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The 159 Current Affairs questions from UPSC Prelims GS-1 2021 through 2026, listed by year. Each question shows its trigger event, the ministry it came from, the PIB PRID (clickable to the official pib.gov.in page), and our engine's rank-in-basket for that publishing week. No interpretation, no editorialising — just question → source → verdict.

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VERDICT LEGEND

- **Hit** — source release ranked 1 to 10 in its publishing week
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2021

Exam date: 10 October 2021 · 22 CA questions on the paper

BACKTESTED

10

TOP-10 HIT RATE

80%

MEDIAN RANK

7PIB / PARTIAL /
NO-ANCHOR**8·7·7****Backtested — 10 question(s) with English PIB source, ranked in their publishing week****Q52 Palm oil**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 75

Palm oil origin (SE Asia), industrial uses (cosmetics), biodiesel use

Trigger: National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) approved by Cabinet Aug 18, 2021 (2021-08-18)**Ministry:** Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1746942](#)**Q56 Seabed mining / Global Ocean Commission**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 34

Whether Global Ocean Commission licenses seabed mining (no, it's ISA); whether India has seabed exploration license (yes); whether rare earths on seafloor (yes)

Trigger: Deep Ocean Mission approved by Cabinet on June 16, 2021 (2021-06-16)**Ministry:** Ministry of Earth Sciences

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1727525](#)**Q65 Recombinant Vector Vaccines**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 45

Whether these vaccines use genetic engineering (yes); whether bacteria and viruses are vectors (yes)

Trigger: COVID-19 vaccines context — Covishield is a recombinant viral vector vaccine; Sputnik V also vector-based (2020-12 to 2021)**Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1685761](#)**Q99 32nd Summer Olympics (Tokyo 2020/2021)**

HIT · RANK 3 OF 47

Motto 'A New World' (false — it was 'United by Emotion'); new sports inclusion (true)

Trigger: Tokyo Olympics July 23 - Aug 8, 2021 (2021-07-23)**Ministry:** Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1786285](#)

Q73 ACE2 receptor

HIT · RANK 6 OF 50

Context of ACE2 — answer: spread of viral diseases (SARS-CoV-2 entry receptor)

Trigger: COVID-19 pandemic research throughout 2020-21 (2020-03 onwards)

Ministry: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Ministry of Science & Technology

PIB · PARTIAL

Source: [PRID 1682925](#)

Q21 Lemongrass (mosquito repellent)

HIT · RANK 8 OF 49

Which grass used in natural mosquito repellent — lemongrass

Trigger: CSIR Aroma Mission promoting lemongrass farming, PM mentioned in Mann Ki Baat 2020 (Manipur farmer) (2020-08-30)

Ministry: Ministry of Science and Technology (CSIR)

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1649759](#)

Q96 Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards

HIT · RANK 8 OF 72

Whether these are Article 18(1) titles (no); whether Padma Awards suspended only once (no — twice); whether Bharat Ratna max 5/year (no — max 3)

Trigger: Padma Awards 2021 announced January 25, 2021 (Republic Day eve) (2021-01-25)

Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1692337](#)

Q67 Bollgard I and Bollgard II (Bt cotton)

HIT · RANK 9 OF 50

What Bollgard I and II are — GM crop technology

Trigger: Recurring Bt cotton debate; herbicide-tolerant Bollgard II RRF (HTBt) field trials and patent disputes in news 2020-21 (2020-2021)

Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (GEAC); Ministry of Agriculture

PIB · PARTIAL

Source: [PRID 1654492](#)

Q50 International Mother Language Day

MISSED · RANK 24 OF 32

Whether 21 Feb is declared by UNICEF (statement 1, false — UNESCO did); whether Bangla national language demand in Pakistan CA

Trigger: International Mother Language Day Feb 21 2021 observance (2021-02-21)

Ministry: Ministry of Education

PIB · PARTIAL

Source: [PRID 1699878](#)

Q84 Forest Rights Act 2006 nodal ministry

MISSED · RANK 51 OF 67

Which ministry is nodal for FRA 2006 implementation — Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Trigger: Recurring policy / parliament Q&A; FRA Section 11 designates Ministry of Tribal Affairs as nodal (*ongoing*)

Ministry: Ministry of Tribal Affairs **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1606767](#)

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Q16 R2 Code of Practices (e-waste)

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

What R2 Code of Practices promotes — answer: environmentally responsible electronics recycling

Trigger: E-waste rules and certifications in news; SUSTAINABLE Electronics Recycling International (SERI) R2v3 launched globally; India's E-Waste Rules 2016 in news in 2020-21 (*2020-2021*)

Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1648971](#)

Q31 Chausath Yogini Temple, Morena

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

Facts about the 11th-c. circular Kachchhapaghata temple and its supposed inspiration for Parliament building

Trigger: New Parliament building announcement (Dec 2020 Bhumi Pujan by PM) revived discussion about its architectural inspiration (*2020-12-10*)

Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1680174](#)

Q47 INA officers (Shah Nawaz Khan, Sehgal, Dhillon)

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

Who were these three figures — INA officers tried at Red Fort 1945-46

Trigger: 75th anniversary of Red Fort INA trials (Nov 2020-May 2021); govt declared Jan 23 as Parakram Diwas in 2021 (*2021-01-23*)

Ministry: Ministry of Culture **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1690291](#)

Q97 Hyderabad - Tree City of the World 2020

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

Whether UNCDF and Arbor Day Foundation recognized Hyderabad (false: it was FAO not UNCDF); whether for urban forest commitment (true)

Trigger: Hyderabad recognized as 2020 Tree City of the World by FAO + Arbor Day Foundation; announcement Feb 2021 (*2021-02-16*)

Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1698968](#)

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Q14 WaterCredit

NOT IN BACKTEST

Whether WaterCredit uses microfinance for water/sanitation; whether launched under WHO+World Bank; whether aimed at making poor independent of subsidies.

Trigger: WaterCredit by Water.org global microfinance initiative; in news around 2020–2021 for COVID-era water access via Indian MFIs (2020-04)

Ministry: — **Source:** *Water.org website / NGO reports / Down to Earth coverage*

Q19 Blue carbon

NOT IN BACKTEST

What is blue carbon — carbon captured by oceans and coastal ecosystems

Trigger: Conservation International + IUCN Blue Carbon Initiative, mangrove restoration in Sundarbans; concept in news through 2020–21 climate discussions (2020–2021)

Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **PIB · PARTIAL**

Source: *IUCN / UNEP Blue Carbon Initiative reports*

Q24 New York Declaration on Forests

NOT IN BACKTEST

Five facts about NYDF (endorsed 2014 UN Climate Summit; sets timeline to end forest loss; whether legally binding; signatories; India's role)

Trigger: NYDF 2020 progress assessment published Sept 2020; came up before COP26 (Nov 2021) (2020-09)

Ministry: — **Source:** *UNFCCC / Forest Declaration Assessment / Down to Earth*

Q29 Common Carbon Metric (UNEP)

NOT IN BACKTEST

What CCM measures — answer: carbon footprint of building operations globally

Trigger: UNEP-SBCI Common Carbon Metric; in news through 2020–21 in green building / IGBC discussions (*pre-2020 concept; in news 2020–21*)

Ministry: — **Source:** *UNEP SBCI documentation / IGBC press*

Q59 Climate-Smart Village / CCAFS / CGIAR / ICRISAT

NOT IN BACKTEST

CSV in India is CCAFS-led; CCAFS under CGIAR (HQ France); ICRISAT in India is CGIAR centre

Trigger: CCAFS Phase-II programme ran 2017-2021; CGIAR One reform announced 2021; concept in news (2020-2021 ongoing)

Ministry: — **Source:** CGIAR/CCAFS research publications, ICRISAT press

Q66 Mitochondrial Replacement Therapy

NOT IN BACKTEST

Whether MRT before/after IVF can prevent mitochondrial disease transmission; whether mitochondrial diseases are maternally inherited

Trigger: Three-parent baby technique; UK approval ongoing; topic recurrent in science news 2020-21 (2020-2021)

Ministry: — **Source:** Science journals, Nature, mainstream press; ICMR has not formally addressed MRT

Q98 Laureus World Sports Award

NOT IN BACKTEST

Year (2000), first winner (Tiger Woods — true), F1 dominance (false), Federer most wins (true)

Trigger: Laureus Awards 2021 held May 6, 2021 (Rafael Nadal won Sportsman) (2021-05-06) **Ministry:** —

Source: Laureus.com / sports press

Q100 ICC World Test Championship

NOT IN BACKTEST

Whether finalists decided by matches won (false — it was Points Percentage); whether NZ ranked over ENG due to wins (false — same PCT logic)

Trigger: WTC Final June 18-23, 2021 in Southampton (NZ won) (2021-06-23) **Ministry:** —

Source: ICC press / ESPNcricinfo

2022

Exam date: 5 June 2022 · 26 CA questions on the paper

BACKTESTED

12

TOP-10 HIT RATE

67%

MEDIAN RANK

2PIB / PARTIAL /
NO-ANCHOR**7 · 8 · 11****Backtested — 12 question(s) with English PIB source, ranked in their publishing week****Q50 Miyawaki method**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 60

Miyawaki — known for creation of mini forests in urban areas.

Trigger: Miyawaki plantations by SECL, CAG office, multiple municipal corporations 2020-22 (2020-07)**Ministry:** MoEFCC / Ministry of Coal

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1635865](#)**Q69 Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs)**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 168

NFT — ownership of digital asset, blockchain-based, not exchangeable like crypto.

Trigger: NFT mainstreaming 2021 (Beeple sale March 2021, Crypto Punks); India crypto/VDA tax in Budget Feb 2022 (2022-02-01)**Ministry:** Ministry of Finance

PIB · PARTIAL

Source: [PRID 1794140](#)**Q4 G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatments**

HIT · RANK 2 OF 41

G20 Common Framework — endorsed with Paris Club, supports Low Income Countries with unsustainable debt.

Trigger: G20 Common Framework agreed November 2020 (DSSI extension); 2021-22 implementation for Zambia, Chad, Ethiopia (2020-11-13)**Ministry:** Ministry of Finance

PIB · PARTIAL

Source: [PRID 1664573](#)**Q19 Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)**

HIT · RANK 2 OF 64

ABDM — adoption mandatory? UHC for every citizen? portability?

Trigger: PM launched ABDM nationwide on 27 September 2021 (2021-09-27)**Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1758511](#)

Q31 Open source digital platforms — Aarogya Setu, CoWIN, DigiLocker, DIKSHA

HIT · RANK 2 OF 35

Which platforms built on open source?

Trigger: Aarogya Setu open source May 2020; CoWIN open source offered as digital public good 5 July 2021 (2021-07-05)

Ministry: MeitY / PMO / MoHFW **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1732812](#)

Q39 COVID-19 vaccines (Sputnik V & Covishield) — vector technology

HIT · RANK 2 OF 71

Sputnik V viral vector? mRNA? Covishield viral vector?

Trigger: Sputnik V EUA approval in India 12 April 2021 (2021-04-12)

Ministry: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1711342](#)

Q74 Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)

HIT · RANK 2 OF 61

Sanitation/CDRI institute statements — intergovernmental coalition.

Trigger: CDRI categorised as International Organization by Cabinet 13 July 2022 (post-exam); but founding at UN Climate Summit Sept 2019; member growth 2020-22 (2019-09-23)

Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs / NDMA **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1586051](#)

Q22 System of Rice Intensification (SRI)

HIT · RANK 10 OF 30

SRI cultivation results — seed/methane/water reductions.

Trigger: SRI adopted in NFSM, climate-resilient agriculture initiatives 2021-22 (2021-08)

Ministry: Ministry of Agriculture **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1646376](#)

Q7 Banks Board Bureau (BBB)

SOFT HIT · RANK 16 OF 75

BBB role — RBI Governor not chair, recommends PSB head selection, helps strategy.

Trigger: BBB recommendations for PSB heads; BBB held incompetent by Delhi HC; replaced by FSIB on 1 July 2022 (2022-04)

Ministry: Ministry of Finance **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1748922](#)

Q85 UN Convention on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

MISSED · RANK 21 OF 82

Territorial sea, innocent passage, EEZ — UNCLOS provisions.

Trigger: Recurring UNCLOS-themed news around China-Japan, Quad maritime affairs, India MDA 2021-22 (2021-04)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs / Ministry of Defence **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1780870](#)

Q77 Polar Code (IMO)

MISSED · RANK 36 OF 110

Polar Code — international code for ships in polar waters.

Trigger: Polar Code (IMO) in effect since 2017; renewed news cycle 2021-22 with Arctic shipping route discussions and India's Arctic Policy launch March 2022 (2022-03-17)

Ministry: Ministry of Earth Sciences **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1806993](#)

Q44 WHO Air Quality Guidelines

MISSED · RANK 47 OF 168

WHO AQG pollutants covered — which match the standards?

Trigger: WHO Global Air Quality Guidelines updated 22 September 2021 (first update since 2005) (2021-09-22)

Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1795074](#)

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Q67 Vietnam economy

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

Vietnam — multi-party? cheap labour + stability? part of global supply chains?

Trigger: Vietnam emerged as 'China+1' alternative 2020-22; India-Vietnam Virtual Summit Dec 2020; Lok Sabha Speaker visit April 2022; Rajnath Singh visit June 2022 (2020-12-21)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1684147](#)

Q84 Solar energy in India — Kerala airport, Madhya Pradesh park

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

750 MW solar park in MP? Kerala airport on solar? Goa floating solar?

Trigger: Rewa solar park (MP) operationalized; Cochin Airport — first fully solar-powered airport (2015 baseline, recurring news 2021-22) (2020-07)

Ministry: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1637863](#)

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Q1 IMF Rapid Financing Instrument & Rapid Credit Facility

NOT IN BACKTEST

Rapid Financing Instrument and Rapid Credit Facility relate to lending by which organization?

Trigger: IMF emergency COVID-19 lending instruments heavily used 2020-21; India related coverage in IMF Article IV consultations (2020-04)

Ministry: — **Source:** IMF official website / international news (Reuters, FT, IMF press releases)

Q32 Web 3.0

NOT IN BACKTEST

Web 3.0 — user data control, blockchain social networks, user-collective operation.

Trigger: Web 3.0 surge in tech discourse 2021-22; crypto/NFT/blockchain mainstreaming (2021-12) **Ministry:** —

Source: Tech press (TechCrunch, The Hindu BusinessLine, Economic Times Tech)

Q34 Fractional Orbital Bombardment System (FOBS)

NOT IN BACKTEST

FOBS — missile deployed to low orbit, deorbited over target.

Trigger: China's reported FOBS hypersonic test, Aug 2021 (revealed by FT in Oct 2021) (2021-08) **Ministry:** —

Source: Financial Times, Reuters, defence press (Breaking Defense, The Drive)

Q41 Climate Action Tracker

NOT IN BACKTEST

Climate Action Tracker — what kind of body?

Trigger: Frequently cited at COP26 Glasgow (Oct-Nov 2021) on India's NDC ambition (2021-11) **Ministry:** —

Source: Climate Action Tracker website (climateactiontracker.org), Down to Earth, COP26 coverage

Q42 Climate Group initiatives — RE100, EP100, EV100, Under2

NOT IN BACKTEST

Which initiatives are run by The Climate Group?

Trigger: Climate Group COP26 commitments / India business pledges Oct-Nov 2021 (2021-09) **Ministry:** —

Source: The Climate Group website, COP26 corporate sustainability press

Q45 Gucchi mushroom

NOT IN BACKTEST

Gucchi — what is it? (mushroom from Himalayan region)

Trigger: Gucchi/Morchella increased media coverage 2021-22 due to GI tag advocacy, premium pricing (2022-02)

Ministry: — **Source:** Kashmir Observer, The Hindu, regional press; ICMR/CSIR-IIIM research

Q49 Biorock technology

NOT IN BACKTEST

Biorock — used for restoration of damaged coral reefs.

Trigger: Biorock pilots in Gulf of Kachchh by ZSI / NIO India in 2020-21 (2021-01)

Ministry: Ministry of Earth Sciences **PIB · PARTIAL**

Source: Zoological Survey of India / The Hindu coverage on Gulf of Kachchh coral revival

Q66 Senkaku Islands

NOT IN BACKTEST

Senkaku Islands — China-Japan East China Sea dispute.

Trigger: China Coast Guard Law Feb 2021; sustained CCG presence around Senkaku 2020-22 (2021-02-01)

Ministry: — **Source:** MEA briefings, ICWA papers, Reuters, NHK, Quad-related strategic coverage

Q80 Greenwashing

NOT IN BACKTEST

Greenwashing — false eco-friendly impression?

Trigger: Greenwashing concerns rose with ESG/Sovereign Green Bonds discourse 2021-22 (2022-02) **Ministry:** —

Source: International ESG press; SEBI consultation papers later; CCPA guidelines came 2023-24

Q82 Refugee settlements — Bidibidi (Uganda), Dadaab (Kenya)

NOT IN BACKTEST

Bidibidi/Dadaab — refugee settlements in Africa.

Trigger: Continuous refugee crisis coverage 2020-22; UNHCR reports (2021-06) **Ministry:** —

Source: UNHCR reports, BBC, Al Jazeera coverage

Q83 Organization of Turkic States

NOT IN BACKTEST

Members of Organization of Turkic States.

Trigger: Turkic Council renamed to Organization of Turkic States at 8th Summit, Istanbul, 12 November 2021 (2021-11-12)

Ministry: — **Source:** Anadolu Agency, Daily Sabah, MEA/ICWA commentary, Hindu international section

Q90 Fungus-cultivating insect (Ants)

NOT IN BACKTEST

Among ant/cockroach/crab/spider, which cultivates fungus as food?

Trigger: No clear datable event; biology general knowledge (—) **Ministry:** —

Source: Static biology / NCERT-level / Down to Earth nature features

2023

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BACKTESTED

13

TOP-10 HIT RATE

46%

MEDIAN RANK

16PIB / PARTIAL /
NO-ANCHOR**12·5·12****Backtested — 13 question(s) with English PIB source, ranked in their publishing week****Q79 BMC and Nagoya Protocol**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 110

BMCs are key to Nagoya Protocol; determine access/benefit sharing including levy of collection fees.

Trigger: Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill 2021/Act 2023 discussions reignited BMC framework (2022-12-16)**Ministry:** Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1809122](#)**Q68 Carbon capture and sequestration techniques**

HIT · RANK 2 OF 44

CCS activities: basalt rock on farmlands; increasing ocean alkalinity (lime); CO₂ to abandoned subterranean mines as carbonated waters.**Trigger:** IPCC AR6 (2022) and India's net-zero by 2070 (Glasgow 2021) brought CCS into focus (2022-04)**Ministry:** Ministry of Environment / DST / NITI Aayog **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1879865](#)**Q76 UN World Water Development Report 2022 - India groundwater**

HIT · RANK 3 OF 39

Statement-I: India extracts >25% of world's groundwater per year.

Trigger: UN World Water Development Report 2022 released March 2022 (2022-03-22)**Ministry:** Ministry of Jal Shakti **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1874808](#)**Q60 Green Hydrogen**

HIT · RANK 4 OF 38

Green hydrogen: direct fuel for IC engines; blend with NG for heat/power; use in fuel cells for vehicles.

Trigger: National Green Hydrogen Mission approved by Cabinet on 4 January 2023 (2023-01-04)**Ministry:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1888547](#)

Q99 Green Hydrogen industries - decarbonization

HIT · RANK 4 OF 38

Green hydrogen role in fertilizer, oil refinery, steel — all three.

Trigger: National Green Hydrogen Mission Jan 4, 2023 lists steel, refining, fertilizers as key offtake sectors (2023-01-04)

Ministry: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1888547](#)

Q52 Anaemia Mukt Bharat strategy

HIT · RANK 5 OF 168

AMB: prophylactic calcium for school children/adolescents/pregnant women; delayed cord clamping; deworming; addresses non-nutritional causes (malaria, hemoglobinopathies, fluorosis).

Trigger: AMB launched 2018; ongoing strategy reviewed in PIB Parliament Q&As 2022-23 (2022-02-04)

Ministry: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1795421](#)

Q23 Carbon markets

SOFT HIT · RANK 16 OF 135

Statement on carbon markets as climate tools; misconception about transferring resources from private to State.

Trigger: Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill/Act 2022 passed Dec 2022 enabling India's carbon credit trading scheme; came into force 1 Jan 2023 (2022-12-26)

Ministry: Ministry of Power / Bureau of Energy Efficiency **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1897773](#)

Q22 Central Banks post-pandemic rate hikes

SOFT HIT · RANK 20 OF 30

Post-pandemic Central Banks worldwide raised interest rates; CBs assume they can counter rising prices via monetary policy.

Trigger: Fed, ECB, BoE, RBI rate hike cycle 2022-23 (2022-05)

Ministry: Ministry of Finance / RBI **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1863686](#)

Q72 Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)

MISSED · RANK 30 OF 135

CBDC can be used to make payments without USD/SWIFT; can be programmed with conditions like time-frame.

Trigger: RBI launched Digital Rupee Wholesale pilot Nov 1, 2022 and Retail pilot Dec 1, 2022 (2022-12-01)

Ministry: Ministry of Finance / RBI **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1896721](#)

Q83 National Handloom Day - 7th August - Swadeshi 1905**MISSED · RANK 40 OF 96**

Both statements correct + explanation: 7 Aug is National Handloom Day; Swadeshi Movement launched on 7 Aug 1905.

Trigger: National Handloom Day annually observed; PM addressed handloom community Aug 2022 (2022-08-07)

Ministry: Ministry of Textiles / Home Ministry **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1849340](#)

Q88 PLI Scheme and India's exports**MISSED · RANK 50 OF 99**

S-I: India accounts for 3.2% of global goods exports (incorrect; actual ~1.8%). S-II: Local & foreign companies use PLI.

Trigger: PLI Schemes for 14 sectors with Rs.1.97 lakh crore outlay; first reviews of impact through 2022-23 (2023-06-23)

Ministry: Ministry of Commerce and Industry / DPIIT **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1945155](#)

Q51 Janani Suraksha Yojana**MISSED · RANK 66 OF 175**

JSY: safe motherhood intervention; reduces maternal & neonatal mortality; promotes institutional delivery; provides services to infants up to 1 year.

Trigger: JSY is a long-running scheme since 2005 under NRHM; periodic Lok Sabha questions and updates throughout 2022-23 (2022-08)

Ministry: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1847378](#)

Q29 15th Finance Commission devolution criteria**MISSED · RANK 71 OF 72**

Which criteria (other than population, area, income distance) did 15th FC use for horizontal devolution? Demographic performance, Forest/ecology, Governance reforms, Stable govt, Tax/fiscal effort.

Trigger: 15th Finance Commission Report submitted Nov 2020; tabled Feb 2021 covering 2021-22 to 2025-26 (2021-02-01)

Ministry: Ministry of Finance **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1693868](#)

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Q95 Sports Awards definitions

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

Pairs about Khel Ratna, Arjuna, Dronacharya, Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar.

Trigger: Khel Ratna renamed Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna on 6 Aug 2021; awards conferred annually 29 Aug Sports Day (2021-08-06)

Ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1743105](#)

Q96 44th Chess Olympiad 2022

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

44th Chess Olympiad 2022: first time in India; mascot 'Thambi'; Vera Menchik for open / Hamilton-Russell for women (UPSC reversed these incorrectly).

Trigger: 44th Chess Olympiad held in Chennai 28 July - 10 August 2022 (2022-07-28)

Ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1844670](#)

Q100 G-20 origin and India's priorities

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

G-20 originally for Finance Ministers/CB Governors; DPI is India's G-20 priority.

Trigger: India took over G-20 Presidency December 1, 2022; theme 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' (2022-12-01)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs / G20 Secretariat **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1880925](#)

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Q7 Cobalt - DRC - EV batteries critical minerals

NOT IN BACKTEST

About 3/4 of world's cobalt (needed for EV batteries) is produced by which country? Answer: DRC.

Trigger: Critical minerals / EV battery supply chain discourse; India's Critical Minerals identification & DRC's dominance highlighted globally (2022-06)

Ministry: —

Source: USGS, World Bank Cobalt Market Analysis, Foreign Policy/Bloomberg reporting; static general knowledge

Q21 InvITs taxation & SARFAESI

NOT IN BACKTEST

Statement on InvITs interest income tax exemption and dividend taxability; recognition under SARFAESI Act 2002.

Trigger: Finance Act 2023 brought changes; SEBI InvIT regulations amended Jan 2023 and Feb 14, 2023 (2023-02-14)

Ministry: Ministry of Finance / SEBI **Source:** SEBI regulations directly; Finance Act 2023; Income Tax Act

Q30 UNOPS S3i initiative

NOT IN BACKTEST

Which sectors does UNOPS Sustainable Investments in Infrastructure and Innovation (S3i) focus on?

Trigger: UNOPS S3i initiative is global, with India MoU around housing infrastructure (2018-09) **Ministry:** –

Source: UNOPS official website; ICAEW commentary

Q57 Satellite Navigation Systems by country

NOT IN BACKTEST

Which country among Australia/Canada/Israel/Japan has its own SatNav? Answer: Japan (QZSS).

Trigger: Japan's QZSS (Quasi-Zenith Satellite System) fully operational 2018; relevant since India's NavIC discourse 2022-23 (2022-01)

Ministry: Department of Space **Source:** JAXA, general science knowledge

Q67 Wolbachia method

NOT IN BACKTEST

Wolbachia method refers to controlling viral diseases spread by mosquitoes.

Trigger: ICMR-VCRC Puducherry developed Wolbachia-infected Aedes aegypti colonies; news around 2022 (2022-07-05)

Ministry: Ministry of Health (ICMR)

Source: ICMR-VCRC Puducherry research updates; global WMP/Eliminate Dengue programme

Q78 Somalia civil strife and famine

NOT IN BACKTEST

Which country has been suffering from decades of civil strife & food shortages, in news for severe famine?

Trigger: Somalia famine risk peaked 2022-2023 with 5 failed rainy seasons & 43,000 estimated deaths (2022-09)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs **Source:** UN OCHA reports; WFP; FAO; international news

Q87 USA-EU Trade and Technology Council

NOT IN BACKTEST

USA and EU launched 'Trade and Technology Council'.

Trigger: TTC established at June 15, 2021 EU-US Summit Brussels; inaugural meeting Pittsburgh Sept 29, 2021; further meetings May 2022, Dec 2022 (2021-09-29)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs / Ministry of Commerce

Source: USTR, EU Commission, US State Department, White House statements

Q90 Global Compact for Migration (GCM)

NOT IN BACKTEST

GCM adopted by UN; binding on UN members; addresses internal migration/IDPs.

Trigger: GCM adopted by UN General Assembly 19 Dec 2018 (Marrakesh); India signed; relevance via 2022 IMRF review (2022-05)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs **Source:** UN GCM website; IOM; EPW article on India and GCM

Q91 Home Guards

NOT IN BACKTEST

Home Guards raised under HG Act/Rules of Central Govt; auxiliary to police; Border Wing Home Guards Battalions in some States.

Trigger: Home Guards continually raised; periodic MHA press notes on BWHG (2022-03)

Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs **PIB · PARTIAL**

Source: MHA Home Guards handbook; State govt notifications; MHA Year End Review 2022 (PRID 1888244) — mentions HG/CD in passing

Q93 Regions in news (Russia-Ukraine, Armenia-Azerbaijan, etc.)

NOT IN BACKTEST

Pairs about North Kivu/Ituri, Nagorno-Karabakh, Kherson/Zaporizhzhia (all incorrectly matched in stem).

Trigger: Russia-Ukraine war Feb 2022; Armenia-Azerbaijan Sept 2022 escalation; DRC unrest (2022-09)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs **Source:** International news/Reuters; UN OCHA; ICG reports

Q94 Abraham Accords - Israel-Arab diplomatic relations

NOT IN BACKTEST

Israel has established diplomatic relations with some Arab States.

Trigger: Abraham Accords signed 2020 (UAE, Bahrain, then Sudan, Morocco); ongoing through 2022 (2020-09)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs **Source:** International news; US State Department

Q97 Donbas-Kachin-Tigray conflict pairs

NOT IN BACKTEST

Donbas-Syria, Kachin-Ethiopia, Tigray-North Yemen (all incorrect; correct: Donbas-Ukraine, Kachin-Myanmar, Tigray-Ethiopia).

Trigger: Russia-Ukraine war Feb 2022; Tigray War Ethiopia 2020-2022; Myanmar civil war post-2021 coup (2022-02-24)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs **Source:** International news; UN reports

Q98 Coups in Chad, Guinea, Mali, Sudan

NOT IN BACKTEST

Common reason: Successful coups (Apr 2021 Chad, Sept 2021 Guinea, Aug 2020/May 2021 Mali, Oct 2021 Sudan).

Trigger: Series of military coups in Sahel/West Africa 2020-2022 (2021-10) **Ministry:** Ministry of External Affairs

Source: *International news; African Union statements; UN Security Council briefings*

2024

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BACKTESTED

12

TOP-10 HIT RATE

58%

MEDIAN RANK

7.5PIB / PARTIAL /
NO-ANCHOR**11·1·10****Backtested — 12 question(s) with English PIB source, ranked in their publishing week****Q21 Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Women's Reservation Act)**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 46

Statements about Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam — 18th LS, 15-year duration, SC women within SC quota.

Trigger: Constitution (106th Amendment) Act passed Sep 2023, reserving one-third seats for women in LS and State Assemblies. (2023-09)**Ministry:** Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs / Ministry of Law and Justice

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1960529](#)**Q49 Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 149

PMSMA — antenatal & post-delivery services? Private providers can volunteer free services?

Trigger: PMSMA launched 2016; 9th anniversary review (June 2024) and ongoing scheme. (2024-06)**Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1845078](#)**Q40 Garba — UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage 2023**

HIT · RANK 2 OF 75

Which is the latest UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity inclusion from India?

Trigger: Garba of Gujarat inscribed at 18th ICH committee session, Kasane, Botswana, 6 Dec 2023. (2023-12)**Ministry:** Ministry of Culture

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1983133](#)**Q71 Greenfield airport projects — Donyi Polo, Kushinagar, Vijayawada**

HIT · RANK 2 OF 46

Which of these are greenfield airport projects of GoI?

Trigger: Donyi Polo (Itanagar) operationalised 19 Nov 2022; Kushinagar inaugurated Oct 2021 — both greenfield. Vijayawada is brownfield (existing). (2022-11)**Ministry:** Ministry of Civil Aviation

PIB · FULL

Source: [PRID 1877228](#)

Q22 Exercise Mitra Shakti-2023

HIT · RANK 3 OF 40

Mitra Shakti 2023 — India-Bangladesh? In Aundh Pune? Counter-terrorism? IAF participation?

Trigger: Ninth edition of India-Sri Lanka Joint Exercise Mitra Shakti commenced at Aundh (Pune), 16-29 Nov 2023. (2023-11)

Ministry: Ministry of Defence **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1977339](#)

Q15 UNESCO World Heritage List 2023 — Shantiniketan, Hoysalas

HIT · RANK 5 OF 64

Which of these properties were inscribed by UNESCO on the World Heritage List in 2023?

Trigger: Santiniketan (17 Sep 2023) and Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas (18 Sep 2023) inscribed at 45th extended session in Riyadh. (2023-09)

Ministry: Ministry of Culture **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1958318](#)

Q48 Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP)

HIT · RANK 10 OF 31

DILRMP — 100% central funding, digitises cadastral maps, transliterates records into Constitution languages.

Trigger: Bhoomi Samman 2023 awards by President (18 Jul 2023); DILRMP extension to FY 2025-26 approved 2021. (2023-07)

Ministry: Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Land Resources) **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1940434](#)

Q50 Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM)

SOFT HIT · RANK 14 OF 105

PM-SYM — age 21-40 for entry? Age-specific contribution? Min ₹3,000 pension at 60? Family pension to spouse/daughters?

Trigger: Scheme launched Feb 2019; ongoing — PIB updates 2023-24. (2019-02)

Ministry: Ministry of Labour and Employment **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1909995](#)

Q98 Pumped-Storage Hydropower (PSP) — long-duration energy storage

SOFT HIT · RANK 14 OF 41

'Pumped-storage hydropower' refers to which application?

Trigger: Ministry of Power Guidelines for PSP development issued 10 Apr 2023; multiple NHPC MoUs through 2023-24. (2023-04)

Ministry: Ministry of Power **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1930831](#)

Q33 Digital Rupee (₹) — RBI CBDC

MISSED · RANK 30 OF 135

Digital Rupee: sovereign currency, RBI liability, inflation-insured?, freely convertible.

Trigger: RBI launched ₹-W on 1 Nov 2022 and ₹-R on 1 Dec 2022; pilots expanded through 2023-24. (2022-12)

Ministry: Ministry of Finance / RBI **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1896721](#)

Q86 Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) — feedstocks

MISSED · RANK 30 OF 70

Which feedstocks can produce SAF: agricultural residues, corn grain, wastewater sludge, wood mill waste?

Trigger: India's first SAF-blend commercial flight (AirAsia Pune-Delhi, 19 May 2023); ICAO CAAF/3 Dubai Nov 2023; India 1% SAF blending target by 2027. (2023-05)

Ministry: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas / Ministry of Civil Aviation **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1925417](#)

Q1 Delimitation Commissions in India

MISSED · RANK 87 OF 105

How many Delimitation Commissions have been constituted by the Government of India till December 2023?

Trigger: Ongoing Delimitation Commission work for J&K/Assam (2020-2023); historical four commissions (1952, 1962, 1972, 2002, 2020 — totalling four named by govt to that date). (2023-08)

Ministry: Ministry of Law and Justice / Legislative Department **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1910038](#)

No PIB anchor — 10 question(s) sourced from outside PIB

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Q26 S. Jaishankar — author of 'The India Way' and 'Why Bharat Matters'

NOT IN BACKTEST

Who authored 'The India Way' and 'Why Bharat Matters'?

Trigger: EAM Jaishankar launched 'Why Bharat Matters' (Rupa Publications, Jan 2024). (2024-01)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs (only tangentially)

Source: DD News / Doordarshan coverage of Dubai book launch; Rupa Publications.

Q27 International news pairings — Argentina, Sudan, Turkey

NOT IN BACKTEST

Argentina—worst economic crisis; Sudan—army vs paramilitary war; Turkey—NATO membership rescinded. How many matched correctly?

Trigger: Argentina hyperinflation/Milei election Nov 2023; Sudan RSF-SAF war from Apr 2023; Turkey NOT rescinded NATO (false distractor). (2023-04)

Ministry: — **Source:** Reuters/AP/Al Jazeera coverage of Sudan war, Argentina election; NATO Council documents.

Q28 Sumed Pipeline

NOT IN BACKTEST

Sumed pipeline as strategic route for Gulf oil to Europe; connects Red Sea with Mediterranean.

Trigger: 2023 EIA reports of >60% rise in northbound flow via Suez/Sumed after Russia-Ukraine sanctions; Red Sea Houthi attacks (late 2023-2024) rerouted oil via Sumed. (2023-09)

Ministry: — **Source:** US EIA reports; The Hindu Sumed coverage 2023-24.

Q31 USA debt default & Treasury bonds

NOT IN BACKTEST

If USA defaults — can Treasury bond holders claim payment? US debt backed by faith not assets.

Trigger: US debt ceiling crisis May-June 2023 narrowly averted; Fitch downgrade Aug 2023. (2023-06) **Ministry:** —

Source: US Treasury Department; The Hindu/Indian Express explainers May-Aug 2023.

Q41 Sahel instability & military coups

NOT IN BACKTEST

Sahel insecurity caused by recent military coups (Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali).

Trigger: Niger coup 26 Jul 2023; Burkina Faso 2022; Mali 2020-21; AES alliance Sept 2023; French withdrawal Dec 2023. (2023-07)

Ministry: — **Source:** MEA briefings; The Hindu, Al Jazeera coverage 2023.

Q46 EU Net-Zero Industry Act

NOT IN BACKTEST

Net-Zero Industry Act passed by European Parliament? EU aims carbon neutrality by 2040?

Trigger: European Parliament approved NZIA on 25 Apr 2024; EU climate-neutrality target is 2050, not 2040. (2024-04)

Ministry: — **Source:** European Commission/Parliament press releases; The Hindu coverage Apr 2024.

Q47 Venezuela — economic crisis & oil reserves

NOT IN BACKTEST

Venezuela rapid recovery? Has world's largest oil reserves?

Trigger: Persistent Venezuelan economic crisis; OPEC data confirms Venezuela has largest proven crude oil reserves (~303 bn barrels). (2023-10)

Ministry: —

Source: OPEC Annual Statistical Bulletin; Reuters/Indian Express coverage 2023-24 of US sanction easing.

Q66 WEF '100 Million Farmers' initiative

NOT IN BACKTEST

'100 Million Farmers' platform — what does it aim at?

Trigger: WEF '100 Million Farmers' platform — multistakeholder transition to net-zero, nature-positive food/water systems; report released WEF Davos 2024. (2024-01)

Ministry: — **Source:** World Economic Forum reports and Davos 2024 coverage.

Q77 PFAS (perfluoroalkyl / polyfluoroalkyl substances)

NOT IN BACKTEST

PFAS — found in drinking water/food, not easily degraded, undergo bioaccumulation.

Trigger: EPA proposed national PFAS drinking water standards (Mar 2023, finalised Apr 2024); 'forever chemicals' coverage all of 2023-24. (2024-04)

Ministry: — **Source:** US EPA notifications; Down To Earth/The Hindu PFAS explainers 2023-24.

Q88 Metaverse — interoperable 3D virtual worlds

NOT IN BACKTEST

Interoperable 3D virtual worlds for millions with property rights is best described as?

Trigger: Metaverse buzz 2022-23; Apple Vision Pro launch Jun 2023/Feb 2024. (2023-06) **Ministry:** —

Source: MeitY consultative papers; Indian Express/The Hindu Metaverse explainers 2022-23.

2025

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BACKTESTED

21

TOP-10 HIT RATE

29%

MEDIAN RANK

20PIB / PARTIAL /
NO-ANCHOR**18·3·10****Backtested — 21 question(s) with English PIB source, ranked in their publishing week****Q69 UPI international acceptance**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 31

Countries (besides India) accepting UPI for merchant payments — UAE, France, Singapore, etc.

Trigger: UPI go-live in France (Eiffel Tower) Feb 2024; UAE merchant integration Apr 2024; Sri Lanka/Mauritius Feb 2024 (2024-02)**Ministry:** Ministry of Finance / NPCI **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2005218](#)**Q30 Rashtriya Gokul Mission**

HIT · RANK 4 OF 61

RGM aims at indigenous cattle/buffalo conservation; benefits small/marginal farmers

Trigger: RGM revamped/extended under 15th FC cycle; Cabinet approval Sept 2024 for continuation (2024-09)**Ministry:** Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2112788](#)**Q97 16th BRICS Summit Kazan**

HIT · RANK 4 OF 43

16th BRICS Summit in Kazan under Russian chairship; Indonesia full membership; Summit theme

Trigger: 16th BRICS Summit Kazan, Russia, 22-24 Oct 2024 (2024-10)**Ministry:** Ministry of External Affairs / PMO **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2067386](#)**Q92 BIMSTEC**

HIT · RANK 5 OF 38

BIMSTEC membership (7 till Jan 2025), Dhaka Declaration 1999 (actually Bangkok 1997), founding members, tourism sub-sector

Trigger: 6th BIMSTEC Summit Bangkok 4 Sep 2024; postponed earlier; Charter adoption 2024 (2024-09)**Ministry:** Ministry of External Affairs **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2118696](#)

Q93 Gandhi Peace Prize jury composition

HIT · RANK 6 OF 63

Members of jury to select Gandhi Peace Prize

Trigger: Gandhi Peace Prize 2024 awarded to Geeta Press (announced June 2024); jury includes PM, CJI, LoP, Speaker LS (2024-06)

Ministry: Ministry of Culture **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1933252](#)

Q46 CL-20, HMX, LLM-105 explosives

HIT · RANK 10 OF 119

Common characteristic of these chemicals — explosives in military weapons

Trigger: DRDO HEMRL inducted CL-20 indigenous production 2024; Indian Army warhead trials (2024-09)

Ministry: Ministry of Defence (DRDO) **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2088180](#)

Q66 15th Finance Commission recommendations

SOFT HIT · RANK 11 OF 71

Grants for education, devolution share (41%), agricultural reform incentives, tax effort criteria

Trigger: 15th FC report continuing relevance — Union Budget 2024-25 implementation (2024-07)

Ministry: Ministry of Finance **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2035618](#)

Q94 GAGAN satellite navigation

SOFT HIT · RANK 13 OF 35

GAGAN augmentation for accuracy/integrity; aviation and other transport modes

Trigger: GAGAN-enabled LPV approach milestones 2024; AAI/ISRO MoUs (2024-03)

Ministry: Ministry of Civil Aviation / ISRO **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2014516](#)

Q100 Chess Olympiad 2024 / Gukesh / Abhimanyu Mishra

SOFT HIT · RANK 14 OF 113

Gukesh winning Chess Olympiad 2024 (statement actually conflates with World Championship); Abhimanyu Mishra youngest GM

Trigger: 45th Chess Olympiad Budapest Sept 2024 (India won team gold); Gukesh won World Chess Championship Dec 2024 vs Ding Liren (not Nepomniachtchi) (2024-12)

Ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2083908](#)

Q62 International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC)

SOFT HIT · RANK 17 OF 32

INSTC connects India to Central Asia/Europe via Iran

Trigger: Chabahar Port long-term agreement signed 13 May 2024 boosting INSTC (2024-05)

Ministry: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2020454](#)

Q95 AI Action Summit Paris Feb 2025

SOFT HIT · RANK 20 OF 107

France-India co-chaired AI Summit Feb 2025; predecessors Bletchley 2023, Seoul 2024; US and UK did NOT sign final declaration

Trigger: AI Action Summit, Grand Palais, Paris, 10-11 Feb 2025; PM Modi co-chaired (2025-02)

Ministry: Prime Minister's Office / MEA **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2101740](#)

Q24 Turmeric — India's production & National Turmeric Board

MISSED · RANK 25 OF 30

India largest producer/exporter of turmeric; 30+ varieties; Maharashtra/Telangana/Karnataka/TN major producers (2022-23)

Trigger: National Turmeric Board notified by Cabinet on 4 Oct 2023 (2023-10)

Ministry: Ministry of Commerce and Industry **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1964844](#)

Q34 Paris Agreement Article 6 / Carbon Markets

MISSED · RANK 30 OF 104

Article 6 of Paris Agreement; carbon market principles; non-market approaches

Trigger: COP29 Baku (Nov 2024) operationalised Article 6.4 carbon market mechanism; India tabled bilateral approaches under 6.2 (2024-11)

Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2075707](#)

Q6 Critical Minerals / MSP / MMDR Amendment 2023

MISSED · RANK 35 OF 99

India joining Minerals Security Partnership; 30 critical minerals; MMDR Act 2023 amendment empowering Centre to auction critical mineral leases

Trigger: MMDR Amendment Act 2023 passed in Parliament (Aug 2023); India joined Minerals Security Partnership (Jun 2023); critical minerals list of 30 released Jun 2023; first critical mineral auction Nov 2023 (2023-08)

Ministry: Ministry of Mines **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1945027](#)

Q70 PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana**MISSED · RANK 38 OF 39**

1 crore rooftop solar target; MNRE training; 3 lakh skilled manpower

Trigger: Scheme launched on 13 Feb 2024; Cabinet approval 29 Feb 2024 (2024-02)

Ministry: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2010757](#)

Q63 Ethanol production — Brazil vs USA**MISSED · RANK 39 OF 71**

Brazil/US ethanol output comparison; feedstocks (sugarcane vs corn)

Trigger: Global Biofuels Alliance launched at G20 Delhi Sept 2023; India's E20 target news 2024 (2023-09)

Ministry: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 2036867](#)

Q82 Indian Railways — National Rail Plan / Kavach ATP**MISSED · RANK 43 OF 74**

National Rail Plan 2028; Kavach indigenous (not German); RFID tags on track

Trigger: Kavach 4.0 specifications notified Jul 2024; CCEA approval for accelerated Kavach deployment 2024 (2024-07)

Ministry: Ministry of Railways **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2086655](#)

Q99 First Kho Kho World Cup Delhi 2025**MISSED · RANK 43 OF 87**

Inaugural Kho Kho World Cup held in Delhi; India men beat Nepal 54-36 (women) and 78-40 (men)

Trigger: First Kho Kho World Cup, IG Indoor Stadium Delhi, 13-19 Jan 2025 (2025-01)

Ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2095056](#)

Q96 UN International Years**MISSED · RANK 48 OF 104**

Match UN-designated International Years 2025/2026/2027/2029

Trigger: UNGA resolutions through 2023-2024 designating Years (2024-12)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 2077042](#)

Q83 Space missions — Axiom-4, SpaDeX, Gaganyaan**MISSED · RANK 49 OF 87**

Which space missions support microgravity research

Trigger: SpaDeX launch 30 Dec 2024; docking achieved 16 Jan 2025; Axiom-4 (Shukla) crew announced Aug 2024; Gaganyaan ongoing (2024-12)

Ministry: Department of Space / ISRO **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2093536](#)

Q98 Lokpal of India

MISSED · RANK 69 OF 87

Lokpal jurisdiction, eligibility, age, PM coverage

Trigger: Lokpal completed 10 years in 2024; ongoing inquiries reported 2024-2025 (2024-08)**Ministry:** Department of Personnel and Training **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 2093664](#)**Skipped — 2 source release(s) only available in non-English PIB editions**

These questions did map to a PIB PRID, but the release was published only in a regional-language edition. Our pipeline scores English-only baskets. Listed here for full transparency.

Q8 India options trading boom / SEBI warnings

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

India equity options boom; overtaking HK; regulatory body for retail warnings

Trigger: SEBI working paper Sept 2024 on retail F&O losses; SEBI restrictions Oct 2024 (2024-09)**Ministry:** Ministry of Finance / SEBI **NO PIB** **Source:** [PRID 2061057](#)**Q32 COP28 Declaration on Climate and Health**

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

India refrained from signing COP28 Declaration on Climate and Health; whether binding; implications for health sector decarbonisation

Trigger: COP28 Dubai (30 Nov – 12 Dec 2023); Declaration on Climate and Health signed by 124 countries, India did not sign (2023-12)**Ministry:** Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **NO PIB** **Source:** [PRID 1981099](#)**No PIB anchor — 8 question(s) sourced from outside PIB**

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Q4 Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR)

NOT IN BACKTEST

Whether RBI mandates BRSR (it's SEBI); non-financial disclosures

Trigger: SEBI BRSR Core framework operational from FY 2023-24; expansion in 2024 (2023-07) **Ministry:** —**Source:** SEBI circulars Jul 2023; corporate affairs press**Q35 Nature Solutions Finance Hub for Asia and the Pacific (ADB)**

NOT IN BACKTEST

Which org launched Nature Solutions Finance Hub for Asia & Pacific — answer ADB

Trigger: ADB launched Nature Solutions Finance Hub at COP28 (Dec 2023) (2023-12) **Ministry:** —**Source:** ADB press release / Down To Earth coverage Dec 2023

Q36 Direct Air Capture technology

NOT IN BACKTEST

DAC as carbon sequestration; aviation synthetic fuels; food/plastic processing

Trigger: Continuing climate-tech topic; major DAC announcements in 2024 (Climeworks Mammoth plant; UN IPCC AR6 references) (2024-05)

Ministry: — **Source:** DST policy notes / The Hindu Sci-Tech / IEA reports

Q37 Peacock tarantula (Gooty tarantula)

NOT IN BACKTEST

Endemic arboreal spider; whether crustacean; habitat range

Trigger: Featured in news around Andhra Pradesh forest conservation 2024 (2024-06) **Ministry:** —

Source: Mongabay-India / The Hindu environmental reporting

Q47 Majorana 1 chip / Quantum computing

NOT IN BACKTEST

Majorana 1 chip enables quantum computing; introduced by AWS (incorrect — it's Microsoft); deep learning a subset of ML

Trigger: Microsoft unveiled Majorana 1 chip on 19 Feb 2025 (2025-02) **Ministry:** —

Source: Microsoft Research blog / The Hindu Sci-Tech Feb 2025

Q64 World Bank report on wet-bulb 35°C in India

NOT IN BACKTEST

Implications of WB warning on wet-bulb temperatures exceeding 35°C in India

Trigger: World Bank 'Climate Investment Opportunities in India's Cooling Sector' report Nov 2022; reaffirmed in 2024 climate vulnerability reports (2024-04)

Ministry: — **Source:** World Bank report / The Hindu / Down to Earth heatwave coverage 2024

Q85 Cloud seeding / Artificial rainfall

NOT IN BACKTEST

Reagents for artificial rainfall — silver iodide and potassium iodide

Trigger: Delhi Govt cloud seeding proposal Nov 2023; IIT Kanpur trials 2024 (2023-11) **Ministry:** —

Source: IIT Kanpur press / Delhi Govt notifications Nov 2023

Q90 EU Nature Restoration Law

NOT IN BACKTEST

Which org enacted NRL — answer European Union

Trigger: EU Council formally adopted Nature Restoration Law on 17 June 2024 (2024-06) **Ministry:** —

Source: European Council press release / The Hindu Jun 2024

2026

Exam date: 24 May 2026 · 29 CA questions on the paper

BACKTESTED

18

TOP-10 HIT RATE

72%

MEDIAN RANK

5

PIB / PARTIAL /
NO-ANCHOR

22·3·4

Backtested — 18 question(s) with English PIB source, ranked in their publishing week**Q24 Vizhinjam International Seaport**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 71

Vizhinjam port - structural shift in India's maritime trade/logistics; deep draft + trans-shipment reduction

Trigger: PM dedicated Vizhinjam Seaport to nation on 2 May 2025; commercial commissioning earlier (2025-05)**Ministry:** PMO / Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2126080](#)**Q60 Mission Sudarshan Chakra**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 40

Mission's aims - air/missile defence + offensive capability; coverage by 2035

Trigger: PM announced Mission Sudarshan Chakra in Independence Day speech, 15 Aug 2025 (2025-08)**Ministry:** PMO / Ministry of Defence **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2156749](#)**Q62 Zero FIR under BNSS 2023**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 113

Zero FIR provisions under BNSS 2023

Trigger: BNSS came into force 1 July 2024; MHA explanatory notes through 2024-25 (2024-07)**Ministry:** Ministry of Home Affairs **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2082757](#)**Q65 AI Impact Summit 2026 New Delhi**

HIT · RANK 1 OF 52

Three Sutras (People/Planning/Progress?), Democratic AI Charter, seven Chakras

Trigger: India hosted AI Impact Summit, New Delhi, 19-20 February 2026 (co-host with France) (2026-02)**Ministry:** MeitY / Principal Scientific Adviser **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2230090](#)

Q50 Deep Ocean Mission, Matsya-6000, Samudrayaan

HIT · RANK 2 OF 107

Mission Ministry?; Matsya-6000 capacity 3 people; Samudrayaan under this mission

Trigger: MoES Deep Ocean Mission progress updates; Matsya-6000 sea trials 2025 (2025-02)

Ministry: Ministry of Earth Sciences **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2104039](#)

Q78 German Chancellor visit to India - Jan 2026

HIT · RANK 2 OF 45

Outcomes of Chancellor's visit: AIIA-Hamburg MoU, Hockey MoU, Indo-Pacific dialogue, Honorary Consul Lucknow

Trigger: German Chancellor Friedrich Merz visited India, January 2026 (2026-01)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs / PMO **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2213744](#)

Q66 India-ASEAN connectivity projects

HIT · RANK 3 OF 43

Kaladan, IMT Trilateral Highway, Agartala-Akhaura Rail Line as part of India-ASEAN cooperation

Trigger: Agartala-Akhaura inaugurated Nov 2023; ongoing ASEAN-India connectivity workplan updates 2024-25 (2024-10)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 1973403](#)

Q45 Green Hydrogen / National Green Hydrogen Mission

HIT · RANK 4 OF 38

Green Hydrogen production routes; National Green Hydrogen Mission - abate 50 MMT GHG by 2030

Trigger: MNRE updates on Green Hydrogen Mission allocations, SIGHT scheme tenders 2024-25 (2025-01)

Ministry: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 1888547](#)

Q21 Climate change - LT-LEDS and BUR-4

HIT · RANK 5 OF 131

India's LT-LEDS, BUR-4 (Dec 2024) recording 8% GHG drop in 2020 over 2019, and climate-resilient development

Trigger: India submitted Fourth Biennial Update Report (BUR-4) to UNFCCC in Dec 2024 (2024-12)

Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2089589](#)

Q38 UNOC 2025 - FAO 'Four Betters' for Blue Transformation

HIT · RANK 5 OF 32

FAO 'Four Betters' for Blue Transformation at UNOC June 2025

Trigger: 3rd UN Ocean Conference (UNOC) Nice, France, June 2025 (2025-06)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs / Ministry of Fisheries **PIB · PARTIAL** **Source:** [PRID 2135434](#)

Q46 Private space - IN-SPACE, Agnikul, Skyroot

HIT · RANK 6 OF 34

IN-SPACE autonomous?; Agnikul 3D-printed rocket engine; Skyroot liquid fuel for GSLV

Trigger: Agnikul Cosmos Agnibaan SOrTeD launch May 2024 (3D-printed engine); Skyroot Vikram-S Nov 2022 (2024-05)

Ministry: Department of Space **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2022161](#)

Q49 National Quantum Mission (NQM)

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NQM aims at 50-1000 physical qubits and four T-Hubs

Trigger: Cabinet approved NQM April 2023; T-Hubs announced 2024-25 (IISc, IIT-Madras, IIT-Bombay, IIT-Delhi) (2024-08)

Ministry: Department of Science and Technology **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2060438](#)

Q72 BIMSTEC centres

HIT · RANK 6 OF 38

Locations of BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory / Energy Centre / Weather and Climate Centre / Technology Transfer Facility

Trigger: 6th BIMSTEC Summit, Bangkok, 4 April 2025 - Bangkok Vision 2030 and operational status of BIMSTEC centres (2025-04)

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2118698](#)

Q29 Oeko-Tex certification for Eri silk

SOFT HIT · RANK 17 OF 36

Implications of Oeko-Tex certification for Eri silk - chemical-free, premium markets

Trigger: Central Silk Board's Eri silk granted Oeko-Tex Standard 100 certification (2024) (2024-12)

Ministry: Ministry of Textiles **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2046099](#)

Q80 BIS standard IS 19445:2025 for bomb-disposal

SOFT HIT · RANK 17 OF 38

BIS bomb-disposal standard - name, interoperability, TBRL DRDO with Russian institute

Trigger: BIS released IS 19445:2025 in 2025 (2025)

Ministry: Ministry of Consumer Affairs (BIS) / Ministry of Defence (DRDO) **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2209191](#)

Q79 DHRUV64 microprocessor

SOFT HIT · RANK 20 OF 56

DHRUV64 - third chip under DIR-V; India's first homegrown 1 GHz 64-bit dual-core

Trigger: DHRUV64 chip launched under DIR-V Programme (MeitY), September 2025 (2025-09)**Ministry:** Ministry of Electronics and IT **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2224839](#)**Q74 Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)**

MISSED · RANK 46 OF 94

RGSA period 2021-2026; objective SDG-localisation; 100% Central funding

Trigger: Cabinet extension/budget refresh for RGSA 2024-25; Panchayati Raj Ministry annual reports (2025-02)**Ministry:** Ministry of Panchayati Raj **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2090152](#)**Q89 ONDC objective**

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ONDC's key objective - break dominance of large e-commerce by interoperability

Trigger: ONDC scale-up coverage through 2024-25; DPIIT updates (2025-01)**Ministry:** Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2090097](#)**Skipped — 4 source release(s) only available in non-English PIB editions**

These questions did map to a PIB PRID, but the release was published only in a regional-language edition. Our pipeline scores English-only baskets. Listed here for full transparency.

Q83 Semiconductor plants and locations

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

CG Power (Gujarat); Tata Semiconductor (Assam); HCL-Foxconn (MP?); SicSem (Odisha) - which pair wrong

Trigger: Multiple semiconductor fabs/OSATs approved 2024-25 under ISM (2025-05)**Ministry:** Ministry of Electronics and IT **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2155456](#)**Q84 Bharat Forecast System**

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

Indigenous high-resolution weather model - Panchayat-cluster forecasts; developed by IIT Delhi?

Trigger: Bharat Forecast System launched by MoES (IITM Pune), May 2025 (2025-05)**Ministry:** Ministry of Earth Sciences **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2131392](#)

Q95 REEs and NCMM 2025

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

REE use in AI/robotics/space; China #1 in REE mining; NCMM launched 2025; REEs are 13 elements?

Trigger: Union Cabinet approved National Critical Mineral Mission, January 2025 (2025-01)

Ministry: Ministry of Mines **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2097309](#)

Q100 Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)

NON-ENGLISH SOURCE

Alkire-Foster methodology; NITI Aayog MPI 12 indicators; common indicators Maternal Health & Bank Account between NITI & UNDP MPI

Trigger: NITI Aayog National Multidimensional Poverty Index updates 2024-25 (2025-01)

Ministry: NITI Aayog **PIB · FULL** **Source:** [PRID 2165241](#)

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These questions trace to RBI / SEBI / Supreme Court / international press / ministry-website notifications. pibtracker does not claim to catch these — listed so the full universe of 2021–2026 CA questions is visible.

Q31 Tungurahua Volcano Global Geopark (UNESCO 2025)

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Location of Tungurahua Volcano designated UNESCO Global Geopark in 2025

Trigger: UNESCO designation of Tungurahua Volcano (Ecuador) as Global Geopark, April 2025 (2025-04)

Ministry: —

Source: *UNESCO Global Geoparks Network press release, The Hindu, Indian Express coverage April-May 2025*

Q32 Madhav National Park - Tiger Reserve 2025

NOT IN BACKTEST

Madhav NP declared Tiger Reserve 2025; Sakhya Sagar Ramsar Site within; area shared with Rajasthan?

Trigger: Madhav National Park notified as 58th Tiger Reserve, March 2025 (MP only) (2025-03)

Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **PIB · FULL** **Source:** —

Q40 First Plan Vivo certified REDD+ project in India

NOT IN BACKTEST

Khasi Hills Community REDD+ - first Plan Vivo certified REDD+ in India

Trigger: Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project (Plan Vivo certified) - long-standing but featured in 2024-25 climate finance coverage (2024-11)

Ministry: — **Source:** *Down To Earth, Mongabay India coverage; Plan Vivo Foundation registry*

Q81 Nobel Prize 2025 - UK-born laureate at American university

NOT IN BACKTEST

Identify Nobel laureate 2025, UK-born, American university professor

Trigger: Nobel Prize announcements October 2025 - John Clarke (Physics, with Devoret and Martinis); Joel Mokyr (Economics, born Netherlands) (2025-10)

Ministry: — **Source:** NobelPrize.org press release, Indian Express / The Hindu Oct 2025 coverage

Q85 Film 'Boong' BAFTA 2025

NOT IN BACKTEST

Boong won BAFTA Children's & Family Film; directed by Lakshmi Priya Devi; first Indian film in that category

Trigger: BAFTA Awards Children's & Family Film 2025 - 'Boong' (Lakshmi Priya Devi) (2025-11) **Ministry:** —

Source: BAFTA website press release; Variety, Indian Express coverage Nov 2025

Q88 RBI Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index)

NOT IN BACKTEST

Three sub-indices of FI-Index: Access, Usage, Quality

Trigger: RBI FI-Index annual update July 2025 (2025-07) **Ministry:** Ministry of Finance (RBI) **PIB · PARTIAL**

Source: PRID <https://pib.gov.in/PressNoteDetails.aspx?NoteId=154980>

Q93 Mixchange - MSME financing platform

NOT IN BACKTEST

Mixchange functions - collateral loans? bill discounting? credit rating?

Trigger: Mixchange (SIDBI subsidiary) operationalised TReDS 2024 (2024-11)

Ministry: Ministry of Finance / MSME **PIB · FULL** **Source:** —

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