in Earth’s atmosphere
- **Dangeti Jahnvi from Andhra Pradesh, will travel to space in 2029. She is the first Indian to complete Nasa's International Air and Space Program.**
- NASA's SPHEREx space telescope is slated to launch from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.
- The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite mission is now tentatively scheduled for launch in June 2025.



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- NASA's IM-2 mission, launched on February 26, 2025, is indeed a significant step in lunar exploration. This mission, part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) initiative and the Artemis program.
- NASA's PACE (Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem) mission was launched on February 8, 2024. The mission aims to study the health of Earth's oceans and atmosphere by observing plankton, aerosols, clouds, and their interactions.
- Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's Axiom-4 mission (Ax-4) to the International Space Station (ISS) was launched on June 25, 2025 from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- Astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore returned to Earth after a 286 days stay on the International Space Station. Their SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule splashed down in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Florida.
- NASA astronaut Sunita Williams has made history by setting the record for the most time spent spacewalking by a woman.
- She logged 62 hours and 6 minutes of spacewalking, surpassing the previous record of 60 hours and 21 minutes held by former astronaut Peggy Whitson.
- NASA will launch the Pandora mission in 2025 to study the atmospheres of distant exoplanets. It will focus on clouds, hazes, and water, key factors for habitability.

**Q. 10. Which manufacturing process is used for Microsoft's second-generation "Maia 200" AI chip?**

- A) 7-nanometre (7nm)
- B) 5-nanometre (5nm)
- C) 3-nanometre (3nm)
- D) 2-nanometre (2nm)

**Answer: C**

- Microsoft officially launched Maia 200, its second-generation custom AI accelerator.
- Designed specifically to run large-scale AI models more efficiently, the chip aims to reduce costs and reliance on external hardware suppliers like Nvidia.
- **Manufacturing Process:** Built using the TSMC 3-nanometre (3nm) node, featuring over 140 billion transistors.
- **Target Workload:** Primarily an inference-first chip, optimized for the phase where models respond to user queries rather than the initial training phase.

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- **Memory Architecture:** Equipped with 216GB of HBM3e (High Bandwidth Memory) providing 7 terabytes per second of bandwidth, alongside 272MB of on-chip SRAM.
- **Performance Gains:** Microsoft claims the chip delivers 30% better performance per dollar than the current hardware in its fleet.
- This new chip builds on Microsoft's first Maia chip, which was originally introduced in 2023.
- Currently operational in Microsoft's Iowa data centres, with a rollout to Arizona and other global regions planned next.

## MICROSOFT IN NEWS 2025

- Himani Agrawal Appointed COO of Microsoft India & South Asia.
- MSDE and Microsoft launch 'AI Careers for Women' initiative with Centers of Excellence in 6 Indian States.
- Microsoft partnered with Yotta Data Services to drive AI adoption across India by integrating Azure AI services with Yotta's Shakti Cloud platform.
- Microsoft has introduced a new voice-activated AI assistant called Dragon Copilot.
- Microsoft released Majorana 1, the world's first quantum chip built on a topological core, recently.

### MICROSOFT:

- **Founded:** 1975
- **Founders:** Bill Gates and Paul Allen
- **Headquarters:** Washington DC
- **Chairman:** Satya Nadella
- **CEO:** Satya Nadella
- **President:** Brad Smith

**Q. 11. Operation Sahyadri Checkmate, recently seen in the news, was launched by which agency?**

- A) Border Security Force (BSF)
- B) National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- C) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
- D) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

**Answer: C**

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- Operation Sahyadri Checkmate was a major anti-narcotics operation conducted in January 2026 by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI).
- **Objective:** To dismantle a clandestine mobile laboratory manufacturing Mephedrone (a synthetic stimulant or "party drug").
- **Location:** The operation took place in the remote hinterland of the Sahyadri ranges (Western Ghats) in Maharashtra's Satara district.
- **Methodology:** The lab was disguised as a poultry farm and frequently shifted locations to evade detection.
- **Seizure:** Authorities seized approximately **21.9 kg of mephedrone** and over **70 kg of raw materials**, with an estimated illicit **market value of ₹55 crore**.
- **Arrests:** Five individuals were arrested, including repeat offenders under the **NDPS Act** and **MCOCA**.

**Q. 12. Where is the new Smart & Integrated Fishing Harbour being developed?**

- A) Port Blair
- B) Havelock Island
- C) Mayabunder
- D) Diglipur

**Answer: C**

**Q. 13. What is the total estimated cost of the approved fishing harbour project?**

- A) ₹100 Crore
- B) ₹199.24 Crore
- C) ₹250 Crore
- D) ₹500 Crore

**Answer: B**

- The Department of Fisheries approved a ₹199.24 crore proposal for a smart and integrated fishing harbour at Mayabunder, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- Fully funded by the central government under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), this project aligns with the Blue Port Initiative to modernise maritime infrastructure.
- **Vessel Capacity:** Designed to provide safe berthing for 430 fishing vessels.
- **Strategic Goal:** Supports India's target of reaching ₹1 lakh crore in seafood exports by 2030–31.
- **Sustainability:** Focused on combating Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing through environmentally friendly approaches and digital tracking.



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- **Regional Impact:** Aims to unlock the vast marine resources of the Islands' 6 lakh sq. km Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

**Q. 14. What is the minimum targeted percentage for women's participation in the NITI Aayog and NIIT Foundation partnership for Aspirational Blocks?**

- A) 30%
- B) 33%
- C) 40%
- D) 50%

**Answer: C**

- NITI Aayog has signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with the NIIT Foundation to advance digital literacy, financial inclusion, and skill development across Aspirational Blocks.
- **Beneficiary Target:** The initiative aims to reach approximately 1.2 lakh beneficiaries.
- **Women's Participation:** A minimum of 40% women's participation is mandated for the programme.
- **Coverage Goal:** The partnership targets 100% block-level coverage in the selected Aspirational Blocks.

### Core Focus Areas:

- Digital Literacy (using online platforms and government services).
- Financial Inclusion (awareness of banking and insurance).
- Skill Development (employability and community-based learning).
- **Leadership:** The SoI was formalised in the presence of BVR Subrahmanyam, CEO of NITI Aayog, and Rohit Kumar, Mission Director of the Aspirational Blocks Programme.
- **Implementation Strategy:** NIIT Foundation will lead on-ground execution using trained mobilisers and by building the capacity of **local Self-Help Group (SHG) leaders** and peer educators.

**Q. 15. Which Brazilian aerospace major recently signed an MoU with Adani Defence & Aerospace to develop a Regional Transport Aircraft (RTA) ecosystem and potentially establish a final assembly line in India?**

- A) Airbus
- B) Boeing
- C) Embraer
- D) Dassault Aviation

**Answer: C**





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- Adani Defence Signs MoU with Brazil's Embraer for Aircraft Manufacturing.
- Adani Defence & Aerospace signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Brazil's Embraer to establish an integrated regional transport aircraft ecosystem in India.
- This partnership aims to set up the country's first private final assembly line for commercial aircraft.
- **Purpose:** The collaboration focuses on aircraft manufacturing, supply chain development, maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services, and pilot training.
- **Strategic Alignment:** The initiative supports the Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) mission and the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) regional connectivity scheme.
- **Significance:** This marks a major step toward localising commercial aircraft production, which has historically been dominated by state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- **Market Context:** Embraer estimates that India will require at least **500 aircraft** in the 80 to 146-seat category over the next 20 years.

**Q. 16. Which companies have partnered with GAIL (India) Limited to acquire an equity stake in a Singapore-based ship-owning company?**

- A) Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL) and Adani Ports
- B) Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha (K LINE) and J M Baxi Marine Services
- C) Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK Line) and Essar Shipping
- D) Maersk and Reliance Industries

**Answer: B**

- GAIL Partners with K LINE and J M Baxi to Acquire Equity Stake in LNG Ship-Ownning Company.
- GAIL (India) Limited signed a term sheet for equity participation in a ship-owning company established in Singapore, along with J M Baxi Marine Services and Japan's Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha (K LINE).
- The term sheet was signed in the presence of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas(MoPNG), at the India Energy Week (IEW) 2026 held in Goa.
- The equity deal concerns a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) carrier currently under construction at Samsung Heavy Industries(SHI), South Korea.
- The vessel is slated for delivery in 2027 and will operate under a long-term charter agreement with GAIL.



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- GAIL will invest through its wholly owned subsidiary, GAIL Global International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Limited (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), Gujarat), subject to regulatory approvals, including Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) clearance.

## Q. 17. Who launched the "Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat" Scheme?

- |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi | B) Assam Finance Minister     |
| C) Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma | D) Union Agriculture Minister |

**Answer: C**

- Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the **Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat Scheme** at **Doomdooma in Tinsukia district, Assam**, to honour the contribution of tea garden workers on the completion of 200 years of Assam's tea industry.
- **Launched By:** Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- **Launch Date:** January 25-26, 2026 (to commemorate 200 years of Assam Tea).
- **Objective:** To provide one-time financial assistance to tea garden workers.
- **Financial Assistance:** ₹5,000 to each eligible beneficiary.
- **Target Group:** Over 6 lakh tea garden workers (both permanent and casual/temporary) in 836 tea gardens across 27 districts.
- **Total Outlay:** Over ₹300 crore.
- **Additional Features:** Inauguration of mobile creches and mobile toilet services for women workers.

## Q. 18. When is International Customs Day celebrated?

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| A) January 1 | B) January 26  |
| C) August 15 | D) December 10 |

**Answer: B**

- International Customs Day is observed worldwide every year on January 26 to recognise the crucial role played by customs administrations and officials in ensuring security, facilitating compliant trade, and combating smuggling.



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- **2026 Theme:** “Customs protecting society through vigilance and commitment”.
- The first International Customs Day was celebrated in Brussels, Belgium on January 26, 1983.

**Q. 19. On which date is the International Day of Clean Energy celebrated annually?**

- A) January 1
- B) January 26
- C) June 5
- D) December 14

**Answer: B**

- International Day of Clean Energy is annually observed on 26 January across the globe to promote awareness and inspire action toward a fair, inclusive transition to clean energy for the benefit of both people and the planet.
- **2026 Theme:** “Clean Energy for People and Planet”.
- The International Day of Clean Energy was observed for the first time on 26 January 2024.
- The day coincides with the establishment of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) on 26 January 2009, which supports global renewable energy transitions through data, policy guidance, and international cooperation.
- 26 January 2026 marks the 17th anniversary of IRENA.
- **About International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA):** Headquarters -Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates(UAE).

**Q. 20. When is International Holocaust Remembrance Day observed annually?**

- A) January 20
- B) January 27
- C) April 15
- D) November 1

**Answer: B**

- The International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed annually on January 27 across the world.
- It is observed to honor Jews and others massacred during the Holocaust.
- It marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp on January 27, 1945, ending World War II.
- The day serves as a reminder of Holocaust atrocities and promotes the fight against hatred, intolerance, and discrimination.
- The United Nations has designated the theme for 2026 as "Holocaust Remembrance for Dignity and Human Rights".





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**Q. 1. Which article of the Indian Constitution declares Hindi in Devanagari script as the official language of the Union?**

- A) Article 340
- B) Article 341
- C) Article 343
- D) Article 350

**Answer: C**

**Q. 2. The Chief Justice of a High Court is appointed by the:**

- A) Governor of the State
- B) Chief Justice of India
- C) President
- D) Chief Minister

**Answer: C**

- President of India appoints the Chief Justice of India (CJI) and the Chief Justice of a High Court.

**Q. 3. When was the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) officially launched across India?**

- A) January 30, 2017
- B) August 17, 2016
- C) April 1, 2018
- D) September 1, 2018

**Answer: D**

**Q. 4. Which ministry is responsible for the implementation and full funding of the Tex-RAMPS scheme?**

- A) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Textiles
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology

**Answer: C**



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**Q. 5. Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary, India's first protected forest dedicated to butterflies, is located in which Indian state?**

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

**Answer: D**

**Q. 6. The Flamingo Festival is organized at which of the following locations?**

- A) Chilika Lake
- B) Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary
- C) Sambhar Lake
- D) Vembanad Lake

**Answer: B**

**Q. 7. In which Indian state is Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary located?**

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Karnataka

**Answer: C**

**Q. 8. Which state was the first to receive the GI tag for Muga Silk in 2007?**

- A) Meghalaya
- B) West Bengal
- C) Assam
- D) Karnataka

**Answer: C**

**Q. 9. Which state received a GI tag specifically for its heritage Eri Silk?**

- A) Assam
- B) Manipur
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Sikkim

**Answer: C**



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**Q. 10. Which Indian language is spoken by the largest number of people in the world after Hindi?**

- A) Marathi
- C) Bengali

- B) Telugu
- D) Tamil

**Answer: C**

- **Hindi** remains the **third** most spoken language in the world when counting both native and non-native speakers, trailing only English and Mandarin Chinese.







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