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Q1. Which Chinese city hosted the 33rd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting in November 2026?

(A) Beijing

(B) Shanghai

(C) Shenzhen

(D) Guangzhou



Correct Answer: (C) Shenzhen

Explanation

- Shenzhen, China hosted the 33rd APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting on 18–19 November 2026.
- It was the first time Shenzhen hosted the summit and China's third time hosting APEC overall (after Shanghai in 2001 and Beijing in 2014).
- Founded in 1989 and headquartered in Singapore, APEC comprises 21 Pacific Rim member economies promoting free trade and regional economic integration.

Key Highlights: APEC

Full Form	:	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
Founded	:	1989
Headquarters	:	Singapore
Members	:	21 economies (Pacific Rim)
Objective	:	Promote free trade and regional economic integration
33rd Meeting	:	18–19 November 2026
Host City	:	Shenzhen, China

Key Fact: APEC 2026 was hosted in Shenzhen, marking China's third time as APEC host (2001 – Shanghai, 2014 – Beijing, 2026 – Shenzhen).

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Q2. Which urban hub in Gujarat has been designated as India's first 'Resilience Hub' under the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) 'Making Cities Resilient 2030' (MCR2030) initiative?

- (A) Dholera Special Investment Region
- (B) GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City)
- (C) Surat Diamond Bourse
- (D) Sabarmati Riverfront



Correct Answer: (B) GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City)

Explanation

- GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat has been recognized as India's first Resilience Hub (and a new Resilience Hub in the Asia-Pacific region) under the UNDRR's Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) program.
- The designation honors its disaster-resilient urban infrastructure, seismic and flood preparedness, and business continuity mechanisms for financial operations during emergencies.

About the Initiative

UNDRR	:	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
Initiative	:	Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030)
Recognition	:	India's first Resilience Hub (Asia-Pacific)
Location	:	GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Focus	:	Disaster resilience, seismic & flood preparedness, and business continuity

Key Fact: GIFT City is India's first urban hub to be designated as a UNDRR 'Resilience Hub' under the MCR2030 initiative.

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Q3. Which supercomputer topped the 68th edition of the global TOP500 list of the world's fastest supercomputers released in November 2026?



(A) El Capitan

(B) Frontier

(C) Lionshine (Lion Shine)

(D) Aurora

Correct Answer: (C) Lionshine (Lion Shine)

Explanation

- China's **Lionshine** supercomputer, developed by the **Shenzhen Cloud Computing Center**, secured the **1st rank** in the 68th edition of the global **TOP500** list.
- The list was announced at the **SC26 conference** in **Chicago, USA** in November 2026.
- Lionshine achieved a High-Performance Linpack (HPL) benchmark score of **2.198 exaflops**, ahead of US systems El Capitan, Frontier and Aurora.

Key Highlights

List	:	TOP500 (World's fastest supercomputers)
Edition	:	68th
Rank	:	1st
Supercomputer	:	Lionshine (Lion Shine)
Developer	:	Shenzhen Cloud Computing Center (China)
HPL Score	:	2.198 exaflops
Announced at	:	SC26 conference, Chicago, USA

Key Fact: Lionshine (China) tops the 68th TOP500 list with 2.198 exaflops, announced at SC26 in Chicago, USA.

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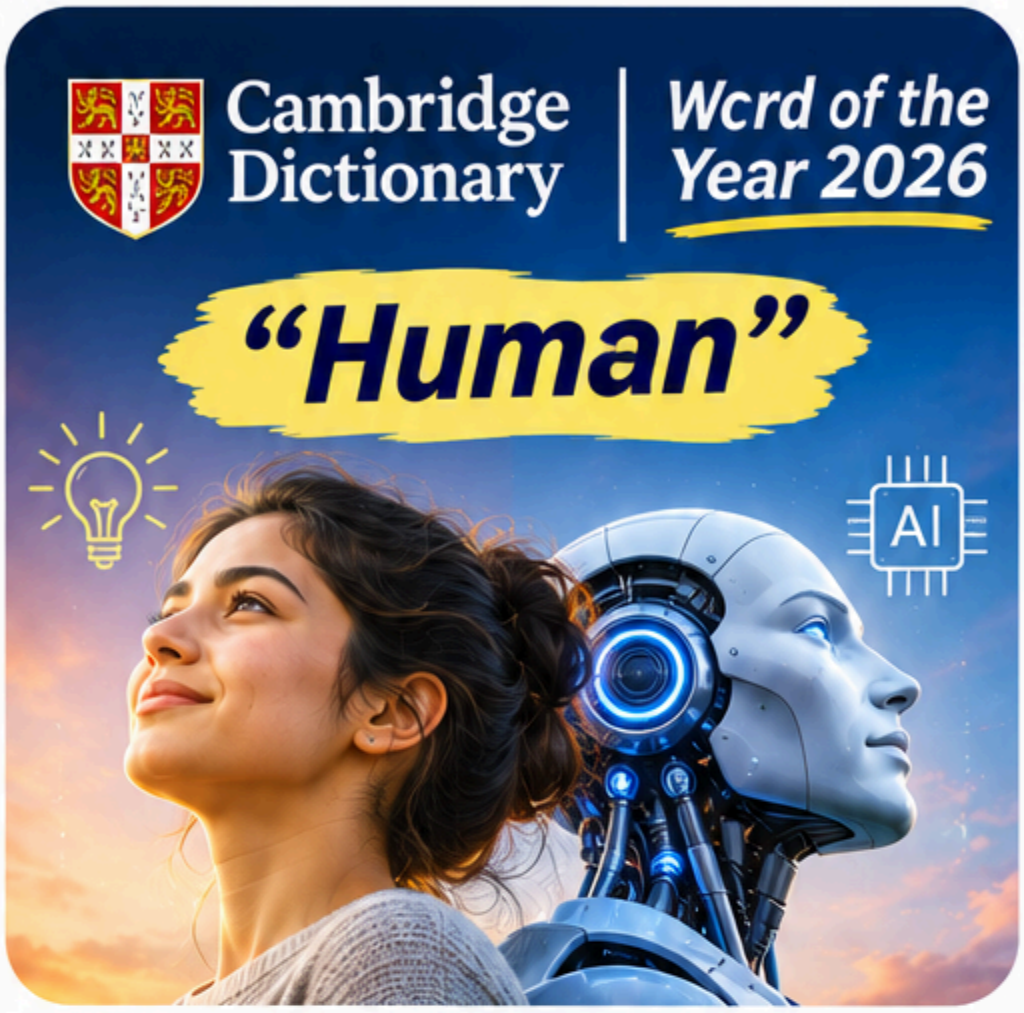
Q4. Which word was declared the 'Word of the Year 2026' by Cambridge Dictionary amidst global discussions on distinguishing human creativity from Artificial Intelligence?

(A) Parasocial

(B) Human

(C) Mogging

(D) Maxing



Correct Answer: (B) Human

Explanation

- Cambridge Dictionary selected "Human" as its Word of the Year 2026 (following "Parasocial" in 2025).
- The selection reflects intensifying global debates over human identity, emotional depth, and imperfections in contrast to rapidly advancing generative AI tools.

Key Highlights

Declared by	:	Cambridge Dictionary
Word of the Year	:	Human
Year	:	2026
Previous Year (2025)	:	Parasocial
Context	:	Global discussions on human identity, creativity and emotions vs. AI
Relevance	:	Highlights the unique value of human experience in the age of generative AI

Key Fact: "Human" is Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2026.

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Q5. **Which institute developed India's first indigenous inactivated H5N1 vaccine against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in poultry, launched by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan?**

(A) Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Bareilly

(B) ICAR–National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal

(C) National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal

(D) National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune



Correct Answer: (B) ICAR–NIHSAD, Bhopal

Explanation

- **ICAR–NIHSAD, Bhopal** developed India's first indigenous inactivated **H5N1 vaccine** against **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI / Bird Flu)** for poultry.
- The vaccine was launched by **Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** on **20 November 2026.**
- A single dose provides **six months of immunity** to chickens, preventing mass culling and safeguarding poultry farmers from severe economic losses.

Key Highlights

Developed by	:	ICAR–NIHSAD, Bhopal
Vaccine	:	Inactivated H5N1 vaccine
Target	:	Poultry (chickens)
Protection	:	6 months (single dose)
Launched on	:	20 November 2026
Launched by	:	Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Benefit	:	Prevents mass culling and economic losses

Key Fact: India's first indigenous inactivated H5N1 vaccine for poultry has been developed by ICAR–NIHSAD, Bhopal.

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Q6. Which Indian institution emerged as the highest-ranked Indian university—and the only one in the global top 200 (at rank 194)—in the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2027?

- (A) IISc Bengaluru
- (B) IIT Delhi
- (C) IIT Bombay
- (D) IIT Madras



Correct Answer: (B) IIT Delhi

Explanation

- IIT Delhi secured the top position among Indian institutions and ranked 194th globally in the QS Sustainability Rankings 2027.
- The rankings were published by London-based Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).
- IIT Delhi is the sole Indian institution inside the global top 200.
- Globally, Sweden's Lund University retained the first rank.

Key Highlights

Ranking (IIT Delhi)	:	194 (Global)
Status	:	Highest-ranked Indian university
Significance	:	Only Indian institution in global top 200
Rankings	:	QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2027
Publisher	:	Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), London
Global Rank 1	:	Lund University (Sweden)

Key Fact: IIT Delhi is the only Indian university in the global top 200 (rank 194) in the QS Sustainability Rankings 2027.

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Q7. Which two countries will co-host the 3rd United Nations Water Conference in Abu Dhabi in December 2026 to accelerate progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6)?

(A) India and Japan

(B) United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Senegal

(C) Brazil and South Africa

(D) Egypt and Kenya



Correct Answer: (B) United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Senegal

Explanation

- The 3rd United Nations Water Conference will be co-hosted in Abu Dhabi by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Senegal.
- It will be the first UN Water Conference in history co-hosted by two nations from the Global South.
- The conference aims to accelerate global action on clean water and sanitation under SDG 6 ahead of the 2030 target.

Key Highlights

Event	:	3rd United Nations Water Conference
Co-hosts	:	United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Senegal
Venue	:	Abu Dhabi (UAE)
Month/Year	:	December 2026
Significance	:	First UN Water Conference co-hosted by two nations from the Global South
Objective	:	Accelerate global progress on clean water and sanitation under SDG 6

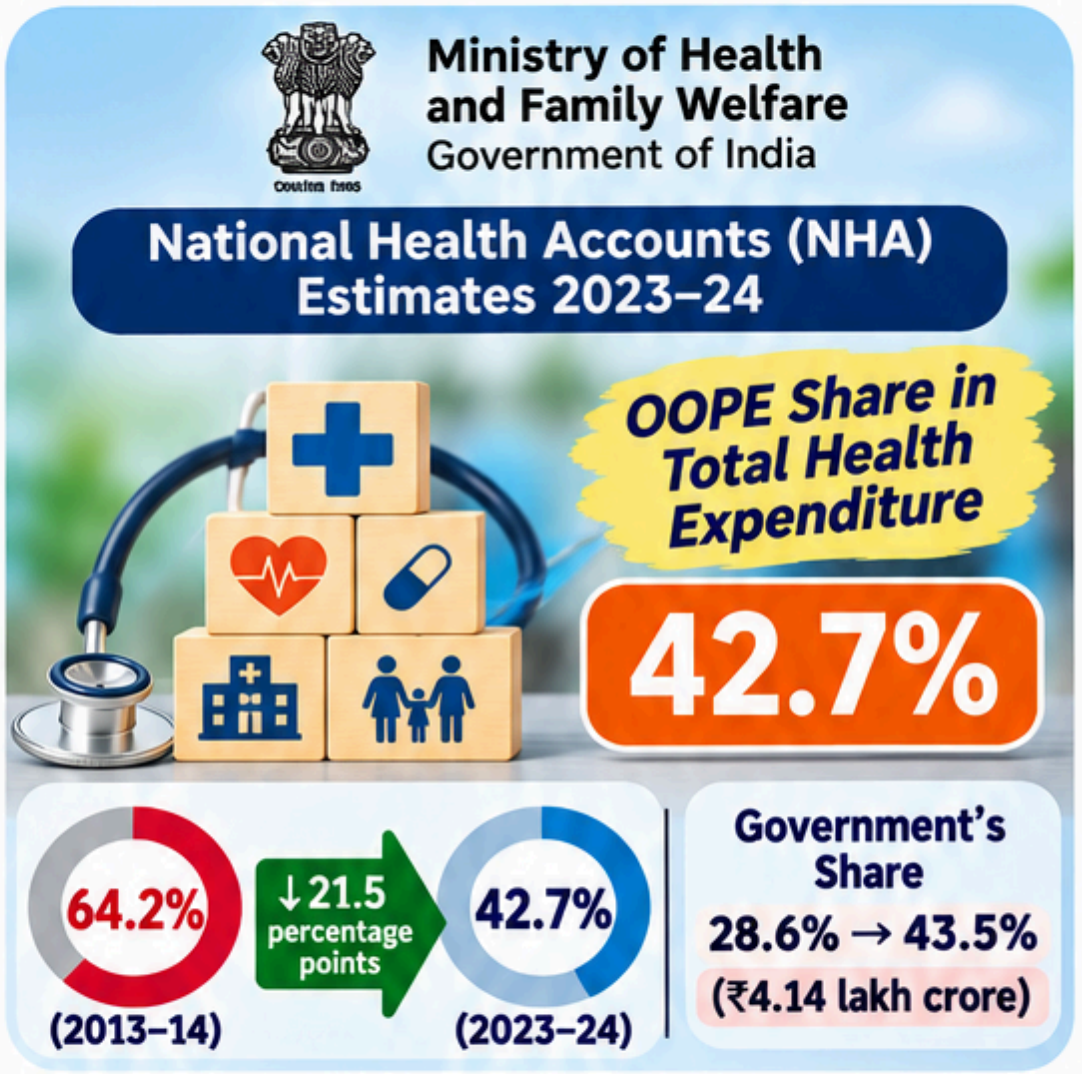
Key Fact: The 3rd UN Water Conference will be co-hosted by the UAE and Senegal in Abu Dhabi in December 2026 to advance SDG 6.

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Q8. According to the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for 2023–24 released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, what is the share of Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) in India's Total Health Expenditure?

- (A) 64.2%
- (B) 42.7%
- (C) 43.5%
- (D) 28.6%



Correct Answer: (B) 42.7%

Explanation

- As per the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates 2023–24, Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) is 42.7% of India's Total Health Expenditure.
- This is a decline of 21.5 percentage points over a decade—from 64.2% in 2013–14 to 42.7% in 2023–24.
- The government's share in total health expenditure increased from 28.6% to 43.5% (₹4.14 lakh crore).

Key Highlights

Report	:	National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates 2023–24
Released by	:	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
OOPE Share (2023–24)	:	42.7%
Change (Decade)	:	↓ 21.5 percentage points
OOPE Share (2013–14)	:	64.2%
Government's Share	:	28.6% → 43.5% (₹4.14 lakh crore)
Significance	:	Indicates reduced financial burden on households and stronger public health spending

Key Fact: OOPE in India's Total Health Expenditure declined from 64.2% (2013–14) to 42.7% (2023–24), while the government's share rose to 43.5%.

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Q9. What is the name of the AI-powered search assistant launched by the Ministry of Culture on its semantic search portal (culture.gov.in) to provide multilingual access to Indian heritage and culture?

(A) Parampara

(B) Sanskriti

(C) Virasat

(D) Dharohar



Correct Answer: (B) Sanskriti

Explanation

- The Union Ministry of Culture launched an AI-powered semantic search and knowledge discovery platform (culture.gov.in).
- It integrates data from more than 65 cultural institutions across India.
- The platform features a conversational AI assistant named 'Sanskriti' to help citizens and researchers explore Indian heritage and culture.
- It provides multilingual access in 22 scheduled Indian languages.

Key Highlights

Launched by	:	Ministry of Culture (Government of India)
Portal	:	culture.gov.in
AI Assistant	:	Sanskriti
Data Coverage	:	> 65 cultural institutions
Language Support	:	22 scheduled Indian languages
Access To	:	Manuscripts, monuments and museum archives
Purpose	:	Multilingual, AI-powered exploration of India's heritage and culture

Key Fact: "Sanskriti" is the AI-powered search assistant launched by the Ministry of Culture on culture.gov.in.

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Q10. On 18 November 2026, the Indian Navy celebrated the Golden Jubilee (50 years) of its Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance (LRMR) operations, which began in 1976 with the commissioning of which squadron in Goa?

(A) INAS 310 (Cobras)

(B) INAS 312 (Albatross)

(C) INAS 315 (Winged Stallions)

(D) INAS 316 (Condors)



Correct Answer: (B) INAS 312 (Albatross)

Explanation

- On 18 November 2026, the Indian Navy commemorated **50 years** of Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance (LRMR) operations.
- LRMR operations began with the commissioning of **INAS 312 ('Albatross')** at INS Hansa in Goa on **18 November 1976.**
- Over five decades, LRMR squadrons have played vital roles in **Operation Vijay, Operation Cactus,** and **Operation Sindoor.**
- They currently operate **P-8I Neptune** aircraft and **MQ-9B SeaGuardian** drones.

Key Highlights

Event	:	Golden Jubilee (50 years) of LRMR operations
Celebrated on	:	18 November 2026
Began in	:	1976
Commissioned at	:	INS Hansa, Goa
Squadron	:	INAS 312 (Albatross)
Major Operations	:	Operation Vijay, Operation Cactus, Operation Sindoor
Current Platforms	:	P-8I Neptune aircraft and MQ-9B SeaGuardian drones

Key Fact: LRMR operations of the Indian Navy began with the commissioning Of INAS 312 (Albatross) at INS Hansa, Goa on 18 November 1976.