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India Current Affairs [Nation & States] MCQs

1. What is the name of Goa's newly announced third district?

- [A] Mandovi
- [B] Zuari
- [C] Kushavati
- [D] Chandrapur

Answer: Kushavati

Goa will create its third district named Kushavati, after the ancient Kushavati River flowing through southern Goa. The river reflects Goa's ancient geography, culture, livelihood, and ecological identity from historic times like the Chalukya dynasty. The district includes Sanguem, Dharbandora, Quepem, and Canacona talukas, with headquarters at Quepem. Usgalimal petroglyphs on laterite stones along the river show early human settlement thousands of years old. The district will have a new Zilla Panchayat (District Council) to improve governance and development.

2. Which public sector telecom company rolled out nationwide Voice over WiFi (VoWiFi) services in India in January 2026?

- [A] Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)
- [B] Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
- [C] Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL)
- [D] RailTel

Answer: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)

On New Year, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) launched Voice over WiFi (VoWiFi), also called Wi-Fi Calling, across all telecom circles in India. VoWiFi allows voice calls and messages over a Wi-Fi network using the same mobile number and dialer. It works well in weak mobile signal areas like homes, basements, offices, and remote regions. The service is Internet Protocol Multimedia Subsystem (IMS)-based, supporting smooth Wi-Fi to mobile handover. VoWiFi is free of cost, reduces network congestion, and supports rural connectivity with broadband access.

3. Which district in Uttar Pradesh is home to Purvanchal's first Yarn Processing Plant?

- [A] Baliya
- [B] Varanasi
- [C] Mirzapur
- [D] Bhadohi

Answer: Mirzapur

The first Yarn Processing Plant of Purvanchal will be set up in Mirzapur district, Uttar Pradesh. The plant will provide locally processed yarn to the carpet industry, reducing dependence on other states. The Mirzapur-Bhadohi belt is a major hub for handmade carpet production and export. The project is being developed under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model with an estimated investment of ₹8 crore. Local weavers and carpet manufacturers will benefit from lower raw material costs and timely yarn supply. The plant is expected to be completed by April 2026 and is supported by the Uttar Pradesh Textile & Garmenting Policy 2022.

4. Which city in Odisha has been upgraded from a municipality to a municipal corporation in January 2026?

- [A] Sundergarh
- [B] Puri
- [C] Sambalpur
- [D] Ganjam

Answer: Puri

Puri city in Odisha has been officially upgraded from a municipality to a Municipal Corporation, becoming the 6th city in the state with this status. The upgrade was notified by the Housing and Urban Development Department. Other municipal corporations in Odisha are Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur, and Rourkela. The move aims to improve civic amenities, infrastructure, and services for residents, pilgrims, and visitors. It will also allow access to central schemes for pilgrim centres and major urban areas. Four towns—Loisingha, Chandikhol, Jashipur, and Basta—were declared Notified Area Councils (NACs), and Berhampur Municipal Corporation jurisdiction was expanded.

5. In Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI's) new logo, what does the Ashoka Chakra symbolize?



- [A] Economic growth
- [B] Federal structure
- [C] Truth, transparency, and good governance
- [D] National unity

Answer: Truth, transparency, and good governance

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) unveiled a new logo and mascot to modernise its identity and improve public outreach. The initiative reinforces the role of official statistics in policy formulation, nation-building, and data-driven governance. The logo reflects the theme “Data for Development”, with the Ashoka Chakra symbolising truth, transparency, and good governance. The Rupee symbol (₹) highlights statistics’ role in economic planning and policymaking. The mascot “संख्येय” makes statistics accessible, relatable, and citizen-centric, used across surveys, campaigns, education, digital platforms, and public events.

6. National Investigation Agency (NIA) functions under which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Defence
- [C] Ministry of External Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: Ministry of Home Affairs

In 2025, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) achieved more than 92% conviction rate and key operational successes. The NIA arrested several terrorists and associates linked to the Pahalgam and Delhi attacks and filed charge sheets against seven accused, including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and The Resistance Front (TRF). Across 55 cases, 276 arrests were made: 67 jihadi, 74 Left-Wing Extremism (LWE), 37 Northeast insurgency, 28 pro-Khalistan, 11 gangster-related, 59 others. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) was established in 2008 after the Mumbai terror attacks to combat terrorism. The agency operates under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, with its headquarters in New Delhi, led by the Director-General.

7. Which state has become the first in India to constitute its 8th State Pay Commission?

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Assam
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Jharkhand

Answer: Assam

Assam became the first Indian state to constitute its 8th State Pay Commission before the 7th Pay Commission ends on 1 January 2026. The decision was announced by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Former Chief Secretary Subhas Das has been appointed as the head of the new Pay Commission. The move comes even before the Union Government’s 8th Central Pay Commission has started work. The 8th Pay Commission will revise salaries, allowances, and pensions of state government employees. Early constitution shows Assam’s intent to speed up the pay revision process. State employees and pensioners may get quicker clarity on future pay and pension benefits.

8. The Land Stack & Glossary of Revenue Terms was launched under which programme?

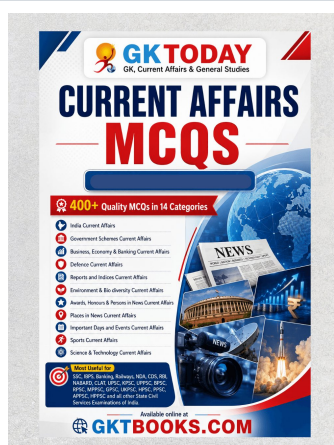
- [A] Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
- [B] Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme
- [C] National Land Records Modernisation Project
- [D] Bharat Land Information System

Answer: Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme

Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, launched Land Stack in Chandigarh and Tamil Nadu and released the Glossary of Revenue Terms in New Delhi. These initiatives are part of the Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme, aiming for modern, transparent, and citizen-centric land governance. Land Stack is an integrated GIS-based digital platform inspired by Singapore, the United Kingdom, and Finland. It provides single-window access to land and property information for citizens and government agencies.

9. Which city is currently aiming to become India’s first slum-free city with a population of 70–80 lakh?

- [A] Ahmedabad
- [B] Lucknow



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