



Current GK – 20 Apr 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. 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.

Q2. The Chavang Kut Festival is mainly celebrated in which state?

- A) Manipur**
- B) Assam
- C) Nagaland
- D) Tripura

Explanation: The Chavang Kut Festival, a post-harvest celebration of the Chin-Kuki-Mizo communities, is observed every year on November 1 across Manipur. The festival marks the end of the harvesting season and expresses thanksgiving to the almighty for a good harvest. Chavang Kut was declared a State Holiday in 1982 due to its cultural significance. The festival symbolizes gratitude, unity, and harmony between humans and nature.

Q3. The MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution) mission was launched by which space agency?

- A) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**
- B) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- C) Canadian Space Agency (CSA)
- D) European Space Agency (ESA)

Explanation: Researchers detected a lightning-like "whistler" radio signal in the Martian ionosphere, first evidence of such electromagnetic activity on Mars. Detection was made using data from Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) mission. The MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution) mission was launched by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). It is the first spacecraft dedicated to studying the Martian upper atmosphere to understand how the planet lost its atmosphere and water over time.

Q4. Bathou religion, that was recently seen in news, is primarily practiced by which community?

A) Bodo community

B) Karbi community

C) Naga community

D) Chenchu community

Explanation: The Bathou religion of the Bodo community in Assam has been officially given a separate code in the upcoming national census. Bathouism is the indigenous faith of the Bodos, mainly in Assam and parts of North Bengal, forming a key part of their cultural identity. The term "Bathou" means "Five Principles", representing Ha (Earth), Dwi (Water), Or (Fire), Bar (Air), and Okhrang (Sky). The religion focuses on nature worship, maintaining balance between humans and the environment through household and community rituals. Sacred Sijou plants and elemental symbols are central to Bathou practices.

Q5. Ningaloo Reef, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

A) Australia

B) Maldives

C) Mauritius

D) China

Explanation: Nearly 70% of corals at UNESCO-listed Ningaloo Reef have died due to Australia's most intense and prolonged marine heatwave. Ningaloo Reef is Australia's largest fringing coral reef and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for rich marine life and whale-shark aggregations. It is one of the world's longest near-shore reef systems, located on the north-west coast of Western Australia, around 1,200 km north of Perth in the East Indian Ocean. The reef formed over millennia through coral limestone growth on a shallow shelf, supported by tectonic uplift of Cape Range and stable sea levels.

Q6. Which Indian city is the host of Squash World Cup 2025?

A) Bengaluru

B) Hyderabad

C) Chennai

D) Mumbai

Explanation: Vishnu Kumar Shrivastava from Chhattisgarh has been nominated as the first-ever jury member for Squash World Cup 2025. The event is held in Chennai from 9–14 December 2025. It is organised by the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) under the World Squash Federation (WSF). Squash has recently been included in the Olympics.

Q7. Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

A) Andhra Pradesh

B) Karnataka

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Kerala

Explanation: The 40th Asian Waterbird Census and 60th International Waterbird Census (IWC) will record bird species in Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary and nearby wetlands. Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Andhra Pradesh within the Godavari estuary, where the Coringa River meets the Bay of Bengal. It contains India's second-largest mangrove forest along with dry deciduous tropical forests. The Asian Waterbird Census is an annual citizen-science programme under the global IWC for wetland conservation. In India, it is conducted by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

Q8. 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.

Q9. 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.

Q10. India recently gifted Prussian Blue Capsules to which country to mitigate the effects of Cesium-137 contamination?

A) Thailand

B) Philippine

C) Malaysia

D) Indonesia

Explanation: India has recently gifted Prussian Blue Capsules to Indonesia to help counter Cesium-137 radioactive contamination. Prussian Blue Capsules are a specialized medicine used to treat internal contamination caused by radioactive cesium or thallium and non-radioactive thallium poisoning. These capsules work by trapping toxic substances in the intestines, stopping them from being absorbed into the body. The trapped materials are then safely removed through bowel movements, reducing radiation exposure. This aid highlights India's commitment to regional health and nuclear safety cooperation and showcases its technical capability in radiological emergency response.



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