

Q4. Where was the 4th edition of Tulip Festival 2026 organized?

- A) **New Delhi**
- B) Chandigarh
- C) Dehradun
- D) Shimla

Explanation: New Delhi Municipal Council organised the 4th edition of Tulip Festival 2026 at Shanti Path, New Delhi. The festival features nearly 5.5 lakh tulips and is held in collaboration with the Netherlands to strengthen bilateral ties. Indigenous tulips developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research bloom during Delhi's short winter and spring period. The initiative promotes local bulb cultivation, aligns with the "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision, and serves as a soft-power diplomatic tool.

Q5. Which Indian city is the host of 2030 Commonwealth Games?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) **Ahmedabad**
- C) Chennai
- D) Mumbai

Explanation: Ahmedabad has been formally awarded the hosting rights of the 2030 Commonwealth Games. The decision was approved by delegates from 74 Commonwealth nations at the General Assembly in Glasgow, United Kingdom. This will be the second time India hosts the Games, after New Delhi in 2010, and supports India's ambition to host the Olympics in 2036. Ahmedabad has upgraded sports infrastructure and the 2030 Games will feature 15-17 sports, celebrating Commonwealth sporting tradition.

Q6. What is the name of the scheme implemented by the government through the Tea Board for development and promotion of tea across India?

- A) National Tea Mission
- B) Tea Productivity Mission
- C) Integrated Plantation Development Scheme
- D) **Tea Development & Promotion Scheme**

Explanation: The Government of India, through the Tea Board of India, is implementing the Tea Development & Promotion Scheme (TDPS) in Assam to boost tea production, quality, exports, and small grower income. From 2021-22 to 2025-26, ₹152.76 crore was allocated and ₹150.20 crore was used in Assam. The scheme supported replantation in 437.42 hectares, formed 318 Self Help Groups (SHGs), 143 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and 26 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs). It helped set up 31 mini tea factories, converted 30.32 hectares to organic tea, and ran 1,343 capacity-building programmes. Indian tea exports rose from USD 751.07 million (2021-22) to USD 923.89 million (2024-25).

Q7. What is the theme of Republic Day 2026?

- A) Viksit Bharat
- B) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
- C) **150 Years of Vande Mataram**
- D) Cultural Unity in Diversity

Explanation: India celebrated its 77th Republic Day on January 26, 2026, at Kartavya Path, New Delhi. The day commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India in 1950, replacing the Government of India Act, 1935, and establishing India as a sovereign republic. Republic Day is marked by ceremonial parades, military displays, and cultural showcases in the national capital. Chief guests for 2026 were António Costa, head of the European Council, and Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, highlighting India-EU engagement. The theme for Republic Day 2026 was "150 Years of Vande Mataram".

Q8. The SJ-100 aircraft, that was recently seen in news, is of which country's origin?

- A) **Russia**
- B) China
- C) Australia
- D) Japan

Explanation: Recently, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Russia's United Aircraft Corporation (UAC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to produce the civil commuter aircraft SJ-100. The SJ-100 is a new-generation short-haul jet aircraft of Russian origin. It was earlier known as the Sukhoi Superjet 100, designed by Sukhoi Civil Aircraft. It is a twin-engine, narrow-body aircraft mainly used for commercial operations. It is flown by more than 16 airlines, including nine from Russia. The aircraft can seat 103 passengers and fly up to 3,530 kilometres. It offers low operating costs and performs efficiently in temperatures from -55°C to +45°C.

Q9. Dinesh Khatak, who recently received the "Kendriya Grah Mantri Dakshata Padak," is an officer of which force?

- A) Border Security Force (BSF)
- B) **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**
- C) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- D) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

Explanation: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has awarded the "Kendriya Grah Mantri Dakshata Padak" (Union Home Minister's Efficiency Medal) to Dinesh Khatak, Second-in-Command (2-IC) of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) 196 Battalion, for his exceptional service, discipline, and contributions to national security. A native of Intel Kalan village in Jind district, Dinesh joined the CRPF as a Gazetted Officer in 2005 after clearing the UPSC exam. He served in Jammu & Kashmir during 2008-13 and 2017-21, contributing to Amarnath Yatra security, law and order, Article 370 abrogation duties, and COVID-19 pandemic operations.

Q10. Which state is the host of National Mountain Bike Cycling Championship 2026?

A) Sikkim

B) Arunachal Pradesh

C) Uttarakhand

D) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation: The 22nd Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior National Mountain Bike Cycling Championship is scheduled to take place at Roing, Arunachal Pradesh from 12 to 15 February 2026. The event is organised under the aegis of Cycling Federation of India and hosted by Cycling Association of Arunachal Pradesh. Cyclists from various states and institutions across the country will participate. It is a prestigious and highly competitive national-level championship. The participating team will be guided by a Coach-cum-Manager during the competition.



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