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Q1. Which Indian film became the first from India to win the BAFTA Award for Best Children's & Family Film in 2026?

- (a) Village Rockstars
- (b) Boong
- (c) The Sky Is Pink
- (d) Chillar Party

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Boong

Solution

- In February 2026, the Manipuri-language film Boong won the BAFTA Award for Best Children's & Family Film.
- It was honoured at the 79th edition of the ceremony held at the Royal Festival Hall, London.
- The film was directed by debutant Lakshmipriya Devi.
- Produced by Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani under Excel Entertainment.
- It became the first Indian film to win in this category at the BAFTA Awards.

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About the Film

- Genre: Coming-of-age comedy-drama
- Language: Manipuri
- Theme: A young boy's emotional journey to reunite his parents

Other BAFTA 2026 Highlights

- Best Leading Actor: Robert Aramayo (I Swear)
- Best Leading Actress: Jessie Buckley (Hamnet)
- Outstanding British Film: Hamnet

Q2. With reference to the XXV Winter Olympic Games (Milano Cortina 2026), consider the following statements:

1. It was the first Winter Olympics officially co-hosted by two cities.
2. Norway topped the medal tally at the Games.
3. India secured its first-ever Winter Olympic medal at Milano Cortina 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans.(a)

Sol. Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Solution

- The Milano Cortina 2026 were held from 6–22 February 2026 in Italy.
- Statement 1 is correct: It marked the first time two cities—Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo—officially co-hosted the Winter Olympics.
- Statement 2 is correct: Norway topped the medal tally with 18 gold, 12 silver, and 11 bronze (41 total).
- Statement 3 is incorrect: India did not win a medal, though Arif Mohammad Khan recorded India's best-ever finish in men's slalom.

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Top 3 Nations (Medal Tally)

- Norway – 41 medals (18 Gold)
- USA – 33 medals (12 Gold)
- Netherlands – 20 medals (10 Gold)

Host Nation – Italy

- Finished 4th
- Best-ever Winter Olympic performance (30 medals)

Sports Covered (16 disciplines)

- Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Cross-Country Skiing
- Snowboarding, Freestyle Skiing
- Ice Hockey, Curling
- Bobsleigh, Skeleton, Luge
- Figure Skating, Speed Skating, Short Track, Nordic Combined, Ski Jumping, Ski Mountaineering

Organised by:

- Under the International Olympic Committee during presidency of Kirsty Coventry

World Record Highlight

- Xandra Velzeboer set a world record in 500 m short track speed skating semi-finals.

Q3. With reference to the Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor inaugurated in February 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS).
2. The corridor is designed for a maximum speed of 180 kmph with an operational speed of 160 kmph.
3. Meerut Metro operates independently without sharing infrastructure with the Namo Bharat corridor.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans.(a)

Sol. Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Solution

- On 22 February 2026, Narendra Modi flagged off the Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
- Statement 1 is correct: It is India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS).
- Statement 2 is correct: The corridor is designed for 180 kmph with an operational speed of 160 kmph.
- Statement 3 is incorrect: The Meerut Metro operates on shared infrastructure with the Namo Bharat corridor, forming India's first integrated intercity and intra-city rapid transit model.

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Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor

- Length: 82 km
- Originating Station: Sarai Kale Khan
- Connects: Delhi, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Modinagar, Meerut

Meerut Metro

- Length: 21 km
- Stations: 12
- Operational Speed: ~120 kmph
- India's fastest metro system

Q4. In February 2026, the indigenously manufactured Td vaccine launched at CRI Kasauli provides protection against which of the following diseases?

- (a) Tetanus and Tuberculosis
- (b) Tetanus and Diphtheria
- (c) Diphtheria and Pertussis
- (d) Tetanus and Hepatitis B

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Tetanus and Diphtheria

Solution

- On 20 February 2026, Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the indigenously manufactured Td vaccine.
- The launch took place at Central Research Institute Kasauli.
- Td vaccine combines tetanus toxoid and diphtheria toxoid for dual protection.
- It replaces the earlier TT (Tetanus Toxoid) vaccine in many cases.
- Incorporated into India's Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).
- CRI is set to supply 55 lakh doses by April 2026.

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About Td Vaccine

- Protects against two serious bacterial infections
- Aligns with global health recommendations
- Strengthens routine immunization coverage

About CRI Kasauli

- One of India's oldest vaccine manufacturing institutes
- Functions under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Q5. In February 2026, NIPER Raebareli signed an MoU with Boehringer Ingelheim India and launched Cohort 2 of AMRITVA. In this context, which of the following institutions is responsible for implementing AMRITVA?

- (a) AIIMS New Delhi
- (b) IIT Kanpur
- (c) CSIR
- (d) DRDO

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) IIT Kanpur

Solution

- On 21 February 2026, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Raebareli signed an MoU with Boehringer Ingelheim India Private Limited.
- The MoU focuses on curriculum enhancement, industry exposure, guest lectures, and research collaboration.
- During the event, Cohort 2 of AMRITVA (Alliance for Medical Research, Innovation, Translation & Value Acceleration) was launched.
- AMRITVA is implemented by the Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.
- Five innovators were selected under Cohort 2 for grant support to commercialize research.

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MoU Objectives

- Industry-aligned curriculum
- Short-term training & workshops
- Expert interaction & innovation support

AMRITVA Highlights

- Focus: Research commercialization
- 3 faculty-led & 2 scholar-led projects selected
- Strengthens India's pharma innovation ecosystem

Q6. The nationwide awareness campaign 'Badhna Hai Toh Yahan Judna Hai', launched in February 2026, is primarily associated with which of the following platforms?

- (a) PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) Portal
- (b) Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH)
- (c) National Career Service (NCS) Portal
- (d) SWAYAM Online Platform

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH)

Solution

- On 22 February 2026, Jayant Chaudhary, MoS (IC), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, launched the campaign.
- The campaign titled 'Badhna Hai Toh Yahan Judna Hai' aims to accelerate India's digital skilling movement.
- It promotes participation in the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH).
- The campaign was unveiled during the India Artificial Intelligence Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi.
- Amitabh Bachchan was appointed as the Brand Ambassador for SIDH.

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About SIDH

- Mobile-first, AI-enabled skilling platform
- Industry-aligned and future-ready courses
- Personalized course recommendations

Key Features

- Aadhaar-based eKYC registration
- OTP-enabled login
- QR-code-enabled digital CV

Q7. In February 2026, Embraer and Mahindra Group announced plans to establish a Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India for which of the following aircraft?

- (a) C-17 Globemaster III
- (b) C-295
- (c) C-390 Millennium
- (d) IL-76

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) C-390 Millennium

Solution

- In February 2026, Embraer partnered with Mahindra Group.
- The collaboration aims to establish an MRO facility in India for the C-390 Millennium.
- The facility is subject to the aircraft's selection by the Indian Air Force under the Medium Transport Aircraft (MTA) programme.
- The proposed MRO will provide base & heavy maintenance, structural testing, avionics support, component overhaul, and training services.
- The C-390 has a payload capacity of up to 26 tons and is designed for multi-mission military transport roles.

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Strategic Context

- Strategic Cooperation Agreement (SCA) signed in October 2025
- Supports the Make in India initiative
- Focus on in-country sustainment & operational readiness

C-390 Key Features

- Multi-mission transport aircraft
- Payload capacity: Up to 26 tons
- Higher speed & operational range compared to other medium transport aircraft

Q8. Which Indian heritage site received the Award of Merit at the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2025?

- (a) Basilica of Bom Jesus, Goa
- (b) Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, Vasai
- (c) St. Francis Church, Kochi
- (d) Se Cathedral, Old Goa

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, Vasai

Solution

- The Our Lady of Grace Cathedral received the Award of Merit at the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2025.
- It became the only religious site from India to receive recognition in the 2025 edition.
- The announcement was made in Bangkok, Thailand, during the 25th anniversary ceremony.
- The awards are organised by UNESCO under four categories including Award of Distinction and Award of Merit.
- The highest honour (Award of Distinction) in 2025 was jointly given to:
- Sihang Warehouse (China)
- Iwami Ginzan Library (Japan)

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UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards 2025

- 90 entries from 16 countries evaluated
- 10 projects from 6 countries recognised
- Countries honoured: China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Vanuatu
- Nepal secured two Awards of Merit

Award Categories

- Award of Distinction (Highest)
- Award of Merit
- Award for New Design in Heritage Contexts
- Special Recognition for Sustainable Development

Q9. Who won the ITF W100 Bengaluru Women's Singles Title in February 2026?

- (a) Shrivalli Bhamidipaty Adkar
- (b) Sania Mirza
- (c) Hanne Vandewinkel
- (d) Jessica Pegula

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Hanne Vandewinkel

Solution

- Belgium's Hanne Vandewinkel clinched the ITF W100 Bengaluru Women's Singles title.
- She defeated India's Vaishnavi Adkar in the final (6–0, 6–1).
- The tournament was held at SM Krishna Tennis Stadium, Bengaluru (16–22 February 2026).
- Vandewinkel earned 100 WTA ranking points and USD 15,239 as prize money.
- Vaishnavi Adkar earned 65 ranking points and USD 8,147.
- Adkar became the first Indian woman since Sania Mirza (2009) to reach an ITF W100 final.

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Tournament Details

- Category: ITF Women's 100 (W100)
- Location: Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Ranking Points: 100 (Winner), 65 (Runner-up)

Q10. In February 2026, the Constitution of India was launched in which of the following regional languages on International Mother Language Day?

- (a) Gujarati and Tamil
- (b) Marathi and Telugu
- (c) Bengali and Kannada
- (d) Punjabi and Odia

Ans.(a)

Sol. Answer: (a) Gujarati and Tamil

Solution

- In February 2026, C. P. Radhakrishnan launched the Constitution of India in Gujarati and Tamil.
- The event was held at Uprashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on International Mother Language Day (21 February).
- Official translations are now also available in Boro, Dogri, Santali, and other regional languages.
- The initiative aims to promote constitutional awareness in citizens' mother tongues.
- He also launched the 8th edition of the Legal Glossary translating legal terms from English to Hindi.

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Significance

- Enhances access to constitutional rights and duties
- Promotes linguistic inclusion and democratic awareness
- Aligns with multilingual governance efforts

Legal Glossary (8th Edition)

- Simplifies complex legal terminology
- Useful for lawmakers, judicial officers, students, and researchers
- Translates English legal terms into Hindi

