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Q1. Which next-generation navigation satellite was successfully launched by ISRO using the GSLV-F18 rocket from Sriharikota to enhance the capabilities and precision of the NavIC system?



(A) NVS-01

(B) NVS-02

(C) NVS-03

(D) EOS-05

Correct Answer: (C) NVS-03

Explanation

- ISRO launched NVS-03 aboard GSLV-F18 on **30 October 2026** from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- It is the **third satellite** in the second-generation NVS series.
- It strengthens **NavIC**, India's regional satellite navigation system.
- It carries navigation payloads in **L1, L5 and S bands** and an **indigenous atomic clock.**
- NavIC covers India and approximately **1,500 km** beyond its borders.



Key Fact: GSLV-F18 | 30 OCT 2026 | NVS-03 | NavIC

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Q2. According to the report titled ‘Nature’s Comeback: Scaling Ecosystem Restoration for People and Planet’, conservation efforts for which Indian species were highlighted as a benchmark model for successful ecosystem restoration?



(A) Snow Leopard

(B) Ganges River Dolphin

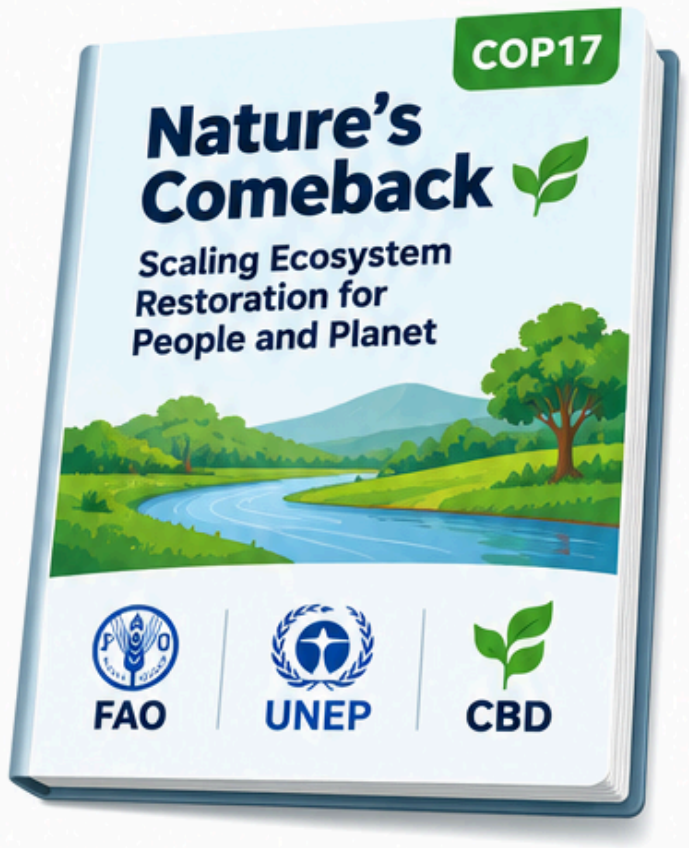
(C) Great Indian Bustard

(D) Gharial

Correct Answer: (B) Ganges River Dolphin

Explanation

- The report was co-published by **FAO**, **UNEP** and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity **(CBD)** and launched during **COP17** on **29 October 2026.**
- It cites the recovery of **Ganges river dolphins** in India among documented ecosystem-restoration successes.
- The Ganges river dolphin (***Platanista gangetica***) is India’s **National Aquatic Animal** and an important indicator/ umbrella species for freshwater river ecosystems.
- India’s **Project Dolphin** was launched in **2020** to support dolphin conservation.



Key Fact: GANGES RIVER DOLPHIN | INDIA’S NATIONAL AQUATIC ANMAL | PROJECT DOLPHIN – 2020

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Q3. Who made history by becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to win a Gold medal at the Senior World Wrestling Championships (2026) in Astana, Kazakhstan?



(A) Neelam Sirohi

(B) Manisha Bhanwala

(C) Kajal Dholak

(D) Tanu Sharma

Correct Answer: (B) Manisha Bhanwala

Explanation

- Manisha Bhanwala won Gold medal in the women's **59 kg** freestyle category at Astana on **30 October 2026.**
- She defeated USA's Abigail Nette **8–6** after coming back from a **0–6 deficit.**
- She became the **first Indian woman** to win gold at the Senior World Wrestling Championships and only the second Indian wrestler overall to win a senior world title after **Sushil Kumar in 2010.**



Key Fact: 59 KG | ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN | 30 OCTOBER 2026 | HISTORIC GOLD

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Q4. The first BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise (2026) was hosted at which location?



(A) Kochi, Kerala

(B) Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

(C) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

(D) Colombo, Sri Lanka

Correct Answer: (B) Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Explanation

- The first BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise is being conducted from **30 October to 3 November 2026** at **Sri Vijaya Puram** (Andaman & Nicobar Islands), India.
- It brings together all **seven BIMSTEC member states** — Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
- It aims to improve maritime cooperation, interoperability, maritime domain awareness and coordination in the **Bay of Bengal.**

BIMSTEC Member States (7 Countries)



Theme

"Translating Vision to Action – Shared Seas, Shared Security and Shared Prosperity."

Key Fact: First BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise | 30 Oct – 3 Nov 2026 | 7 Member States | Sri Vijaya Puram (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)

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Q5. Who became the 29th Chief of the Air Staff, and who succeeded him as Vice Chief of the Air Staff?



(A) ACM Amar Preet Singh & Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia

(B) ACM Ashutosh Dixit & Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia

(C) ACM Rajesh Kumar Singh & ACM Ashutosh Dixit

(D) ACM Sanjay Singhal & ACM Amar Preet Singh

Correct Answer: (B) ACM Ashutosh Dixit & Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia

Explanation

- Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on **31 October 2026**, succeeding Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh.
- Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia took over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff from **1 November 2026**, succeeding Dixit.

Key Fact: IAF Motto: ***Nabhah-Sprisham Deeptam*** — Touch the Sky with Glory | Inspired by Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 11.

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Q6. Which historic astronomical observatory has been named as a venue for the India Biennale 2026?



(A) Jantar Mantar, Jaipur

(B) Jantar Mantar, New Delhi

(C) Vedh Shala, Ujjain

(D) Jantar Mantar, Varanasi

Correct Answer: (B) Jantar Mantar, New Delhi

Explanation

- Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, has been added to the venue list for the India Art, Architecture & Design Biennale 2026.
- The observatory was commissioned in 1724 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II and is known for its monumental astronomical instruments.

Key Fact: India Biennale 2026 | 4 December 2026 – 21 March 2027 | Jantar Mantar, New Delhi

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Q7. Mayon Volcano, which recently sent an ash plume 3,000 metres above its crater, is located in which country?



(A) Indonesia

(B) Philippines

(C) Japan

(D) Iceland

Correct Answer: (B) Philippines

Explanation

- Mayon Volcano is located in **Albay province** on **Luzon Island, Philippines.**
- On **30 October 2026,** a moderately explosive eruption sent an ash plume about **3,000 metres** above the summit crater.
- **PHIVOLCS** raised the alert status from **Level 2** to **Level 3** and recommended evacuation within the **6-km Permanent Danger Zone.**

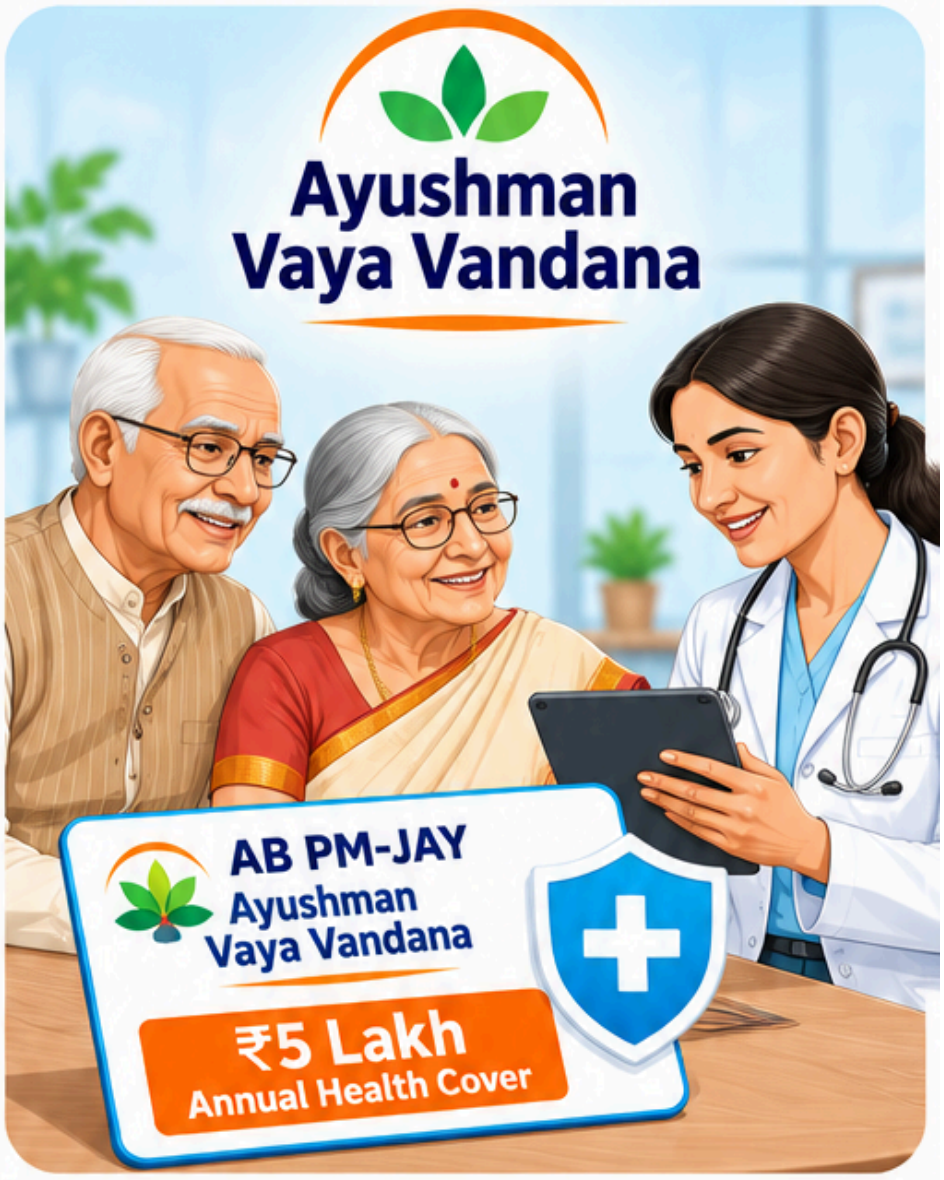
Key Fact: Mayon Volcano | Albay, Luzon | Philippines | Alert Level 3 (30 October 2026)

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Q8. Under the Ayushman Vaya Vandana scheme, what is the minimum age for senior citizens to receive annual health coverage of ₹5 lakh?



(A) 60 years and above

(B) 65 years and above

(C) 70 years and above

(D) 75 years and above

Correct Answer: (C) 70 years and above

Explanation

- All Indian citizens aged **70 years and above** are eligible, irrespective of socio-economic status.
- The scheme provides up to **₹5 lakh annual health cover** for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation. For eligible seniors in families already covered under AB PM-JAY, an **additional top-up of up to ₹5 lakh** per year is available exclusively for them.

Key Fact: Ayushman Vaya Vandana | Age: 70 years and above | Up to ₹5 lakh annual cover | Launched: 29 October 2024

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Q9. Who became the first Indian bowler to take 150 wickets in men's T20 Internationals?



(A) Jasprit Bumrah

(B) Arshdeep Singh

(C) Bhuvneshwar Kumar

(D) Yuzvendra Chahal

Correct Answer: (B) Arshdeep Singh

Explanation

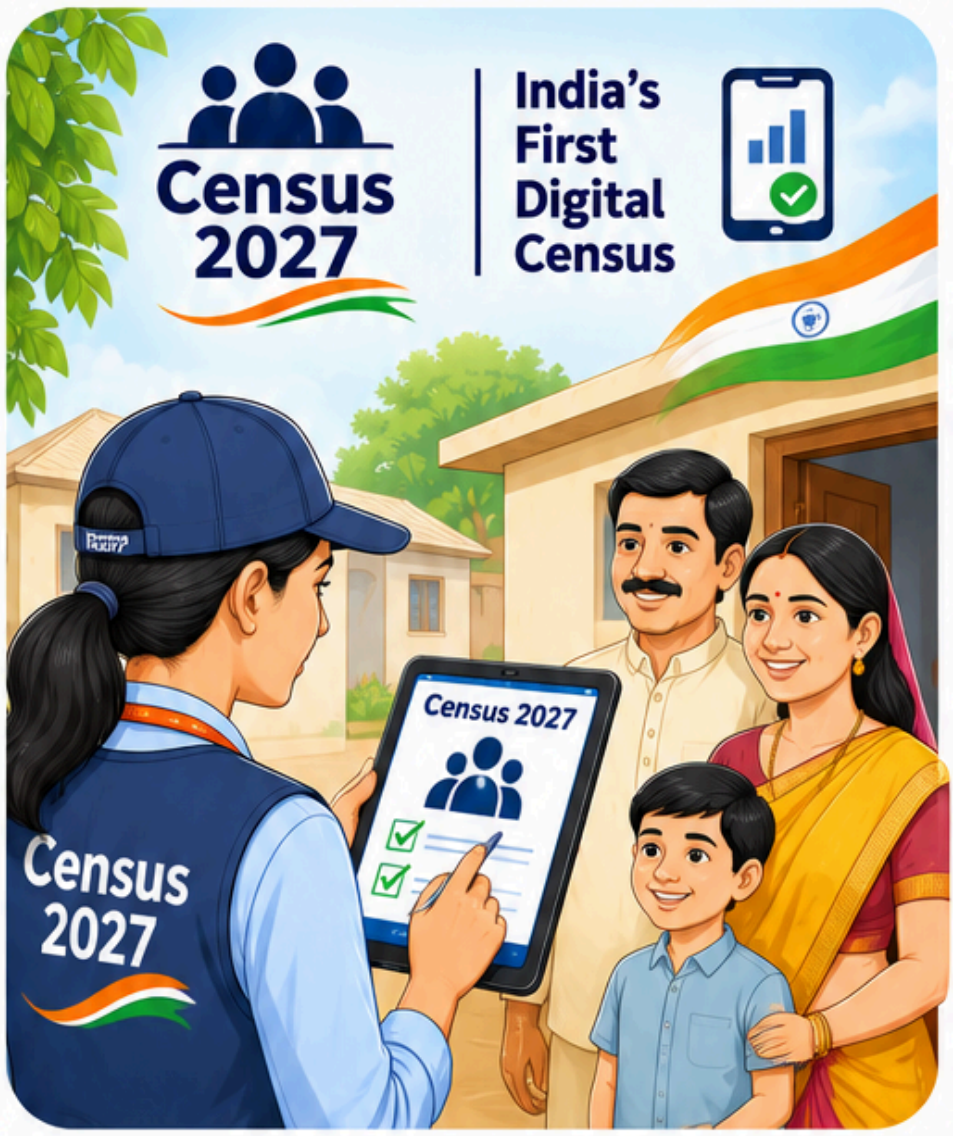
- Arshdeep Singh achieved the milestone on 30 October 2026 during the fourth T20I against New Zealand at Eden Park, Auckland, by dismissing New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner. He reached 150 wickets in 103 matches and became India's leading men's T20I wicket-taker.

Key Fact: 150 T20I WICKETS | First Indian bowler | 30 October 2026 | Eden Park, Auckland

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Q10. The Government announced which date as the start of India's first fully digital National Census population enumeration?



(A) 1 January 2027

(B) 25 January 2027

(C) 1 April 2027

(D) 15 August 2027

Correct Answer: (B) 25 January 2027

Explanation

- India's first digital Census (Census 2027) will use mobile applications for data collection and offer a self-enumeration option.
- Nationwide population enumeration is scheduled from 25 January to 28 February 2027 in most states and UTs; self-enumeration is scheduled for 10–24 January 2027.
- The schedule has separate arrangements for poll-bound and snow-bound regions.

Key Fact: Census 2027 | First digital Census | Population enumeration: 25 Jan–28 Feb 2027 | Self-enumeration: 10–24 Jan 2027