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Q1. **Which Indian company won the prestigious Earthshot Prize 2026 in the 'Clean Our Air' category for promoting electric three-wheelers and reducing carbon emissions?**



(A) Tata Passenger Electric Mobility

(B) Mahindra Last Mile Mobility

(C) Ola Electric

(D) Ather Energy

Correct Answer: (B) Mahindra Last Mile Mobility

Explanation

- **Mahindra Last Mile Mobility** (a subsidiary of Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.) won the **Earthshot Prize 2026** in the **'Clean Our Air'** category.
- The award was presented during the ceremony held in **Mumbai** on **17 November 2026.**
- The company was recognised for disrupting urban transport through its **electric three-wheelers** and contributing to a significant reduction in **carbon emissions.**

THE EARTHSHOT PRIZE

Founded: 2020

by Prince William



The Earthshot Prize awards **£1 million** to each of its five category winners to scale their environmental solutions.

Key Fact: Mahindra Last Mile Mobility | Earthshot Prize 2026 | Category: Clean Our Air | Ceremony: Mumbai (17 November 2026)

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Q2. Where was the 7th Quad Leaders' Summit 2026 held on 17 November 2026, marking the first time the summit was hosted in a non-member nation?

(A) Wilmington, USA

(B) Manila, Philippines

(C) Tokyo, Japan

(D) New Delhi, India



Correct Answer: (B) Manila, Philippines

Explanation

- The 7th Quad Leaders' Summit 2026 was held in **Manila, Philippines**, on **17 November 2026**, on the sidelines of the **ASEAN Summits**.
- This is the **first time** the Quad Summit was hosted in a **non-member nation**.
- The summit was attended by Indian PM **Narendra Modi**, US President **Donald Trump**, Japanese PM **Sanae Takaichi**, and Australian PM **Anthony Albanese**.

Key Highlights

Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.

They announced that **Mumbai, India**, will host the inaugural Quad Business Leaders Forum in **2027**.

Focus areas included security cooperation, resilient supply chains, critical technologies and regional stability.

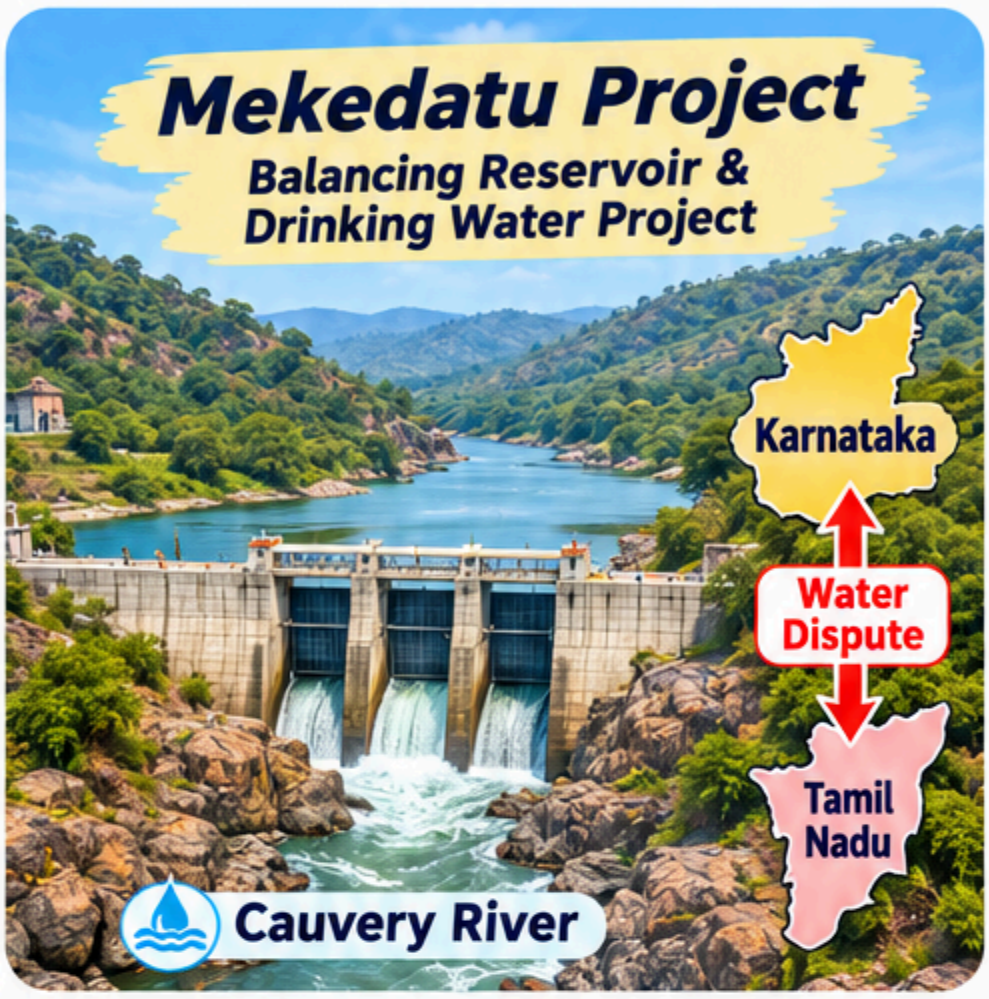
QUAD | **Key Fact:** Quad Business Leaders Forum (Inaugural) Host: Mumbai, India | Year: 2027

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Q3. The proposed ‘Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and Drinking Water Project’, which has sparked an interstate water dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, is planned across which river?

(A) Krishna River
(B) Godavari River
(C) Cauvery River
(D) Pennar River



Correct Answer: (C) Cauvery River

Explanation

- The Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and Drinking Water Project is proposed by the Government of Karnataka (to be executed by Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited).
- It is planned across the Cauvery River in Ramanagara district, close to the Tamil Nadu border.
- The project aims to supply drinking water to Bengaluru and generate around 400 MW of power.
- It faces opposition from Tamil Nadu over concerns of reduced downstream irrigation water.

Mekedatu Project: Key Details

River	:	Cauvery River
Location	:	Ramanagara district, Karnataka (near Tamil Nadu border)
Objective	:	Drinking water supply to Bengaluru
Power	:	~400 MW
Issue	:	Interstate water dispute with Tamil Nadu (over downstream irrigation concerns)

Key Fact: Mekedatu Project | Cauvery River
Drinking Water to Bengaluru | ~400 MW Power

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Q4. Which Indian state will host the 27th edition of the annual ‘Hornbill Festival’—popularly known as the ‘Festival of Festivals’—from 1 to 10 December 2026?

- (A) Meghalaya
- (B) Nagaland
- (C) Manipur
- (D) Mizoram



Correct Answer: (B) Nagaland

Explanation

- The 27th edition of the Hornbill Festival will be organized by the Government of Nagaland from 1 to 10 December 2026.
- It will be held at the Naga Heritage Village in Kisama, near Kohima.
- The festival was initiated in 2000 to preserve and showcase Naga tribal traditions, music, dances and crafts.
- Its opening coincides with Nagaland’s Statehood Day (1 December).

Hornbill Festival at a Glance

Edition	27th
Dates	1 – 10 December 2026
Venue	Naga Heritage Village, Kisama (near Kohima)
Organiser	Goverıment of Nagaland
Initiated	2000
Special	Opening on Statehood Day (1 December)

Key Fact: Hornbill Festival | Nagaland | 1 – 10 December 2026 | Naga Heritage Village, Kisama | Since: 2000

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Q5. Which state government has announced plans to develop a dedicated 'Space City' near Sriharikota to attract ₹25,000 crore in aerospace and space manufacturing investments?

(A) Karnataka

(B) Andhra Pradesh

(C) Tamil Nadu

(D) Odisha



Correct Answer: (B) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation

- The Government of **Andhra Pradesh** has unveiled plans to develop a comprehensive **'Space City'** near **Sriharikota.**
- It will be developed alongside aerospace manufacturing clusters in **Sri Sathya Sai** and **Tirupati** districts.
- Under the state's **Space Policy 4.0,** the aim is to attract **₹25,000 crore** in investments from private space startups, MSMEs and satellite manufacturers.

Key Details: Space City

State	:	Andhra Pradesh
Location	:	Near Sriharikota
Clusters	:	Sri Sathya Sai & Tirupati districts
Policy	:	Space Policy 4.0
Investment	:	₹25,000 crore
Focus	:	Aerospace, space manufacturing, satellites and private space startups

Key Fact: Space City | Andhra Pradesh | Near Sriharikota | Investment: ₹25,000 crore | Under Space Policy 4.0

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Q6. India's official entry for the 99th Academy Awards (Oscars 2027), 'Gondhal', directed by Santosh Davakhar, is originally made in which language?

(A) Gujarati

(B) Marathi

(C) Bengali

(D) Malayalam



Correct Answer: (B) Marathi

Explanation

- 'Gondhal', directed by Santosh Davakhar, is a Marathi film.
- It has been selected by the Film Federation of India (FFI) as India's official entry for the Best International Feature Film category at the 99th Academy Awards (Oscars 2027).
- Davakhar earlier won the Silver Peacock for Best Director at the 56th IFFI.
- The film is rooted in Maharashtra's traditional overnight Gondhal ritual and became the first Marathi film released globally across seven languages.

Key Highlights

Film	:	*Gondhal*
Director	:	Santosh Davakhar
Language	:	Marathi
Recognition	:	India's official entry for 99th Academy Awards (Oscars 2027)
Earlier Award	:	Silver Peacock (Best Director) at the 56th IFFI
Notable	:	First Marathi film released globally across seven languages

Key Fact: Gondhal | Marathi film | Director: Santosh Davakhar | India's official entry for Oscars 2027 | First Marathi film released in 7 languages

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Q7. Who has been elected to the Athletes' Committee of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) for the 2026–2030 term?

(A) Abhinav Bindra

(B) Manu Bhaker

(C) Gagan Narang

(D) Divya Deshmukh



Correct Answer: (B) Manu Bhaker

Explanation

- Two-time Olympic medalist pistol shooter **Manu Bhaker** has been elected to the Athletes' Committee of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) for the **2026–2030** term.
- The Athletes' Committee represents the **voice and interests of shooting athletes** within the ISSF.
- The ISSF is the global governing body for shooting sports, headquartered in **Munich, Germany**.

About ISSF

Full Form	:	International Shooting Sport Federation
Headquarters	:	Munich, Germany
Athletes' Committee	:	Represents the voice and interests of shooting athletes
Manu Bhaker	:	Elected member (2026–2030)

Key Fact: Manu Bhaker | ISSF Athletes' Committee | Term: 2026–2030 | HQ: Munich, Germany

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Q8. Who defeated Japan's Koki Watanabe in the final to become the first Indian men's singles shuttler to win the 'Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026' title?

(A) H. S. Prannoy

(B) Lakshya Sen

(C) Kidambi Srikanth

(D) Priyanshu Rajawat



Correct Answer: (B) Lakshya Sen

Explanation

- Indian shuttler **Lakshya Sen** defeated Japan's **Koki Watanabe** in the final in Kumamoto, Japan, to clinch the **Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026** Men's Singles title.
- He became the **first Indian men's singles player** to win the tournament since its inception in **2023.**
- The Kumamoto Masters is a **BWF World Tour Super 500** tournament held annually in Japan.

Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026: At a Glance

Tournament	:	Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026
Edition	:	4th (since 2023)
Venue	:	Kumamoto, Japan
Category	:	Men's Singles
Winner	:	Lakshya Sen (India)
Runner-up	:	Koki Watanabe (Japan)
Status	:	BWF World Tour Super 500

Key Fact: Lakshya Sen | First Indian men's singles champion | Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 | BWF Super 500

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Q9. Who won the Women's Singles title at the 2026 WTA Finals held in California, defeating Ukraine's Elina Svitolina in the final?



(A) Aryna Sabalenka

(B) Mirra Andreeva

(C) Iga Świątek

(D) Coco Gauff

Correct Answer: (B) Mirra Andreeva

Explanation

- 19-year-old Russian tennis sensation **Mirra Andreeva** won the 2026 WTA Finals Women's Singles title in California.
- She defeated Ukraine's Elina Svitolina in the final to lift the **Billie Jean King Trophy**.

Key Highlights: WTA Finals 2026

Event	:	WTA Finals 2026
Location	:	California, USA
Category	:	Women's Singles
Winner	:	Mirra Andreeva (Russia)
Runner-up	:	Elina Svitolina (Ukraine)
Trophy	:	Billie Jean King Trophy



Key Fact: Mirra Andreeva | Winner: WTA Finals 2026 (Women's Singles) | Runner-up: Elina Svitolina | Venue: California, USA

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Q10. 15,000 artists in Assam recently set a Guinness World Record for the largest folk dance performance by performing ‘Nimso Kerung’. Which indigenous community is this traditional dance associated with?

(A) Bodo Community

(B) Karbi Community

(C) Mising Community

(D) Dimasa Community



Correct Answer: (B) Karbi Community

Explanation

- A total of **15,000 artists** set a Guinness World Record for the largest folk dance performance by performing **‘Nimso Kerung’** in Assam.
- The event was organized by the **Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council** at **KASA Stadium, Diphu,** on the occasion of the **75th Karbi Anglong Day.**
- ‘Nimso Kerung’ is a traditional folk dance of the **Karbi community,** usually performed during the **Chomangkan festival.**

Key Highlights

Record	:	Largest folk dance performance
Performers	:	15,000 artists
Dance	:	Nimso Kerung
Community	:	Karbi Community
Venue	:	KASA Stadium, Diphu (Assam)
Occasion	:	75th Karbi Anglong Day
Festival	:	Chomangkan

Key Fact: Nimso Kerung | Karbi Community | Assam | 15,000 performers | Guinness World Record | 75th Karbi Anglong Day