

# October 2026 Current Affairs

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## Q1 • Culture

**After three sites were added in October 2026, how many sites does India have on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List?**

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|-------|-------|
| A. 81 | B. 78 |
| C. 75 | D. 85 |

## Q2 • Sports

**How many medals did India win at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan?**

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|--------|--------|
| A. 108 | B. 110 |
| C. 114 | D. 120 |

## Q3 • Defence

**AUSTRAHIND 2026 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?**

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|-----------|--------------|
| A. Japan  | B. Singapore |
| C. France | D. Australia |

## Q4 • Defence

**In which Indian city was the 33rd edition of the India–Singapore naval exercise SIMBEX held in October 2026?**

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|-----------|------------------|
| A. Kochi  | B. Visakhapatnam |
| C. Mumbai | D. Chennai       |

## Q5 • Agriculture

**Which became India's first fully organic Union Territory?**

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| A. Andaman and Nicobar Islands | B. Lakshadweep |
| C. Ladakh                      | D. Puducherry  |

#### Q6 · States

**Which state unveiled "Thuli" as its mascot for rainwater harvesting awareness?**

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

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#### Q7 · National

**Which agency launched "Operation Trident" against transnational narco-financial syndicates in Assam, Mizoram and Manipur?**

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A. Enforcement Directorate (ED)        | B. Assam Rifles                   |
| C. National Investigation Agency (NIA) | D. Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) |

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#### Q8 · Defence

**The Improved Low Level Light Weight Radar (LLLR-I) procured by the Ministry of Defence is made by which company?**

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) | B. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) |
| C. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)       | D. Larsen & Toubro                  |

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#### Q9 · Agriculture

**The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses mainly focuses on which pulses?**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. Tur, urad and masoor   | B. Chana, moong and rajma   |
| C. Moong, lobia and matar | D. Chana, masoor and kulthi |

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#### Q10 · Awards

**Which Indian theoretical physicist received the Oskar Klein Medal in 2026?**

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| A. Thanu Padmanabhan | B. Shiraz Minwalla |
| C. Spenta Wadia      | D. Ashoke Sen      |

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#### Q11 · Defence

**Who released India's updated Land Warfare Doctrine in October 2026?**

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|------------------|------------------------|
| A. Amit Shah     | B. Rajnath Singh       |
| C. Narendra Modi | D. General Dhiraj Seth |

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#### Q12 · Defence

**National Infantry Day, observed on 27 October, marks the arrival of the Indian Army's first infantry battalion in which city in 1947?**

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|-------------|-----------|
| A. Jammu    | B. Leh    |
| C. Srinagar | D. Poonch |

**Q13 • Economy**

**In which city did the RBI inaugurate a new data centre and cybersecurity training institute in October 2026?**

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|----------------|--------------|
| A. Bhubaneswar | B. Hyderabad |
| C. Mumbai      | D. Ahmedabad |
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**Q14 • Environment**

**What is the main purpose of the Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory (AATAL)?**

- A. Studying deep-sea organisms
  - B. Testing nuclear reactor materials
  - C. Developing satellite navigation systems
  - D. Analysing atmospheric pollution and aerosol toxicity
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**Q15 • International**

**Which date was announced as Poland–India Partnership Day during Polish PM Donald Tusk's visit in October 2026?**

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|---------------|----------------|
| A. 26 January | B. 30 March    |
| C. 15 August  | D. 11 November |
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**Q16 • International**

**Which country is hosting the BRICS Summit in 2026?**

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|-----------|-----------------|
| A. India  | B. Russia       |
| C. Brazil | D. South Africa |
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**Q17 • Schemes**

**Which institution gave technical support for the upgraded National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) 2.0 app?**

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|-------------------|---------------|
| A. IIT Bombay     | B. C-DAC Pune |
| C. IISc Bengaluru | D. IIT Madras |
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**Q18 • Economy**

**What is the theme of India Chem 2026, held in Mumbai?**

- A. Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub
  - B. Make in India for Chemicals
  - C. Green Chemistry for Viksit Bharat
  - D. Chemicals for a Sustainable Future
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**Q19 · Science & Tech**

**Where is the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026 being held from 27 to 29 October?**

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi   | B. Yashobhoomi, New Delhi      |
| C. Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi | D. Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar |

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**Q20 · Defence**

**Swavlamban 2026, the Indian Navy's fifth innovation and indigenisation seminar, was held at which venue?**

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi | B. INS Hansa, Goa              |
| C. Naval Dockyard, Mumbai     | D. Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi |

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**Q21 · National**

**What is the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026?**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. Integrity Begins with Us     | B. Corruption-Free India  |
| C. Transparency for Development | D. Probity for Prosperity |

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**Q22 · Environment**

**Which country proposed the name "Arnab" for the cyclone that formed over the Bay of Bengal in October 2026?**

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|--------------|---------------|
| A. India     | B. Bangladesh |
| C. Sri Lanka | D. Thailand   |

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**Q23 · Defence**

**On 26 October 2026, the Defence Acquisition Council approved capital acquisition proposals worth about how much?**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| A. ₹2.12 lakh crore | B. ₹1.75 lakh crore |
| C. ₹1.25 lakh crore | D. ₹3.50 lakh crore |

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**Q24 · Defence**

**The 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus), attended by India's Defence Minister, is being held in which city?**

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|------------|----------|
| A. Bangkok | B. Hanoi |
| C. Jakarta | D. Cebu  |

**Q25 · Defence**

**SIMBEX, whose 33rd edition is in the news, is a naval exercise between India and which country?**

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|--------------|--------------|
| A. Singapore | B. Sri Lanka |
| C. Indonesia | D. Malaysia  |
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**Q26 · Schemes**

**According to reports on 28 October 2026, the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) has been extended and renamed as which scheme?**

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| A. PM Garib Kalyan Yojana     | B. PM Jan Dhan Yojana  |
| C. PM Samajik Sahayata Yojana | D. Atal Pension Yojana |
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**Q27 · Economy**

**The RBI is encouraging states to use which of these for programmable Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT)?**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| A. UPI Lite           | B. Aadhaar Pay          |
| C. RuPay credit cards | D. Digital rupee (CBDC) |
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**Q28 · Science & Tech**

**According to an October 2026 announcement, ISRO aims to have how many functional launch pads by 2029?**

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|----------|---------|
| A. Two   | B. Four |
| C. Three | D. Six  |
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**Q29 · Energy**

**Under India's updated flex-fuel vehicle rules, what does "E100" refer to?**

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A. 100% electric vehicles             | B. Euro-100 emission norm             |
| C. Fuel made predominantly of ethanol | D. A 100 km/litre efficiency standard |
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**Q30 · Science & Tech**

**What is the main objective of the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026?**

- A. Promoting research and turning innovation into practical applications
  - B. Selecting astronauts for Gaganyaan
  - C. Regulating AI start-ups
  - D. Hosting the national science olympiad
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**Q31 · Sports**

**Who won the men's Ballon d'Or 2026?**

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| A. Kylian Mbappé  | B. Lamine Yamal |
| C. Erling Haaland | D. Harry Kane   |
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**Q32 · Sports**

**Who won the Ballon d'Or Féminin 2026, her third women's Ballon d'Or?**

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| A. Alexia Putellas | B. Aitana Bonmatí         |
| C. Sam Kerr        | D. Caroline Graham Hansen |
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**Q33 · Schemes**

**The Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM-VGSY), approved by the Union Cabinet on 28 October 2026, mainly aims to strengthen which institutions?**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| A. Urban local bodies | B. Cooperative banks |
| C. Gram Panchayats    | D. Self-help groups  |
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**Q34 · Economy**

**What is the total outlay of the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS) approved by the Cabinet in October 2026?**

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|------------------|------------------|
| A. ₹5,000 crore  | B. ₹7,395 crore  |
| C. ₹18,690 crore | D. ₹10,000 crore |
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**Q35 · Sports**

**What is the outlay of the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme approved by the Cabinet on 28 October 2026?**

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| A. ₹857 crore   | B. ₹1,856.67 crore |
| C. ₹1,130 crore | D. ₹3,644 crore    |
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**Q36 · Economy**

**By how many percentage points did the Cabinet raise Dearness Allowance (DA) for central government employees on 28 October 2026?**

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|------|------|
| A. 2 | B. 4 |
| C. 3 | D. 5 |
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**Q37 · Environment**

**Cyclone Arnab made landfall on 28 October 2026 near which place?**

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|-------------|----------|
| A. Kakinada | B. Puri  |
| C. Chennai  | D. Digha |

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**Q38 · Defence**

**INS Sahyadri reached Busan for the IN-RoKN naval exercise. "RoKN" is the navy of which country?**

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|--------------|----------------|
| A. Japan     | B. Russia      |
| C. Indonesia | D. South Korea |

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**Q39 · Environment**

**Cyrtodactylus dimensis, a newly described species, is a:**

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|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A. Tree frog from the Western Ghats           | B. Gecko from Assam             |
| C. Freshwater turtle from the Andaman Islands | D. Snake from the Eastern Ghats |

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**Q40 · National**

**Kittur, where a Chennamma Freedom Park has been announced, is in which state?**

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|--------------|-------------------|
| A. Karnataka | B. Tamil Nadu     |
| C. Telangana | D. Andhra Pradesh |

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**Q41 · Schemes**

**From where did the Prime Minister release the 24th instalment of PM-KISAN on 30 October 2026?**

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh | B. Bhagalpur, Bihar              |
| C. Guwahati, Assam         | D. Bhildi, Banaskantha (Gujarat) |

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**Q42 · Schemes**

**How much does an eligible farmer family receive in a year under PM-KISAN?**

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|-----------|------------|
| A. ₹2,000 | B. ₹6,000  |
| C. ₹4,000 | D. ₹12,000 |

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**Q43 · Awards**

**Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar of flydubai has been given which UAE honour?**

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Order of Zayed                | B. Order of the Union    |
| C. First Class Order of Zayed II | D. Medal of Independence |

**Q44 · Energy**

**Where was the 29th Energy Technology Meet (ETM 2026) held?**

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|--------------|--------------|
| A. Goa       | B. Mumbai    |
| C. Hyderabad | D. New Delhi |
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**Q45 · International**

**India will host the first SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum in November 2026 in which city?**

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|-------------|--------------|
| A. Kolkata  | B. Mumbai    |
| C. Varanasi | D. New Delhi |
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**Q46 · Defence**

**Where is the 11th edition of Exercise Garuda Shakti, the India–Indonesia special forces exercise, being held?**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh | B. Banyuwangi, East Java |
| C. Jakarta                  | D. Port Blair            |
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**Q47 · Sports**

**Which state is hosting the 9th Men's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament in 2026?**

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|--------------|---------------|
| A. Punjab    | B. Odisha     |
| C. Jharkhand | D. Tamil Nadu |
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**Q48 · Important Days**

**In India, World Thrift Day is observed on 30 October instead of 31 October. Why?**

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| A. It is the RBI's foundation day | B. The UN changed the date for India               |
| C. 31 October is a bank holiday   | D. 31 October is Indira Gandhi's death anniversary |
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**Q49 · Personalities**

**Born on 30 October 1909, who is known as the father of India's nuclear programme?**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| A. Homi J. Bhabha       | B. Vikram Sarabhai |
| C. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam | D. Raja Ramanna    |
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**Q50 · Important Days**

**Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), observed on 31 October, marks the birth anniversary of:**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| A. Lal Bahadur Shastri      | B. Subhas Chandra Bose |
| C. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel | D. Dr B. R. Ambedkar   |
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**Q51 · Defence**

**Who took charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force on 31 October 2026?**

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A. Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor          | B. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit     |
| C. Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh | D. Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari |
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**Q52 · Science & Tech**

**The NVS-03 satellite, placed in orbit by ISRO's GSLV-F18, is part of which Indian system?**

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|----------|-----------|
| A. GAGAN | B. Bhuvan |
| C. NavIC | D. NISAR  |
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**Q53 · Defence**

**The Cabinet Committee on Security approved 8 Next-Generation Corvettes worth over ₹40,000 crore. GRSE will build five; which shipyard will build the other three?**

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. Goa Shipyard Limited | B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders |
| C. Cochin Shipyard      | D. Hindustan Shipyard        |
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**Q54 · Economy**

**According to World Bank data released in October 2026, what was the extreme poverty rate in India in 2023?**

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|---------|---------|
| A. 1.2% | B. 4.5% |
| C. 7.8% | D. 2.6% |
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**Q55 · Economy**

**The Centre's fiscal deficit at the end of September 2026 was 42.1% of the budget estimate. What is the fiscal deficit target for FY27 as a share of GDP?**

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|---------|---------|
| A. 3.9% | B. 4.3% |
| C. 4.8% | D. 5.1% |
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**Q56 · Economy**

**Who chairs the High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat, set up to suggest reforms within six months?**

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|--------------------|----------------|
| A. K. V. Kamath    | B. Bimal Jalan |
| C. Suresh N. Patel | D. Y. V. Reddy |
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**Q57 · Culture**

**Which museum was ranked the best in Asia and ninth in the world in a 2026 list of the world's 100 best museums?**

- A. National Museum, New Delhi
  - B. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai
  - C. Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad
  - D. Bihar Museum, Patna
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**Q58 · Culture**

**Chola-era bronze idols of Lord Nataraja and Goddess Sivagami were unearthed during excavations in which district of Tamil Nadu?**

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|-----------------|----------------|
| A. Nagapattinam | B. Thanjavur   |
| C. Madurai      | D. Kanchipuram |
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**Q59 · Environment**

**Dicharax tilariensis, a new species found in the Tilari region of Kolhapur district, Maharashtra, is a:**

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| A. Gecko                  | B. Frog            |
| C. Microscopic land snail | D. Freshwater crab |
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**Q60 · Important Days**

**Which city hosted the global observance of World Cities Day on 31 October 2026?**

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| A. Nairobi, Kenya   | B. Fuzhou, China   |
| C. Baku, Azerbaijan | D. Shanghai, China |
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## Answer Key

| Q. No. | Answer | Q. No. | Answer | Q. No. | Answer | Q. No. | Answer | Q. No. | Answer |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1      | A      | 2      | C      | 3      | D      | 4      | B      | 5      | C      |
| 6      | A      | 7      | D      | 8      | B      | 9      | A      | 10     | D      |
| 11     | B      | 12     | C      | 13     | A      | 14     | D      | 15     | B      |
| 16     | A      | 17     | D      | 18     | A      | 19     | C      | 20     | D      |
| 21     | D      | 22     | B      | 23     | A      | 24     | D      | 25     | A      |
| 26     | C      | 27     | D      | 28     | B      | 29     | C      | 30     | A      |
| 31     | D      | 32     | A      | 33     | C      | 34     | D      | 35     | B      |
| 36     | C      | 37     | A      | 38     | D      | 39     | B      | 40     | A      |
| 41     | D      | 42     | B      | 43     | C      | 44     | A      | 45     | D      |
| 46     | B      | 47     | A      | 48     | D      | 49     | A      | 50     | C      |
| 51     | B      | 52     | C      | 53     | A      | 54     | D      | 55     | B      |
| 56     | C      | 57     | D      | 58     | A      | 59     | C      | 60     | B      |