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QUESTION 1

Which city is hosting the 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) from 9 to 20 November 2026?

(A) Belém, Brazil

(B) Antalya, Türkiye

(C) Baku, Azerbaijan

(D) Dubai, UAE



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) ANTALYA, TÜRKİYE

Explanation

- COP31 is being held in **Antalya, Türkiye,** from **9 to 20 November 2026.**
- Türkiye is the host country and COP Presidency; **Murat Kurum** has been nominated as COP31 President.
- Australia's **Chris Bowen** serves as President of Negotiations under the Türkiye–Australia hosting arrangement.
- COP31 is the 31st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change **(UNFCCC).**



KEY FACTS:

- **Conference:** COP31
- **Venue:** Antalya, Türkiye
- **Dates:** 9–20 November 2026
- **Host:** Türkiye
- **Negotiations President:** Chris Bowen (Australia)

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QUESTION 2

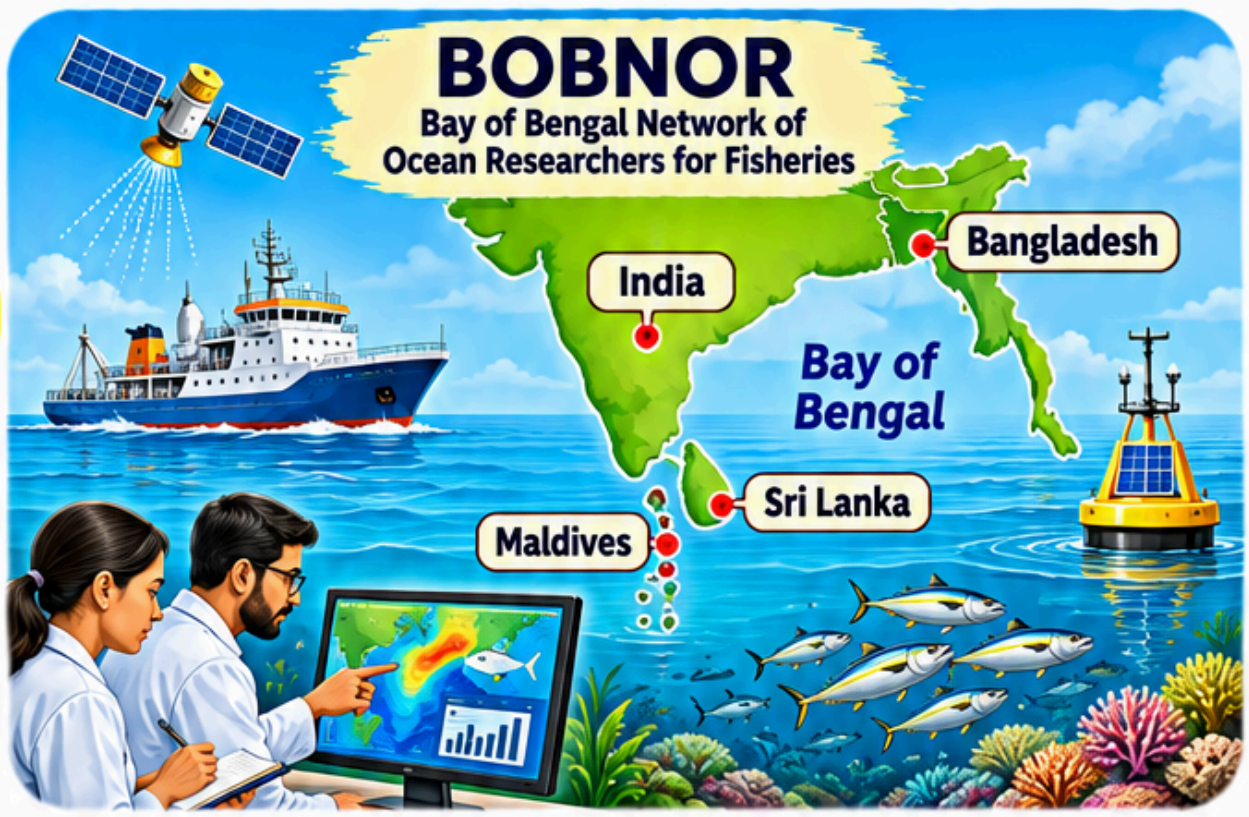
Which four nations jointly launched the 'BOBNOR' (Bay of Bengal Network of Ocean Researchers for Fisheries) network in Kochi, Kerala?

(A) India, Myanmar, Thailand, and Indonesia

(B) India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Maldives

(C) India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka

(D) India, Seychelles, Mauritius, and Maldives



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) INDIA, SRI LANKA, BANGLADESH AND MALDIVES

Explanation

- The Bay of Bengal Network of Ocean Researchers for Fisheries (BOB-NOR / BOBNOR) was launched in Kochi, Kerala, in November 2026.
- **Founding participants:** India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and the Maldives.
- The network integrates satellite observations, oceanographic surveys, climate indicators and fisheries data.
- It studies how sea temperature, monsoon patterns, salinity, ocean productivity and currents affect fish distribution, migration, recruitment and abundance.



KEY FACTS:

- **Coordinating organisation:** Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO)
- **Host institute:** ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CMFRI), Kochi
- **Purpose:** climate-resilient, evidence-based fisheries management
- **Regional cooperation:** four Bay of Bengal countries

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QUESTION 3

Which three ancient Indian manuscripts were inscribed onto UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register in November 2026?

(A) Ramayana, Manusmriti, and Panchatantra

(B) Mahabharata, Rajatarangini, and Arthashastra

(C) Rigveda, Upanishads, and Harshacharita

(D) Gita Govinda, Natyashastra, and Mudrarakshasa



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) MAHABHARATA, RAJATARANGINI AND ARTHASHASTRA

Explanation

- The three Indian manuscripts – Mahabharata, Rajatarangini and Arthashastra – were inscribed onto UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register at the **11th session of the Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific (MOWCAP)**, held in **Jakarta, Indonesia, from 2–6 November 2026.**
- The inscriptions were announced on **5 November 2026.**
- With these additions, India's total entries in the Asia-Pacific Regional Register rose to **six.**
- The **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)** prepared the nomination dossiers.

Manuscripts & Repositories



Mahabharata: Birch-bark (burjapatra) manuscript — Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI), Pune.



Arthashastra: Kautilya's palm-leaf manuscript — Oriental Research Institute, Mysuru.



Rajatarangini: Kalhana's 12th-century manuscript — Oriental Research Library, Sri Pratap Singh Library Complex, Srinagar.

KEY FACTS

- **Programme:** UNESCO Memory of the World
- **Regional body:** MOWCAP
- **Session:** 11th
- **Venue:** Jakarta, Indonesia
- **India's regional register total:** 6
- **Dossiers:** IGNCA

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QUESTION 4

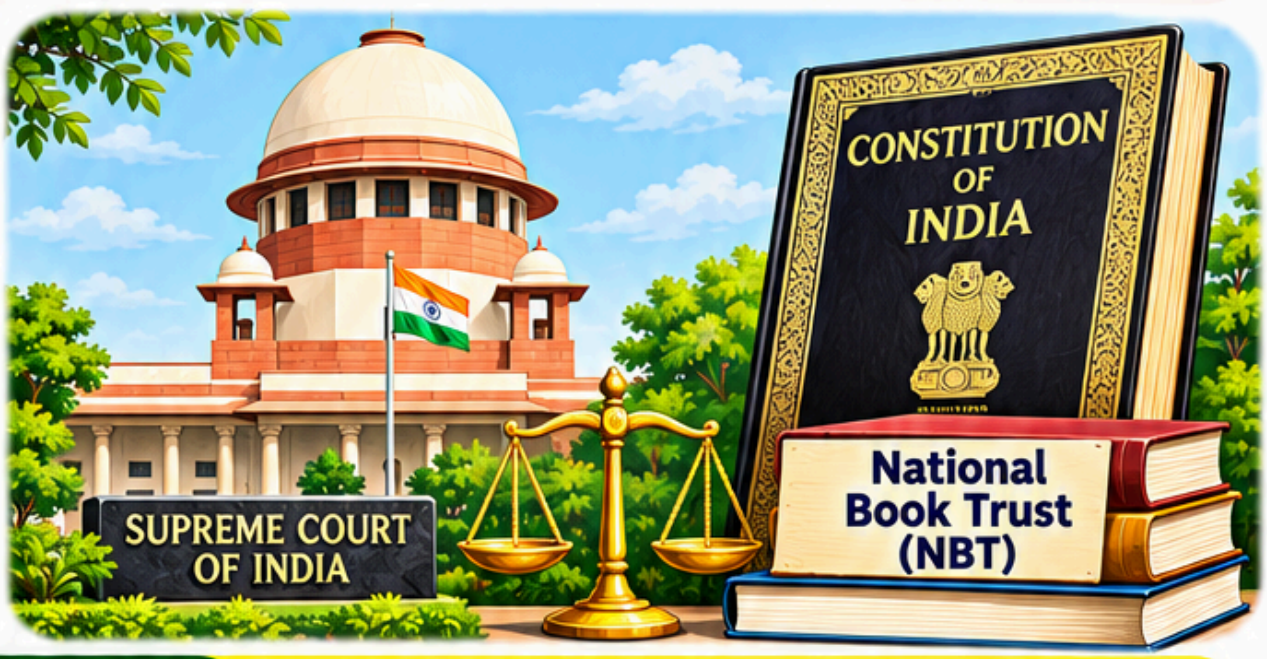
In the NBT v. AR Abdul Ghaffar case, the Supreme Court of India ruled that the National Book Trust (NBT) qualifies as 'State' under which Article of the Constitution?

(A) Article 12

(B) Article 14

(C) Article 19

(D) Article 21



CORRECT ANSWER: (A) ARTICLE 12

Explanation

- On **6 November 2026,** a Supreme Court bench of **Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Justice Augustine George Masih** dismissed the NBT appeal and upheld the Delhi High Court Full Bench ruling.
- The Court found **deep and pervasive government control** over NBT's constitution, governing composition, executive functioning, finances, audit and reporting.
- **Article 12** status makes NBT **'State'** for **Part III** fundamental-rights purposes.
- It **does not** turn NBT into a government department or make its employees civil servants.



KEY FACTS:

- **Decision date:** 6 November 2026
- **Bench:** Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Justice Augustine George Masih
- **Case:** The Chairman, National Book Trust, India & Another v. A.R. Abdul Gaffar & Others
- **Case citation:** Civil Appeal No. 14369 of 2015, 2026 INSC 1202
- **Constitutional provision:** Article 12

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QUESTION 5

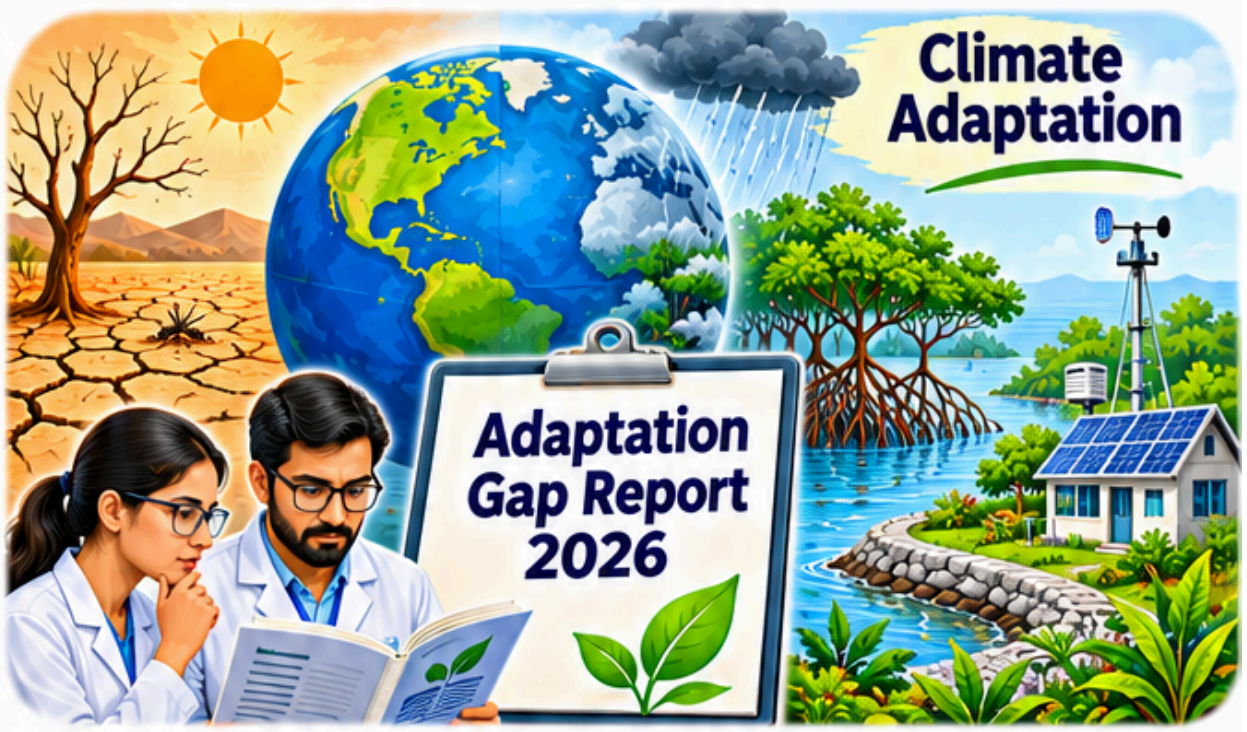
The annual 'Adaptation Gap Report 2026', highlighting a major shortfall in global climate adaptation financing ahead of COP31, was released by which international organization?

(A) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

(B) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

(C) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

(D) World Bank



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

Explanation

- UNEP released the **Adaptation Gap Report 2026: Ready?** on **4 November 2026,** ahead of COP31.
- It estimates developing countries' adaptation finance needs at about **US$305 billion** annually **by 2035.**
- International public adaptation finance from developed to developing countries was **US$28.2–31.7 billion** in **2024.**
- Even tripling public adaptation finance by 2035 would cover only around **20–29%** of estimated needs.



KEY FACTS:

- **Publisher:** UNEP
- **Report:** Adaptation Gap Report 2026
- **Release date:** 4 November 2026
- **Annual needs by 2035:** US$305 billion
- **Public flows in 2024:** US$28.2–31.7 billion
- **COP31:** Antalya, Türkiye

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QUESTION 6

Which species was officially notified as the 'State Amphibian' of Karnataka, making it the first Indian state to formally notify a state amphibian?

(A) Purple Frog

(B) Malabar Tree Toad

(C) Beddome's Toad

(D) Kottigehar Dancing Frog





CORRECT ANSWER: (B) MALABAR TREE TOAD

Explanation

- The Karnataka Forest, Ecology and Environment Department signed the declaration order on **27 October 2026.**
- Karnataka became the **first Indian state** to officially declare a State Amphibian.
- The species is native to the **Western Ghats** and is an indicator of evergreen forest health.
- It is arboreal and breeds mainly **March–June** before the monsoon.



KEY FACTS:

- **Scientific name:** *Pedostibes tuberculosus*
- **Local name:** Malenadina Mara Gantikappe
- **Discovered/described in:** 1876
- **Rediscovered in:** 1980 at Ponmudi, Kerala
- **IUCN Red List status:** Least Concern (2020)
- **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:** Schedule II

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QUESTION 7

Which renowned Indian cardiac surgeon was conferred France's prestigious 'National Order of Merit' (Knight / Chevalier) for healthcare service and medical support during COVID-19?

(A) Dr. Naresh Trehan

(B) Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty

(C) Dr. Ashok Seth

(D) Dr. Ramakanta Panda



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) DR. DEVI PRASAD SHETTY

Explanation

- **Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty**, founder and chairman of **Narayana Health**, received the Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite (Knight of the National Order of Merit) from France at a Bengaluru ceremony on **5 November 2026.**
- The recognition was for support to the French community in Bengaluru during the **COVID-19 pandemic**, including vaccination initiatives and logistical assistance through Narayana Health.



KEY FACTS:

- **Award:** Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite
- **Country:** France
- **Ceremony:** Bengaluru, 5 November 2026
- **Established:** 3 December 1963 by President Charles de Gaulle
- France's second-highest national order after the Legion of Honour.
- **Five grades:** Knight, Officer, Commander, Grand Officer, Grand Cross.

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QUESTION 8

World Freedom Day is observed annually on 9 November to commemorate which landmark historic event?

(A) The signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

(B) The Fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989

(C) The adoption of the United Nations Charter

(D) The dissolution of the Soviet Union



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL IN 1989

Explanation

- World Freedom Day is observed in the **United States** on **9 November.** It commemorates the **opening of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989,** a landmark in the peaceful revolutions of 1989 and the end of the division of Germany and Europe during the Cold War. Germany reunified on **3 October 1990.**



KEY FACTS

- **Date:** 9 November
- **Historic event:** Fall/opening of Berlin Wall
- **Year:** 1989
- **German reunification:** 3 October 1990
- World Freedom Day proclaimed by US President George W. Bush in 2001.

Note: World Freedom Day is a US observance, not a UN international day.

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QUESTION 9

Who scripted history in November 2026 by becoming India's 100th Chess Grandmaster after winning the 7th ASEAN+ Individual Open Chess Championship?

(A) V. S. Rathanvel

(B) Anuj Shrivatri

(C) S. Ashwath

(D) Pranav V.



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) ANUJ SHRIVATRI

Explanation

- **Anuj Shrivatri** of Madhya Pradesh won the 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open Chess Championship in **Ozamiz City, Philippines,** on **8 November 2026,** becoming India's **100th Grandmaster** and the first GM from Madhya Pradesh. He scored **7 points from 9 rounds.** The event awarded the winner a direct GM title under a FIDE-approved special format.



KEY FACTS:

- **India's first GM:** Viswanathan Anand (1988)
- **India's 99th GM:** V. S. Rathanvel
- **India's 100th GM:** Anuj Shrivatri
- **State:** Madhya Pradesh
- **Tournament:** 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open Chess Championship
- **Venue:** Ozamiz City, Philippines

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QUESTION 10

The elite 'CoBRA' (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) unit, whose personnel celebrated Diwali with the Prime Minister in Bastar, Chhattisgarh, is a specialized wing of which force?

(A) National Security Guard (NSG)

(B) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

(C) Assam Rifles

(D) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE (CRPF)

Explanation

- CoBRA stands for **Commando Battalion for Resolute Action.**
- It is an integral specialized unit of the **CRPF**, with personnel selected from within the force.
- It specializes in **guerrilla and jungle-warfare operations,** particularly against Maoist insurgency and Left-Wing Extremism.
- Ten CoBRA battalions were raised between **2008 and 2011.**

CRPF

KEY FACTS:

- **Parent force:** CRPF
- **Specialisation:** Jungle and guerrilla warfare
- **Raised:** 2008–2011
- **Units:** 10 battalions
- **Recent event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with CoBRA personnel at Karanpur, Bastar, on 8 November 2026.