



#### Q4. Which state is the host of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2025?

- A) Karnataka
- B) **Goa**
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Tamil Nadu

*Explanation: The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2025 will be held in Goa from November 20–28, continuing its legacy as South Asia's only FIAPF (International Federation of Film Producers Associations)-accredited competitive film festival since 1952. Japan is the Country of Focus, Spain is the Partner Country and Australia is the Spotlight Country, strengthening global collaborations. IFFI 2025 will showcase 240 films from 81 countries, reflecting strong global participation.*

#### Q5. Chhari-Dhand Wetland, which was recently added to the Ramsar network, is located in which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) **Gujarat**
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal

*Explanation: India added two new wetlands to its Ramsar network ahead of World Wetlands Day. Patna Bird Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh has freshwater marshes, woodlands, and grasslands, supporting high biodiversity. It is designated an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area by BirdLife International. Chhari-Dhand Wetland in Kutch, Gujarat, is a seasonal saline wetland between Banni grasslands and salt flats.*

#### Q6. Where was Asian Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championships 2026 held in India?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) **New Delhi**
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Chennai

*Explanation: The Asian Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championships 2026 started on 2 February at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Ranges, New Delhi. The event will last two weeks with elite athletes from across Asia. Events cover 10m, 25m, and 50m rifle and pistol disciplines. Seventeen countries are participating in the championship.*

#### Q7. Where was the 4th edition of Tulip Festival 2026 organized?

- A) **New Delhi**
- B) Chandigarh
- C) Dehradun
- D) Shimla

*Explanation: New Delhi Municipal Council organised the 4th edition of Tulip Festival 2026 at Shanti Path, New Delhi. The festival features nearly 5.5 lakh tulips and is held in collaboration with the Netherlands to strengthen bilateral ties. Indigenous tulips developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research bloom during Delhi's short winter and spring period. The initiative promotes local bulb cultivation, aligns with the "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision, and serves as a soft-power diplomatic tool.*

**Q8. Earths Rotation Day is observed every year on which day?**

A) January 7

**B) January 8**

C) January 9

D) January 10

*Explanation: Earths Rotation Day is observed every year on 8 January to highlight Earths continuous rotation on its axis. It commemorates the 1851 Foucault Pendulum experiment conducted by French physicist Léon Foucault. The experiment gave the first clear experimental proof that Earth rotates on its axis. Earths rotation causes the daynight cycle and influences climate and wind patterns. The day promotes awareness of basic Earth science and astronomy.*

**Q9. Which Indian has been nominated by the UN Secretary General to chair the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for the 202627 term?**

**A) DB Venkatesh Varma**

B) Vinay Mohan

C) Sanjay Verma

D) Pranay Sinha

*Explanation: Senior Indian diplomat DB Venkatesh Varma has been nominated by the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General to chair the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for 202627. This is the first time an Indian has been appointed as chair of the board, established in 1978. Indian diplomats have previously served as members, but never as chair. DB Venkatesh Varma is a leading expert on disarmament and Russia, with key roles in Indias Prime Ministers Office, including during IndiaUS nuclear deal negotiations. He also served as Indias ambassador to Russia, managing bilateral ties during Covid-era coordination and launching Indias Act Far East policy from Vladivostok in 2019.*

**Q10. A new groundwater fish species, Gitckak nakana, has been discovered in which northeastern state?**

**A) Assam**

B) Manipur

C) Mizoram

D) Arunachal Pradesh

*Explanation: A new groundwater fish species, Gitckak nakana, has been discovered in Assam. It belongs to a newly described genus under the family Cobitidae (loaches). The name comes from the Garo language: "Gitckak" means red, referring to its blood-red colour, and "na-tok" and "kana" mean blind fish. It shows subterranean adaptations like absence of visible eyes, translucent pigmentless body, and extreme miniaturisation. It completely lacks a skull roof, with the brain covered only by skin. It lives in groundwater aquifers, which are difficult to access.*



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