



**Q4. Kilauea volcano, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?**

A) China

B) Japan

C) **United States**

D) Indonesia

*Explanation: Fresh lava fountains erupted from Hawaii's Kilauea volcano, almost a year after its ongoing eruptive phase began. Kilauea is one of the world's most active volcanoes, located in the southeastern part of Hawaii Island, United States. It is a shield-type volcano, formed due to the Hawaiian hot spot. The summit caldera contains the lava lake Halema'uma'u, considered the home of the Hawaiian volcano goddess, Pele.*

**Q5. Black Swan Summit India was organised by which state government under the BharatNetra initiative?**

A) Karnataka

B) Maharashtra

C) **Odisha**

D) Gujarat

*Explanation: The two-day Black Swan Summit India has begun in Bhubaneswar, organised by the Odisha Government under the BharatNetra initiative. The summit aims to position Odisha as a hub for Artificial Intelligence, FinTech, and InsurTech. It seeks to translate the state's Vision 2036-2047 into actionable outcomes in digital finance and advanced technologies. Nearly 100 speakers from five continents are participating. Skill development and employment are key themes, with a job fair for youth.*

**Q6. Bridgeoporus kanadii is a new species of fungi discovered in which state?**

A) **Arunachal Pradesh**

B) Sikkim

C) Nagaland

D) Tripura

*Explanation: Researchers recently discovered a new fungus species named Bridgeoporus kanadii in the forests of Arunachal Pradesh, Northeast India. It has exceptionally large fruiting bodies, some measuring over three meters in radius, strong enough to hold a person's weight. The species is named after Indian mycologist Kanad Das for his work on Indian macrofungi. The only other known species, Bridgeoporus nobilissimus, found in North America, has fruiting bodies up to 1.5 meters, making B. kanadii nearly twice as large. It grows mainly on dead fir trees and helps in forest regeneration by decomposing dead wood. It is inedible and has no direct economic value.*

**Q7. The Eligible Manufacturer Importers (EMI) Scheme has been launched by which organization?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs**
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India

*Explanation: Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has issued guidelines for the Eligible Manufacturer Importers (EMI) scheme. The Eligible Manufacturer Importers (EMI) Scheme has been launched by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). It is a trust-based facilitation measure for compliant manufacturers. EMI allows importers to clear goods without paying Customs duty at clearance. Duty can be paid monthly under Deferred Payment of Import Duty Rules, 2016. Scheme is valid from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028. It ensures faster clearance, priority treatment, ease of doing business, and promotes domestic manufacturing.*

**Q8. Kavachi volcano, that was recently seen in news, is located in which ocean?**

- A) South Atlantic Ocean
- C) South Pacific Ocean**
- B) Indian Ocean
- D) North Atlantic Ocean

*Explanation: Scientists recently captured rare footage of sharks living inside the Kavachi volcano near the Solomon Islands, providing new insights into marine survival in extreme volcanic environments. Kavachi Volcano is a shallow submarine volcano located in the South Pacific Ocean, south of the remote Vangunu Island in the Solomon Islands. The volcano is situated on the Pacific Ring of Fire, a region known for high tectonic activity, making Kavachi both geologically and volcanically significant. It is one of the world's few active and visible undersea volcanoes, regularly erupting and occasionally forming temporary islands.*

**Q9. What is the IUCN conservation status of 'Lion-tailed macaque' that was recently seen in news?**

- A) Endangered**
- C) Vulnerable
- B) Critically Endangered
- D) Near threatened

*Explanation: Recent study shows lion-tailed macaque population is stable and increasing in some plantation-dominated areas. Lion-tailed macaque is an endemic primate of Western Ghats. International Union for Conservation of Nature status is Endangered. It is called bearded monkey due to grey mane and has lion-like tail. It is found in evergreen rainforests of southern Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. Two genetically distinct groups exist on either side of Palghat Gap.*

**Q10. What is the rank of India in the Network Readiness Index 2025 (NRI 2025)?**

A) 43rd

B) 44th

C) **45th**

D) 47th

*Explanation: India improved its rank by four places to 45th in the Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2025, released on 4 February 2026. The index assesses 127 economies across four pillars: Technology, People, Governance, and Impact, using 53 indicators. The report is prepared by the Portulans Institute, a non-profit research body based in Washington DC. India's score increased from 53.63 in 2024 to 54.43 in 2025 out of 100. India ranked 1st in telecom investment, Artificial Intelligence (AI) publications, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) exports, and e-commerce laws. It ranked 2nd in Fibre to the Home (FTTH) subscriptions and internet traffic, showing strong digital growth.*



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