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Key Highlights of Today's Current Affairs:

- India's Digital Public Infrastructure: Global Impact
- Punah Bharan App: Groundwater Recharge
- BRICS Parliamentary Forum: Key Outcomes
- Khelo India: Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme
- CMPS: Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme
- Neeraj Yadav: Para-Athletics Legend
- Groundwater Management: Important Initiatives

World Stroke Day 2026

(29 October)

Q1. When is World Stroke Day observed, and what is the theme for 2026?

(a) 28 October – "Time is Brain"
(b) 29 October – "Every M1nute Counts"
(c) 30 October – "Act FAST, Save Lives"
(d) 31 October – "Prevent Stroke, Protect Life"

Correct Answer: (b)

29 October – "Every M1nute Counts"

Important Current Affairs

- World Stroke Day is observed globally every year on 29 October.
- Purpose: Awareness about stroke prevention, emergency symptoms and life-saving treatment.
- 2026 Theme: Every M1nute Counts.

Meaning of the 2026 Theme



Time is extremely important during a stroke because millions of brain neurons die every minute during an acute ischemic or haemorrhagic stroke.

F.A.S.T. – Stroke Warning Signs

Letter	Meaning
F	Face drooping
A	Arm weakness
S	Speech difficulty
T	Time to call emergency services

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Main Focus Areas

1. Rapid recognition of stroke symptoms.
2. Streamlined emergency stroke care pathways.
3. Mobile stroke units.
4. Availability of thrombolytic therapies (clot-busting drugs) in community hospitals.
5. Prevention through control of hypertension, diabetes and hyperlipidemia.
6. Smoking cessation and active physical routines.
7. Better rehabilitation and long-term recovery facilities.

World Stroke Day - 2026

Information Booster

Global Stroke Statistics & Medical Insights

2006
Established by
World Stroke Organization (WSO)

2nd
Leading cause
Of death worldwide

90%
Preventability
Up to 90% of strokes are preventable.

3-4.5 hrs
Golden Hour
Important treatment window.



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What is a Stroke?

A stroke occurs when:

- **Ischemic Stroke**: Blood supply to a part of the brain is interrupted or reduced.
- **Haemorrhagic Stroke**: A blood vessel in the brain bursts.

Both conditions deprive brain tissue of oxygen and nutrients.

Golden Hour



Seeking medical treatment within **3 to 4.5 hours** of symptom onset drastically reduces permanent brain damage.

Incorrect Options - Quick Revision

Option	Why incorrect?
A	Incorrect date; "Time is Brain" is a historical campaign sub-slogan.
C	Incorrect date; "Act FAST, Save Lives" is a general emergency protocol phrase.
D	Incorrect date; generic public health statement.

Los Angeles Olympics 2028

Q2. Which city will host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games?

(a) Los Angeles
(b) Brisbane
(c) Paris
(d) Tokyo

Correct Answer: (a) Los Angeles

LA28
LOS ANGELES 2028

LA28 – Important Facts

Host City	:	Los Angeles
State	:	California
Country	:	United States of America
Event	:	2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.
Dates	:	14–30 July 2028.
Awarded by	:	International Olympic Committee (IOC).
Awarded during	:	131st IOC Session.
IOC Session Venue	:	Lima, Peru.
Award date	:	September 2017.



Historical Milestone

Los Angeles will host the Summer Olympics for the third time.

Year	Event
1932	First hosting
1984	Second hosting
2028	Third hosting

Los Angeles joins London and Paris as three-time Summer Olympic host cities.

Unique Features of LA28

1. No New Permanent Venues: Use of existing stadiums, arenas and university facilities.
2. Examples: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and SoFi Stadium.
3. Introduction of five new/returning sports:
   • Cricket (T20) • Flag Football • Baseball/Softball • Lacrosse • Squash
4. First time Los Angeles will host the Paralympic Games.
5. Focus on sustainable transport, youth sports, energy efficiency and reduced carbon footprint.

LA28 Official Slogan : Stars Align

Q7. What is the official slogan unveiled by LA28 for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games?

(a) Games Wide Open
(b) Follow the Sun
(c) Stars Align
(d) United by Emotion

Correct Answer: (c) Stars Align

STARS ALIGN

Official LA28 Olympic & Paralympic Games Slogan

Meaning and Symbolism

- Pays tribute to Los Angeles as the global capital of entertainment, cinema and Hollywood stars.
- Represents the coming together of world-class athletic stars in Southern California.
- Symbolises unity, diversity, ambition and athletic excellence.
- Reflects LA28's sustainable and human-centred hosting approach.
- Highlights collaboration between athletes, cultural icons and local communities.
- Unveiled alongside dynamic digital emblem designs created by prominent athletes, artists and community leaders.

LA28 Information Booster

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Particular	Details
Host	Los Angeles, USA
Dates	14-30 July 2028
Previous Olympic hosting	1932 and 1984
Cricket return	After 128 years
Last Olympic appearance of Cricket	1900 Paris Olympics
Paralympic milestone	First Paralympic Games hosted by Los Angeles

Previous Olympic Slogans

Slogan	Associated Games
Games Wide Open	Paris 2024
Follow the Sun	Initial LA bid-phase candidate slogan
United by Emotion	Tokyo 2020
Stars Align	LA28

Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme:

1. The Ministry of Textiles has extended the tenure of the PLI Scheme up to FY 2033-34.
2. The turnover threshold for Round 4 of the scheme has been reduced to ₹100 crore.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

PLI
Production Linked Incentive Scheme

Statement-wise Explanation

Statement 1 – Correct

- The Ministry of Textiles, in coordination with relevant industrial nodal departments, extended the targeted PLI Scheme up to FY 2033-34.

Purpose:

→ Long-term investment stability for high-value manufacturing and hospitality infrastructure equipment.

Statement 2 – Correct

- The minimum turnover eligibility threshold for Round 4 has been reduced to ₹100 crore.

Purpose:

→ Encourage MSMEs and emerging domestic enterprises to participate.

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Why Were These Changes Made?

Extended Scheme Duration

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Long-term investment certainty

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Capital-intensive projects receive greater stability

Reduced Turnover Threshold

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₹100 crore

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More opportunities for smaller domestic manufacturers

Main Policy Objectives

1. Increase domestic value addition.
2. Promote import substitution.
3. Generate high-skilled employment.
4. Encourage technology upgrades.
5. Strengthen domestic supply chains.
6. Improve investor confidence and global competitiveness.

Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme

Information Booster

What is the PLI Scheme?

A financial incentive offered to eligible companies based on incremental sales from products manufactured in domestic units.

Core Goal

Transform India into a global manufacturing hub through:

1. Large-scale investments.
2. Resilient supply chains.
3. Domestic manufacturing growth.

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Key Sectors Covered



Electronics



Pharmaceuticals



Specialty Steel



Textiles



Solar PV Modules



Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Batteries



Automobiles

Expected Impact Mentioned in PDF

- Lakhs of direct jobs generated.
- Billions of dollars in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) encouraged.

Important Exam Facts

FY 2033-34
Scheme extended up to

₹100 Cr
Round 4 turnover threshold

Incorrect Options - Explanation

Option A (1 only)	Incorrect because Statement 2 is also correct.
Option B (2 only)	Incorrect because Statement 1 is also correct.
Option D (Neither 1 nor 2)	Incorrect because both statements reflect the policy modifications.

Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign

Q4. Who launched the 4th edition of the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign on 28 October 2026?

(a) J. P. Nadda
(b) Mansukh Mandaviya
(c) Prataprao Jadhav
(d) Anupriya Patel

Correct Answer: (c) Prataprao Jadhav

Prataprao Jadhav

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush.
- Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare.
- Launched the 4th edition on 28 October 2026.



Tobacco-Free India

Campaign Objectives

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1. Protect adolescents and young adults from nicotine addiction and tobacco exposure.
2. Create Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI).
3. Enforce COTPA regulations around schools, colleges and universities.
4. Use social media influencers, youth clubs, NSS volunteers and NYKS networks.
5. Prevent the spread of:
   - E-cigarettes
   - Vapes
   - Heated tobacco products
   - Flavoured smokeless tobacco

Tobacco Cessation Support

National Tobacco Quitline Services

1800-11-2356

mCessation

Digital tools to help active youth users quit tobacco.

Legislative Framework

Law / Programme	Important Details
COTPA 2003	Restricts smoking in public places, tobacco advertising and sales near educational institutions.
PECA Act 2019	Completely bans e-cigarettes and related activities specified in the Act.
NTCP	National Tobacco Control Programme implemented across States and UTs.

COTPA Important Distance:
Tobacco sales prohibited within **100 yards** of educational institutions.

TOBACCO-FREE YOUTH CAMPAIGN

QUICK REVISION



How Does the Campaign Work?

Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign – 4th Edition

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Educational Institutions
Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI)

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Youth Participation
Influencers • Youth Clubs • NSS • NYKS

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Awareness + Cessation Support
Quitline + mCessation

Important Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full Form
COTPA	Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act
PECA	Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act
NTCP	National Tobacco Control Programme
NSS	National Service Scheme
NYKS	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan
ToFEI	Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions

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Other Options – Minister Facts

Name	Position mentioned in PDF
J. P. Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports; Minister of Labour and Employment
Anupriya Patel	Minister of State in Health and Family Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers

Key Takeaways

- Campaign: Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign – 4th Edition (28 Oct 2026)
- COTPA: 100 yards restriction near educational institutions.
- Helpline: 1800-11-2356 | Tool: mCessation

Say No to Tobacco... Choose a Healthy Future!

Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS)

Scheme Statistics + Three-Statement MCQ

Original MCQ – Q5

Consider the following statements regarding the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS):

1. The Union Cabinet approved the scheme to establish a global container manufacturing ecosystem in India.
2. The scheme has a total budgetary outlay of ₹10,000 crore.
3. The scheme will run up to FY 2039-40.

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

Correct Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Scheme at a Glance

CMPS	Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme
₹10,000 Cr	Total budgetary outlay
FY 2039-40	Scheme duration
28 Oct 2026	Cabinet approval
2026-27	Budget announcement

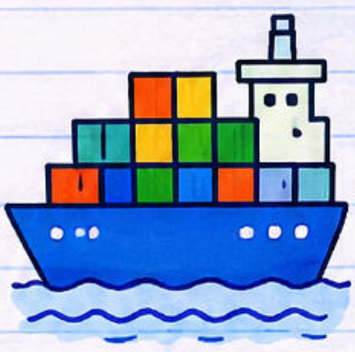
Important Details

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- Approved by: Union Cabinet.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- Objective: Establish India as a globally competitive container manufacturing hub.
- Reduce import dependence.
- Strengthen maritime and logistics supply chains.

Production Target

Increase annual domestic manufacturing capacity approximately **10 times** to **7.5 lakh TEUs.**



Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS)

Major Components of the Scheme

Component	Assistance
Interest Subvention Assistance	₹859 crore
Operational Expenditure Assistance	₹8,891 crore
Testing and Certification Assistance	₹150 crore

Scheme Structure

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Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme

- **Interest Subvention** ₹859 crore
- **Operational Expenditure** ₹8,891 crore
- **Testing & Certification** ₹150 crore

Correct Answer Explanation

All three statements are correct:

- Statement 1: Cabinet approval for global container manufacturing ecosystem.
- Statement 2: Total outlay of ₹10,000 crore.
- Statement 3: Duration up to FY 2039–40.

Incorrect Options

(A) 1 and 2 only : Statement 3 is also correct.

(B) 2 and 3 only : Statement 1 is also correct.

(C) 1 and 3 only : Statement 2 is also correct.

Neeraj Yadav : Para-Athletics

Sports Profile Card

Original MCQ – Q6

Three-Time Asian Para Games Gold Medallist Neeraj Yadav, who passed away, was associated with which sport?

(a) Discus Throw
(b) Javelin Throw
(c) Shot Put
(d) High Jump

Correct Answer: (b) Javelin Throw

Neeraj Yadav

- Three-time Asian Para Games gold medallist.
- Associated with Javelin Throw.
- Also competed in F55 category throw events, including Discus Throw.
- Won gold medals in men's F55 Javelin Throw and Discus Throw.
- Set Asian Para Games records.
- Experienced post-polio paralysis at an early age.
- Inspired aspiring para-athletes in India.
- Honoured with national sports awards for his contribution to Indian athletics.

F55 Classification

- F55 is a field-athletics classification.
- Athletes compete in a seated position.
- Full upper-body function.
- Severe movement limitation in the legs and lower trunk.
- May be associated with spinal cord injuries or polio.

Governing Bodies

1. World Para Athletics.
2. Paralympic Committee of India (PCI).

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India's Para-Athletics Achievement

India achieved its highest-ever medal haul at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games.

Throwers won dominant gold medals in:

Javelin • Club Throw • Discus

Other Options – Quick Notes

Discus Throw	Neeraj Yadav also competed in this event, but his headline achievement was associated with Javelin Throw.
Shot Put	Seated field event; Deepa Malik is mentioned in the PDF.
High Jump	T42/T63/T64 standing jump category; associated Indian medallists are Mariyappan Thangavelu and Sharad Kumar.

Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme

Original MCQ – Q8

Consider the following statements regarding the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme:

1. The Union Cabinet approved the scheme to establish a globally competitive sports goods manufacturing ecosystem in India.
2. The scheme has a total financial outlay of ₹1,856.67 crore.
3. The scheme has been approved for the period from FY 2026-27 to FY 2033-34.

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

Correct Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Scheme at a Glance

KHELO INDIA
Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme

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₹1,856.67 crore
Total financial outlay

↓

8 Years
FY 2026-27 to FY 2033-34

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Three Correct Statements

1. Union Cabinet approval.
2. Financial outlay: ₹1,856.67 crore.
3. Implementation period: FY 2026-27 to FY 2033-34.

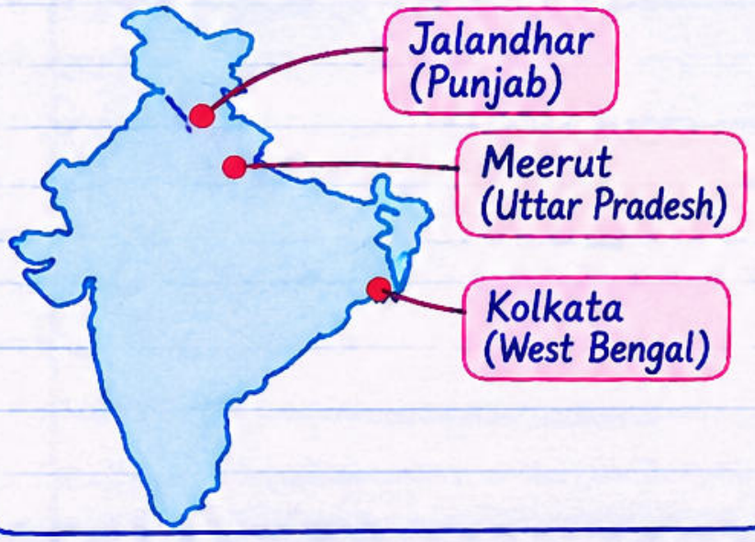
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Main Objectives

- Build a self-reliant, globally competitive and technologically advanced sports goods manufacturing ecosystem.
- Boost domestic manufacturing.
- Reduce import dependency on high-end athletic equipment.
- Position India as a global exporter.
- Support capital investment, technology adoption, skill development and testing infrastructure.

Khelo India: Manufacturing Clusters

Major Existing Manufacturing Hubs



New Specialised Clusters

- Inflatable balls.
- Protective gear.
- Athletic footwear.
- Composite equipment.

National Missions Linked With Scheme

- Make in India.
- Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- Khelo India.

Support to MSMEs

The scheme provides:

1. Capital subsidies.
2. Interest subvention.
3. Design development grants.
4. Quality certification assistance.

Information Booster – Sports Goods Industry

Major Indian Production Areas

Meerut and Jalandhar.

Major Export Destinations

- United Kingdom
- France
- United States
- Australia
- Germany

Scheme Focus Areas

- Automated precision engineering.
- Carbon-fiber composite materials.
- Eco-friendly athletic wear.
- Transition from manual craftsmanship to advanced manufacturing.

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2.5 Lakh+
Employment Potential → Expected direct and indirect employment for over 2.5 lakh skilled and semi-skilled workers across regional manufacturing clusters.

Incorrect Options – Explanation

- (A) 1 and 2 only : Statement 3 is also correct.
- (B) 2 and 3 only : Statement 1 is also correct.
- (C) 1 and 3 only : Statement 2 is also correct.

12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum

Original MCQ – Q9

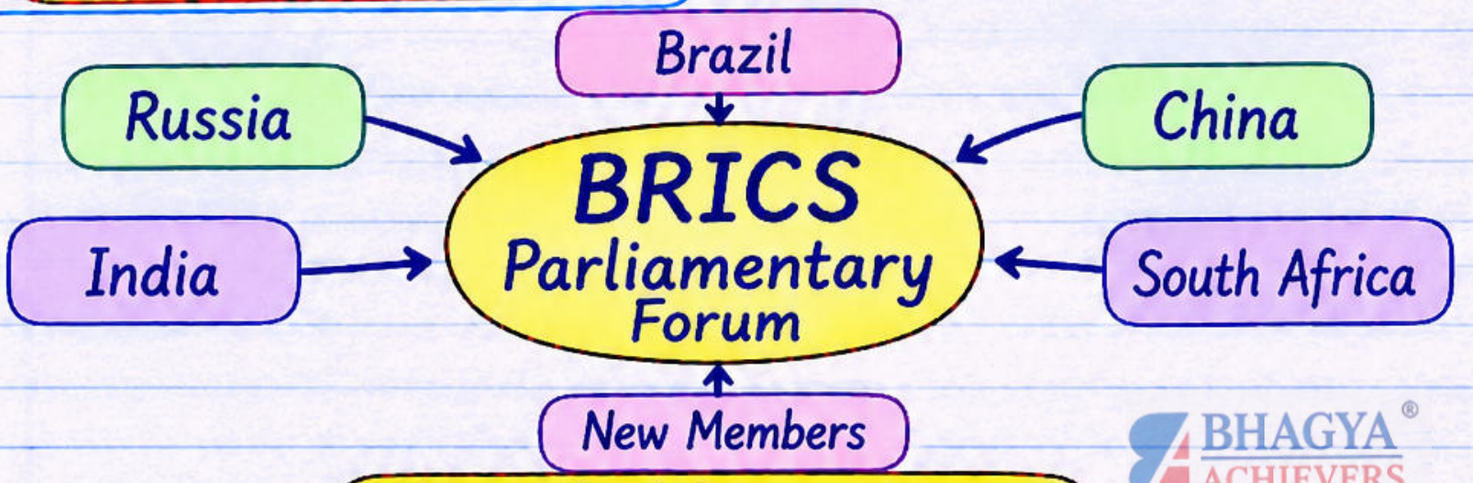
The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum concluded in which Indian city?

(A) Mumbai
(B) New Delhi
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Bengaluru

Correct Answer: (b) New Delhi

Important Event Facts

- **Event:** 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum.
- **Venue City:** New Delhi, India.
- **Hosted by:** Parliament of India.
- **Participants:** Parliamentary leaders, speakers and legislative delegations from member nations.



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Key Deliberations

1. Inter-parliamentary dialogue.
2. Multilateralism.
3. Economic integration.
4. Digital Public Infrastructure.
5. Harmonisation of trade legislation.
6. Reform of global financial institutions.
7. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
8. Climate change, food security and counter-terrorism.
9. Ethical AI regulation.
10. Cooperation following expansion of BRICS membership.

India's Digital Public Infrastructure

Examples Highlighted: UPI, Aadhaar, DigiLocker → These were highlighted as models for inclusive growth across Global South nations.

BRICS : Information Booster

BRICS Grouping

BRICS
Originally formed by five countries

- **B** – Brazil
- **R** – Russia
- **I** – India
- **C** – China
- **S** – South Africa

Expanded Membership (Mentioned in PDF)

- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Iran
- Saudi Arabia
- UAE

Parliamentary Forum – Role

- Serves as the legislative arm of BRICS.
- Promotes dialogue between lawmakers.
- Helps align domestic legislation with multilateral summit declarations.

Nodal Host

Organised under the leadership of the Speaker of Lok Sabha, Parliament of India.

New Development Bank (NDB)

- Multilateral development bank established by BRICS.
- Purpose: Funding infrastructure projects.

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Other Options – Quick Revision

City	Information given in PDF
Mumbai	India's commercial capital; hosts financial and G20 trade working group meetings.
Hyderabad	Technology and life sciences hub; hosts international technology conferences.
Bengaluru	India's Silicon Valley; hosts G20 finance ministers and technology summits.

Punah Bharan App

Technology Profile + Working Flowchart

Original MCQ – Q10

Which mobile application was launched by Union Minister C. R. Paatil on 28 October 2026 to support scientific groundwater recharge planning and sustainable groundwater management?

(A) Jal Shakti App
(B) Amrit Sarovar App
(C) Punah Bharan App
(D) Jal Jeevan App

Correct Answer: (c) Punah Bharan App

Important Launch Details

App	Punah Bharan App
Launched on	28 October 2026.
Minister	C. R. Paatil.
Ministry	Ministry of Jal Shakti.
Developed under	Central Ground Water Board (CGWB).
Purpose	Scientific groundwater recharge planning and sustainable groundwater management.

Key Features

1. Geo-spatial data for identifying optimal artificial recharge sites.
2. GIS mapping.
3. Aquifer mapping data.
4. Remote sensing imagery.
5. Real-time field data collection.
6. Monitoring of recharge wells, check dams, percolation tanks and artificial injection wells.
7. Coverage of over-exploited and critical groundwater blocks.
8. Citizens and local water user associations can geotag local water bodies and track groundwater restoration.

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How Does It Work?

GIS + Aquifer Mapping + Remote Sensing
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Identify Suitable Recharge Locations
↓
Plan Artificial Recharge Structures
↓
Field Monitoring & Data Collection
↓
Groundwater Restoration

Community Participation

Promotes Jan Bhagidari through citizen participation and local water user associations.

Linked National Campaigns

- Catch the Rain.
- Atal Bhujal Yojana.

Groundwater Management : Information Booster

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Important Organisations and Programmes

Organisation / Scheme	Important Information
CGWB	Central Ground Water Board
Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal)	Community-led sustainable groundwater management.
Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain	Campaign promoting artificial recharge structures before monsoon seasons.

CGWB – Nodal Body

Central Ground Water Board operates under the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

Atal Bhujal Yojana

- Central Sector Scheme.
- Focuses on community-led sustainable groundwater management.
- Covers priority water-stressed areas across 7 states.

Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain

Annual campaign promoting the creation of artificial recharge structures before monsoon seasons.

Other Options – App Comparison

App	Purpose
Jal Shakti App	General term associated with Ministry portals; not the specific groundwater recharge app.
Amrit Sarovar App	Monitoring construction and rejuvenation of 75 water bodies (Amrit Sarovars) in every district of India.
Punah Bharan App	Scientific groundwater recharge planning.
Jal Jeevan App	Tracks piped drinking water connections under Jal Jeevan Mission (Har Ghar Jal).

Most Important Exam Facts

28 Oct
Launch date

7 States
Atal Bhujal Yojana

75
Amrit Sarovars per district, as stated in PDF

CGWB
Nodal groundwater body

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