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1. Who recently received the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army during his visit to Nepal in August 2026?

- (A) General Upendra Dwivedi
- (B) General Dhiraj Seth
- (C) General Ashok Raj Sigdel
- (D) General Anil Chauhan

2. The 15th edition of Exercise MAITREE, scheduled in August 2026, is a bilateral military exercise between India and which country?

- (A) Myanmar
- (B) Indonesia
- (C) Vietnam
- (D) Thailand

3. Which institution is associated with the chairmanship of the high-powered committee constituted to assess the Teesta Barrage Project?

- (A) Central Water Commission
- (B) National Water Development Agency
- (C) Brahmaputra Board
- (D) National Disaster Management Authority

4. India's first virtual zoo, inaugurated in August 2026, is located in which city?

- (A) Bhopal
- (B) Gwalior
- (C) Indore
- (D) Jabalpur

5. Raja Sen, who passed away in August 2026, was primarily associated with which Indian film industry?

- (A) Marathi
- (B) Bengali
- (C) Tamil
- (D) Assamese

6. Which country recently agreed with India to map cross-border land occupation using unmanned aerial vehicles within three years?

- (A) Bhutan
- (B) Bangladesh
- (C) Nepal
- (D) Myanmar

7. Which organisation launched CYBER KUSHTI 2026, a national hackathon focused on cybersecurity and artificial intelligence?

- (A) NIELIT
- (B) DRDO
- (C) CERT-In
- (D) ISRO

8. Who has recently taken charge as the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog?

- (A) Suman K. Bery
- (B) B. V. R. Subrahmanyam
- (C) Anurag Jain
- (D) Ashok Kumar Lahiri

9. Which PSU received the PMIS Recognition of Partner Company Award for Innovation in Exit Pathways in August 2026?

- (A) POWERGRID
- (B) NTPC
- (C) NHPC
- (D) ONGC

10. Who won the Open gold medal at the Asian Junior Blitz Chess Championship held in Mumbai in August 2026?

- (A) Sharnarathi Viresh
- (B) Nandish V S
- (C) Akshay Borgaonkar
- (D) Vignesh Vermula

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BIOSPHERE RESERVES

IMPORTANT FACTS FOR EXAMS



1. INTRODUCTION

- Biosphere Reserves are protected areas where biodiversity, natural resources and ecosystems are conserved.
- The concept was initiated in 1971 under UNESCO's "Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme".
- The aim is to balance conservation and sustainable development.



2. MAJOR OBJECTIVES



- Conserve biodiversity.



- Protect rare and endangered species.



- Promote ecological research, monitoring and education.

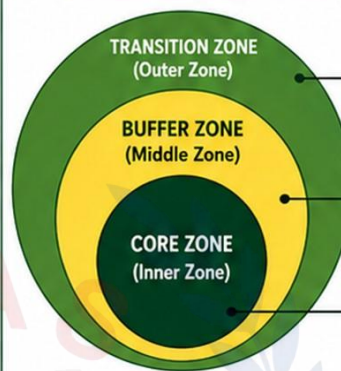


- Promote sustainable development of local communities.



- Encourage judicious use of natural resources.

3. ZONATION SYSTEM



(C) TRANSITION ZONE

- Outermost area.
- Economic and social activities of local people are carried out.
- Follows the principles of sustainable development.

(B) BUFFER ZONE

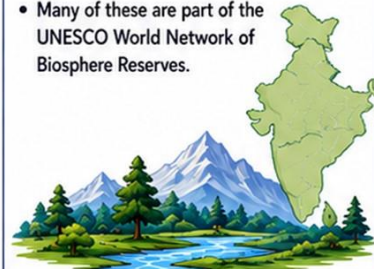
- Surrounds the core area.
- Activities like research, education and training are allowed.

(A) CORE ZONE

- Most strictly protected area.
- No human activities are permitted.
- Conservation of wildlife and vegetation.

4. BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN INDIA

- India has a total of 18 Biosphere Reserves.
- They are managed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- Many of these are part of the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves.



5. INDIAN BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN UNESCO WORLD NETWORK (Year of Notification)

1. Nilgiri (First Indian Biosphere Reserve)	7. Great Nicobar	1986
2. Nanda Devi - 1988	8. Achanakamar-Amarkantak - 2005	
3. Nokrek - 1988	9. Agasthyamalai - 2001	
4. Gulf of Mannar - 1989	10. Khangchendzonga - 2000	
5. Sundarbans - 1989	11. Panna - 2011	
6. Panchmarhi - 1999	12. Gulf of Kachchh - 2008	



Man and Biosphere Programme



6. MAJOR BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN INDIA



NILGIRI – Tamil Nadu, Karnataka & Kerala.
• India's first Biosphere Reserve (1986).



NANDA DEVI – Uttarakhand.
• Associated with a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



SUNDARBANS – West Bengal.
• World's largest mangrove forest.
• Major habitat of Royal Bengal Tiger.



GULF OF MANNAR – Tamil Nadu.
• Famous for rich marine biodiversity.



PANNA – Madhya Pradesh.
• Important for tiger conservation.



KHANGCHENDZONGA – Sikkim.
• Considered as India's largest Biosphere Reserve.

7. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NATIONAL PARK, WILDLIFE SANCTUARY AND BIOSPHERE RESERVE

 NATIONAL PARK	Strict protection of wildlife and natural habitat.
 WILDLIFE SANCTUARY	Conservation with limited human activities allowed.
 BIOSPHERE RESERVE	Integration of conservation, research and sustainable development.

8. IMPORTANT FACTS FOR EXAMS

- ✓ UNESCO's MAB Programme – 1971.
- ✓ India's first Biosphere Reserve – Nilgiri (1986).
- ✓ Total Biosphere Reserves in India – 18.
- ✓ World's largest mangrove area – Sundarbans.
- ✓ India's largest Biosphere Reserve – Khangchendzonga.
- ✓ Human interference in the core zone is completely prohibited.
- ✓ Biosphere Reserves emphasize both conservation and sustainable development.



BIOSPHERE RESERVES PROMOTE CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY
ALONG WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES.



DAILY GENERAL AWARENESS QUIZ

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1. Lakhpati Didi Yojana: PM Modi Sets Target of 6 Crore Women. In context to the same tell us, which is the nodal body for the Implementing the Lakhpati Didi yojana?

- (A) Ministry of Rural Development
- (B) Ministry of Finance Affairs
- (C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (D) Ministry of Women and Child Development

2. Patna Bird Sanctuary and Chhari-Dhand Added to India's Ramsar Sites List. In context to the same tell us, the newly declared Ramsar site Tawa Reservoir lies in which state of India?

- (A) Haryana
- (B) Uttar Pradesh
- (C) Madhya Pradesh
- (D) Maharashtra

3. PM Modi delivered his 13th consecutive Red Fort address on 80th Independence Day. In context to the same tell us, which Prime Minister of India never unfurled the national flag on the occasion of the Independence Day celebration?

- (A) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (B) Gulzari Lal Nanda
- (C) Zakir Husain
- (D) Lal Bahadur Shastri

4. Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya announces immediate dissolution of Haryana Legislative Assembly. In context to the same tell us, what is the total number of seats in the legislative assembly of Haryana?

- (A) 90 seats
- (B) 80 seats
- (C) 85 seats
- (D) 95 seats

5. The 72nd National Film Awards for 2026 (honoring films from 2024) were announced on July 18, 2026. In context to the same tell us, which of the following personalities received the first Dadasaheb Phalke Award?

- (A) Prithviraj Kapoor
- (B) Raj Kapoor
- (C) Satyajit Ray
- (D) Devika Rani

6. India has approved 12 major semiconductor projects under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).

Consider the following statements regarding Semiconductors in India:

- (1) India's first commercial semiconductor fabrication plant (fab) is being set up in Gujarat under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).
- (2) Semiconductors are primarily made from Silicon, which is a non-metal.
- (3) The Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme supports domestic semiconductor manufacturing and design.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (A) Only (1) and (3)
- (B) Only (1) and (2)
- (C) Only (2) and (3)
- (D) None of the above

7. Centre orders corrective measures after CAG flags unsafe drinking water at railway stations.

With reference to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), consider the following statements:

- (1) The salary and service conditions of the CAG are determined by the Parliament, but they cannot be varied to his disadvantage after appointment.
- (2) The CAG audits the accounts of corporations set up by an Act of Parliament but not those established under the Companies Act.
- (3) The CAG is responsible for compiling the accounts of both the Union and the State Governments.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (A) Only (1) and (3)
- (B) Only (1) and (2)
- (C) Only (2) and (3)
- (D) None of the above

8. Wildfires in Albania, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Turkey have resulted in fatalities and forced thousands to evacuate the affected regions.

Consider the following statements:

- (1) In India, wildfires occur most frequently in tropical moist evergreen forests.
- (2) Lightning is a natural cause of wildfires.
- (3) Since 1970, climate change has increased the frequency of wildfires globally.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (A) Only (1) and (3)
- (B) Only (1) and (2)
- (C) Only (2) and (3)
- (D) None of the above

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Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

Why in News?

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has approved significant financial allocations for **Rajasthan and Telangana** under the **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY)** and **Krishonnati Yojana (KY)**.

Expository: -

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-

- The **Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)** aims to help the agriculture sector achieve 4 percent annual agricultural growth.
- The **Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana** was launched in 2007 and was later renamed as a **Remunerative Approach for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RAFTAAR)**.
- It was implemented for three years up to 2019-20 with a budget allocation of **₹15,722 crore**. At a meeting held on **29 May 2007**, the **National Development Council (NDC)** resolved to introduce a Central Assistance Scheme (RKVY) to address the slow growth in the **agriculture and allied sectors**.
- The scheme facilitated decentralised planning in the agriculture sector through the introduction of the **State Agriculture Plan (SAP) and District Agriculture Plan (DAP)**.
- The scheme was based on agro-climatic conditions, ensuring the availability of appropriate technology and natural resources and thereby catering to local requirements.

Objectives of RKVY RAFTAAR-

- The main objective of the **Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana** is to develop agriculture as a major source of economic activity. Some of its objectives also include:
- Reducing risks and promoting agri-business enterprises through the creation of agricultural infrastructure**, while also strengthening the efforts of farmers.
- Providing all states with **autonomy and flexibility in planning according to their local needs**.

- Helping increase farmers' income by **promoting productivity and production models linked with value-chain enhancement**.
- Reducing farmers' risks by focusing on increasing income through **mushroom cultivation, integrated farming, floriculture, etc.**
- Empowering youth through various skill development, innovation and agri-business models.

Major Objectives-

- To increase the **growth rate in agriculture and allied sectors**.
- To encourage states to **increase investment in the agriculture sector**.
- To formulate **agricultural development strategies according to the needs of farmers**.
- To provide states with **flexibility and autonomy** in the implementation of agricultural schemes and programmes.
- To promote agricultural development according to **local requirements and agro-climatic conditions**.
- To ensure the **location-specific use** of natural resources and appropriate technology.



MAP OF THE DAY - BHARAT

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INTRODUCTION

Masanjor Dam is a multipurpose dam constructed on the **Mayurakshi River**. It is located at **Masanjor** in **Dumka district** of **Jharkhand**.

The dam is named **Masanjor**, which is in the **Dumka district** of **Jharkhand** state.

MASANJOR DAM (Masanjor Dam)

"A major multipurpose dam on the Mayurakshi River"



KEY FACTS

Particulars	Details
✓ River	Mayurakshi River
✓ Location	Masanjor, Dumka, Jharkhand
✓ Also known as	Canada Dam (Canada Dam)
✓ Year of Commissioning	1955
✓ Distance from Siuri	About 38 km upstream of Siuri (W. Bengal)
✓ Type	Multipurpose Dam – Hydroelectric Power + Irrigation + Flood Control

LOCATION (MAP)



USES



HYDROELECTRIC POWER GENERATION

- Electricity is generated through stored water.



FLOOD CONTROL

- Helps in flood control in Murshidabad and Birbhum districts of West Bengal.



IRRIGATION FACILITY

- Provides irrigation facilities in Murshidabad and Birbhum districts of West Bengal.

GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

- Origin of river: Trikuta Hills, Jharkhand (Deoghar district)
- Flow direction: Flows towards west and enters West Bengal
- Location of dam: Dumka (Jharkhand)
- Distance from Siuri (W. Bengal): About 38 km upstream
- Catchment area: Entire catchment of Mayurakshi River
- Drainage basin: Mayurakshi River basin



SIGNIFICANCE

- ✓ It is a major multipurpose dam.
- ✓ Canada Government provided technical and financial assistance for its construction; hence it is known as 'Canada Dam'.
- ✓ Commissioned in 1955.
- ✓ It is an important project for hydroelectric power generation.
- ✓ It plays a crucial role in the irrigation system of Jharkhand.
- ✓ It helps in controlling floods in West Bengal.



Hydroelectric Power Generation Center

BENEFICIARY STATES

Jharkhand (Dam Site)	Power generation, local development, water resources management
West Bengal (Main Beneficiary)	Irrigation facility, flood control (Murshidabad, Birbhum)

IMPORTANT FACTS FOR EXAMS

- A major multipurpose dam on the Mayurakshi River
- River: Mayurakshi
- Location: Masanjor, Dumka, Jharkhand
- Also known as: Canada Dam
- Year of Commissioning: 1955
- Distance from Siuri: ~ 38 km upstream
- Uses: Power Generation, Irrigation, Flood Control
- Drainage Basin: Mayurakshi Basin



SUMMARY: Masanjor Dam is a major multipurpose project located in Dumka (Jharkhand) on the Mayurakshi River, which plays a vital role in power generation, irrigation and flood control.



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COCO ISLANDS

- **Coco Islands** is a group of small islands in the Bay of Bengal, located between the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the coast of Myanmar.

COMPOSITION

- A group of small islands – Grand Coco Island, Little Coco Island, Table Island and smaller islands like Sleeper Island.
- Total Area – about **20.53 sq km**.
- These islands are part of the extended Arakan (Rakhine) mountain range, which extends into the Bay of Bengal under the sea.
- They form a **geographical link** between the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the coast of Myanmar.
- Geographically, their topography is similar to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- Proximity to major sea lanes makes these islands crucial for regulating maritime traffic between the Bay of Bengal and the Malacca Strait.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

- Located near important **maritime routes**.
- Plays a key role in monitoring sea lanes between the **Bay of Bengal and Malacca Strait**.
- Important for India's **security interests** in the Eastern Indian Ocean Region.
- Provides **strategic depth** between India and Myanmar.

OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS

- Nearest point from Indian Territory (Car Nicobar) – about **55 km**.
- Administratively, part of Myanmar's Rakhine State.



PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Coco Islands are hilly and densely forested.
- Though small in size, they are elevated, offering natural scenic views.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- During the **19th century**, the British colonial government used Coco Islands as a food source for their penal colony in the Andaman Islands.
- These islands were leased to the Jadwet family of Burma. Due to mismanagement, control was later handed over to the Burmese government in Rangoon.
- Officially part of British Burma till **1882**, these islands remained under Myanmar's administration even after independence.

MILITARY AND SURVEILLANCE CONCERNS

- Concerns over foreign presence, especially since China started leasing these islands from Myanmar around **1994**.
- China has established an **Electronic Intelligence Station** and **Radar System** on **Great Coco Island**.
- This gives China the capability to monitor maritime and aerial movements in the Bay of Bengal.



EXAM POINT: Important from geography, international relations, security and current affairs perspectives.



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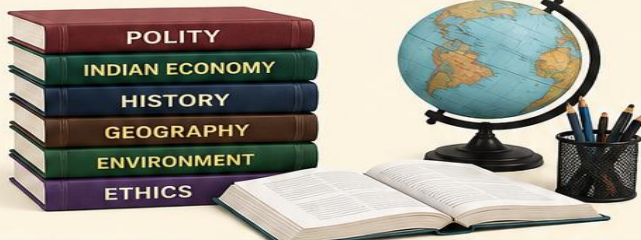
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