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Q1. The stealth frigate 'Mahendragiri', recently delivered to the Indian Navy, belongs to which project?

- (a) Project 15B
- (b) Project 17A
- (c) Project 75
- (d) Project 28

Ans.(b)

Sol. (b) Project 17A

Solution:

- In April 2026, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited delivered the stealth frigate Mahendragiri to the Indian Navy.
- The ship is part of Project 17A (Nilgiri-class stealth frigates).
- It is the sixth ship under this project.

Information Booster:

- Other ships under Project 17A include:
 - INS Nilgiri
 - INS Himgiri
 - INS Udaygiri
 - INS Taragiri
 - INS Vindhyagiri
- Designed by Warship Design Bureau.
- Named after Mahendragiri peak in Odisha.
- Marks WDB's 100th vessel design milestone.

Additional Knowledge:

- Project 17A aims to enhance stealth, survivability, and combat capability.
- Stealth frigates use advanced radar-evading technology.
- Strengthens India's naval power and indigenous shipbuilding capability.

Q2. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the launch of PMGSY-IV in May 2026?

1. Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched PMGSY-IV in Odisha.
2. The scheme aims to improve rural connectivity in remote and underserved areas.
3. The funding pattern of the scheme is 60:40 between Centre and State.
4. The scheme is limited only to urban road development.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 4 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans.(a)

Sol. Answer

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

Solution

Explanation

- Statement 1 is correct because Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched PMGSY-IV in Odisha.
- Statement 2 is correct as the scheme focuses on improving rural road connectivity, especially in remote and underserved areas.
- Statement 3 is correct since the funding pattern follows a 60:40 sharing between Centre and State.
- Statement 4 is incorrect because PMGSY is a rural infrastructure scheme, not for urban areas.

Information Booster

- The launch took place in Rayagada district in the presence of Mohan Charan Majhi.
- Around 827 road projects covering 1,701.84 km were included.
- Nearly 898 habitations will receive all-weather road connectivity.
- Focus districts include Kandhamal, Koraput, Malkangiri, and others.

Additional Knowledge

- PMGSY was launched in 2000 for rural road connectivity.
- All-weather roads are crucial for economic development and service delivery.
- Odisha has many tribal and remote regions needing connectivity.

Q3. According to the report “Women and Men in India 2025” released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, what was India’s sex ratio at birth for 2021–23?

- (a) 904
- (b) 910
- (c) 917
- (d) 925

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer:

- (c) 917

Solution:

- The “Women and Men in India 2025” report was released in April 2026 by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- The report states that India’s sex ratio at birth improved to 917 (2021–23).
- Earlier, it was 904 during 2017–19, showing improvement in female survival rates.

Information Booster:

- Total Fertility Rate (TFR):
 - Urban: 1.5
 - Rural: 2.1
- Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education:
 - Females: Increased from 28.5 to 30.2
 - Males: Increased from 28.3 to 28.9
- Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR):
 - Rural female LFPR rose significantly from 37.5% to 45.9% (2022–2025)

Additional Knowledge:

- The report provides gender-disaggregated data on education, health, and employment.
- It helps policymakers track gender equality and socio-economic progress.
- Such datasets are crucial for evidence-based policymaking in India.

Q4. The ‘Khuarel’ mobile application, recently launched in India, is related to which sector?

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Disaster management
- (c) Healthcare insurance
- (d) Urban transport

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer:

(b) Disaster management

Solution:

- In May 2026, the Mizoram government launched the 'Khuarel' app.
- It is designed for real-time disaster response and coordination.
- Hence, it is associated with disaster management.

Information Booster:

- Launched in Aizawl by Lalnilawma.
- Developed by Mizoram State e-Governance Society.
- Key features:
 - Real-time reporting & communication
 - Offline functionality
 - Database of hospitals, relief camps, emergency contacts
 - Available in Mizo and English

Additional Knowledge:

- Helps coordination between public, SDMA, and DDMA authorities.
- Useful in remote and disaster-prone regions.
- Digital tools like this enhance early response and disaster preparedness.

Q5. Who assumed charge as Secretary (Defence Finance) in the Ministry of Defence in May 2026?

- (a) Rasika Chaube
- (b) Vishvajit Sahay
- (c) Ajay Kumar
- (d) Rajesh Kumar

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer:

(b) Vishvajit Sahay

Solution:

- In May 2026, Vishvajit Sahay assumed charge as Secretary (Defence Finance) in the Ministry of Defence.
- He succeeded Rasika Chaube.

Information Booster:

- He is a 1990 batch officer of the Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS).
- Previously served as Controller General of Defence Accounts.
- Has over 30 years of experience in financial management, procurement, and auditing.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Defence Finance Secretary plays a key role in budgeting and financial oversight of defence expenditure.
- The Defence Accounts Department ensures financial discipline in defence services.
- Such roles are crucial for efficient resource allocation in national security.

Q6. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the USTR Special 301 Report 2026?

1. United States Trade Representative releases the Special 301 Report annually.
2. India was placed on the Priority Watch List in 2026.
3. Vietnam was designated as a Priority Foreign Country (PFC).
4. The Priority Foreign Country category indicates the lowest level of scrutiny.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 1 and 4 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans.(a)

Sol. Answer

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

Solution

Explanation

- Statement 1 is correct because the United States Trade Representative publishes the Special 301 Report annually, reviewing global IP protection.
- Statement 2 is correct as India was retained on the Priority Watch List due to concerns over intellectual property protection.
- Statement 3 is correct because Vietnam was identified as a Priority Foreign Country (PFC), the highest level of concern.
- Statement 4 is incorrect because PFC represents the highest scrutiny category, not the lowest.

Information Booster

- The report categorises countries into Priority Foreign Country, Priority Watch List, and Watch List.
- Countries on the Priority Watch List include India, China, Russia, Indonesia, Chile, and Venezuela.
- PFC designation may trigger a Section 301 investigation within 30 days.
- The report mainly focuses on intellectual property rights (IPR) protection and enforcement.

Additional Knowledge

- Special 301 Report is based on the Trade Act of 1974.
- First published in 1989.
- PFC countries may face trade sanctions or investigations.
- Watch List includes countries with moderate IPR concerns.

Q7. Which of the following provisions has been introduced under the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026 notified by Ministry of Home Affairs?

1. Introduction of e-OCI cards
2. Allowing dual citizenship for minors
3. Fully online OCI application process
4. Mandatory electronic surrender of OCI cards

- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans.(a)

Sol. Answer:

(a) 1, 3 and 4 only

Solution:

- The Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026 were notified by Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Statement 1: Correct – Introduction of e-OCI (electronic Overseas Citizen of India cards).
- Statement 2: Incorrect – India follows single citizenship, so minors cannot hold dual passports.
- Statement 3: Correct – Entire OCI process is now fully online.
- Statement 4: Correct – OCI surrender must be done electronically.

Information Booster:

- Rules came into effect on April 30, 2026.
- Introduced a central digital database for OCI records.
- Covers registration, renunciation, and acknowledgements online.

Additional Knowledge:

- OCI provides lifetime visa and residency rights (not full citizenship).
- India does not allow dual citizenship.
- These reforms improve ease of governance and digital compliance.

Q8. India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) barrier-less tolling system was launched in which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer:

(b) Gujarat

Solution:

- In May 2026, Nitin Gadkari launched India's first MLFF barrier-less tolling system.
- The system was introduced at Chorayasi Toll Plaza on NH-48 in Gujarat.
- Hence, the correct answer is Gujarat.

Information Booster:

- Uses advanced technologies:
- ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition)
- RFID-based FASTag system
- AI analytics
- Enables automatic toll deduction without stopping vehicles.
- Reduces traffic congestion, fuel consumption, and emissions.

Additional Knowledge:

- MLFF is a key step towards smart mobility and digital infrastructure.
- FASTag is widely used for electronic toll collection in India.
- Barrier-less systems improve highway efficiency and travel time.

Q9. Which Indian state became the first to achieve a fully paperless judiciary in May 2026?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Karnataka

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer:

- (b) Sikkim

Solution:

- In May 2026, Sikkim became the first state in India to implement a fully paperless judiciary.
- The announcement was made by Surya Kant during a conclave in Gangtok.
- The system includes e-filing, digital case management, and virtual hearings.

Information Booster:

- Key components:
- e-Courts system
- Video conferencing (virtual hearings)
- e-Seva Kendras (eSK)
- NSTEP (electronic summons via SMS/email)
- Improves access to justice in remote and hilly regions.
- Reduces paper usage and administrative costs.

Additional Knowledge:

- Digital judiciary enhances transparency and efficiency.
- Supports ease of access to legal services.
- Aligns with India's push for Digital India and e-Governance initiatives.

Q10. Ishank Singh, who recently set a world record in open-water swimming, crossed which water body?

- (a) English Channel
- (b) Palk Strait
- (c) Strait of Malacca
- (d) Bering Strait

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer:

- (b) Palk Strait

Solution:

- In April 2026, Ishank Singh from Ranchi set a world record.
- He swam across the Palk Strait, covering around 29 km.
- The route connected Talaimannar to Dhanushkodi.

Information Booster:

- Time taken: 9 hours 50 minutes.
- Recognised by Universal Records Forum.
- Became the youngest and fastest swimmer on this route.
- The Palk Strait connects the Bay of Bengal and the Gulf of Mannar.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Palk Strait lies between India and Sri Lanka.
- It is known for strong currents and unpredictable weather, making it a challenging swim route.
- Open-water swimming tests endurance, navigation, and mental strength.

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