



Current GK - 14 Apr 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. Which country is the host of Commonwealth Kho Kho Championship 2026?

A) Indonesia

B) India

C) China

D) Malaysia

***Explanation:** More than 24 countries will participate in the inaugural Commonwealth Kho Kho Championship, scheduled to be held from March 9 to 14 next year. The championship will be hosted in India, although the venue is yet to be finalised. The Kho Kho Federation of India is in discussions with several states to finalise the venue after receiving approval from Commonwealth Sport (CS). The event will feature 16 men's teams and 16 women's teams, reflecting equal participation across genders. The tournament will be organised on the lines of the first Kho Kho World Cup, held in January this year in New Delhi, which saw participation from 23 nations.*

Q2. World Statistics Day is observed every year on which day?

A) October 17

B) October 18

C) October 19

D) October 20

***Explanation:** World Statistics Day is celebrated every five years and is observed for the fourth time on 20 October 2025. Reliable statistics are the foundation of transparency, democracy, and progress, providing information on society, economy, and environment. They help citizens, institutions, and organizations understand developments and plan the future responsibly. This year's theme is "Quality statistics and data for everyone", emphasizing that access to reliable data is a citizen's right. In the digital age, data is easily accessible, but challenges remain in ensuring reliability, protecting personal data, and interpreting statistics correctly.*

Q3. Where was the United Nations (UN) Convention against Cybercrime held in October 2025?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Indonesia
- C) Vietnam
- D) China

Explanation: In October 2025, the United Nations (UN) Convention against Cybercrime was held in Hanoi, Vietnam, marking a major global step against cybercrime. The signing ceremony was co-hosted by Vietnam and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The Convention opened for signature on 25th–26 October 2025 in Hanoi and remains open at the UN Headquarters, New York (USA) till 31 December 2026. The aim is to create the world's first global legal framework to prevent, investigate, and prosecute cybercrimes. It covers ransomware, financial fraud, and non-consensual sharing of intimate images. It is the first treaty to criminalise the non-consensual sharing of intimate images, strengthening digital rights protection.

Q4. Which district became the first in India to launch online property tax collection across all its gram panchayats?

- A) Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh
- B) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
- C) Sonapat, Haryana
- D) Gaya, Bihar

Explanation: Dhamtari district became the first in India to launch online tax collection through the SAMARTH Panchayat portal. The initiative was rolled out at Sankara Gram Panchayat in Nagri block, Chhattisgarh. A resident successfully paid property tax using a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) linked online gateway. The system allows rural citizens to pay taxes from home, reducing arrears and easing administration. It will cover nearly 400 gram panchayats in the district. Sankara became India's first gram panchayat with end-to-end digital tax payment.

Q5. The Bihar government recently approved the installation of the first Grain ATM machines in which city as a pilot project?

- A) Gaya
- B) Muzaffarpur
- C) Bhagalpur
- D) Patna

Explanation: Bihar approved the first three grain ATM machines in Patna as a pilot project. Grain ATM, also called Annapurti, is an automated machine dispensing wheat or rice. The technology was developed by the World Food Programme in collaboration with the Food Corporation of India and state governments. Machines operate 24x7 and can be solar-powered. They use internet connectivity to access the Public Distribution System database and the profile of Below Poverty Line cardholders.

Q6. Who were awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry?

A) David Baker, Demis Hassabis, John Jumper

B) Mary Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, Shimon Sakaguchi

C) John Clarke, Michel Devoret, John Martinis

D) **Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, Omar Yaghi**

Explanation: The 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to Susumu Kitagawa (Kyoto University), Richard Robson (University of Melbourne), and Omar M. Yaghi (University of California, Berkeley). They were recognised for the development of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), a novel molecular architecture. Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) are porous crystals formed by metal ions as cornerstones linked with long organic (carbon-based) molecules, creating large cavities. These structures can capture/store specific substances, drive chemical reactions, and conduct electricity. Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded since 1901, with 195 individuals receiving it; only 8 women have won.

Q7. Which state government has announced the development of theme-based 'Namoo Gaurav Parks' across municipal corporations?

A) Rajasthan

B) **Gujarat**

C) Punjab

D) Haryana

Explanation: The Gujarat government allocated Rs 20 crore in the 2026-27 state budget for Namoo Gaurav Park projects, with a total proposed outlay of Rs 100 crore, to develop modern recreational infrastructure in municipal corporation areas. The parks, under the Urban Development and Urban Housing Department, will provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community spaces for all age groups. The initiative aims to strengthen community bonds, enhance urban ecology, promote biodiversity, improve climate resilience, and raise the quality of urban life.

Q8. Which city launched the 'Saksham Skill Survey', the first initiative of its kind in India?

A) **Mumbai**

B) Chennai

C) Hyderabad

D) Bengaluru

Explanation: Mumbai's suburban district launched the 'Saksham Skill Survey', the first initiative of its kind in India, to assess the skills of youth aged 18-40 and enhance employability. The survey will cover 55,000 households in the H-West ward of Mumbai. Conducted door-to-door using AI, it will collect data on educational qualifications, skill interests, and training needs for employment. It is based on survey results, candidates will be provided a list of government-approved institutions and relevant courses. The aim is to train at least 15,000 candidates by next year and make 5,000 self-reliant through employment or entrepreneurship.

Q9. The fifth edition of the Tri-Services Veterans Day parade was hosted by which city?

A) Mumbai

B) New Delhi

C) Kolkata

D) Hyderabad

Explanation: Mumbai hosted the fifth Tri-Services Veterans Day parade at Marine Drive ahead of Veterans Day. The event was held from 8 AM to 11 AM with participation of over 500 veterans, including gallantry award winners and octogenarians. Mumbai is the only city in India to host a city-level Veterans Day parade. The event was organised by the Navy Foundation Mumbai Chapter with support from Headquarters Western Naval Command. Tri-Services Veterans Day marks the retirement of Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa, first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, on 14 January 1953.

Q10. The Villages of Excellence is an initiative between India and which country?

A) Indonesia

B) Israel

C) Japan

D) Russia

Explanation: Villages of Excellence was announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his state visit to Israel in February 2026. The Villages of Excellence is a collaborative initiative between India and Israel aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity and farmer income. It aims to bring Israeli agricultural technology from centralized research centers directly to villages, increasing productivity and income for lakhs of Indian farmers.



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