



Current GK – 01 May 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. Which Indian has been nominated by the UN Secretary General to chair the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for the 2026-27 term?

A) DB Venkatesh Varma

B) Vinay Mohan

C) Sanjay Verma

D) Pranay Sinha

Explanation: Senior Indian diplomat DB Venkatesh Varma has been nominated by the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General to chair the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for 2026-27. This is the first time an Indian has been appointed as chair of the board, established in 1978. Indian diplomats have previously served as members, but never as chair. DB Venkatesh Varma is a leading expert on disarmament and Russia, with key roles in India's Prime Minister's Office, including during India-US nuclear deal negotiations. He also served as India's ambassador to Russia, managing bilateral ties during Covid-era coordination and launching India's Act Far East policy from Vladivostok in 2019.

Q2. Where was Regional Open Digital Health Summit 2025 held?

A) Bengaluru

B) New Delhi

C) Hyderabad

D) Chennai

Explanation: The Regional Open Digital Health Summit was recently held in New Delhi to advance interoperable and standards-based digital health systems across the Global South. It aims to build strong digital public infrastructure for transforming health systems in the South-East Asia Region. The summit is organised by the National e-Governance Division, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, with National Health Authority (NHA), WHO-SEARO (World Health Organization – South-East Asia Regional Office), and UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund). It focuses on accelerating adoption of open and interoperable digital health ecosystems in the region.

Q3. Which country has become the 90th State Member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)?

- A) North Korea
- B) South Sudan
- C) Ukraine
- D) **Tuvalu**

Explanation: The Government of Tuvalu has become the 90th State Member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Tuvalu, formerly the Ellice Islands, is a small island country in the west-central Pacific Ocean. It is the 4th smallest country in the world, covering 26 sq.km, located between Australia and Hawaii. Tuvalu consists of small islands and atolls made of coral reefs and volcanic rock, with no point above 4.5 meters, making it vulnerable to sea-level rise. The capital is Funafuti.

Q4. The Board of Peace is an initiative of which country?

- A) China
- B) **United States**
- C) France
- D) India

Explanation: India did not attend the ceremonial launch of the Board of Peace, even though it had received a formal invitation from U.S. President Donald Trump. The Board of Peace is a United States led intergovernmental initiative announced by President Donald Trump during the World Economic Forum (WEF) held in Davos, Switzerland. The primary mandate of the Board is to oversee post-war reconstruction and governance of the Gaza Strip through a technocratic administrative framework rather than traditional political mechanisms. Its long-term vision includes expanding its role to address and resolve global conflicts in situations where existing international institutions are perceived to have failed.

Q5. Which Indian city is the host of 39th India International Leather Fair?

- A) Mumbai
- B) **Chennai**
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Kolkata

Explanation: The 39th India International Leather Fair was held on 1 February in Chennai as a three-day event. It showcased leather products, accessories, machinery, equipment, and latest innovations. The fair highlighted advanced technologies like Artificial Intelligence, additive manufacturing, data analytics, software, and augmented reality. It gained importance after the India-Europe Free Trade Agreement boosting leather trade and investment. India's leather exports were about 4.83 billion US dollars last year. Tamil Nadu and Kerala contribute 38 percent of output and over 45 percent of exports.

Q6. National Legal Services Day is celebrated on which day every year?

- A) November 6
- B) November 7
- C) November 8
- D) **November 9**

Explanation: November 9 is observed as National Legal Services Day to mark the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. The Act established institutions to provide free legal aid to needy and marginalized citizens. India's legal aid system reached 44.22 lakh people between 2022 and 2025. From 2022–23 to 2024–25, about 23.58 crore cases were resolved through state, permanent, and national Lok Adalats.

Q7. World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on which day?

- A) November 2
- B) November 3
- C) November 4
- D) **November 5**

Explanation: World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on 5th November to promote awareness about tsunami risks, early warning systems, and preparedness. It was established by the United Nations (UN) in 2015 to remind the world of the importance of disaster readiness. The day emphasizes that timely preparation can save thousands of lives during natural disasters. The theme for 2025 is "Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness." It focuses on community resilience, infrastructure investment, and education to reduce tsunami impact.

Q8. Who won the 2025 Major League Soccer (MLS) Golden Boot?

- A) **Lionel Messi**
- B) Robert Lewandowski
- C) Christian McCaffrey
- D) Cristiano Ronaldo

Explanation: Lionel Messi won the 2025 Major League Soccer (MLS) Golden Boot with 29 goals and 19 assists for Inter Miami CF. This is Messi's second full season with Inter Miami and he is Miami's first Golden Boot winner. He outperformed Denis Bouanga and Sam Kerr to claim the award. Messi became the first Argentine to win the MLS Golden Boot since Taty Castellanos in 2021.

Q9. Which telescope was used by astronomers to discover the strange exoplanet named PSR J2322-2650b?

- A) Hubble Space Telescope
- B) Chandra X-ray Observatory
- C) Spitzer Space Telescope
- D) **James Webb Space Telescope**

Explanation: Astronomers discovered a strange exoplanet named PSR J2322-2650b using the James Webb Space Telescope. The planet is nearly as massive as Jupiter and orbits a pulsar, a dead star emitting strong energy beams. This system is a "black widow pulsar" system, where the pulsar slowly damages the planet with radiation. PSR J2322-2650b has a lemon or football-like shape, stretched by the pulsar's strong gravity, unlike normal round planets. Its atmosphere is mostly helium and carbon, with clouds of carbon soot that may form diamond rain. The planet orbits extremely close to the pulsar—about 1 million miles away, completing a full orbit in 8 hours.

Q10. Which country proposed the new geopolitical grouping called the Hexagon Alliance?

A) Russia

B) Germany

C) Israel

D) United States

Explanation: Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu proposed a new geopolitical grouping called the Hexagon Alliance, with India at its centre. The alliance, also called the "Hexagon of Alliances," would include Israel, India, Mediterranean partners like Greece and Cyprus, and other Arab, African, and Asian states. It is designed to operate across three tracks: economic cooperation, diplomatic alignment, and security collaboration. For India, participation would expand its strategic footprint in the Mediterranean and West Asia, complementing initiatives like the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor.



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