



Current GK – 15 May 2026 – Answer Key

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Section: GK

Q1. Which organization released the report on 'Global Water Bankruptcy 2026'?

- A) United Nations Environment Programme
B) **UN University Institute for Water, Environment and Health**
C) International Water Management Institute
D) World Water Council

Explanation: The United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health released a report on Global Water Bankruptcy. It warns that the planet has entered a Global Water Bankruptcy era. Water Bankruptcy means long-term water use has exceeded renewable supply and safe limits, causing irreversible damage. Rivers, lakes, aquifers, wetlands, soils, and glaciers are degraded beyond full recovery. This differs from water stress, which is high demand but largely reversible. It also differs from water crisis, which is temporary and manageable with restoration. Key causes include chronic overuse of water resources, dam-driven overexpansion, ecological degradation, and climate change intensifying existing water stress.

Q2. Parvati-Arga Bird Sanctuary, which was recently declared as an Eco-Sensitive Zone, is located in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

- A) Saharanpur
B) **Gonda**
C) Raebareilly
D) Gorakhpur

Explanation: The Government has declared the Parvati-Arga Bird Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh as an Eco-Sensitive Zone. The initiative aims to develop the sanctuary as a responsible ecotourism destination and strengthen biodiversity. The sanctuary is located in Gonda District, Uttar Pradesh. The sanctuary covers 1,084 hectares and includes two lakes, Parvati and Arga, situated about 1.5 km apart.

Q3. Which Indian State/UT has created history by conducting the world's highest frozen lake half marathon?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
B) Jammu & Kashmir
C) Uttarakhand
D) **Ladakh**

Explanation: Ladakh conducted its first 21-km trail run at Pangong Tso, held at 13,862 feet in sub-zero temperature, and it was recorded in Guinness World Records as the world's highest frozen lake half marathon. Pangong Tso is an endorheic, landlocked lake located in eastern Ladakh and extends into China's Tibet region. The name means "high grassland lake" in Tibetan. It lies at about 4,350 meters and is one of the world's highest brackish water lakes. The lake changes colours from blue to red and green.

Q4. Which state has introduced India's first policy for women-centric ergonomic testing of farm machines?

A) Jharkhand

B) Bihar

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) **Odisha**

Explanation: The Government of Odisha has introduced India's first policy for women-centric ergonomic testing of farm machines. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was finalised on November 4, 2025, by an expert committee. It ensures that agricultural tools are designed for women's body structure, strength, and posture. According to the Economic Survey 2024–25, women's participation in farming rose from 57% in 2017–18 to 64.4% in 2023–24. A pilot study under the Shree Anna Abhiyan (formerly Odisha Millets Mission) tested tools in five districts with women farmers.

Q5. Earth's Rotation Day is observed every year on which day?

A) January 7

B) **January 8**

C) January 9

D) January 10

Explanation: Earth's Rotation Day is observed every year on 8 January to highlight Earth's continuous rotation on its axis. It commemorates the 1851 Foucault Pendulum experiment conducted by French physicist Léon Foucault. The experiment gave the first clear experimental proof that Earth rotates on its axis. Earth's rotation causes the day/night cycle and influences climate and wind patterns. The day promotes awareness of basic Earth science and astronomy.

Q6. Ruphin Fortunat Zafisambo has been appointed as Prime Minister of which country?

A) Kenya

B) Uganda

C) Djibouti

D) **Madagascar**

Explanation: In October 2025, Madagascar's President Andry Rajoelina appointed General Ruphin Fortunat Zafisambo as the new Prime Minister (PM). He succeeded Christian Ntsay, who had served as PM since 2018. The appointment followed rising protests over power outages and water shortages. This marks a leadership shift, with a military officer replacing a civilian politician. Ruphin Fortunat Zafisambo began military education at Antsirabe Military Academy, Madagascar in 1991. He served under High Transitional Authority (HAT) after the 2009 crisis. Madagascar's capital is Antananarivo and currency is Malagasy Ariary (MGA).

Q7. Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), that was recently seen in news, is primarily found in which region of India?

A) Northern India

B) Southern India

C) Eastern India

D) Western India

Explanation: A 29-year-old man in Karnataka died after contracting Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), also called monkey fever. Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) is a tick-borne viral haemorrhagic disease mostly found in southern India, first reported in 1957 from Kyasanur Forest, Karnataka. The virus belongs to the family Flaviviridae, genus Flavivirus, part of the tick-borne encephalitis complex. It is called monkey fever due to its association with monkey deaths.

Q8. Lake Michigan, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?

A) United States

B) Russia

C) United Kingdom

D) Australia

Explanation: The remains of the luxury steamer Lac La Belle have been discovered at the bottom of Lake Michigan over 150 years after it sank in a storm. Lake Michigan is the third largest of the five Great Lakes of North America. It is the only Great Lake entirely within the United States. By surface area, it is the fourth largest freshwater lake and the fifth largest lake in the world. The lake connects to Lake Huron through the Straits of Mackinac.

Q9. Biswa Bandhu, who recently passed away, was the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of which state?

A) Tripura

B) Assam

C) Nagaland

D) Sikkim

Explanation: Tripura Assembly Speaker Biswa Bandhu, aged 72, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru following a massive cerebral stroke. A four-time MLA from the Dharmanagar constituency, he started his political career with Congress, joined Trinamool Congress in 2016, and later BJP before the 2018 Assembly elections. The state government declared three days of mourning and ordered the closure of all government offices, schools, colleges, and institutions on 26 December as a mark of respect.

Q10. 'Banwat Ekta Sthal' was inaugurated in which district of Jammu and Kashmir?

A) Rajouri

B) Kupwara

C) **Poonch**

D) Baramulla

Explanation: Pratik Sharma, Northern Commander of the Indian Army, inaugurated 'Banwat Ekta Sthal' in Poonch district, Jammu and Kashmir. The monument is located near the Line of Control (LoC). It symbolises national pride, unity and sovereignty. The project was completed in a record 45 days. It features a 105-foot tall National Flag, the tallest in Poonch district. The site also includes a children's park for recreation. An 'Ekta Mandap' has been built to promote peace and harmony.



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