



Current GK – 15 Apr 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. According to United Nations'™ Global Forest Resource Assessment (GFRA) 2025, what is India'™s rank in the world'™s total forest area?

- A) 6th
- B) 7th
- C) 8th
- D) 9th

Explanation: India moved up to 9th position in the world for total forest area and retained 3rd spot for annual forest gains, according to the United Nations'™ Global Forest Resource Assessment (GFRA) 2025. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav credited government conservation policies and state-led plantation efforts for this achievement. GFRA, released by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), analysed 35 years of data (1990–2025) from 236 countries. India has 72.74 million hectares of forests, about 2% of global forest cover. Russia leads with 832.63 million hectares, followed by Brazil, Canada, and the US. India added approximately 191,000 hectares per year between 2015–2025, behind China (1.69 million) and Russia (942,000).

Q2. Which country announced a ban on social media access for individuals below 15 years of age in November 2025?

- A) Norway
- B) Denmark
- C) Poland
- D) Singapore

Explanation: Recently, Denmark announced a ban on social media access for individuals below 15 years of age to protect children's mental health and safety. Denmark is located in north-central Europe and is one of the Scandinavian countries. It also includes the Faroe Islands and Greenland, both situated in the North Atlantic Ocean. It shares its land border with Germany to the south. Denmark is surrounded by the Baltic Sea, North Sea, Kattegat Bay, and Kiel Bay. The capital city of Denmark is Copenhagen.

Q3. The Quality Council of India (QCI) functions under the administrative control of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- B) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry**
- D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Explanation: The Quality Council of India (QCI) has announced a comprehensive set of next-generation quality reforms to strengthen India's quality ecosystem across healthcare, laboratories, MSMEs, and manufacturing sectors. QCI is a non-profit autonomous organisation, registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. QCI functions under the administrative control of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It acts as India's national accreditation body, creating a system for independent third-party assessment of products, services, and processes.

Q4. Which government body introduced CAFE norms in India?

- A) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- B) **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)**
- C) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
- D) NITI Aayog

Explanation: The Prime Minister's office (PMO) recently reviewed proposed CAFE-3 carbon emission norms for passenger vehicles, scheduled for 2027, but no final decision was taken. CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency) norms were introduced by Bureau of Energy Efficiency in 2017 to regulate fuel consumption and carbon emissions from passenger vehicles. They were applicable to petrol, diesel, LPG, CNG, hybrid, and electric vehicles (EVs) under 3,500 kg. Norms tightened in 2022-23 with higher penalties for non-compliance. The objective is to reduce oil dependency, air pollution, and promote EVs, hybrids, and CNG vehicles.

Q5. The 3D-printed Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) project is led by which institute?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- B) **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune**
- C) Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- D) Indian Space Research Organization

Explanation: Recently, Indian scientists began developing indigenously manufactured Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) using 3D-printing technology. The initiative is part of Mission Mausam, a ₹2,000 crore programme under the Ministry of Earth Sciences to strengthen weather observation and forecasting. The first batch of 3D-printed AWS will be installed in major cities, starting with Delhi, from February. The project is led by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune. AWS automatically measure and transmit weather data like temperature, wind, humidity, and rainfall, reducing operational costs.

Q6. The Maram tribe is mainly found in which state?

- A) Sikkim
- C) Odisha

- B) Assam
- D) **Manipur**

Explanation: Recently, the Centre sanctioned ₹9 crore under the Jan Man Scheme for development, welfare, and cultural preservation of the Maram Naga tribe in Manipur. The Maram Naga tribe is part of the larger Naga ethnic group and mainly lives in Senapati district, Manipur. They belong to the Tibeto-Burman family of the Mongoloid race. They speak the Maram language, a Sino-Tibetan language written in the Roman script. Agriculture is their main occupation, with shifting and wet cultivation widely practiced. Their major festivals are Punghi in July, Kanghi in December, and the women-centric Mangkang festival in April.

Q7. Which international organization has adopted Motion 007 on Soil Security Law – the world’s first model legal framework for soil protection?

- A) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- C) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

- B) World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- D) **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**

Explanation: Recently, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) adopted Motion 007 on Soil Security Law, the world’s first model legal framework for soil protection. The motion was co-sponsored by Save Soil (Isha Outreach) and the Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies, with support from Aurora, an Australian soil think tank. It marks the first global recognition of soil security as vital for food, water, biodiversity, and climate resilience. IUCN will now form a working group to draft an international convention on soil protection. Sadhguru called it a historic step toward global soil conservation.

Q8. World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day is observed on which day?

- A) November 16
- C) November 18

- B) **November 17**
- D) November 19

Explanation: The world observed the first World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day on 17 November 2025, endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO). The global strategy links to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 3, 5, and 10 and aims to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem. WHO targets include 90% Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination, 70% screening, and 90% treatment to reduce incidence to below 4 cases per 1,00,000 women-years. Cervical cancer burden is highest in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) due to limited access. India plans HPV vaccine rollout, strengthens screening under the National Programme for Non-Communicable Diseases, and expands oncology care.

Q9. Where was Regional Open Digital Health Summit 2025 held?

- A) Bengaluru
- C) Hyderabad

- B) New Delhi**
- D) Chennai

Explanation: The Regional Open Digital Health Summit was recently held in New Delhi to advance interoperable and standards-based digital health systems across the Global South. It aims to build strong digital public infrastructure for transforming health systems in the South-East Asia Region. The summit is organised by the National e-Governance Division, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, with National Health Authority (NHA), WHO-SEARO (World Health Organization – South-East Asia Regional Office), and UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund). It focuses on accelerating adoption of open and interoperable digital health ecosystems in the region.

Q10. Which ministry launched the Blockchain India Challenge to promote permissioned blockchain solutions for digital governance?

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**
- D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Explanation: The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launches the Blockchain India Challenge to promote permissioned blockchain solutions for digital governance. The initiative is implemented by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing with support from MeitY. It aims to develop secure, tamper-proof and auditable blockchain systems to improve transparency and efficiency in government services.



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