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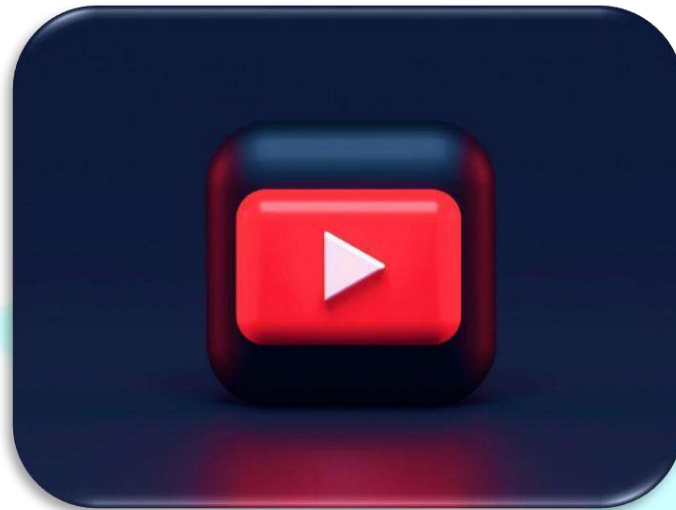


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Aparchit 30 January 2026 English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q. 1. In January 2026, which Indian state's Living Root Bridges were officially nominated for the UNESCO World Heritage Site list?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Assam
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Nagaland

Answer: C

- India has formally nominated the Living Root Bridges of Meghalaya, locally known as Jingkieng Jri, for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list for the 2026-27 cycle.
- These, created by the Khasi and Jaintia tribes, are living bridges formed from the roots of rubber fig trees (*Ficus elastica*).
- **Location:** Southern slopes of the Khasi and Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya.
- **Local Name:** Jingkieng Jri or Lyu Chrai Cultural Landscape.
- **Creators:** Indigenous Khasi and Jaintia communities.
- **Material:** Aerial roots of the rubber fig tree (*Ficus elastica*).
- **Status:** The nomination dossier was submitted to UNESCO in Paris by India's Permanent Representative, Vishal V. Sharma.

UNESCO IN NEWS 2025-26

- India has formally nominated the Living Root Bridges of Meghalaya, locally known as Jingkieng Jri, for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list for the 2026-27 cycle.
- Deepavali has been inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity during the 20th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee, held in New Delhi.
- India will host the 20th session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage from 8 to 13 December 2025 in New Delhi.
- Egypt's Khaled El-Enany was elected the 12th Director-General of UNESCO, beginning his four-year term.

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- UNESCO designated Lucknow a Creative City of Gastronomy in October 2025, recognizing its diverse and famous food heritage, particularly its Awadhi cuisine and intricate recipes.
- On November 26, 2025, India celebrated Constitution Day with a significant international tribute — the unveiling of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar's bust at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.
- UNESCO has adopted the world's first global ethical standards on neurotechnology, addressing privacy, human rights, and data protection amid the rapid rise of AI-driven brain-computer interfaces.
- Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve located in Himachal Pradesh has been included in UNESCO's World Biosphere Reserve Network.
- With this, now 13 biospheres in India have been listed in UNESCO's World Biosphere Reserve Network (WNBR).
- Ministry of Culture has started consultations to include Chhath Mahaparva in UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
- India has officially nominated the 'Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath' for the UNESCO World Heritage List under the 2025–26 nomination cycle.
- United States will again withdraw from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- The 'Maratha Military Landscape of India' has become the 44th property of India to be inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- Uttar Pradesh's Salkhan Fossils Park, located in the Sonbhadra district, has made it to UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites.
- The Lakkundi group of monuments in Karnataka is being proposed for inclusion on UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites.
- Port Royal, Jamaica, is currently undergoing the nomination process to be inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List.
- The classical ancient Indian texts, Natyashastra and Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, have been inscribed in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register.
- La Prensa, a Nicaraguan newspaper, was indeed announced as the recipient of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize for 2025.
- The Menhirs or standing stones of Mudumal in Telangana's Narayanpet district were included in India's tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 2025.



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- Two Indian heritage conservation projects—the Abathsahayeswarar Temple Conservation Project in Thukkatchi, Tamil Nadu, and the BJPCI Conservation Project of Mumbai, Maharashtra—have won UNESCO's Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2024.
- UNESCO recently designated 16 new Global Geoparks, increasing the total number of geoparks in its network to 229 across 50 countries.
- UNESCO and the Indian Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) are collaborating on an AI Readiness Assessment (AI RAM) initiative in India.
- UNESCO has declared West Bengal as a top destination for heritage tourism.
- Kozhikode made history by becoming the first UNESCO City of Literature in India.
- **India added 6 new properties to its UNESCO Tentative List**, increasing the total count of tentative sites in the country to 62.
 - 1. Kanger Valley National Park (Chhattisgarh)
 - 2. Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs (Telangana)
 - 3. Ashokan Edict Sites along the Mauryan Routes
 - 4. Chausath Yogini Temples
 - 5. Gupta Temples of North India
 - 6. Palace-Fortresses of the Bundelas (Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):

- **Formation** : 16 November 1945
- **Headquarters** : Paris, France
- **12th Director-General** : Khaled El-Enany (Egypt)
- India currently has 44 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. This includes 36 cultural sites, 7 natural sites, and 1 mixed site

Q. 2. Which Maharatna PSU has recently earned the 'Great Place to Work' certification for the third consecutive time for the period February 2026 to February 2027?

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|-----------------------------|--|
| A) NTPC Limited | B) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) |
| C) Coal India Limited (CIL) | D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) |

Answer: B

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- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has indeed been certified as a 'Great Place to Work' for the period of February 2026 to February 2027.
- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), India's largest public sector steel producer and a Maharatna PSU, has been awarded the prestigious 'Great Place to Work' certification for the period February 2026 to February 2027, marking the third consecutive year the company has received the recognition.
- This marks the third consecutive year the Maharatna company has received this recognition.
- **Duration:** The certification is valid from February 2026 to February 2027.
- **Consecutive Wins:** This is the 3rd time in a row. Previous certifications were awarded for December 2023–December 2024 and January 2025–January 2026
- **Authority:** Awarded by the Great Place to Work Institute, India.
- **Key Driver:** The recognition followed a significant rise in its Trust Index © score, reflecting positive feedback from over 50,000 employees.
- Noted programs include SAIL DARPAN (performance transparency) and domain-change opportunities for executives via MoUs with leading IIMs and XLRI.

Q. 3. Which Indian institute has recently developed a new 3D computational model to map the Sun's internal magnetic field and predict solar cycles?

- A) IIT Bombay
C) IIT Delhi

- B) IIT Kanpur
D) IIT Madras

Answer: B

- **IIT-Kanpur team developed a new way to predict solar cycles.**
- An IIT-Kanpur research team has developed a new, data-driven 3D computer model to predict solar cycles by inputting real-time observations of the sun's surface magnetic field, rather than relying solely on theoretical simulations.
- This method improves accuracy in forecasting the intensity of sunspot cycles by simulating internal magnetic field behavior.
- **Researchers:** Led by PhD student Soumyadeep Chatterjee and Professor Gopal Hazra at IIT Kanpur.
- **Significance:** Accurate predictions help protect satellites, power grids, GPS, and space missions like ISRO's Aditya-L1.



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- **Mechanism:** The model mimics the Solar Dynamo, the internal process generating the Sun's magnetic field.

About Solar Cycles:

- The solar cycle describes an approximately 11-year cycle of solar activity driven by the sun's magnetic field.
- It is indicated by the frequency and intensity of sunspots visible on the surface.
- Every 11 years or so, the Sun's magnetic field completely flips.
- This means that the Sun's north and south poles switch places.

IIT IN NEWS 2025

- IIT Delhi develops AI Lab Assistant "AILA" to conduct real scientific experiment.
- IIT Bombay Develops India's First Quantum Diamond Microscope to Aid Neuroscience & Materials Research.
- India is establishment of four state-of-the-art quantum fabrication and central facilities worth Rs 720 crore across three IITs (Delhi, Bombay and Kanpur) and IISc-Bengaluru under the National Quantum Mission (NQM).
- India Post has opened its first Gen Z-themed Post Office at the IIT Delhi campus as part of a modernization initiative.
- QS Sustainability Rankings 2026, published by Top Universities, Lund University (Sweden) is ranked first globally. For India, the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi is the highest-ranked at 205th globally.
- Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) sets up a Centre of Excellence at IIT Gandhinagar.
- Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are going global, with Nigeria soon to host the first IIT campus in West Africa.
- India's first indigenously designed 7-nanometer "Shakti" computer processor is slated for completion by 2028, a project led by IIT Madras.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the BioNEST Incubation Centre at IIT Dharwad, emphasising the need for green innovation and industry-academia collaboration.
- IIT Madras-incubated Muse Wearables partners with NPCI to launch India's first wearable payments ecosystem.



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- IIT (ISM) Dhanbad is partnering with the University of Cambridge to establish a satellite campus of the UK-India Critical Minerals Supply Chain Observatory.
- The NaMo Semiconductor Laboratory was established at IIT Bhubaneswar.
- IIT-Madras nominated as UN Centre of Excellence for AI by Indian government, aiming to bridge global AI capacity gap.
- National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025: IIT Madras tops overall rankings for 7th year, IISc Bengaluru best university for 10th time
- Overall top 5:-
 - 1. IIT Madras
 - 2. IISc Bengaluru
 - 3. IIT Bombay
 - 4. IIT Delhi
 - 5. IIT Kanpur
- Vizhinjam port collaborated with IIT Madras for developing a cutting-edge AI-powered Vessel Traffic Management (VTM) system.
- IIT Madras has developed India's first silicon photonics-based Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG), which it then licensed to Indrarka Quantum Technologies for commercial use in a Rs. 1 crore deal.
- Bihar ties up with IIT Delhi to train engineers in AI-powered bridge design and monitoring.
- IIT Madras has launched Asia's largest Shallow Wave Basin Research Facility.
- IIT Guwahati researchers developed a bamboo-polymer composite as an eco-friendly alternative to plastic in vehicle interiors.
- IIT Madras has made India's lightest wheelchair called YD One.
- DRDO and IIT Hyderabad unveiled India's largest metal 3D printing machine for rocket components. It was developed at the DRDO-Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA-CoE) at IIT Hyderabad.
- IIT Madras has announced a collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on Project VISTAAR (Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources).



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Q. 4. Which ministry launched the PAIMANA portal?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer: C

- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has operationalised a new web-based portal, PAIMANA portal for the mandated monitoring of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects worth ₹150 crore and above.

About PAIMANA Portal:

- The Project Assessment, Infrastructure Monitoring & Analytics for Nation-building (PAIMANA) is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- It functions as a centralised national repository of infrastructure projects, enabling web-generated analytical reports and enhancing data accuracy, and operational efficiency.
- It is integrated with DPIIT's Integrated Project Monitoring Portal (IPMP/IIG-PMG) through APIs.

Key features of the PAIMANA Portal:

- **Centralized Project Monitoring:** It serves as a centralized project monitoring system, providing a single-window interface for ministries, departments, and implementing agencies to upload, track, and review project information.
- **Real-time Dashboards:** It features real-time dashboards with drill-down capabilities, enabling users to monitor progress across sectors, states, and timelines.
- **Advanced Data Analytics:** It includes advanced data analytics, role-based user access, interactive dashboards.
- It is mandated to monitoring of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects worth ₹150 crore and above.



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Q. 5. Under the 'Cashless Treatment for Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025', what is the maximum financial coverage provided for the treatment of a victim?

- A) ₹50,000
- B) ₹1,00,000
- C) ₹1,50,000
- D) ₹2,00,000

Answer: C

- The Cashless Treatment for Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025, notified under Section 162 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, provides immediate medical care to victims during the critical "Golden Hour".
- **Coverage Limit:** Cashless treatment up to ₹1.5 lakh per victim per accident.
- **Legal Basis:** Section 162 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
- **Treatment Duration:** Coverage is capped at a maximum of 7 days from the date of the accident.
- **Eligible Hospitals:** All hospitals empanelled under Ayushman Bharat (AB PM-JAY) are deemed designated for this scheme.
- **Reporting Requirement:** To avail benefits, the police must be informed about the accident within 24 hours.
- **Funding Source:** Claims are reimbursed from the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund, which is financed by general insurance companies and central budgetary support.
- **Digital Platforms:** The scheme uses an amalgamation of the eDAR (electronic Detailed Accident Report) and TMS 2.0 (Transaction Management System) platforms.
- **Good Samaritan Reward:** Individuals who assist victims to hospitals within the Golden Hour, known as 'Rah-Veers', are eligible for a reward of ₹25,000.
- **Implementing Agency:** National Health Authority (NHA) using the Transaction Management System (TMS) 2.0.

Q. 6. Where was the 100m 'Make in India' steel bridge for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project fabricated before being transported to Ahmedabad in January 2026?

- A) Surat, Gujarat
- B) Trichy, Tamil Nadu
- C) Wardha, Maharashtra
- D) Hapur, Uttar Pradesh

Answer: C



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- A 100-meter-long 'Make in India' steel bridge was successfully completed in Ahmedabad on January 29, 2026, for the Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train project.
- This structure marks the 13th steel bridge finished in Gujarat out of the 17 planned for the state.
- **Location:** The bridge is situated over an underground metro tunnel in Ahmedabad, specifically between the Kalupur and Shahpur metro stations.
- **Engineering Marvel:** To avoid transferring load to the existing metro tunnel, the design was changed from a standard viaduct to a 100-meter Steel Truss Bridge.
- **Manufacturing:** Fabricated in Wardha, Maharashtra, and transported via trailers, highlighting the "Make in India" initiative.

Specifications:

- **Weight:** 1,098 metric tons.
- **Dimensions:** 14 metres high and 15.5 metres wide.
- **Components:** Utilises roughly 45,186 high-strength bolts and a C5 system protective coating for durability.

Q. 7. Which Indian state recently became the first to present a dedicated 'Elderly Budget', linking local body fund allocation to the senior citizen population?

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

Answer: C

- Kerala introduces its first 'Elderly Budget' for 2026-27, focusing on the silver economy and elderly welfare initiatives.
- Kerala became the first state in India to present a dedicated "Elderly Budget" as part of its annual state budget.
- This historic document consolidates all allocations aimed at the welfare, healthcare, and social security of senior citizens.
- **Financial Outlay:** A total consolidated outlay of ₹46,236.52 crore (both Plan and Non-Plan), representing 19.07% of the state's total budget.



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- **Local Body Funding:** For the first time, 5% of the local body plan (excluding Finance Commission grants) is specifically accounted for in the elderly budget to ensure grassroots-level support.
- **Social Security:** The universal social security pension was increased to ₹2,000 per month.
- **Healthcare Initiatives:** Allocation of ₹50 crore for a pneumococcal vaccination drive for elderly persons from BPL families and ₹30 crore in subsidies for setting up age-friendly retirement homes.
- **Caregiver Support:** Monthly assistance under the Aswasakiranam project for caregivers was increased to ₹1,000.
- **Feminisation of Ageing:** The budget acknowledges that women form a majority of the elderly population, integrating measures with the Gender Budget to address this demographic shift.

Q. 8. At which event did India and Canada sign a Joint Statement on Energy Cooperation in January 2026 to strengthen bilateral energy ties?

- A) G7 Summit in Kananaskis
- B) COP30 Climate Conference
- C) India Energy Week 2026 in Goa
- D) Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

Answer: C

- India and Canada signed a Joint Statement on Energy Cooperation during the India Energy Week (IEW) 2026 in Goa.
- **Signatories:** India's Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, and Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Timothy Hodgson.
- **Revival of Dialogue:** Both nations officially relaunched the India–Canada Ministerial Energy Dialogue to strengthen bilateral ties in both conventional and clean energy sectors.
- **Energy Trade:** The statement emphasizes deepening trade in Canadian LNG, LPG, and crude oil to India, while India exports refined petroleum products to Canada.
- **Investment Opportunities:** India highlighted a USD 500 billion investment opportunity across its energy value chain, while Canada discussed its accelerated energy projects exceeding USD 116 billion.
- **Clean Energy Focus:** Cooperation will extend to hydrogen, biofuels, sustainable aviation fuel, battery storage, critical minerals, and the use of AI in the energy sector.



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- **Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA):** Both ministers reaffirmed their support for the Global Biofuels Alliance, where Canada currently holds observer status.

Q. 9. Which Bengaluru-based company recently became the first private firm in India to successfully upgrade and test-fire the legacy Pechora missile system?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) B) Alpha Design Technologies Ltd (ADTL)
C) Tata Advanced Systems D) Solar Industries India

Answer: B

- Bengaluru-based defence equipment manufacturer Alpha Design Technologies Ltd (ADTL) has completed a major upgrade of the 's (IAF) Pechora, a surface-to-air missile (SAM) system, in line with the Centre's push for modernising ageing military hardware through indigenous capability.

About Pechora Missile System:

- The Pechora, officially known as the S-125 Neva/Pechora, is a Soviet-origin, medium-range surface-to-air missile (SAM) system designed to intercept low- to medium-altitude targets.

Features:

- The system consists of a radar-guided missile launcher and a fire control unit, typically employing the V-600 missile.
- It uses the 4R90 Yatagan radar, equipped with five parabolic antennas, to detect, track, and lock onto targets.
- It is particularly effective against slow-moving or low-flying targets, making it well-suited for countering drones and cruise missiles.
- **Range:** The Pechora system has an operational firing range of up to 30–35.4 km.
- **Altitude:** It can engage targets flying at altitudes from as low as 20 meters up to 20–25 km, making it versatile for both low and medium-altitude threats.
- **Detection:** The system's radar can detect targets up to 100 km away, providing early warning and engagement capability.
- **Milestone:** This is the first time a private Indian firm has successfully modernised a legacy Russian weapon system and executed successful surface-to-air missile (SAM) launches.



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- **User Trials:** Successful trials were conducted at the Pokhran range between November and December 2025.
- **Contract Details:** The project followed a ₹591.3 crore contract signed in September 2020.

Q. 10. Under which framework has PFRDA introduced the NPS Swasthya Pension Scheme?

- A) National Health Mission
- B) Regulatory Sandbox Framework
- C) Atal Pension Yojana
- D) Corporate Governance Framework

Answer: B

Q. 11. What is the minimum accumulated corpus required for the first partial withdrawal?

- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹25,000
- C) ₹50,000
- D) ₹1,00,000

Answer: C

- PFRDA introduced the NPS Swasthya Pension Scheme on January 27, 2026, as a Proof of Concept (PoC) under its Regulatory Sandbox Framework.
- The scheme aims to integrate health-related financial benefits with retirement savings, allowing subscribers to build a dedicated medical corpus.
- **Purpose:** Financial support for Out-Patient (OPD) and In-Patient (IPD) medical expenses.
- **Eligibility:** Open voluntarily to any Indian citizen; however, a Common Scheme Account under NPS is mandatory.
- **Age-Specific Transfer:** Non-government subscribers aged above 40 years can transfer up to 30% of their existing NPS contributions to this account

Partial Withdrawal Rules:

- Subscribers can withdraw up to 25% of their own contributions.
- Permitted only after accumulating a minimum corpus of ₹50,000.
- No limit on the number of withdrawals and no minimum waiting period.
- **Critical Treatment Exit:** If hospitalisation costs exceed 70% of the corpus, a 100% premature exit as a lump sum is allowed.



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- **Claim Settlement:** Payments are made directly to the hospital, Health Benefit Administrator (HBA), or Third-Party Administrator (TPA).

Q. 12. What is the maximum credit limit provided under the newly launched PM SVANidhi Credit Card?

- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹30,000
- C) ₹50,000
- D) ₹1,00,000

Answer: B

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the PM SVANidhi Credit Card in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- The PM SVANidhi scheme was launched in June, 2020 to support street vendors affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Credit Limit:** The card offers a maximum credit limit of ₹30,000, with an initial operating limit starting at ₹10,000.
- **Digital Integration:** It is a UPI-linked RuPay credit card, allowing vendors to make seamless digital payments.
- **Interest-Free Period:** Cardholders can enjoy an interest-free revolving credit period of 20 to 50 days, depending on the issuer's policy.
- **Validity:** The credit card remains valid for five years from the date of issue.
- **Eligibility:** To qualify, vendors must have successfully repaid the first two tranches of their PM SVANidhi loans.
- **Cashback Incentives:** To promote digital adoption, the scheme provides annual cashback incentives of up to ₹1,600 (₹1,200 on regular sales and ₹400 on wholesale purchases).
- **Integration:** The initiative is part of the restructured PM SVANidhi scheme, extended until March 31, 2030, with an increased outlay of ₹7,332 crore.



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Q. 13. What is the primary objective of NITI Aayog's 'Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0'?

- A) Urban infrastructure development
- B) 100% saturation of key development indicators in aspirational areas
- C) Promoting space research in rural schools
- D) Digitisation of all agricultural records

Answer: B

Q. 14. What is the duration of the Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 campaign?

- A) 28 January to 14 April 2026
- B) 1 January to 31 March 2026
- C) 15 August to 2 October 2026
- D) 26 January to 15 August 2026

Answer: A

- National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog launched 'Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0' campaign to ensure essential services reach the most remote and underserved populations.
- The initiative aims to fast-track development and achieve 100% saturation of key development indicators across India's Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks.
- The 3 months campaign will run from January 28 to April 14, 2026.
- The campaign was launched by B.V.R Subrahmanyam, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NITI Aayog in the presence of Rohit Kumar, Additional Secretary and Mission Director, Aspirational Districts and Blocks Programme (AD&BP), NITI Aayog and all planning Secretaries.
- The campaign expands the Sampoorna Abhiyan 2024 across 112 Aspirational Districts and 513 Aspirational Blocks under the AD&BP.
- NITI Aayog, along with concerned Central Ministries and Departments and the Governments of States and Union Territories(UTs), will jointly drive the swift and effective development of the identified Aspirational Districts and Blocks.

Performance Metrics:

- 5 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Aspirational Districts (e.g., live births weighed at birth, TB notification).



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- 6 KPIs for Aspirational Blocks (e.g., supplementary nutrition intake, girls' toilet facilities in schools, Foot and Mouth Disease vaccination for livestock).

Aspirational Districts Programme	Aspirational Blocks Programme
A. Launched in January 2018 by Hon'ble Prime Minister	A. Launched in January 2023 by Hon'ble Prime Minister
B. Aims to quickly and effectively transform 112 districts across the country.	B. Aims for saturation of essential government services in 513 Blocks (329 Districts) across the country.
C. Focuses on five themes: Health & Nutrition Education Agriculture & Water Resources Financial Inclusion & Skill Development Infrastructure	C. Focuses on five themes: • Health & Nutrition • Education • Agriculture and Allied Services • Basic Infrastructure • Social Development
D. Progress is measured on 49 indicators of development	D. Progress is measured on 40 indicators of development

Q. 15. Which university in Uttar Pradesh has been selected for India's first AI-enabled state university pilot project in collaboration with Google Cloud?

- A) Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi
- B) Chaudhary Charan Singh University (CCSU), Meerut
- C) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU), Lucknow
- D) University of Lucknow, Lucknow

Answer: B

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge, IC), Jayant Chaudhary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), and MoS, Ministry of Education (MoE), announced India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled university pilot at Chaudhary Charan Singh University (CCSU) in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Launch Details:** The pilot was announced in January 2026 by Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary at the Google AI for Learning Forum.
- **Key Partners:** The project is a collaboration between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Google Cloud, and CCSU Meerut.



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- **Core Features:** CCSU will act as a "living laboratory" for AI-first education, implementing personalized AI tutors, AI-driven skill-gap analysis, and intelligent document processing for administration.
- **Vision:** The goal is to create a scalable National Best Practice Framework for over 1,200 universities and 50,000 colleges across India to bridge the gap between degrees and employability.
- Google pledged a grant worth Rs.85 crore (approximately USD 10 million) to Wadhvani AI to support integration of AI tools into national platforms such as Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) and Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition (POSHAN) Tracker.

Q. 16. When will the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 come into full effect?

- A) January 1, 2026 B) April 1, 2026
C) June 30, 2026 D) April 1, 2027

Answer: B

Q. 17. What is the minimum waste generation threshold for an entity to be classified as a Bulk Waste Generator (BWG)?

- A) 50 kg per day B) 100 kg per day
C) 500 kg per day D) 1,000 kg per day

Answer: B

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) notified the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2026 on January 28, 2026, superseding the 2016 framework.
- These rules, established under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, will take full effect on April 1, 2026.
- **Four-Stream Segregation:** Mandatory source-level segregation into wet, dry, sanitary, and special care waste.
- **Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs):** Defined as entities with $\geq 20,000$ sq. m area, $\geq 40,000$ litres/day water use, or ≥ 100 kg/day waste generation. They must process wet waste on-site.



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- **Polluter Pays Principle:** Introduction of Environmental Compensation (EC) for violations like false reporting or operating without registration.
- **Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF):** Mandatory use of RDF by energy-intensive industries (e.g., cement plants), with substitution rates rising from 5% to 15% over six years.
- **Digital Monitoring:** A Centralised Online Portal by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) will track the entire waste lifecycle.
- **Legacy Waste:** Mandatory mapping and time-bound biomining and bioremediation of legacy dumpsites.

Q. 18. Which of the following is NOT one of the four mandatory waste streams under the 2026 Rules?

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| A) Special care waste | B) Sanitary waste |
| C) Electronic waste | D) Dry waste |

Answer: C

- E-waste is governed by separate regulations; the four streams are wet, dry, sanitary, and special care.



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Q. 1. In which state is the Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary located?

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| A) Chhattisgarh | B) Odisha |
| C) Jharkhand | D) Madhya Pradesh |

Answer: B

- Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary is a biodiversity hotspot located in the Nuapada district of Odisha, India.

Q. 2. In which state is the Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary located?

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

Answer: C

Q. 3. The Shiveluch volcano, which has been in the news due to recent eruptions, is located in which country?

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|--------------|----------|
| A) Indonesia | B) Usa |
| C) Russia | D) Japan |

Answer: C

Q. 4. Where was the first recognized human outbreak of Nipah Virus reported?

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A) Kozhikode, India (2018) | B) Siliguri, India (2001) |
| C) Malaysia and Singapore (1998–1999) | D) Dhaka, Bangladesh (2004) |

Answer: C

- The Nipah Virus (NiV) is a highly lethal zoonotic RNA virus from the Paramyxoviridae family, known for causing severe respiratory illness and fatal encephalitis.
- In India, the Nipah Virus (NiV) was first detected in January-February 2001 in Siliguri, West Bengal.



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Q. 5. In which city is the famous Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga temple situated?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Ujjain
- C) Nashik
- D) Omkareshwar

Answer: B

Q. 6. Where is the Achanakmar Tiger Reserve located?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Odisha
- D) Jharkhand

Answer: B

Q. 7. In which state is the Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary located?

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

Answer: C

Q. 8. Chatergala Pass, that was recently seen in news, is located in which state/UT?

- A) Ladakh
- B) Jammu and Kashmir
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Uttarakhand

Answer: B

Q. 9. Where is the Ratapani Tiger Reserve located?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Gujarat
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra

Answer: C



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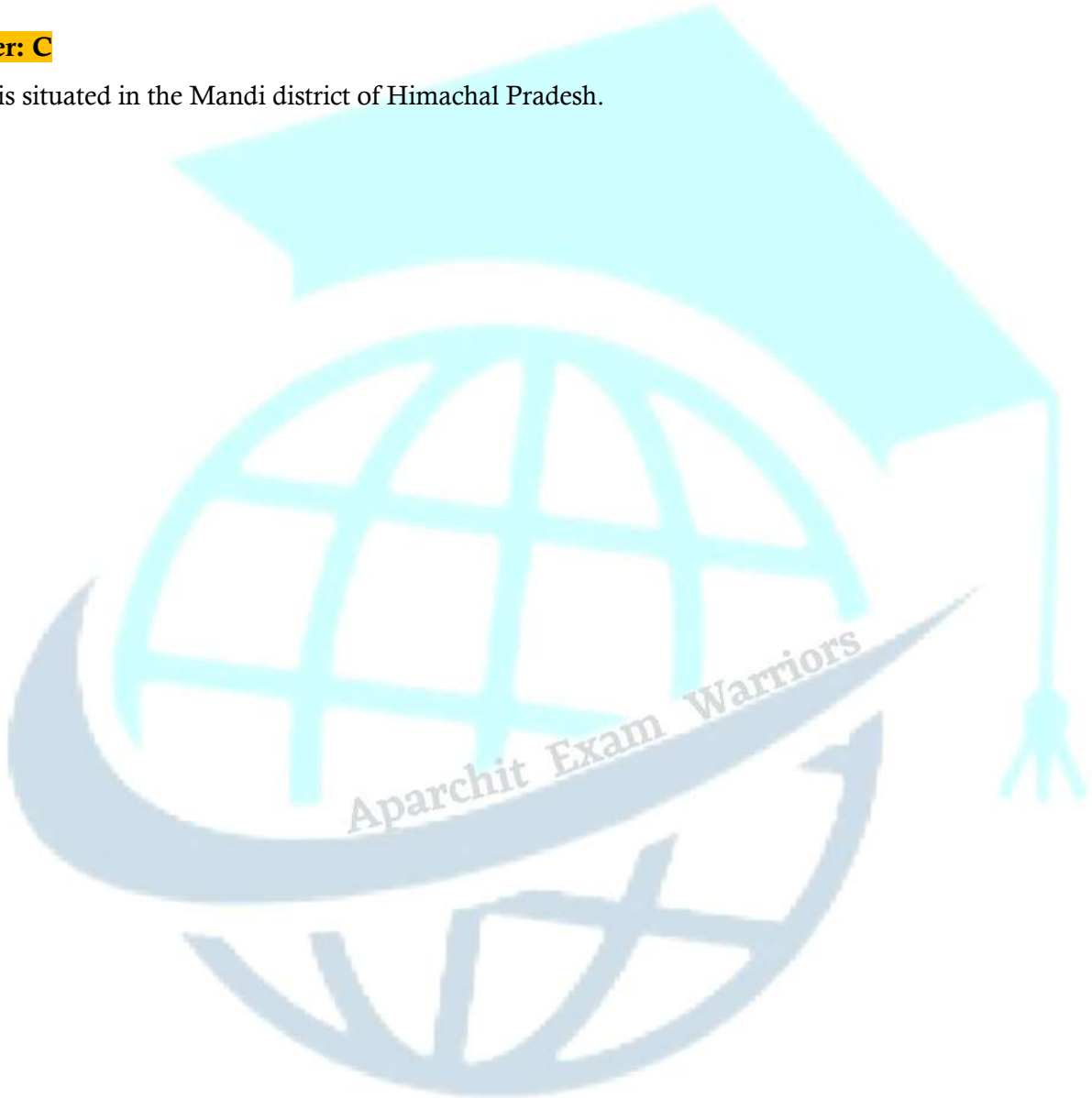
Q. 10. On which river is the Pandoh Dam constructed?

- A) Sutlej
- C) Beas

- B) Ravi
- D) Chenab

Answer: C

- It is situated in the Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh.





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