



Current GK – 12 May 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. Which institution released the report titled 'Achieving Efficiencies in MSME Sector through Convergence of Schemes'?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- C) **NITI Aayog**
- D) Ministry of MSME

Explanation: NITI Aayog released the report 'Achieving Efficiencies in MSME Sector through Convergence of Schemes' to strengthen government support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). It provides a roadmap to improve MSME outcomes by streamlining scheme implementation, enhancing inter-ministerial coordination, and boosting financial, skill, marketing, and innovation support. The report evaluates existing central and state MSME schemes, examines convergence levels, and identifies best practices from India and abroad.

Q2. NASAMS (National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System) was jointly developed by which two countries?

- A) India and France
- B) **United States and Norway**
- C) China and Japan
- D) India and Russia

Explanation: The United States recently approved a nearly \$700 million sale of NASAMS (National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System) to Taiwan. NASAMS is a medium-range ground-based air defence system designed to intercept aircraft, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles, and cruise missiles. It was jointly developed by Raytheon of the United States and Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace of Norway. It became operational in 1994 and was first deployed by the Royal Norwegian Air Force. NASAMS is used by 13 countries and has protected the United States National Capital Region since 2005.

Q3. RailOne, the SuperApp of Indian Railways, was developed by which organization?

A) National Informatics Centre (NIC)

B) Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)

C) NITI Aayog

D) None of the Above

Explanation: RailOne, the SuperApp of Indian Railways, crossed two crore downloads within eight months of its launch. The app surpassed five lakh ticket bookings per day in February 2026. It was developed by Centre for Railway Information Systems. It was launched by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on 1 July. RailOne integrates services like reserved and unreserved ticketing, platform tickets, train enquiries, PNR status, and other passenger utilities. RailTech Policy promotes innovation by engaging startups, innovators, industry, and institutions for Indian Railways modernization.

Q4. According to United Nationsâ€™ Global Forest Resource Assessment (GFRA) 2025, what is Indiaâ€™s rank in the worldâ€™s total forest area?

A) 6th

B) 7th

C) 8th

D) 9th

Explanation: India moved up to 9th position in the world for total forest area and retained 3rd spot for annual forest gains, according to the United Nationsâ€™ Global Forest Resource Assessment (GFRA) 2025. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav credited government conservation policies and state-led plantation efforts for this achievement. GFRA, released by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), analysed 35 years of data (1990–2025) from 236 countries. India has 72.74 million hectares of forests, about 2% of global forest cover. Russia leads with 832.63 million hectares, followed by Brazil, Canada, and the US. India added approximately 191,000 hectares per year between 2015–2025, behind China (1.69 million) and Russia (942,000).

Q5. National Cancer Awareness Day is observed every year on which day?

A) November 6

B) November 7

C) November 8

D) November 9

Explanation: National Cancer Awareness Day is observed every year on 7th November in India since 2014. The day aims to spread awareness about the early detection, prevention, and treatment of cancer. Healthcare organisations, government bodies, and NGOs conduct awareness drives, seminars, and free screenings nationwide. India has an estimated 20–25 lakh active cancer patients, with about 7 lakh new cases reported each year. Nearly two-thirds of new cases are detected at an incurable stage.

Q6. Which city is the host of India's first Chadar Mahotsav?

- A) **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**
- B) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- C) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- D) Surat, Gujarat

Explanation: India's first Chadar Mahotsav of the Jain community will be held from 6–8 March 2026 in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The festival will honor the 872-year-old garments of Dada Shri Jindatt Suri Maharaj, kept in the Jain temple library. more than 150 Jain saints and 30,000 devotees are expected. The garments, preserved since VS 1945, are believed to have remained intact during cremation and an epidemic.

Q7. Exercise JAIMEX 25 is conducted between India and which country?

- A) Egypt
- B) **Japan**
- C) Australia
- D) Maldives

Explanation: INS Sahyadri, commanded by Captain Rajat Kumar, is participating in the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX) 25. Exercise JAIMEX 25 is conducted between India and Japan. JAIMEX 25 was held from 16–17 October in the west of Kyushu, involving Japanese Ship (JS) Asahi, JS Oumi, a submarine, 2nd Artillery Brigade (Japan Ground Self Defence Force – JGSDF), and Western Aircraft Control and Warning Wing (Japan Air Self Defence Force – JASDF). The exercise aimed to enhance tactical capabilities, interoperability, and multi-layered defence cooperation between the Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), JGSDF, and JASDF.

Q8. Forest Rights Act (FRA) Cells have been sanctioned under which scheme?

- A) Van Dhan Yojana
- B) **Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan**
- C) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- D) Aspirational Districts Programme

Explanation: The Central Government has expanded the mandate of Forest Rights Act (FRA) Cells to strengthen implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 at State and Union Territory levels. FRA Cells were sanctioned under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan (DAJGUA). The objective is to provide technical and administrative support without interfering in statutory decision-making. They help in recognition of Individual Forest Rights (IFR) and Community Forest Rights (CFR). They assist Gram Sabhas and claimants in preparing claim documents and collecting evidence. They support digitisation of land records and tracking of claims.

Q9. Pa Pa Pagli (First Steps of the Child)” is a play-oriented preschool initiative of which state government?

A) Haryana

B) Rajasthan

C) Punjab

D) Gujarat

Explanation: Gujarat's Dahod district implements the UNICEF-supported Pa Pa Pagli initiative in Anganwadi centres for children aged 3–6 years. Pa Pa Pagli (First Steps of the Child) is a play-based pre-school education programme by the Gujarat Women and Child Development Department. It targets children in educationally backward districts to improve learning outcomes and confidence. It focuses on life-skills like social interaction, communication, hygiene, and routine habits. It transforms Anganwadis from nutrition and health centres to early cognitive development hubs. It uses digital and visual aids, with UNICEF India providing technical support.

Q10. Sansha Yongle Blue Hole (Dragon Hole), that was recently is located in which water body?

A) South China Sea

B) Red Sea

C) Arabian Sea

D) Black Sea

Explanation: The Sansha Yongle Blue Hole, known as the Dragon Hole, is a massive underwater sinkhole in the South China Sea studied for over a decade. Blue holes are deep, steep underwater cavities formed in limestone areas and later filled by rising sea levels. Dragon Hole is the deepest known underwater sinkhole in the world at about 301.19 meters, deeper than Dean's Blue Hole in the Bahamas. It lies around 25 kilometers from Discovery Reef and is called the "eye" of the South China Sea by local fishermen. The hole is almost vertical, with 130 meters width at the surface and 36 meters at the bottom.



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