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Q1. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), succeeding Albert Park?

(A) Arvind Subramanian

(B) Karthik Muralidharan

(C) Gita Gopinath

(D) Krishnamurthy Subramanian



Correct Answer: (B) Karthik Muralidharan

Explanation

- Indian-American economist **Karthik Muralidharan** has been appointed as the Chief Economist of the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, succeeding Albert Park.
- He will also serve as the Director General of ADB's Economic Research and Development Impact Department.
- Muralidharan is a Professor of Economics at the University of California, San Diego, and the author of ***Accelerating India's Development.***

Key Highlights

Appointee	:	Karthik Muralidharan
Position	:	Chief Economist, ADB
Additional Role	:	Director General, Economic Research and Development Impact Department
Current Affiliation	:	Professor of Economics, University of California, San Diego
Notable Work	:	*Accelerating India's Development*
ADB (Asian Development Bank)	:	Founded: 1966 Headquarters: Manila, Philippines President: Masato Kanda

Key Fact: Karthik Muralidharan has been appointed as the new Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

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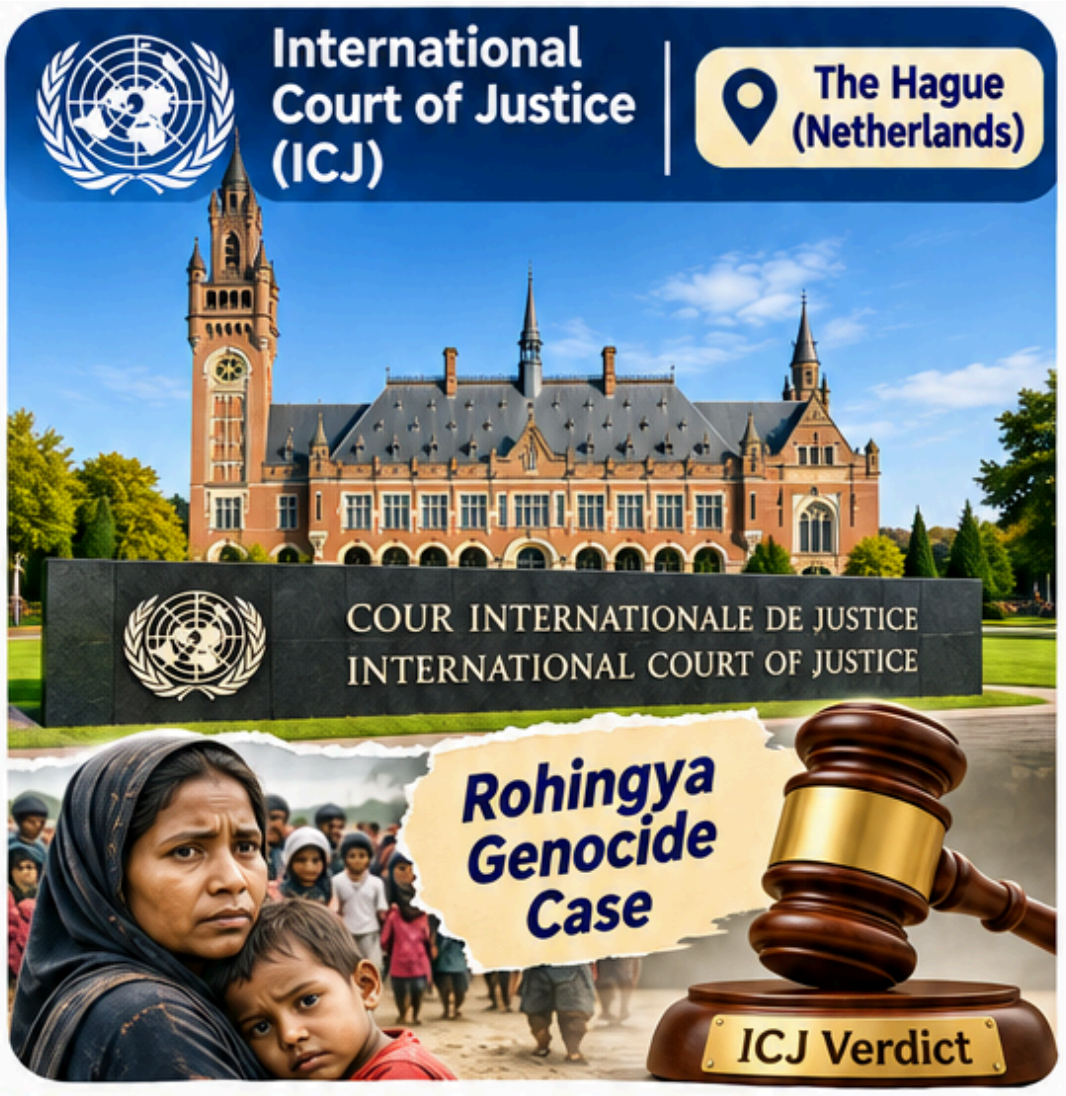
Q2. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague recently delivered a landmark verdict holding which country responsible for committing and failing to prevent genocide against the Rohingya Muslim minority in a case filed by The Gambia?

(A) Bangladesh

(B) Myanmar

(C) Thailand

(D) Cambodia



Correct Answer: (B) Myanmar

Explanation

- By a 9–6 majority on 19 November 2026, a 15-judge bench of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled that Myanmar committed and failed to prevent genocide against the Rohingya community.
- The case was filed by The Gambia in November 2019 under the 1948 Genocide Convention.

Key Highlights

Verdict by	:	International Court of Justice (ICJ)
Date	:	19 November 2026
Bench	:	15-judge bench
Decision	:	Myanmar responsible for committing and failing to prevent genocide
Case Filed by	:	The Gambia (November 2019)
Legal Basis	:	1948 Genocide Convention
ICJ Headquarters	:	The Hague, Netherlands

Key Fact: The ICJ held Myanmar responsible for genocide against the Rohingya in a case filed by The Gambia under the 1948 Genocide Convention.

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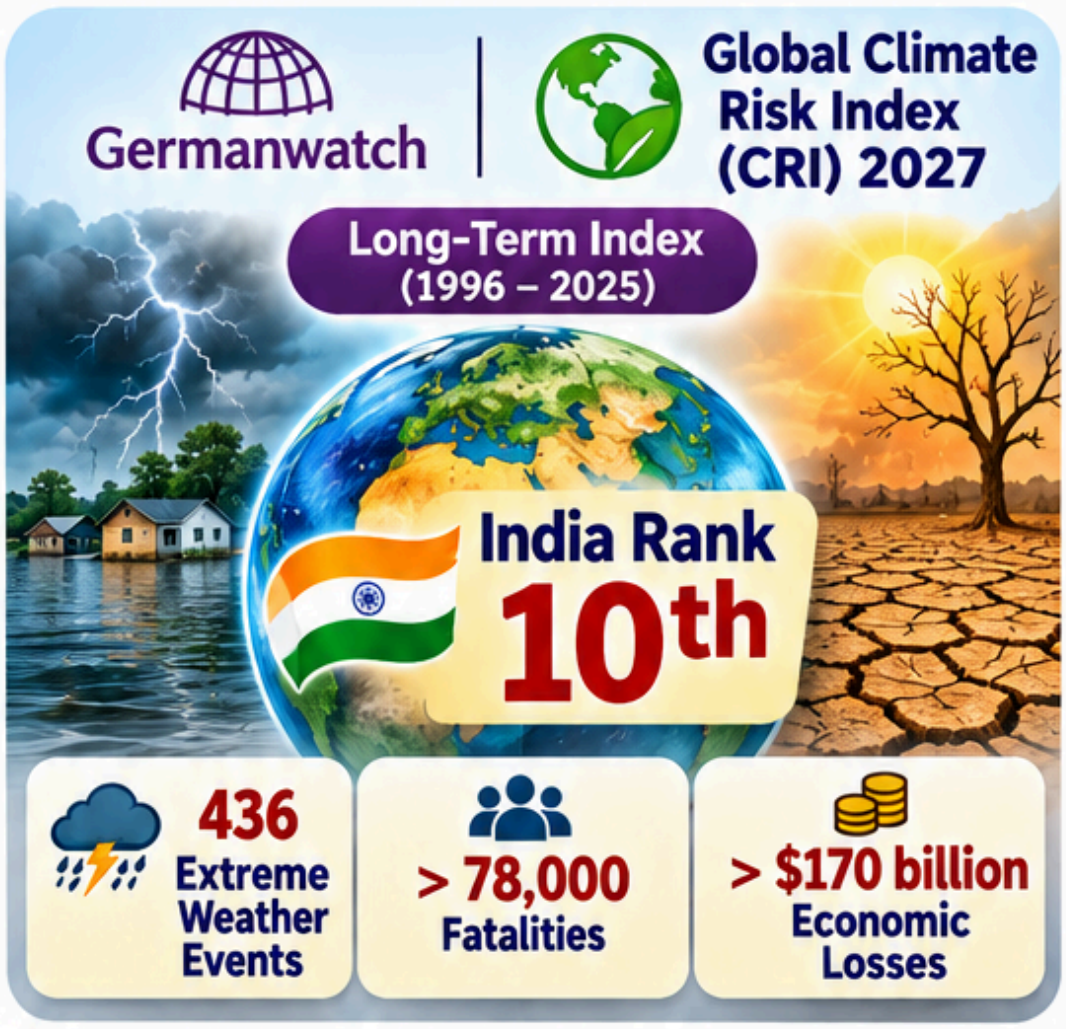
Q3. What is India's rank in the Long-Term Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2027 released by Germanwatch at COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye?

(A) 7th

(B) 9th

(C) 10th

(D) 12th



Correct Answer: (C) 10th

Explanation

- According to the Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2027 published by Germanwatch, India ranked 10th in the Long-Term Index.
- The Long-Term Index evaluates 30 years of extreme weather events from 1996 to 2025.
- India recorded 436 extreme weather events, over 78,000 fatalities, and economic losses exceeding $170 billion.
- The index was released during COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye.

Key Highlights

Report	:	Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2027
Published by	:	Germanwatch (German environmental think tank)
India's Rank (Long-Term Index)	:	10th
Period Covered	:	1996 – 2025 (30 years)
India's Record	:	• 436 extreme weather events • > 78,000 fatalities • > $170 billion economic losses
Top 3 Countries (Long-Term Index)	:	1. Dominica 2. Myanmar 3. Honduras
Released at	:	COP31, Antalya, Türkiye

Key Fact: India ranked 10th in the Long-Term Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2027 released by Germanwatch.

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Q4. Where was the 4th India–Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue held on 19 November 2026?

- (A) New Delhi, India
- (B) Tokyo, Japan
- (C) Hiroshima, Japan
- (D) Bengaluru, India



Correct Answer: (B) Tokyo, Japan

Explanation

- The 4th India–Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue was held in **Tokyo, Japan** on **19 November 2026.**
- India was represented by Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** and External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar.**
- Japan was represented by Foreign Minister **Toshimitsu Motegi** and Defence Minister **Shinjiro Koizumi.**
- The dialogue reaffirmed the commitment to deepen defence, security and strategic cooperation in the **Indo-Pacific.**

Key Highlights

Event	:	4th India–Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue
Held on	:	19 November 2026
Venue	:	Tokyo, Japan
India Represented by	:	• Rajnath Singh (Defence Minister) • Dr. S. Jaishankar (External Affairs Minister)
Japan Represented by	:	• Toshimitsu Motegi (Foreign Minister) • Shinjiro Koizumi (Defence Minister)
Focus Areas	:	Defence, security and strategic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
Significance	:	Ahead of 75 years of India–Japan diplomatic ties in 2027

Key Fact: The 4th India–Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue was held in Tokyo, Japan on 19 November 2026.

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Q5. What is the name of the joint declaration issued following the historic first-ever trilateral meeting between US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the APEC Summit 2026?

- (A) Shenzhen Accord
- (B) Declaration Towards Peace
- (C) Pacific Stability Pact
- (D) Global Security Consensus



Correct Answer: (B) Declaration Towards Peace

Explanation

- On 19 November 2026, US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Russian President Vladimir Putin held their first-ever trilateral meeting on the sidelines of the 33rd APEC Summit in Shenzhen, China.
- Following the 90-minute talks, they issued the "Declaration Towards Peace".
- The declaration emphasized nuclear war prevention, United Nations reforms, and global energy supply stability.

Key Highlights

Event	:	First-ever US–China–Russia trilateral meeting
Date	:	19 November 2026
Occasion	:	33rd APEC Summit
Venue	:	Shenzhen, China
Joint Declaration	:	"Declaration Towards Peace"
Key Focus Areas	:	• Nuclear war prevention • United Nations reforms • Global energy supply stability
Participants	:	• Donald Trump (President, United States) • Xi Jinping (President, China) • Vladimir Putin (President, Russia)

Key Fact: The "Declaration Towards Peace" was issued after the first-ever US–China–Russia trilateral meeting held at the 33rd APEC Summit in Shenzhen, China.

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Q6. Which Indian museum won the prestigious international 'Red Dot: Best of the Best Award 2026' for exhibition design and creativity?

(A) Bihar Museum, Patna

(B) Anant Anadi Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum, Gujarat

(C) Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya, New Delhi

(D) Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad



Correct Answer: (B) Anant Anadi Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum, Gujarat

Explanation

- The Anant Anadi Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum, located in Vadnagar (Mehsana district), Gujarat, won Germany's prestigious Red Dot: Best of the Best Award 2026.
- It is the first and only Indian museum to receive this distinction for its innovative exhibition design and creativity.
- The museum showcases over 2,500 years of excavated archaeological heritage of Vadnagar.

Key Highlights

Award Won	:	Red Dot: Best of the Best Award 2026
Awarding Body	:	Red Dot Design Award (Germany)
Museum	:	Anant Anadi Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum
Location	:	Vadnagar, Mehsana (Gujarat)
Significance	:	First and only Indian museum to receive this award
Highlights	:	Showcases over 2,500 years of excavated archaeological heritage

Key Fact: The Anant Anadi Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum is the first and only Indian museum to win the Red Dot: Best of the Best Award 2026.

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Q7. **Who won the 2026 US National Book Award in the Fiction category for the novel *"Paradiso 17"*?**

(A) Salman Rushdie

(B) Hala Alyan (Hanna Lithit Assadi)

(C) Percival Everett

(D) M. John Harrison



Correct Answer: (B) Hala Alyan (Hanna Lithit Assadi)

Explanation

- The 2026 US National Book Award for Fiction was awarded to **Hala Alyan (Hanna Lithit Assadi)** for her novel **"Paradiso 17"**.
- Announced in New York on 18 November 2026, the novel tells the story of Sufyan, a Palestinian born five years before the **Nakba**, exploring themes of displacement and resilience.
- Additionally, author **Salman Rushdie** received the 2026 Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters.

Key Highlights

Award	:	US National Book Award (Fiction) 2026
Winner	:	Hala Alyan (Hanna Lithit Assadi)
Winning Novel	:	"Paradiso 17"
Announced on	:	18 November 2026
Place	:	New York, United States
Themes	:	Displacement and resilience
Additional Honour	:	Salman Rushdie received the 2026 Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters.

Key Fact: Hala Alyan won the 2026 US National Book Award (Fiction) for her novel "Paradiso 17".

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Q8. Which international magazine launched its first-ever regional edition featuring Indian and Indian-origin emerging leaders, titled the 'TIME100 Next India' list, in November 2026?

(A) Forbes

(B) TIME Magazine

(C) The Economist

(D) Fortune



Correct Answer: (B) TIME Magazine

Explanation

- TIME Magazine unveiled its first regional edition of the TIME100 Next franchise — the TIME100 Next India list — on 19 November 2026 (in partnership with Reliance).
- The list recognises 100 rising leaders of Indian and Indian-origin across five categories: Artists, Phenoms, Innovators, Leaders, and Advocates.

Key Highlights

Magazine	:	TIME Magazine
Initiative	:	TIME100 Next India
Nature	:	First-ever regional edition of the TIME100 Next franchise
Launched On	:	19 November 2026
Partner	:	Reliance
Focus	:	100 rising leaders of Indian and Indian-origin
Categories (5)	:	Artists, Phenoms, Innovators, Leaders, and Advocates

Key Fact: TIME Magazine launched the TIME100 Next India list on 19 November 2026, recognising 100 rising leaders across five categories.

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Q9. In which category did the All India Football Federation (AIFF) win the prestigious 'Gold Distinction' for the first time at the AFC Awards 2026 held in Bangkok, Thailand?

- (A) Best Youth Academy of the Year
- (B) Member Association of the Year
- (C) Grassroots Football Excellence Award
- (D) Best Refereeing Association



Correct Answer: (B) Member Association of the Year

Explanation

- At the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Awards 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) won the **Gold Distinction** in the **Member Association of the Year** category for the first time.
- The recognition comes for India's domestic football growth and winning **five regional titles** in 2026.
- Other honours in the category included Platinum for Japan, Diamond for Thailand, and Ruby for Bangladesh.

Key Highlights

Event	:	AFC Awards 2026
Held On	:	19 November 2026
Venue	:	Bangkok, Thailand
Award Winner	:	All India Football Federation (AIFF)
Award	:	Gold Distinction
Category	:	Member Association of the Year
Recognition For	:	• Domestic football growth • Winning five regional titles in 2026
Other Honours (in the category)	:	• Platinum – Japan • Diamond – Thailand • Ruby – Bangladesh

Key Fact: AIFF won the Gold Distinction in the Member Association of the Year category at the AFC Awards 2026 for the first time.

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Q10. Which agency organized the 6th Anti-Terrorism Conference in New Delhi, inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah under the theme of countering cross-border terrorism?

(A) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

(B) National Investigation Agency (NIA)

(C) Intelligence Bureau (IB)

(D) National Security Guard (NSG)



Correct Answer: (B) National Investigation Agency (NIA)

Explanation

- The **National Investigation Agency (NIA)** organized the 6th Anti-Terrorism Conference in New Delhi, inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- The conference focused on strengthening efforts against cross-border terrorism, including dismantling terror financing networks, digital forensics, witness protection, and interagency coordination.
- The NIA is led by Director General Rakesh Agrawal and was established under the **NIA Act, 2008.**

Key Highlights

Event	:	6th Anti-Terrorism Conference
Organized By	:	National Investigation Agency (NIA)
Inaugurated By	:	Union Home Minister Amit Shah
Venue	:	New Delhi
Theme	:	Countering Cross-Border Terrorism
Key Focus Areas	:	• Dismantling terror financing networks • Digital forensics • Witness protection • Interagency coordination
About NIA	:	• Established under the NIA Act, 2008 • Led by: DG Rakesh Agrawal

Key Fact: The 6th Anti-Terrorism Conference was organized by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in New Delhi, with a focus on countering cross-border terrorism.