



Current GK – 09 Apr 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. Which organization released the Global Methane Status Report 2025?

A) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

B) International Energy Agency

C) **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

D) World Bank

Explanation: India, the world's third-largest methane emitter, faces pressure to cut agricultural emissions as global methane levels continue rising despite improved 2030 projections. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released the Global Methane Status Report on November 17 at COP30, Belem, noting that methane cuts remain far below the 30% reduction target from 2020 levels. India emitted about 31 million tonnes of methane in 2020 (9% of global emissions), with agriculture, particularly livestock and rice cultivation, as the main contributors. Current Indian climate commitments lack agriculture-specific methane reduction measures.

Q2. The Eligible Manufacturer Importers (EMI) Scheme has been launched by which organization?

A) Reserve Bank of India

B) **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs**

C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

D) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Explanation: Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has issued guidelines for the Eligible Manufacturer Importers (EMI) scheme. The Eligible Manufacturer Importers (EMI) Scheme has been launched by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). It is a trust-based facilitation measure for compliant manufacturers. EMI allows importers to clear goods without paying Customs duty at clearance. Duty can be paid monthly under Deferred Payment of Import Duty Rules, 2016. Scheme is valid from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028. It ensures faster clearance, priority treatment, ease of doing business, and promotes domestic manufacturing.

Q3. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) operates under which ministry?

A) Ministry of Defence

B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

C) Ministry of Space

D) Ministry of Home Affairs

Explanation: Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and Satcom Industry Association of India released cyber security guidelines for India's space ecosystem. The guidelines were unveiled at the DefSat Conference & Expo 2026 in New Delhi. The framework follows a "defense in depth, breadth and height" approach and integrates public-private perspectives. CERT-In operates under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, providing 24x7 incident response services. SIA-India represents India's satellite sector, including operators, manufacturers, startups, academia, and legal firms, to shape policy and promote global collaboration.

Q4. Which state/UT approved the Chief Minister Skill Development Scheme to support artisans of khadi, handloom, cottage industries in February 2026?

A) Rajasthan

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Ladakh

D) Delhi

Explanation: Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta approved the Chief Minister Skill Development Scheme to support artisans of khadi, handloom, cottage industries and unorganised sector. The scheme will be implemented through Delhi Khadi and Village Industries Board (DKVIB). In 2025-26, 3,728 beneficiaries will be trained with Rs 8.95 crore allocation, and Rs 57.50 crore is proposed for 2026-27 expansion. The first phase will focus on 18,000 tailors registered on the e-Shram portal. Beneficiaries must be 18 years or above, only one per family, with mandatory Aadhaar verification. Training will be for 12 days including Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP), with stipend, meals and toolkits.

Q5. 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 24x7 online submission of claims, petitions, affidavits and supporting documents. Case Information System is centralised database for auto-allocation and real-time case tracking.

Q6. Which state government has launched the e-Swathu 2.0 digital platform to regularise rural properties and boost state revenue?

A) Karnataka

B) Maharashtra

C) Kerala

D) Tamil Nadu

Explanation: Karnataka government launched the e-Swathu 2.0 digital platform to regularise 95 lakh rural properties and boost state revenue. The project is expected to generate ₹1,778–₹2,000 crore for the Karnataka government. It will strengthen Gram Panchayat (GP) income and improve property services. Amendments to the Panchayat Raj Act allow houses outside village limits to come under tax. The 2025 Tax, Rates and Fees Rules guide tax collection and layout approvals. Citizens will get digital e-Khata (Forms 11A and 11B) within 15 days through Bapuji Centres.

Q7. 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.

Q8. DESERT CYCLONE II is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

A) United Arab Emirates (UAE)

B) Israel

C) Russia

D) France

Explanation: Exercise DESERT CYCLONE II concluded at Al-Hamra Training City, Abu Dhabi, from 18-30 December. It was a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and UAE Land Forces, strengthening defence partnership and regional security. Training combined classroom instruction and field exercises, focusing on urban operations and sub-conventional operations under a United Nations mandate. Troops practiced urban combat, building clearance, IED awareness, casualty evacuation, first aid, heliborne operations, air assault missions, and platoon-level assaults. The exercise enhanced interoperability, operational synergy, and standardisation of tactics for future multinational operations.

Q9. What is the theme of the fifth National Conference of Chief Secretaries?

- A) Atmanirbhar Bharat
- B) Digital India for All
- C) Cooperative Federalism
- D) **Human Capital for Viksit Bharat**

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the fifth National Conference of Chief Secretaries. It was held in New Delhi from December 26–28, 2025. The theme is “Human Capital for Viksit Bharat,” focusing on developing citizens as human capital rather than just a demographic dividend. The conference aims to strengthen Centre–State cooperation and create a unified roadmap for inclusive, future-ready growth.

Q10. Which state government has recently imposed a complete ban on physical and mental punishment in schools?

- A) **Maharashtra**
- B) Gujarat
- C) Karnataka
- D) Kerala

Explanation: The Maharashtra government has imposed a complete ban on physical and mental punishment in schools, reinforcing Section 17 of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009. A new government resolution makes it clear that teachers, headmasters, and temporary or contractual staff cannot punish students under any circumstances. The order also prohibits verbal abuse, taunting, offensive language, and any behaviour causing psychological distress or inferiority among students. Discrimination based on academic performance, caste, religion, gender, language, disability, or socio-economic background will be treated as a punishable offence. Teachers are barred from non-academic communication with students through personal messages or social media.



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