



Current GK – 16 Apr 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. Pa Pa Pagli (First Steps of the Child)” is a play-oriented preschool initiative of which state government?

A) Haryana

B) Rajasthan

C) Punjab

D) Gujarat

Explanation: Gujarat’s Dahod district implements the UNICEF-supported Pa Pa Pagli initiative in Anganwadi centres for children aged 3–6 years. Pa Pa Pagli (First Steps of the Child) is a play-based pre-school education programme by the Gujarat Women and Child Development Department. It targets children in educationally backward districts to improve learning outcomes and confidence. It focuses on life-skills like social interaction, communication, hygiene, and routine habits. It transforms Anganwadis from nutrition and health centres to early cognitive development hubs. It uses digital and visual aids, with UNICEF India providing technical support.

Q2. Crassicaulis middletonii, that was recently seen in news, belongs to which species?

A) Butterfly

B) Frog

C) Spider

D) Flowering plant

Explanation: Recently, scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) discovered a new flowering plant species named Crassicaulis middletonii. It was found in the evergreen forests of West Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh. This marks the first record of the genus Crassicaulis in India, extending its range 1,200 km westward from Yunnan province, China. It has white flowers with pink tinge, a greenish ovary, and a distinct calyx and capsule shape. It is classified as “Critically Endangered” under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.

Q3. Kilauea volcano, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

A) China

B) Japan

C) United States

D) Indonesia

Explanation: Fresh lava fountains erupted from Hawaii’s Kilauea volcano, almost a year after its ongoing eruptive phase began. Kilauea is one of the world’s most active volcanoes, located in the southeastern part of Hawaii Island, United States. It is a shield-type volcano, formed due to the Hawaiian hot spot. The summit caldera contains the lava lake Halema’uma’u, considered the home of the Hawaiian volcano goddess, Pele.

Q4. Arun-3 Hydroelectric Project (HEP) is located in which state?

A) Nepal

B) Bhutan

C) Myanmar

D) Bangladesh

Explanation: Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) reviewed construction progress of the 900 Megawatt (MW) Arun-3 Hydroelectric Project (HEP) in Nepal. Arun-3 is a run-of-the-river project on the Arun River, a tributary of the Koshi River, in Sankhuwasabha district, Eastern Nepal. It is developed by SJVN Arun-III Power Development Company (SAPDC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SJVN, on Build-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) basis. SJVN is a joint venture between Government of India and Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Q5. Where was "Shunya Se Shatak: Ek Shatabdi Atal Bharat Ki" programme held in December 2025?

A) Shimla

B) Chandigarh

C) Indore

D) Varanasi

Explanation: The commemorative programme "Shunya Se Shatak: Ek Shatabdi Atal Bharat Ki" was held in Indore to mark Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth centenary. It celebrated Vajpayee's leadership legacy, commitment to sustainable development, and environmental protection. A statue of Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai was unveiled at the Daily College campus, reflecting India's administrative and cultural heritage. The programme embodied the vision of "Atal Bharat", stressing good governance, development, national pride, and environmental jurisprudence

Q6. ALMA is a radio telescope located in which country?

A) Chile

B) Russia

C) India

D) China

Explanation: Astronomers imaged the central Milky Way and revealed a complex network of cosmic gas filaments using Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA). ALMA is located in the Atacama Desert of northern Chile and studies celestial objects at millimetre and submillimetre wavelengths. It has been fully operational since 2013. It was designed and built by National Radio Astronomy Observatory, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, and European Southern Observatory.

Q7. Parvati-Arga Bird Sanctuary, which was recently declared as an Eco-Sensitive Zone, is located in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

A) Saharanpur

B) Gonda

C) Raebareilly

D) Gorakhpur

Explanation: The Government has declared the Parvati-Arga Bird Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh as an Eco-Sensitive Zone. The initiative aims to develop the sanctuary as a responsible ecotourism destination and strengthen biodiversity. The sanctuary is located in Gonda District, Uttar Pradesh. The sanctuary covers 1,084 hectares and includes two lakes, Parvati and Arga, situated about 1.5 km apart.

Q8. Which ministry launched the Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma & MedTech (PRIP) Scheme?

A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

B) Ministry of Science and Technology

C) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Explanation: The Central Government extended the deadline for applications under the ₹5,000-crore Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma & MedTech (PRIP) Scheme to November 17, 2025. The scheme is launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. The main aim is to make India a global leader in Research and Development (R&D) in the Pharma and MedTech sectors.

Q9. Bridgeoporus kanadii is a new species of fungi discovered in which state?

A) Arunachal Pradesh

B) Sikkim

C) Nagaland

D) Tripura

Explanation: Researchers recently discovered a new fungus species named Bridgeoporus kanadii in the forests of Arunachal Pradesh, Northeast India. It has exceptionally large fruiting bodies, some measuring over three meters in radius, strong enough to hold a person's weight. The species is named after Indian mycologist Kanad Das for his work on Indian macrofungi. The only other known species, Bridgeoporus nobilissimus, found in North America, has fruiting bodies up to 1.5 meters, making B. kanadii nearly twice as large. It grows mainly on dead fir trees and helps in forest regeneration by decomposing dead wood. It is inedible and has no direct economic value.

Q10. The Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) functions under which ministry?

A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

B) Ministry of Consumer Affairs

C) Ministry of Science and Technology

D) Ministry of MSME

Explanation: The Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) has recently opened its new Bengaluru Centre. IIP is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. It was established in 1966 with its headquarters in Mumbai. Its main goal is to boost exports through innovative package design and improved packaging standards. It provides testing, consultancy, R&D, and training in packaging. Training is given to artisans, weavers, exporters, and stakeholders for modern and aesthetic packaging.



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