



Current GK – 09 May 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. Thanjavur painting is a classical art form originating from which Indian state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
B) Kerala
C) Karnataka
D) **Tamil Nadu**

Explanation: The Department of Posts recently transported a priceless Thanjavur painting of Shri Ram from Bengaluru to Ayodhya via Logistics Post. Thanjavur (Tanjore) paintings originate from Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, around 1600 AD, flourishing under the Nayakas of Thanjavur. It is created on wooden panels (palagai padam), usually jackfruit or teak, affixed with canvas and bound with Arabic gum. It is known for vibrant colors, including bright red, blue, green, and extensive gold leafwork.

Q2. Which state is the host of Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026?

- A) Odisha
B) **Chhattisgarh**
C) Jharkhand
D) Bihar

Explanation: The first-ever Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) logo, theme song, and mascot were unveiled at Late B. R. Yadav Sports Stadium, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. The Games are scheduled from 14 February 2026. Chhattisgarh is the first state to host these Games. Morveer is the official mascot of the inaugural edition. The mascot 'Morveer' combines 'Mor' (mine/our own) and 'Veer' (courage/valour), symbolising tribal pride and spirit. The Games are organised jointly by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India, Indian Olympic Association, National Sports Federations, and Chhattisgarh state committee.

Q3. The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) functions under which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
B) **Ministry of Cooperation**
C) Ministry of Rural Development
D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Explanation: The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is a statutory organisation under the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India. It plays a key role in promoting self-reliance and inclusive growth through the cooperative movement. NCDC supports farmer cooperatives to enhance production and productivity. It provides aid for post-harvest facilities such as processing, storage, cold chain, and marketing of agricultural produce. It ensures the supply of seeds, fertilizers, and other farm inputs. It assists income-generating cooperatives in non-farm sectors like dairy, livestock, handloom, and sericulture. Recently, NCDC continues to drive cooperative-based economic and social upliftment through its sponsored and Government of India schemes.

Q4. What is the name of the new sports initiative launched in Union Budget 202627 to transform Indias sports sector?

- A) Fit India Mission
- B) Khelo India Mission**
- C) India Sports Development Programme
- D) Yuva Shakti Sports Initiative

Explanation: Union Budget 202627 launched a new Khelo India Mission to transform Indias sports sector over the next decade. The focus areas are talent development, sports infrastructure creation, and manufacturing-led employment generation. Mission builds on the earlier Khelo India programme with a mission-mode approach to nurture talent and strengthen the sports ecosystem. ,’500 crore allocated for promotion of sports goods manufacturing, research, and innovation to boost domestic capability and global competitiveness. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports budget increased by ,’1,133 crore, from ,’3,346 crore to ,’4,479.88 crore, supporting athlete development, coaching, sports science, and infrastructure.

Q5. ASPIRE scheme was launched by which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Explanation: More than 100 Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) have been approved across India under the ASPIRE scheme. ASPIRE stands for A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industries and Entrepreneurship and was launched in 2015 by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). The scheme aims to establish a network of LBIs to promote innovation and accelerate entrepreneurship. It focuses on skilling and re-skilling unemployed individuals, self-employed people, and wage earners in agro-rural sector technologies and other emerging areas.

Q6. Where was the 70-foot iron statue of football player Lionel Messi unveiled in India?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- C) West Bengal**
- B) Gujarat
- D) Karnataka

Explanation: A 70-foot iron statue of football legend Lionel Messi has been unveiled at Lake Town, South Dum Dum, Kolkata, West Bengal, by Sree Bhumi Sporting Club. The statue depicts Messi holding the FIFA World Cup trophy; final surface work and area preparations are ongoing. The statue is part of a tribute ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The project received support from West Bengal government authorities.

Q7. Which city in Uttar Pradesh created the Guinness World Records for planting the highest number of saplings in one hour?

A) Saharanpur

B) Ayodhya

C) Gorakhpur

D) **Varanasi**

Explanation: Varanasi entered the Guinness World Records by planting 2,51,446 saplings in one hour at Sujabad Domari, surpassing China's 2018 record of 1,53,981 saplings. The record was verified by Guinness World Records adjudicator Rishinath using drone surveillance and a digital counting system. Certificate presented to Mayor Ashok Kumar Tiwari and Municipal Commissioner Himanshu Nagpal. Plantation covered nearly 350 bighas, developed as an urban forest with coordination among the Municipal Corporation, government departments, institutions, and social organisations.

Q8. Which Indian research institute has developed a nanotechnology-based method using the coffee-ring effect to detect toxic molecules like Rhodamine B?

A) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

B) **Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru**

C) National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune

D) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai

Explanation: Scientists at the Raman Research Institute (RRI), India developed a sensitive method to detect toxic molecules like Rhodamine B. The method uses the coffee-ring effect combined with nanotechnology for enhanced detection. The coffee-ring effect occurs when a droplet evaporates, and capillary flow moves particles from the center to the edge, forming a ring-shaped deposition pattern. Rhodamine B is a water-soluble synthetic dye with bright pink fluorescence. It is widely used in fluorescence microscopy, flow cytometry, and ELISA biochemical assays. Rhodamine B is toxic and carcinogenic, affecting skin, eyes, and the respiratory system. This method provides a rapid and effective tool for detecting hazardous dyes in research and environmental monitoring.

Q9. What is the name of India's first defence electric vehicle developed by Pravaig Dynamics?

A) **VEER**

B) VAJRA

C) AGNI

D) RAKSHAK

Explanation: In October 2025, Pravaig Dynamics Private Limited unveiled VEER, an Electric Tactical All-Terrain Vehicle (E-TATV). It is India's first defence Electric Vehicle (EV) and among the world's first operational electric tactical vehicles for military use. The VEER has passed military trials and is recognized under the Ministry of Defence's (MoD's) Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) programme.

Q10. World Wildlife Day (WWD) is celebrated every year on which day?

A) March 1

B) March 2

C) **March 3**

D) March 4

Explanation: World Wildlife Day (WWD) is celebrated every year on 3 March. It is observed by the United Nations to celebrate wild animals and plants and recognize their unique roles and contributions to people and the planet. The World Wildlife Day (WWD) 2026 theme is "Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Conserving Health, Heritage and Livelihoods".



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