



Current GK – 13 May 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. World Statistics Day is observed every year on which day?

- A) October 17
- B) October 18
- C) October 19
- D) **October 20**

Explanation: World Statistics Day is celebrated every five years and is observed for the fourth time on 20 October 2025. Reliable statistics are the foundation of transparency, democracy, and progress, providing information on society, economy, and environment. They help citizens, institutions, and organizations understand developments and plan the future responsibly. This year's theme is "Quality statistics and data for everyone", emphasizing that access to reliable data is a citizen's right. In the digital age, data is easily accessible, but challenges remain in ensuring reliability, protecting personal data, and interpreting statistics correctly.

Q2. Nilgiri Wood Pigeon, that was recently seen in news, is endemic to which region?

- A) Ladakh
- B) Chotanagpur plateau
- C) **Western Ghats**
- D) Eastern Ghats

Explanation: A recent study warns that climate change may restrict the habitat of the Nilgiri Wood Pigeon to a few isolated pockets in the Western Ghats by the end of the century. It is an endemic pigeon species of the Western Ghats in India. It is large, dark in colour, with a distinctive checkerboard pattern on its nape. It lives in high-elevation wet evergreen, moist evergreen, semi-evergreen forests and shola forests. It is mainly found in the Nilgiris and Anamalai Hills, with isolated populations in Biligirirangan Hills, Nandi Hills and northern Maharashtra.

Q3. Khaleda Zia, who recently passed away, was the first woman prime minister of which country?

- A) Iraq
- B) Pakistan
- C) Myanmar
- D) **Bangladesh**

Explanation: Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman Prime Minister, passed away at 80 after a prolonged illness. She was the Chairperson of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). She played a major role in restoring democracy following periods of military rule. She dominated Bangladesh's political landscape for several decades.

Q4. Where was the first indigenously designed shallow water craft INS Mahe commissioned?

A) Mumbai

B) Visakhapatnam

C) Kochi

D) Kolkata

Explanation: Indian Navy commissioned INS Mahe, the first indigenously designed Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at Naval Dockyard Mumbai. Ship is named after the historic coastal town of Mahe on the Malabar Coast. Crest shows the Urumi sword of Kalaripayattu with waves symbolising agility, precision and lethal power and mascot Cheetah represents speed and focus with motto "Silent Hunters". INS Mahe is the first of eight vessels in its class designed and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited. Ship is equipped with advanced weapons sensors and communication systems to detect track and neutralise underwater threats in shallow waters

Q5. Tamla Du Festival is celebrated by which tribal community of Arunachal Pradesh?

A) Nyishi

B) Adi

C) Apatani

D) Mishmi

Explanation: Tamla Du Festival of Tawran also called Digaru Mishmi and Kaman also called Miju Mishmi community is celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh. The festival is dedicated to Lord Jabmalo and worship of nature for good health, good harvest and protection from natural disasters. It reflects deep respect for faith, environment and traditional values of the Mishmi community.

Q6. The Forest Owlet was recently spotted in which National Park of Madhya Pradesh after 113 years?

A) Kanha National Park

B) Kuno National Park

C) Panna National Park

D) Satpura National Park

Explanation: Recently, the Forest Owlet was spotted in Kuno National Park after 113 years. It belongs to the owl family Strigidae. It is endemic to central India and found in Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat, including Melghat Tiger Reserve. It lives in tropical and subtropical moist lowland forests, dense and open dry deciduous teak forests. It has an unspotted crown, full throat collar, thickly feathered legs, and heavily banded wings and tail. It is diurnal and hunts during the day.

Q7. The Painganga River, that was recently seen in news, is the main river of which state?

A) Maharashtra

B) Gujarat

C) Haryana

D) Punjab

Explanation: Four women and three children were recently rescued after being trapped for nearly two hours in the Painganga River near Sahastrakund waterfall. The Painganga River, also called Penganga River, is the main river of Yavatmal district, Maharashtra. It is a major tributary of the Wardha River. The river originates in the Ajanta ranges, Aurangabad district and flows through Buldhana, Washim, and along the Washim-Hingoli border. It forms the boundary between Yavatmal and Nanded districts and flows along the Maharashtra-Telangana border.

Q8. Which telescope was used to discover the spiral galaxy “Alaknanda” ?

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

Explanation: Researchers at National Centre for Radio Astrophysics – Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (NCRA–TIFR), Pune, discovered a new spiral galaxy named Alaknanda. It lies 12 billion light years away and shows a perfect spiral structure. The name comes from the Alaknanda River and the Hindi word for the Milky Way. The galaxy spans 30,000 light years, with two clear spiral arms around a bright central bulge. It forms stars rapidly, producing 60 solar masses per year. It resembles a young Milky Way, formed when our galaxy was only 10% of its current age. The discovery was made using National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)’s James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).

Q9. Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) is located in which state?

- A) Odisha
- B) **Maharashtra**
- C) Karnataka
- D) Kerala

Explanation: A third tigress was recently released into the wild at Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR), boosting tiger conservation in western Maharashtra. Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) is located in the Sahyadri Ranges of the Western Ghats, Maharashtra, and is the northernmost tiger habitat in the Western Ghats. It is the first tiger reserve of Western Maharashtra and the fourth in the state.

Q10. Which team successfully defended the Team Championship title at the Khelo India Winter Games?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Ladakh
- C) **Indian Army**
- D) Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation: The Indian Army defended its team championship title at the 6th edition of the Khelo India Winter Games, winning a total of nine gold medals, including eight in the Gulmarg leg. Himachal Pradesh finished as runners-up after securing four gold medals on the final day of competition. The closing ceremony of KIWG 2026 was organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council and managed by the Sports Authority of India at the Golf Course in Gulmarg. The first leg of the Games was held in Ladakh from January 20–26, 2026.



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