



**Q3. Which state/UT approved the Chief Minister Skill Development Scheme to support artisans of khadi, handloom, cottage industries in February 2026?**

A) Rajasthan

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Ladakh

**D) Delhi**

*Explanation: Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta approved the Chief Minister Skill Development Scheme to support artisans of khadi, handloom, cottage industries and unorganised sector. The scheme will be implemented through Delhi Khadi and Village Industries Board (DKVIB). In 2025–26, 3,728 beneficiaries will be trained with Rs 8.95 crore allocation, and Rs 57.50 crore is proposed for 2026–27 expansion. The first phase will focus on 18,000 tailors registered on the e-Shram portal. Beneficiaries must be 18 years or above, only one per family, with mandatory Aadhaar verification. Training will be for 12 days including Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP), with stipend, meals and toolkits.*

**Q4. Which ministry has launched open-source VoicERA Voice AI Stack on BHASHINI infrastructure at India AI Impact Summit 2026?**

A) Ministry of Science and Technology

B) Ministry of Communications

C) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

**D) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

*Explanation: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched VoicERA at India Artificial Intelligence Impact Summit 2026. VoicERA is an open-source, end-to-end Voice Artificial Intelligence stack to strengthen Digital Public Infrastructure. It was launched by Digital India BHASHINI Division under Digital India Corporation. It is built with EkStep Foundation, International Institute of Information Technology Bengaluru and Artificial Intelligence for Bharat. It runs on BHASHINI National Language Infrastructure as a multilingual voice execution layer.*

**Q5. Which state is home to India's first Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductor manufacturing plant?**

**A) Odisha**

B) Jharkhand

C) Bihar

D) Haryana

*Explanation: India's first Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductor manufacturing plant, SiCSem, will be set up in Odisha, marking a significant step in the semiconductor sector. SiCSem, an integrated device manufacturer, has received approval from the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and will be an Assembly, Testing, Marking, and Packaging (ATMP) facility in Bhubaneswar. The Rs 2,000-crore project aims to boost industrial growth in Bhubaneswar and attract investments. Odisha has also approved RIR Power Semiconductors and the 3DGS project, which uses glass substrate for semiconductor packaging. Odisha's semiconductor and IT policies have been revised to strengthen the sector, with Bhubaneswar aiming to become a semiconductor hub.*

**Q6. What is the name of the joint Military Civil Fusion exercise recently conducted by the Indian Army in Dighi Hills Range?**

**A) Sanjha Shakti**

**B) Vajra Prahar**

**C) Yudh Abhyas**

**D) Shakti Path**

*Explanation: The Indian Army recently conducted Exercise ~Sanjha Shakti, a joint Military Civil Fusion exercise. It took place at the Dighi Hills Range, Khadki Military Station, under the Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Goa Area of the Southern Command. The exercise aimed to strengthen coordination between the armed forces and civilian agencies for complex security challenges and emergency situations.*

**Q7. The National Career Service (NCS) Portal is an initiative under which ministry?**

**A) Ministry of Education**

**B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

**C) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**

**D) Ministry of Labour and Employment**

*Explanation: The National Career Service (NCS) Portal is a digital platform providing career services such as job listings, job fairs, career counselling, vocational guidance, and skill development information. It is an initiative under the Ministry of Labour and Employment. It aims to connect jobseekers and employers, offering decent employment opportunities and career development assistance. As of 20 January 2026, more than 2.23 crore jobseekers have been shortlisted. The portal offers online employability and digital skill enhancement programmes.*

**Q8. The MISHTI initiative was launched by which ministry?**

**A) Ministry of Earth Sciences**

**B) Ministry of Jal Shakti**

**C) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change**

**D) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**

*Explanation: The Union Government has restored and conserved about 22,560 hectares of mangroves in the last two years under the Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) scheme. MISHTI aims to increase mangrove cover along coastlines and salt pan lands. It was launched in 2023 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The initiative followed India's joining of the Mangrove Alliance for Climate at COP27 (Conference of Parties 27) to the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) in 2022. It focuses mainly on the Sundarbans delta, Hooghly Estuary, and other coastal regions.*

**Q9. Persian Gulf, that was recently seen in news, is located in which ocean?**

A) Pacific Ocean

B) Atlantic Ocean

C) **Indian Ocean**

D) Arctic Ocean

*Explanation: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued an urgent advisory to all Indian carriers to avoid flying through the West Asian and Persian Gulf airspace due to rising military tensions. The Persian Gulf is a marginal sea of the Indian Ocean located in Western Asia. It is an extension of the Gulf of Oman and connects to the Indian Ocean through the Strait of Hormuz in the east. The Persian Gulf is also known as the Arabian Gulf or Gulf of Iran.*

**Q10. Which state government has launched Homestay Scheme 2026 to boost tourism?**

A) **Rajasthan**

B) Gujarat

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Madhya Pradesh

*Explanation: The Tourism Department of Rajasthan has launched the Rajasthan Homestay (Paying Guest House) Scheme – 2026 to promote tourism, rural income generation, and self-employment. The scheme was announced by Additional Chief Secretary (Tourism) Praveen Gupta as a major initiative to strengthen tourism infrastructure and boost the rural economy. Rajasthan recorded a 9.74 percent rise in tourist arrivals in 2025, with over 25.44 crore visitors, including more than 25.25 crore domestic tourists. The scheme is expected to further increase tourist inflow by encouraging residents to offer accommodation facilities in their homes.*



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