



# Current GK – 17 Apr 2026 – Answer Key

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## Section: GK

**Q1. Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary is located in which state?**

- A) Tamil Nadu  
B) Kerala  
C) **Andhra Pradesh**  
D) Karnataka

*Explanation: The Flamingo Festival recently attracted many families to Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, which is located near Sullurpeta in Andhra Pradesh. It is located close to Pulicat Lake, the second-largest salt lake in India. The sanctuary is an important breeding site for the spot-billed pelican. It has rich vegetation, including Barringtonia swamp forests and southern dry evergreen scrub.*

**Q2. The Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme is developed by which international organization?**

- A) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
B) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)  
C) United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)  
D) **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

*Explanation: India will soon have over 100 tsunami-ready villages under the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme in the Indian Ocean region. It is an international community-based programme developed by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The programme aims to build resilient coastal communities through tsunami awareness and preparedness. Its main objective is to reduce loss of life, livelihoods, and property during tsunamis. Communities must meet 12 indicators covering risk assessment, preparedness, and response. Tsunami-ready villages show hazard mapping, evacuation plans, public display boards, 24-hour warning systems, and regular mock drills.*

**Q3. The Jan Shikshan Sansthan Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme implemented by which ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- C) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**
- D) Ministry of Rural Development

*Explanation: Recently, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organised a two-day Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Zonal Conference-cum-Stakeholder Consultation and Progress Review Workshop on 19-20 January 2026 at Symbiosis Skill and Professional University, Pune. The Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through NGOs. JSS Scheme provides non-formal vocational training to non-literate, neo-literate, school dropouts, and marginalised communities. Currently, 294 JSSs operate across 26 States and 7 UTs.*

**Q4. What is the name of the campaign launched by Union Finance Minister to facilitate the settlement of unclaimed financial assets across India?**

- A) Jan Dhan Suraksha Abhiyan
- B) Financial Inclusion Mission
- C) Financial Inclusion Mission
- D) Aapki Punji Aapka Adhikar**

*Explanation: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the nationwide "Aapki Punji Aapka Adhikar" campaign from Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The campaign aims to ensure speedy settlement of unclaimed financial assets across banks, insurance companies, pension funds, stock, and mutual fund companies. It focuses on returning deposits to legitimate claimants and bridging the gap between financial institutions and citizens. Currently, ₹1,82,000 crore of unclaimed assets lie with financial institutions nationwide. Certificates were awarded to claimants confirming the retrieval of their unclaimed assets. The initiative promotes financial empowerment and awareness among citizens.*

**Q5. Which State ranked first in India for recovering stolen and missing mobile phones through the Central Equipment Identity Register portal?**

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Gujarat
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Telangana**

*Explanation: Telangana has become the top State in India for recovering stolen and missing mobile phones. More than 1,00,020 phones were recovered using the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal. The CEIR system, developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), helps trace stolen phones and block fake devices. It is active in all 780 police stations of Telangana, with Crime Investigation Department (CID) as the nodal agency.*

**Q6. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) works under which ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers  
B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
C) **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**  
D) Ministry of Science and Technology

*Explanation: Recently, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) decided to fast-track approvals of new medicines by issuing No-Objection Certificates (NOCs) for laboratory testing immediately after receiving applications. CDSCO is India's National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for drugs and medical devices under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. It works under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It is headed by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI). It regulates import, manufacture, sale, and distribution of drugs and medical devices.*

**Q7. The Kopra Medium Irrigation Project, recently in news, is proposed in the core area of which tiger reserve?**

- A) Panna Tiger Reserve  
B) Kanha Tiger Reserve  
C) **Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve**  
D) Satpura Tiger Reserve

*Explanation: The Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife recommended diversion of about 272 hectares of forest for the Kopra Medium Irrigation Project. The diversion lies in the core area of Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve is located in Madhya Pradesh. It includes areas of Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary and Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary. The reserve lies across the Narmada and Yamuna river basins.*

**Q8. What is the name of the third Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) handed over to the Indian Coast Guard by Goa Shipyard Limited in December 2025?**

- A) ICGS Saksham  
B) ICGS Samarth  
C) **ICGS Amulya**  
D) ICGS Akshar

*Explanation: Goa Shipyard Limited handed over ICGS Amulya, the third of eight Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), to the Indian Coast Guard. The vessel is 51.43 m long, 330 tonnes, and uses Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPP) for better fuel efficiency. It has a top speed over 27 knots and a range of 1,500 nautical miles. It will be crewed by 6 officers and 35 sailors. It is built for fisheries protection, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) surveillance, anti-smuggling, anti-piracy, and Search and Rescue (SAR) missions. The ship will strongly boost India's coastal and offshore security.*

**Q9. Asola-Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary, that was recently seen in news, is located on which hill range?**

A) Vindhya

**B) Aravalli**

C) Shivalik

D) Satpura

*Explanation: The Delhi government stated that more than 6,500 monkeys rescued by civic bodies from residential and commercial areas were shifted to Asola-Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary in the last five years. Asola-Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary covers about 32.71 square kilometres on the Southern Delhi Ridge of the Aravalli hill range along the Delhi-Haryana border. It extends across southern Delhi and parts of Faridabad and Gurugram districts of Haryana. The sanctuary is part of the Northern Aravalli Leopard Wildlife Corridor.*

**Q10. Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) is located in which state?**

A) Odisha

**B) Maharashtra**

C) Karnataka

D) Kerala

*Explanation: A third tigress was recently released into the wild at Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR), boosting tiger conservation in western Maharashtra. Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) is located in the Sahyadri Ranges of the Western Ghats, Maharashtra, and is the northernmost tiger habitat in the Western Ghats. It is the first tiger reserve of Western Maharashtra and the fourth in the state.*



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