



Current GK – 23 Mar 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. Which Indian state recorded the highest GST growth of 37% during FY 2025–26 (up to December 2025)?

A) Assam

B) Sikkim

C) Nagaland

D) Manipur

Explanation: Nagaland recorded the highest Goods and Services Tax growth in India at 37 percent, above the national average of 6.8 percent till December 2025. The achievement was announced by Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla during the Budget Session of the Nagaland Assembly. Goods and Services Tax collections reached ₹987.38 crore by 31 January 2026. This exceeded the 2025–26 target of ₹949 crore. The figures show strong revenue performance and robust financial growth in the State.

Q2. India Meteorological Department (IMD) functions under which ministry?

A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

B) Ministry of Science and Technology

C) Ministry of Earth Sciences

D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Explanation: India Meteorological Department has forecast above-normal heatwave days across most parts of India from March to May. It was established in 1875. It is the National Meteorological Service of India. It works under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. The headquarter is located in New Delhi, with observation stations across India and Antarctica.

Q3. चोल वंश का शहर उरैयूर क्यों प्रसिद्ध था?

A) मोती

B) बंदरगाह

C) कपास

D) इनमें से कोई नहीं

Explanation: चोल वंश का शहर उरैयूर मुख्यतः उच्च गुणवत्ता वाले सूती वस्त्रों, विशेषकर महीन कपास (मसलिन जैसे कपड़े) के उत्पादन और व्यापार के कारण प्रसिद्ध था।

Q4. Which state implemented the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA) nearly 25 years after its statehood in January 2026?

A) Jharkhand

B) Bihar

C) Odisha

D) Chhattisgarh

Explanation: Recently, Jharkhand implemented rules under the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA) after 25 years of statehood. PESA is intended to give tribal communities greater control over governance in Fifth Schedule Areas. The law empowers Gram Sabhas to manage local resources, resolve disputes, and preserve customary practices. The implementation covers 13 districts fully, with partial application in three more. Tribal leaders welcome the law but caution that administrative control may dilute true autonomy. The success of PESA will depend on effective and respectful implementation at the village level.

Q5. रानी नाइकीदेवी को उस महिला के रूप में याद किया जाता है जिसने 1178 CE में _____ को हराया था:

A) मुहम्मद बिन तुगलकी

B) मुहम्मद अल-बकीरी

C) अल-सलीह मुहम्मद

D) मुहम्मद गोरी

Explanation: नाइकीदेवी गुजरात की गोवा में जन्मी रानी थीं, जिन्होंने 1178 ई. में मुहम्मद गोरी की आक्रमणकारी सेनाओं को हराकर वापस भेज दिया था। वह राजपूत चालुक्य (सोलंकी) शासक अजयपाल की विधवा थीं, जिन्होंने 1171 से 4 साल की छोटी अवधि के लिए शासन किया था। नाइकीदेवी ने अपने पति की मृत्यु के बाद अपने बेटे मूलराजा द्वितीय के लिए रानी रीजेंट के रूप में कार्य किया।

Q6. The Chavang Kut Festival is mainly celebrated in which state?

A) Manipur

B) Assam

C) Nagaland

D) Tripura

Explanation: The Chavang Kut Festival, a post-harvest celebration of the Chin-Kuki-Mizo communities, is observed every year on November 1 across Manipur. The festival marks the end of the harvesting season and expresses thanksgiving to the almighty for a good harvest. Chavang Kut was declared a State Holiday in 1982 due to its cultural significance. The festival symbolizes gratitude, unity, and harmony between humans and nature.

Q7. Which country proposed the new geopolitical grouping called the Hexagon Alliance?

A) Russia

B) Germany

C) Israel

D) United States

Explanation: Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu proposed a new geopolitical grouping called the Hexagon Alliance, with India at its centre. The alliance, also called the "Hexagon of Alliances," would include Israel, India, Mediterranean partners like Greece and Cyprus, and other Arab, African, and Asian states. It is designed to operate across three tracks: economic cooperation, diplomatic alignment, and security collaboration. For India, participation would expand its strategic footprint in the Mediterranean and West Asia, complementing initiatives like the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.

Q8. Which city is the host of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2025?

- A) Bengaluru
C) New Delhi
B) Chandigarh
D) Hyderabad

Explanation: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the curtain raiser for India International Science Festival (IISF) 2025. IISF 2025 will be held from December 6-9, 2025, at Panjab University, Chandigarh with the theme "Vigyan Se Samridhi" Science to Prosperity. The festival showcases India's scientific achievements and promotes public participation in innovation. The event features exhibitions, competitions, B2B meetings, and cultural programs to connect laboratories with society.

Q9. Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
C) Tamil Nadu
B) Karnataka
D) Kerala

Explanation: The 40th Asian Waterbird Census and 60th International Waterbird Census (IWC) will record bird species in Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary and nearby wetlands. Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Andhra Pradesh within the Godavari estuary, where the Coringa River meets the Bay of Bengal. It contains India's second-largest mangrove forest along with dry deciduous tropical forests. The Asian Waterbird Census is an annual citizen-science programme under the global IWC for wetland conservation. In India, it is conducted by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

Q10. Which cricket team won Ranji Trophy title 2025-26?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir
C) Madhya Pradesh
B) Karnataka
D) Saurashtra

Explanation: Jammu and Kashmir cricket team won its maiden Ranji Trophy title by defeating Karnataka cricket team at KSCA Rajnagar Stadium. J&K scored 584 in the first innings, while Karnataka managed 293. With this win, J&K joined teams like Vidarbha, Saurashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh in recent title winners, showing wider growth of Indian domestic cricket.



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