



# Current GK – 13 Mar 2026 – Answer Key

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## Section: GK

Q1. हाल ही में समाचारों में उल्लेखित नीलगिरी वुड पिजन किस क्षेत्र का स्थानिक पक्षी है?

A) लद्दाख

B) छोटानागपुर पठार

C) पश्चिमी घाट

D) पूर्वी घाट

**Explanation:** हालिया अध्ययन के अनुसार, जलवायु परिवर्तन के प्रभाव से नीलगिरी वुड पिजन का आवास इस सदी के अंत तक पश्चिमी घाट के कुछ पृथक क्षेत्रों तक सीमित हो सकता है। यह भारत के पश्चिमी घाट का एक स्थानिक कबूतर प्रजाति है। इसका आकार अपेक्षाकृत बड़ा और रंग गहरा होता है तथा इसकी गर्दन पर विशिष्ट चेकरबोर्ड पैटर्न पाया जाता है। यह उच्च ऊंचाई वाले आर्द्र सदाबहार, नम सदाबहार, अर्ध-सदाबहार वनों तथा शोला वनों में निवास करता है। यह मुख्य रूप से नीलगिरी और अनामलाई पहाड़ियों में पाया जाता है, जबकि बिलिगिरिरंगन पहाड़ियों, नंदी पहाड़ियों और उत्तरी महाराष्ट्र में इसकी छिटपुट उपस्थिति दर्ज की गई है।

Q2. Where was the National Conference on Handlooms & Handicrafts 2025 held?

A) Jharkhand

B) Odisha

C) Madhya Pradesh

D) Gujarat

**Explanation:** The National Conference on Handlooms & Handicrafts 2025 concluded in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, reaffirming the vision of making India's handmade sector a key pillar of Viksit Bharat 2047. The conference was organized by the Ministry of Textiles. The two-day event united officials, experts, and policymakers from across India. The conference stressed the need to blend traditional craftsmanship with modern tools and technology to enhance productivity. The National Traditional Textile Mission (2026–31) was presented, focusing on federal cooperation, women-led growth, financial inclusion, and GI-linked branding.

Q3. Hayli Gubbi volcano, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

A) Japan

B) Ethiopia

C) Philippines

D) Japan

**Explanation:** Hayli Gubbi volcano has erupted after 10,000 years, sending a massive ash cloud towards northern India. It is located in Ethiopia's Afar region, northeast of Addis Ababa and close to the Eritrean border. It is a shield volcano situated in the Danakil Depression, one of the hottest and most remote places on Earth. Hayli Gubbi is the southernmost volcano in the Erta Ale range. The Erta Ale range is famous for persistent lava lakes and mainly consists of shield volcanoes. Hayli Gubbi has no previously recorded eruptions in modern history, making this event significant.

**Q4. The e–Railway Claims Tribunal (e–RCT) system was launched under which initiative of Indian Railways?**

A) Digital India Rail Mission

B) Mission Raftaar

**C) 52 Reforms in 52 Weeks**

D) Rail Suraksha Abhiyan

*Explanation: Union Minister for Railways launched e–Railway Claims Tribunal as reform number four under Indian Railways initiative “52 Reforms in 52 Weeks”. It ensures full computerisation and digitisation of Railway Claims Tribunal functioning. Objective is to make claim filing, processing and judgement faster, transparent and accessible across India. Passengers can file claims online from any location, even during travel or after reaching destination. Entire system from electronic filing to case tracking is digitised and Artificial Intelligence-enabled. E-Filing allows 24×7 online submission of claims, petitions, affidavits and supporting documents. Case Information System is centralised database for auto-allocation and real-time case tracking.*

**Q5. Where was “Shunya Se Shatak: Ek Shatabdi Atal Bharat Ki” programme held in December 2025?**

A) Shimla

B) Chandigarh

**C) Indore**

D) Varanasi

*Explanation: The commemorative programme “Shunya Se Shatak: Ek Shatabdi Atal Bharat Ki” was held in Indore to mark Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s birth centenary. It celebrated Vajpayee’s leadership legacy, commitment to sustainable development, and environmental protection. A statue of Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai was unveiled at the Daily College campus, reflecting India’s administrative and cultural heritage. The programme embodied the vision of “Atal Bharat”, stressing good governance, development, national pride, and environmental jurisprudence*

**Q6. Which telescope was used to discover the spiral galaxy “Alaknanda” ?**

A) Hubble Space Telescope

B) Spitzer Space Telescope

C) Chandra X-ray Observatory

**D) James Webb Space Telescope**

*Explanation: Researchers at National Centre for Radio Astrophysics – Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (NCRA–TIFR), Pune, discovered a new spiral galaxy named Alaknanda. It lies 12 billion light years away and shows a perfect spiral structure. The name comes from the Alaknanda River and the Hindi word for the Milky Way. The galaxy spans 30,000 light years, with two clear spiral arms around a bright central bulge. It forms stars rapidly, producing 60 solar masses per year. It resembles a young Milky Way, formed when our galaxy was only 10% of its current age. The discovery was made using National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)’s James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).*

### Q7. Which institute developed the Raman Driven Spin Noise Spectroscopy (RDSNS) technique?

- A) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru      B) **Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru**  
C) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai      D) National Physical Laboratory (NPL), Delhi

*Explanation: Scientists at the Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru have developed a novel, non-invasive technique to measure the local density of cold atoms in real time without disturbing their quantum state. The method, called Raman Driven Spin Noise Spectroscopy (RDSNS), overcomes limitations of conventional atom-imaging methods used in cold atom experiments. Cold atoms, cooled near absolute zero, are crucial for quantum computing, quantum sensing, and precision measurement, but traditional detection methods like absorption and fluorescence imaging are often destructive or slow.*

### Q8. Trade Enablement and Marketing (TEAM) Initiative has been launched under which scheme?

- A) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)      B) Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) Scheme  
C) **Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme**      D) Startup India Initiative

*Explanation: Trade Enablement and Marketing (TEAM) Initiative is a sub-scheme of Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP), a Central Sector Scheme. Total outlay is ₹277.35 crore for 2024–2027. It uses Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) to support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in e-commerce. MSMEs get access to Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) for online stores, digital payments, and logistics. The TEAM portal helps in digital registration and linking with Seller Network Participants (SNPs). It targets 5 lakh Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), with 50% women-owned. The scheme details were shared in Rajya Sabha by the Minister of State for MSMEs.*

### Q9. As per World Intellectual Property Organisation data, which country emerged as the world's largest research and development (R&D) spender in 2024?

- A) United States      B) Japan  
C) **China**      D) Germany

*Explanation: Global research and development (R&D) spending reached about 2.87 trillion US dollars in 2024, nearly 3 percent higher than the previous year. Since 2000, global R&D spending has almost tripled, as per World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) data. Asia accounted for around 45 percent of total global R&D expenditure in 2024. China became the world's largest R&D spender with about 785.9 billion US dollars, closely followed by the United States. The United States spent about 781.8 billion US dollars but saw a decline in its global share. India ranked seventh globally with R&D spending of 75.73 billion US dollars, more than three times its level in 2000.*

Q10. निम्नलिखित में से किसे सैय्यद वंश का अंतिम शासक माना जाता है?

A) खिज़्र खा

B) अलाउद्दीन आलम शाह

C) मुहम्मद शाह

D) मुबारक शाह

**Explanation:** अलाउद्दीन आलम शाह, जिन्होंने 1443 ई. से 1451 ई. तक सैय्यद वंश पर शासन किया, सैय्यद वंश का अंतिम शासक था। ऐसा माना जाता है कि आलम शाह के वजीर हामिद खान ने बहलोल लोधी को सेना की कमान संभालने के लिए आमंत्रित किया जिसने बाद में लोधी वंश की स्थापना की।



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