

Current Affairs September 2026

For UPSC, SSC, banking, railway and state PSC examinations. Every item is dated, checked at the source named with it, and written with the form the question takes. Checked 19 September 2026. Free from brolly — the same items are on the current-affairs pages, by day, week, topic and exam.

Economy and banking

Date	What happened	Why it is asked · source
14 September	No charges on UPI payments up to ₹2,000 and on RuPay debit cards, by notification. The Department of Financial Services notified on 14 September 2026, under section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 as amended by Parliament in August, that RuPay debit card transactions and UPI transactions up to ₹2,000 are prescribed electronic modes on which no bank or system provider may impose any charge, directly or indirectly, on the payer or the payee. The notification settles the question of a merchant discount rate on small digital payments: person-to-person transfers of any value and merchant payments up to ₹2,000 stay free, while charges become possible above that line.	The threshold (₹2,000), the statute and section (PSS Act s.10A), the two modes named and the date are the examinable details; the RuPay exemption carries no upper limit. (Ministry of Finance notification of 14 September 2026, as reported by SCC Online and agreeing reports (the e-Gazette copy was not retrieved).)
14 September	Retail inflation rose to 4.82 per cent in August 2026. MoSPI's provisional Consumer Price Index for August 2026, on the 2024=100 base, put year-on-year retail inflation at 4.82 per cent, up from 4.45 per cent in July, with food inflation (CFPI) at 5.95 per cent against 5.52 per cent; rural inflation was 5.23 per cent and urban 4.31 per cent. The rate stays inside the RBI's 2–6 per cent band but above the 4 per cent target the Monetary Policy Committee held the repo rate at 5.25 per cent to guard.	Headline rate, food rate, the direction of change, the new base year and the release body are asked. (MoSPI CPI press release of 14 September 2026, as reported by two agreeing sources (the MoSPI site is script-rendered).)
31 August	India's GDP grew 7.8 per cent in Q1 FY27. The National Statistics Office's first-quarter estimate for April–June 2026 put real GDP growth at 7.8 per cent, ahead of the RBI's 7 per cent projection, with real GDP at ₹81.36 lakh crore and nominal GDP up 10.3 per cent to ₹88.27 lakh crore. Agriculture and allied grew 3.6 per cent, the secondary sector 8.6 per cent and gross fixed capital formation 11.9 per cent against 5.8 per cent a year earlier.	The headline growth rate, the base year (2022-23), the release body (NSO under MoSPI) and the GFCF figure are the four things asked. (MoSPI press note, 31 August 2026.)
5 August	RBI kept the repo rate at 5.25 per cent for a fourth policy. The Monetary Policy Committee's 62nd meeting (3–5 August 2026) left the policy repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent with a neutral stance, by a unanimous vote, and raised the FY27 growth projection to 6.7 per cent with inflation projected at 5 per cent. The next meeting is on 5–7 October 2026.	Repo rate, stance, vote and the projections are standard banking-awareness questions; note the Governor, Sanjay Malhotra. (RBI monetary policy statement, 5 August 2026.)

Government schemes

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19 September	20th Rozgar Mela: more than 51,000 appointment letters at 45 locations. The Prime Minister distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly recruited central government employees at the 20th Rozgar Mela on 19 September 2026, by video conference to 45 locations; the recruits join the Department of Revenue, the Railways, the Home Ministry, Health and Family Welfare, Financial Services and Defence among others. With this edition about 12.75 lakh appointment letters have been handed over under the Rozgar Mela since it began in October 2022.	Edition number, the letters handed over and the cumulative figure are the recurring questions. (Prime Minister's Office, 18 September 2026.)

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18 September	A 100-week Nasha Mukta Yuva Abhiyan opened with a national pledge day. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports launched the 100-week “Nasha Mukta Yuva Abhiyan — drug-free youth for a Viksit Bharat” with a Rashtriya Sankalp Samaroh on 18 September 2026, organised with MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme across all 28 states and 8 Union Territories: mass pledges, signature drives and youth dialogues against substance abuse.	The ministry, the 100-week span and the implementing platforms (MY Bharat, NSS) are the details to hold. (PIB, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, 18 September 2026.)
16 September	Cabinet raised the EPFO wage ceiling from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000. The Union Cabinet approved raising the wage ceiling for mandatory coverage under the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 a month with effect from 17 September 2026 (Vishwakarma Jayanti), the first revision since September 2014. It brings more than 51 lakh additional employees under EPF, EPS and EDLI, with a five-year central outlay of ₹56,696 crore.	The new ceiling, the effective date, the 51 lakh figure and the three schemes (EPF, EPS, EDLI) are the examinable parts. (PIB / pmindia.gov.in, 16 September 2026.)

International

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16 September	India stayed 131st in the Global Gender Gap Index 2026. The World Economic Forum’s 20th Global Gender Gap Report, released on 16 September 2026, ranked India 131st of 145 countries with 64.5 per cent of its gender gap closed, unchanged in rank from 2025; Iceland led for the 17th year, followed by Finland and Norway. Globally 69.2 per cent of the gap is closed.	Rank, publisher, number of countries and the top three are what objective papers ask; UPSC may ask about the four sub-indices. (WEF Global Gender Gap Report 2026.)
12–13 September	India hosted the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi. Under India’s 2026 chairship the 18th BRICS Summit met at Bharat Mandapam on 12–13 September 2026 under the theme “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability”. The New Delhi Declaration, adopted on 12 September, called for UN reform, urged restraint in West Asia, condemned unilateral tariffs and sanctions and endorsed a BRICS incubator network and start-up innovation fund. China hosts the 19th summit in 2027.	Venue, theme, name of the declaration and the next host are the four facts; note that BRICS now has eleven members. (MEA / summit documents, 12–13 September 2026.)
8 September	The 81st UN General Assembly opened under a Bangladeshi president. The 81st session of the UN General Assembly opened on 8 September 2026 with Khalilur Rahman of Bangladesh as President, elected on 2 June 2026, under the theme “Restoring trust, managing transformation: a United Nations that delivers for all”. The high-level general debate follows in the week of 22 September.	Session number, the President and his country, and the theme are asked every year. (United Nations, un.org/en/ga/81/ .)
31 August – 1 September	SCO heads of state met in Bishkek for the 25th anniversary summit. The 26th meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 31 August – 1 September 2026, closing Kyrgyzstan’s 2025–26 chairmanship and marking twenty-five years of the organisation founded in Shanghai in 2001.	Host city and country, the anniversary and the outgoing chair; the 2025 summit was in Tianjin. (SCO Secretariat.)

Science and technology

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17–19 September	SEMICON India 2026 opened at Yashobhoomi on the theme “Silicon to Systems”. The Prime Minister inaugurated the fifth SEMICON India on 17 September 2026 at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi, organised by the India Semiconductor Mission, MeitY and SEMI on the theme “Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem” and running to 19 September: more than 600 companies from 52 countries, six country pavilions (Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Singapore and Sweden), twelve state pavilions and a “Sand to Silicon to Systems” value-chain walk-through. Twelve projects stand approved under the Semicon India programme and three of the first-phase units have begun commercial production.	Edition, venue, theme, organisers and the six pavilion countries are asked; so is the count of approved projects. (Prime Minister’s Office note of 16 September 2026; inauguration confirmed by agreeing reports of 17 September.)
10 September	A 400-kW gyrotron was commissioned on the SST-1 tokamak. The Institute for Plasma Research, Gandhinagar, commissioned an 82.6 GHz, 400 kW gyrotron and integrated it with SST-1, the Steady State Superconducting Tokamak, on 10 September 2026. The gyrotron is a high-power microwave source for electron cyclotron resonance heating of the plasma, an upgrade on the earlier 42 GHz system, and supports India’s work under the international ITER project.	The institute, the tokamak’s name, the frequency and the ITER connection are what a science question uses. (Institute for Plasma Research, 10 September 2026.)
4 September	GSLV-F17 launched EOS-05, India’s first geosynchronous imaging satellite. In the early hours of 4 September 2026 GSLV-F17, the 19th GSLV flight, lifted the 2,367-kg EOS-05 (GISAT-1A) from the second launch pad at Sriharikota into a transfer orbit from which the satellite raises itself to geosynchronous orbit at about 36,000 km. EOS-05 is India’s first imaging satellite designed to work from geosynchronous orbit, for near-real-time imagery in disaster, cyclone, agriculture and weather monitoring, and it was ISRO’s first successful launch of 2026 after the PSLV-C62 failure of 12 January.	Vehicle, satellite name, orbit type and the “first” are the facts; the 2021 loss of EOS-03 on GSLV-F10 is the natural comparison question. (ISRO, 4 September 2026.)

Environment

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19–20 September	NGT hosted an international conference on environment and climate dynamics. The Prime Minister inaugurated the National Green Tribunal’s two-day International Conference on “The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics” at Vigyan Bhawan on 19 September 2026, bringing together judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, judicial representatives from 17 countries, state environment impact assessment and wetland authorities and legal services authorities to compare judicial approaches to environmental governance and enforcement.	The organiser (NGT, a statutory tribunal of 2010), the venue and the 17 participating countries are the examinable points. (Prime Minister’s Office, 18 September 2026.)
15 September	Six states signed the Kishau multipurpose project agreement. The chief ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi and Haryana signed the long-pending agreement on the Kishau Multipurpose Project in the presence of the Union Home Minister on 15 September 2026, ending a seventeen-year deadlock. The 232.6-metre concrete gravity dam on the Tons river, on the Uttarakhand–Himachal border, will store 1,562 million cubic metres, irrigate about 97,000 hectares and generate 1,476 million units a year; as a national project the Centre bears about 90 per cent of the cost.	River (Tons, a Yamuna tributary), the six states, the dam height and the 90:10 funding are the examinable details. (Union Ministry of Jal Shakti / state governments, 15 September 2026.)

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15–18 September	India hosted the World Circular Economy Forum for the first time. The 10th World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF 2026) ran from 15 to 18 September 2026 at the Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre in Gandhinagar, Gujarat — the first edition in India, organised with the Finnish innovation fund Sitra, which founded the forum in 2017.	Host city, edition number and the Finnish partner are the facts likely to be asked. (WCEF 2026 / Sitra.)

Defence

Date	What happened	Why it is asked · source
18 September	HAL handed the IAF two Tejas FOC twin-seat trainers and three HTT-40s. At Bengaluru on 18 September 2026, in the presence of the Defence Minister and the Civil Aviation Minister, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited handed over to the Indian Air Force two Light Combat Aircraft Tejas twin-seat trainers in the final operational clearance standard — the last two under the FOC contract — and three HTT-40 basic trainer aircraft, and delivered four Dhruv-NG helicopters to Pawan Hans, the first civil-certified version of the indigenous helicopter.	The aircraft names, the maker, the receiving forces and the “last two under the FOC contract” are the details questions draw on. (PIB, Ministry of Defence, 18 September 2026.)
18 September	Navy issued Stage II call-ups for the Agniveer 1/27 batch. The Indian Navy issued Stage II call-up letters for the Agniveer SSR, MR and Apprentice 1/27 batch — candidates who cleared the INET 2026 held from May — for download through the candidate login on joinindiannavy.gov.in, with Stage II at the naval recruitment establishments; the 2/27 batch call-ups are due in early 2027.	Recruitment-cycle fact for candidates; not a general-awareness question. (joinindiannavy.gov.in, 18 September 2026.)
15–28 September	Yudh Abhyas 2026 opened at Auli and Mahajan. The 22nd edition of the India–US army exercise Yudh Abhyas opened on 15 September 2026 and, for the first time, runs simultaneously in two theatres — the high-altitude Auli in Uttarakhand and the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan — with about 600 soldiers a side, the US contingent drawn from the 11th Airborne Division. Training includes a brigade command-post exercise, mountain and cold-weather operations, counter-drone training and live firing with HIMARS; it closes on 28 September.	Partner country, edition, the two locations and the “first time in two theatres” are the examinable details. (US Army / Indian Army, 15 September 2026.)

Awards

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31 August	Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026 went to Tommy Koh, Runa Khan and Bo Kyi. The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation named three laureates for the 68th awards on 31 August 2026, the birth anniversary of the former Philippine President: Singapore’s diplomat Tommy Koh, who chaired the negotiations that produced the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea; Bangladesh’s Runa Khan, for humanitarian work among river and climate-vulnerable communities; and Myanmar’s Bo Kyi, for human-rights work. The ceremony is on 15 November 2026 in Manila.	Often called Asia’s Nobel; names, countries and fields are asked, as is the absence of an Indian laureate this year. (Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, 31 August 2026.)

Sports

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19 September – 4 October	Asian Games 2026 open in Aichi-Nagoya with 496 Indian athletes. The 20th Asian Games run from 19 September to 4 October 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with the opening ceremony at the Mizuho Park athletic stadium in Nagoya. India is sending 496 athletes — 264 men and 232 women — across 36 sports, including P. V. Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu, Murali Sreeshankar and the men's and women's hockey, cricket and kabaddi teams. At Hangzhou 2022 India won a record 107 medals including 28 gold.	Host city and country, dates, edition, India's contingent and the Hangzhou tally are asked before and after the Games; the medal table will be asked afterwards. (Indian Olympic Association / Aichi-Nagoya 2026 organising committee.)
13 September	India won the Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026. India beat Sri Lanka in the final of the Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026 in Dubai on 13 September 2026, with an opening stand from Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana setting up a comfortable win — India's eighth Asia Cup title and fourth in the T20 format.	Winner, runner-up, venue and the title count are the question. (ESPNcricinfo match report, 13 September 2026.)
12–13 September	Zverev and Rybakina won the US Open 2026. Alexander Zverev beat Ben Shelton 6–3, 7–6(2), 5–7, 6–2 to win the men's singles at the 2026 US Open, the first German man to win it since Boris Becker in 1989; Elena Rybakina beat the two-time defending champion Aryna Sabalenka 6–4, 5–7, 6–2 for the women's title.	Grand Slam winners are a fixture of SSC and bank general-awareness papers. (US Open 2026 results.)

Days and themes

Date	What happened	Why it is asked · source
17 September	World Patient Safety Day 2026: "Safe care for noncommunicable diseases". World Patient Safety Day, observed on 17 September since its creation by the World Health Assembly in 2019, took the 2026 theme "Safe care for noncommunicable diseases" with the slogan "Safe care for life!"; the 2025 theme was safe care for every newborn and every child.	Day, theme and the founding body (World Health Assembly, 2019) are asked. (World Health Organization.)
16 September	World Ozone Day 2026 marked ten years of the Kigali Amendment. The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer on 16 September 2026 carried the theme "Global action for a cooler planet — celebrating 10 years of sustainable cooling under the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol". The Kigali Amendment of 2016 phases down hydrofluorocarbons; the Montreal Protocol itself was signed on 16 September 1987.	Theme, the Kigali Amendment's year and purpose, and the Montreal Protocol date are the recurring questions. (UNEP OzonAction.)
14–17 September	Hindi Diwas, Engineers' Day, International Day of Democracy and Vishwakarma Jayanti. Hindi Diwas on 14 September marks the Constituent Assembly's adoption of Hindi as the official language in 1949; Engineers' Day on 15 September is the birth anniversary of M. Visvesvaraya and coincides with the International Day of Democracy; 17 September, Vishwakarma Jayanti, is also observed as Sewa Divas and was the third anniversary of the PM Vishwakarma scheme launched in 2023.	Dates and their reasons — the 1949 decision, Visvesvaraya, the PM Vishwakarma launch year — are static-plus-current questions. (Government of India observances.)

Exams and recruitment

Date	What happened	Why it is asked · source
16 September	NTA's calendar fixed the December NET dates and proposed JEE Main, CMAT and CUET PG. NTA's examination calendar for December 2026 to March 2027, released on 16 September, proposes UGC NET December 2026 for 14–19 December (20–21 in reserve), the Joint CSIR-UGC NET for 20–21 December, JEE Main 2027 Session 1 for 22–24 and 28–30 January, CMAT 2027 for 7 February and CUET PG 2027 for 1–25 March; the calendar is indicative and each bulletin fixes the dates.	A dates question for every aspirant rather than a GA question; the calendar is not a notification. (NTA, nta.ac.in, 16 September 2026.)

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16 September	UPSC notified Engineering Services 2027 with 480 vacancies. The Engineering Services (Preliminary) Examination 2027 was notified on 16 September 2026 with 480 vacancies — Civil 199, Mechanical 85, Electrical 72 and Electronics and Telecommunication 118 — with applications to 6 October, the preliminary examination on 31 January 2027 and the main examination on 18 June 2027.	Recruitment fact; ESE 2026 had 474 vacancies. (upsc.gov.in, 16 September 2026.)
16 September	AIIMS opened INI-CET January 2027 registration; CAT 2026 closes 22 September. Registration for the INI-CET January 2027 session opened on aiimsexams.ac.in on 16 September and runs to 13 October, for the examination on 1 November; the IIMs extended CAT 2026 registration to 22 September (5 p.m.) for the 29 November test; GATE 2027 registration closes on 27 September (5 October with late fee) and IIT JAM 2027 on 12 October.	Deadline reminders rather than questions. (aiimsexams.ac.in; iimcat.ac.in; gate2027.iitm.ac.in; jam.iitkgp.ac.in.)
15 September	APPSC issued twenty brief notifications for 892 posts, including Group-I. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission published brief notifications 07/2026 to 26/2026 on 15 September 2026 under the state's 2026 job calendar — 892 provisional vacancies in all, led by Group-I Services (07/2026, 163 posts, applications tentatively 6–27 October) and Assistant Statistical Officer (20/2026, 196 posts) — with detailed notifications to follow.	Recruitment fact for the AP cohort; the Group-I detailed notification sets the scheme and the age reckoning date. (APPSC web note, 15 September 2026.)
14 September	NTA confirmed NEET 2027 will be a computer-based test. The NTA Director General confirmed on 14 September 2026 that NEET UG moves to computer-based testing from the 2027 cycle, following the Education Minister's announcement of 15 May and NTA's letter of 4 September asking AICTE to map CBT centres; the 180-question, 720-mark, +4/–1 pattern is expected to carry over.	The mode change, the year and the committee behind it (Radhakrishnan Committee, 2024) are the examinable facts. (NTA, 14 September 2026.)
12 September	SSC fixed CGL 2026 Tier 1 for 30 September – 30 October. An SSC notice of 12 September 2026 fixed the Tier 1 computer-based examination of the Combined Graduate Level Examination 2026 — about 12,256 vacancies, 28 lakh-plus applicants — for 30 September to 30 October 2026, with the exam-city intimation and admit cards through the candidate login.	Dates for the CGL cohort; the general-awareness section of Tier 1 draws on the current affairs of the preceding six to eight months. (SSC notice board, 12 September 2026.)

Current affairs quiz — September 2026

25 questions from the items above. Answer key on the last page.

Q1. The 20th Rozgar Mela of 19 September 2026 took the cumulative number of appointment letters distributed under the programme to about

- (A) 5 lakh
- (B) 8.5 lakh
- (C) 12.75 lakh
- (D) 20 lakh

Q2. The International Conference on “The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics” of 19–20 September 2026 in New Delhi was organised by

- (A) the Central Pollution Control Board
- (B) the National Green Tribunal
- (C) the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (D) NITI Aayog

Q3. The 20th Asian Games, opening on 19 September 2026, are being held in

- (A) Hangzhou, China
- (B) Aichi-Nagoya, Japan
- (C) Doha, Qatar
- (D) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Q4. The Nasha Mukh Yuva Abhiyan launched on 18 September 2026 with a Rashtriya Sankalp Samaroh is a campaign of what length?

- (A) 30 days
- (B) 100 days
- (C) 100 weeks
- (D) five years

Q5. On 18 September 2026 HAL handed over to the Indian Air Force twin-seat trainer versions of which aircraft, completing the FOC contract?

- (A) Sukhoi Su-30MKI
- (B) LCA Tejas
- (C) Rafale
- (D) Mirage 2000

Q6. SEMICON India 2026, inaugurated on 17 September 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, was held on the theme

- (A) Chips for Viksit Bharat
- (B) Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem
- (C) Design in India, Make for the World
- (D) Fab to Future

Q7. The Union Cabinet on 16 September 2026 raised the wage ceiling for mandatory EPFO coverage to what amount per month?

- (A) ₹18,000
- (B) ₹21,000
- (C) ₹25,000
- (D) ₹30,000

Q8. In the World Economic Forum’s Global Gender Gap Index 2026, India was ranked

- (A) 108th
- (B) 127th
- (C) 131st
- (D) 140th

Q9. The theme of World Ozone Day 2026 marked ten years of which agreement?

- (A) The Paris Agreement
- (B) The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol
- (C) The Kyoto Protocol
- (D) The Vienna Convention

- Q10. The Kishau Multipurpose Project, for which six states signed an agreement on 15 September 2026, is a dam on which river?
- (A) Giri
 - (B) Tons
 - (C) Yamuna
 - (D) Bhagirathi
- Q11. The 10th World Circular Economy Forum, 15–18 September 2026, was hosted in which city?
- (A) New Delhi
 - (B) Gandhinagar
 - (C) Bengaluru
 - (D) Helsinki
- Q12. Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026, held from 15 September, is a bilateral army exercise between India and
- (A) France
 - (B) Japan
 - (C) the United States
 - (D) the United Kingdom
- Q13. Under the Finance Ministry notification of 14 September 2026, UPI transactions up to what value may carry no charge from any bank or system provider?
- (A) ₹1,000
 - (B) ₹2,000
 - (C) ₹5,000
 - (D) ₹10,000
- Q14. India's CPI-based retail inflation for August 2026, released by MoSPI in September, was
- (A) 4.45 per cent
 - (B) 4.82 per cent
 - (C) 5.25 per cent
 - (D) 5.95 per cent
- Q15. From which cycle will NEET UG be conducted as a computer-based test, as confirmed by NTA in September 2026?
- (A) NEET 2026
 - (B) NEET 2027
 - (C) NEET 2028
 - (D) NEET 2030
- Q16. India won the Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026 on 13 September by defeating which team in the final?
- (A) Pakistan
 - (B) Bangladesh
 - (C) Sri Lanka
 - (D) Australia
- Q17. Who won the women's singles title at the 2026 US Open?
- (A) Aryna Sabalenka
 - (B) Iga Świątek
 - (C) Elena Rybakina
 - (D) Coco Gauff
- Q18. The 18th BRICS Summit of 12–13 September 2026 was held in
- (A) Rio de Janeiro
 - (B) Kazan
 - (C) New Delhi
 - (D) Johannesburg
- Q19. The 82.6 GHz gyrotron commissioned in September 2026 for plasma heating was installed at which facility?
- (A) BARC, Mumbai
 - (B) Institute for Plasma Research, Gandhinagar
 - (C) IUAC, New Delhi
 - (D) VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram

- Q20. Who is the President of the 81st session of the UN General Assembly, which opened on 8 September 2026?
- (A) Annalena Baerbock (Germany)
 - (B) Khalilur Rahman (Bangladesh)
 - (C) Philemon Yang (Cameroon)
 - (D) Dennis Francis (Trinidad and Tobago)
- Q21. EOS-05 (GISAT-1A), launched by GSLV-F17 in September 2026, is notable as India's first
- (A) Radar imaging satellite
 - (B) Imaging satellite operating from geosynchronous orbit
 - (C) Satellite launched from the third launch pad
 - (D) Satellite built entirely by a private company
- Q22. What was India's real GDP growth in the first quarter of 2026-27 (April–June 2026), as estimated by the NSO on 31 August 2026?
- (A) 6.7 per cent
 - (B) 7.0 per cent
 - (C) 7.8 per cent
 - (D) 8.6 per cent
- Q23. The 2026 summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's Council of Heads of State was held in
- (A) Tianjin
 - (B) Astana
 - (C) Bishkek
 - (D) Islamabad
- Q24. Which of these was a 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award laureate?
- (A) Tommy Koh of Singapore
 - (B) Sonam Wangchuk of India
 - (C) Muhammad Yunus of Bangladesh
 - (D) Ravish Kumar of India
- Q25. At its August 2026 meeting the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee kept the repo rate at what level?
- (A) 5.00 per cent
 - (B) 5.25 per cent
 - (C) 5.50 per cent
 - (D) 6.00 per cent

Answer key

- Q1. C. 12.75 lakh — About 12.75 lakh, with more than 51,000 letters at this edition across 45 locations.
- Q2. B. the National Green Tribunal — The National Green Tribunal, with judges and judicial representatives from 17 countries; the Prime Minister inaugurated it at Vigyan Bhawan.
- Q3. B. Aichi-Nagoya, Japan — Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from 19 September to 4 October 2026; India has sent 496 athletes across 36 sports. Doha hosts in 2030 and Riyadh in 2034.
- Q4. C. 100 weeks — 100 weeks, run by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme.
- Q5. B. LCA Tejas — Two LCA Tejas final-operational-clearance twin-seat trainers, with three HTT-40 basic trainers; four Dhruv-NG helicopters went to Pawan Hans.
- Q6. B. Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem — “Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem”, the fifth edition, organised by the India Semiconductor Mission, MeitY and SEMI, 17–19 September.
- Q7. C. ₹25,000 — ₹25,000, up from the ₹15,000 fixed in September 2014, effective 17 September 2026 and covering more than 51 lakh additional employees.
- Q8. C. 131st — 131st of 145 countries, the same rank as in 2025, with 64.5 per cent of the gap closed; Iceland was first.
- Q9. B. The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol — The Kigali Amendment, adopted in 2016, which phases down hydrofluorocarbons used in cooling; the Montreal Protocol itself dates from 16 September 1987.
- Q10. B. Tons — The Tons, a Yamuna tributary on the Uttarakhand–Himachal Pradesh border; the 232.6-metre dam is a national project with about 90 per cent central funding.
- Q11. B. Gandhinagar — Gandhinagar, Gujarat — the forum’s first edition in India, organised with Finland’s Sitra.
- Q12. C. the United States — The United States — the 22nd edition, run for the first time in two theatres at once, Auli (Uttarakhand) and the Mahajan field firing range (Rajasthan).
- Q13. B. ₹2,000 — ₹2,000, under section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007; RuPay debit card payments are charge-free without a limit.
- Q14. B. 4.82 per cent — 4.82 per cent, up from 4.45 per cent in July; 5.95 per cent was food inflation and 5.25 per cent is the repo rate.
- Q15. B. NEET 2027 — NEET 2027 — announced by the Education Minister on 15 May 2026 and confirmed by the NTA Director General on 14 September 2026, on the Radhakrishnan Committee’s recommendation after the 2024 paper leak.
- Q16. C. Sri Lanka — Sri Lanka, the previous champions, in Dubai — India’s eighth Asia Cup title and fourth in the T20 format.
- Q17. C. Elena Rybakina — Elena Rybakina, beating two-time defending champion Aryna Sabalenka; Alexander Zverev won the men’s title.
- Q18. C. New Delhi — New Delhi, at Bharat Mandapam, under India’s 2026 chairship; it adopted the New Delhi Declaration, and China hosts the 19th summit in 2027.
- Q19. B. Institute for Plasma Research, Gandhinagar — The Institute for Plasma Research in Gandhinagar, on its SST-1 (Steady State Superconducting Tokamak), India’s fusion research device linked to ITER.
- Q20. B. Khalilur Rahman (Bangladesh) — Khalilur Rahman of Bangladesh, elected on 2 June 2026; Baerbock presided over the 80th session and Yang over the 79th.
- Q21. B. Imaging satellite operating from geosynchronous orbit — The first Indian earth-imaging satellite designed to operate from geosynchronous orbit, giving near-real-time imagery; the earlier attempt, EOS-03 on GSLV-F10 in 2021, was lost.
- Q22. C. 7.8 per cent — 7.8 per cent, ahead of the RBI’s 7 per cent projection; 6.7 per cent is the RBI’s full-year FY27 forecast and 8.6 per cent the secondary sector’s growth in the quarter.
- Q23. C. Bishkek — Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 31 August – 1 September 2026, the organisation’s 25th-anniversary summit; Tianjin hosted in 2025 and Astana in 2024.
- Q24. A. Tommy Koh of Singapore — Tommy Koh, the Singaporean diplomat who chaired the UNCLOS negotiations, with Runa Khan (Bangladesh) and Bo Kyi (Myanmar); there was no Indian laureate in 2026.

Q25. B. 5.25 per cent — 5.25 per cent, unchanged for the fourth consecutive policy, with a neutral stance; the next MPC meeting is on 5–7 October 2026.

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