



Current GK - 21 Apr 2026 — Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. Maharashtra's first Innovation City is proposed to be developed near which city?

- A) Pune
- B) Nagpur
- C) Nashik
- D) **Mumbai**

Explanation: Maharashtra will build its first Innovation City near Mumbai to attract global investors and innovation ecosystems. The proposal was presented at the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2025 in Davos under the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Innovation Ecosystem theme. The project location is finalised and implementation will begin within six to eight months. The aim is to create a plug-and-play global innovation hub in Mumbai.

Q2. Sheetal Devi won which medal in women's individual compound event at the World Para Archery Championship 2025?

- A) **Gold medal**
- B) Silver medal
- C) Bronze medal
- D) None of the Above

Explanation: 18-year-old Indian para-archer Sheetal Devi won gold in women's individual compound event at the World Para Archery Championship 2025. She defeated world No. 1 Ozgur Cure Girdi of Turkey with a score of 146-143 in the final. This was her third medal at the Championships. She earlier won a mixed team bronze with Toman Kumar against Great Britain 152-149. She also won a silver medal in women's compound open team event with Sarita, losing to Turkey in the final. Sheetal is an armless archer from Jammu and Kashmir, who shoots using her feet and chin. She had also won a Paralympics bronze medal in 2024 in the mixed team category.

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. Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) was jointly launched by which two countries?

- A) India and Brazil
- C) India and Japan

- B) Sweden and India**
- D) Germany and France

Explanation: India recently addressed the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) Roundtable at UNFCCC COP30 in Belém, Brazil, highlighting global efforts on industrial decarbonisation. LeadIT was launched in 2019 by India and Sweden with support from the World Economic Forum. It is the first global high-level initiative targeting net-zero emissions from heavy industries by 2050. It brings together countries and companies to promote public-private partnerships, finance, and best-practice sharing for an inclusive, just transition. LeadIT 2.0 (2024-26), launched at COP28, focuses on inclusive transition, low-carbon technology transfer and financial support to emerging economies. Its secretariat is hosted by the Stockholm Environment Institute, with 18 member countries and 27 companies.

Q5. INS Imphal, which was participated in a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) 2025, is what type of warship?

- A) Stealth guided missile destroyer**
- C) Torpedo launch and Recovery Vessel

- B) Diesel Electric Submarine
- D) Shivalik-class frigate

Explanation: INS Imphal of the Indian Navy recently conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) 2025 with the U.S. Navy destroyer USS Gridley (DDG 101). It is an indigenously built stealth guided missile destroyer. INS Imphal is the third ship of Project P-15B (Visakhapatnam-class destroyers). Other ships in the class are INS Visakhapatnam, INS Mormugao, and INS Surat. It was designed by the Warship Design Bureau and built by Mazagon Dock Ltd. (MDL). It is the first warship named after a Northeast city – Imphal, capital of Manipur. It is also the first warship with accommodation for women officers and sailors.

Q6. What is the theme for National Voters Day 2026?

- A) Every Vote Counts
- C) Democracy in Action

- B) My India, My Vote**
- D) Power to the People

Explanation: National Voters Day is observed on 25 January across India to honour voters, encourage youth participation, strengthen democratic values, and promote universal adult suffrage. The theme for 2026 is "My India, My Vote" with the tagline "Citizen at the Heart of Indian Democracy." The day also marks the foundation of the Election Commission of India (ECI), established on 25 January 1950 under Article 324 of the Indian Constitution. ECI is a constitutional authority responsible for supervising and conducting elections in India, the world's largest democracy.

Q7. Which state government has launched the "From Manhole to Machine Hole"™ scheme to replace manual sewer cleaning with machines?

- A) Kerala
- B) **Maharashtra**
- C) Karnataka
- D) Tamil Nadu

Explanation: Maharashtra launched "From Manhole to Machine Hole"™, a state-level scheme to replace manual labor with machines in sewer cleaning. The program is overseen by the Social Justice and Special Assistance Department, ensuring worker safety and welfare. A procurement committee, led by Principal Secretary Harshadeep Kamble, defines technical specifications, eligibility, and supplier approvals for robotic machines. Machines will be deployed across 29 municipal corporations, managed locally for operation, maintenance, and monitoring over five years. The initiative aligns with the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, ensuring legal backing and worker rights.

Q8. 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.

Q9. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) is implemented under which vertical of Mission Shakti?

- A) Suraksha
- B) **Sambal**
- C) Samriddhi
- D) Samvedana

Explanation: The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) campaign completed 11 years since its launch in 2015. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Sambal vertical of Mission Shakti. It is jointly implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and Ministry of Education, later joined by Ministries of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Minority Affairs. National Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) rose from 918 (201415) to 930 (202324); institutional deliveries increased from 61% to 97.3% in the same period.

Q10. 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.



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