

Q4. Where was Asian Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championships 2026 held in India?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) **New Delhi**
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Chennai

Explanation: The Asian Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championships 2026 started on 2 February at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Ranges, New Delhi. The event will last two weeks with elite athletes from across Asia. Events cover 10m, 25m, and 50m rifle and pistol disciplines. Seventeen countries are participating in the championship.

Q5. As per World Intellectual Property Organisation data, which country emerged as the world's largest research and development (R&D) spender in 2024?

- A) United States
- B) Japan
- C) **China**
- D) Germany

Explanation: Global research and development (R&D) spending reached about 2.87 trillion US dollars in 2024, nearly 3 percent higher than the previous year. Since 2000, global R&D spending has almost tripled, as per World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) data. Asia accounted for around 45 percent of total global R&D expenditure in 2024. China became the world's largest R&D spender with about 785.9 billion US dollars, closely followed by the United States. The United States spent about 781.8 billion US dollars but saw a decline in its global share. India ranked seventh globally with R&D spending of 75.73 billion US dollars, more than three times its level in 2000.

Q6. World Television Day is observed every year on which day?

- A) November 18
- B) November 19
- C) November 20
- D) **November 21**

Explanation: World Television Day is observed every year on 21 November, based on a 1996 United Nations General Assembly Resolution. The day recognises television as a vital medium for informing, educating, shaping public opinion and promoting global understanding. In India, the observance is led by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) along with Prasar Bharati, the national public broadcaster. Doordarshan and All India Radio conduct special programmes to highlight television's role in public service communication and national integration. India has over 230 million television households reaching nearly 900 million viewers, showing TV's massive influence in awareness creation and participatory governance.

Q7. Public Financial Management System is developed and implemented by which government body?

A) Reserve Bank of India

B) Controller General of Accounts (CGA)

C) Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)

D) NITI Aayog

Explanation: Minister of State for Finance informed Rajya Sabha about Public Financial Management System. Public Financial Management System is a web-based online transaction platform for fund management and e-payment to agencies and beneficiaries. It provides end-to-end financial management services as a centralized transaction system. It is developed and implemented by Controller General of Accounts under Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. It ensures efficient fund flow and payment-cum-accounting network.

Q8. The Maram tribe is mainly found in which state?

A) Sikkim

B) Assam

C) Odisha

D) Manipur

Explanation: Recently, the Centre sanctioned ₹9 crore under the Jan Man Scheme for development, welfare, and cultural preservation of the Maram Naga tribe in Manipur. The Maram Naga tribe is part of the larger Naga ethnic group and mainly lives in Senapati district, Manipur. They belong to the Tibeto-Burman family of the Mongoloid race. They speak the Maram language, a Sino-Tibetan language written in the Roman script. Agriculture is their main occupation, with shifting and wet cultivation widely practiced. Their major festivals are Punghi in July, Kanghi in December, and the women-centric Mangkang festival in April.

Q9. ~Sammakka Saralamma Jatara tribal festival is celebrated in which state?

A) Maharashtra

B) Telangana

C) Odisha

D) Karnataka

Explanation: Recently, Telangana is preparing for the biennial Sammakka Saralamma Jatara starting 28 January 2026 along with redevelopment of the Medaram sacred area. It is a biennial tribal spiritual festival honouring Sammakka and Saralamma, ancestral goddesses of the Koya Adivasi community. It is recognised as Asia's largest tribal festival and among the world's biggest human congregations. The festival is held at Medaram village in Mulugu district, Telangana. The site lies inside Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary in the Dandakaranya forest belt. It is celebrated during the full moon of the Hindu month of Magh.

Q10. Kanlaon Volcano, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

A)Indonesia

B)Japan

C)China

D)Philippines

Explanation: Mount Kanlaon, also called Kanlaon Volcano, recently erupted and released heavy ash and smoke over Negros Island in the Philippines, leading to safety warnings. It is a stratovolcano located on Negros Island, Philippines, and is the tallest peak in the Visayas region, about 2,465 metres above sea level. It is one of the active volcanoes of the Philippines and forms part of the Pacific Ring of Fire. It has many pyroclastic cones and craters with a broad caldera and crater lake at the summit. Its slopes have lava flows, lahar deposits and rich biodiversity, and act as major river headwaters.



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