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Q1. Which Indian destination became the only tourist spot from India to feature in BBC Travel's prestigious list of the '20 Best Places to Travel in 2027' (ranking 8th globally)?

(A) Kerala

(B) Meghalaya

(C) Ladakh

(D) Sikkim



Correct Answer: (B) Meghalaya

Explanation

- **Meghalaya** was named the only Indian destination in BBC Travel's '20 Best Places to Travel in 2027' list, securing the **8th position** globally.
- It was recognized for its **community-led, sustainable eco-tourism model** and local homestays.
- In the list, **Madagascar** ranked **1st.**

Key Highlights

List:	BBC Travel's 20 Best Places to Travel in 2027
India's Entry:	Meghalaya (only Indian destination)
Global Rank:	8th
Recognized For:	Community-led, sustainable eco-tourism and local homestays

Key Fact: Meghalaya | BBC Travel List (2027) | Global Rank: 8th | No. 1: Madagascar

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Q2. Who has been conferred the 'Rashtriya Kalidas Samman 2026' in the Theatre category by the Government of Madhya Pradesh during the 68th All India Kalidas Samaroh in Ujjain?

(A) Shabana Azmi

(B) Vani Tripathi Tikoo

(C) Ratna Pathak Shah

(D) Rohini Hattangadi



Correct Answer: (B) Vani Tripathi Tikoo

Explanation

- Theatre artist, actor, and educator **Vani Tripathi Tikoo** was conferred the **Rashtriya Kalidas Samman 2026** in the Theatre category.
- The award carries a tax-free cash award of **₹5 lakh**, a citation plaque, and a shawl.
- It was presented during the **68th All India Kalidas Samaroh** in **Ujjain**, inaugurated by Union Culture and Tourism Minister **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**.

Key Details

Award:	Rashtriya Kalidas Samman 2026
Category:	Theatre
Awardee:	Vani Tripathi Tikoo
Award Components:	₹5 lakh (tax-free), citation plaque and shawl
Event:	68th All India Kalidas Samaroh
Place:	Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
Inaugurated by:	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Union Culture & Tourism Minister)

Key Fact: Rashtriya Kalidas Samman 2026 | Theatre Category | Awardee: Vani Tripathi Tikoo | Cash Award: ₹5 lakh | Venue: Ujjain (MP)

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Q3. Which district in Kerala is set to be officially declared India's first 'E-Waste-Free District' on 27 November 2026?

(A) Idukki

(B) Wayanad

(C) Ernakulam

(D) Kollam



Correct Answer: (B) Wayanad

Explanation

- **Wayanad** (Kerala's sole Aspirational District) is set to be officially declared India's first **E-Waste-Free District** on **27 November 2026.**
- The district has collected and scientifically disposed of **nearly 100 tonnes** of electronic waste across government offices, schools, panchayats, and municipalities.

Key Details

District:	Wayanad (Kerala)
Initiative:	India's first E-Waste-Free District
Declaration Date:	27 November 2026
E-Waste Managed:	Nearly 100 tonnes
Coverage:	Government offices, schools, panchayats and municipalities

Key Fact: Wayanad | Kerala's sole Aspirational District | India's first E-Waste-Free District | Declaration: 27 November 2026

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Q4. **Which Indian scientist was appointed to the United Nations' 10-member High-Level Group to support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through science, technology, and innovation for the 2026–2028 term?**

(A) Dr. S. Somanath

(B) Prof. Shekhar C. Mande

(C) Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar

(D) Dr. Soumya Swaminathan



Correct Answer: (B) Prof. Shekhar C. Mande

Explanation

- Renowned Indian scientist **Prof. Shekhar C. Mande** was appointed to the United Nations' 10-member High-Level Group on **Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI)** for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The appointment is for the **2026–2028** term under the **UN 2030 Agenda.**

Key Details

Organization:	United Nations (UN)
Group:	High-Level Group (on STI for SDGs)
Focus:	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Term:	2026–2028
Objective:	Support SDGs through science, technology, and innovation (STI)

Key Fact: Prof. Shekhar C. Mande | UN High-Level Group on STI for SDGs | Term: 2026–2028 | Under: UN 2030 Agenda

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Q5. Which lake in Maharashtra has been included in the Third '100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites' list by the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)?

(A) Powai Lake
(B) Lonar Lake
(C) Rankala Lake
(D) Venna Lake



Correct Answer: (B) Lonar Lake

Explanation

- **Lonar Lake** in Buldhana district, Maharashtra, has been inducted into the **Third 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites** list by the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS).
- It is the world's only known **hyper-velocity meteorite impact crater** formed entirely in basaltic rock, and is also a **Ramsar site** and a **National Geological Monument**.
- It is only the **second Indian site** on the list after Meghalaya's **Mawmluh Cave (2022)**.

Key Details

Lake:	Lonar Lake
Location:	Buldhana district, Maharashtra
Significance:	World's only known hyper-velocity meteorite impact crater (in basaltic rock)
Other Recognitions:	• Ramsar site • National Geological Monument
Organisation:	International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)
List:	Third '100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites'
India Context:	Second Indian site after Meghalaya's Mawmluh Cave (2022)

Key Fact: Lonar Lake | Meteorite Impact Crater | Ramsar Site | National Geological Monument | Second Indian Site (after Mawmluh Cave, 2022)

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Q6. Following the birth of four cubs to Botswana-origin female cheetah ‘KOMG-3’ in November 2026, India’s total cheetah population rose to 62 in which national park?

(A) Jim Corbett National Park

(B) Kuno National Park

(C) Kanha National Park

(D) Ranthambore National Park



Correct Answer: (B) Kuno National Park

Explanation

- On 20 November 2026, a Botswana-origin female cheetah named KOMG-3 gave birth to four healthy cubs in the wild at Kuno National Park in Sheopur district, Madhya Pradesh.
- This has taken India’s total cheetah count under Project Cheetah (launched in September 2022) to 62, including 43 Indian-born cubs.

Key Details

Recent Event:	Birth of four cubs to cheetah ‘KOMG-3’
Date:	20 November 2026
Place:	Kuno National Park, Sheopur (Madhya Pradesh)
Total Cheetahs:	62
Project Cheetah:	Launched in September 2022

Key Fact: Kuno National Park (MP) | Total Cheetahs: 62 | Indian-born Cubs: 43 | Project Cheetah: Sept 2022

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Q7. Who received the ‘International Artist of the Year’ award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2026 held in Mumbai?



(A) Selena Gomez

(B) Taylor Swift

(C) Dua Lipa

(D) Beyoncé

Correct Answer: (B) Taylor Swift

Explanation

- American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift was honored with the ‘International Artist of the Year’ award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2026 in Mumbai.
- The award recognizes her global contributions to music and popular culture.
- In the same ceremony, Dhurandhar won Best Film (and Best Director for Aditya Dhar), while Rishabh Shetty won Critics Best Actor for Kantara Chapter 1.

Key Facts

Awardee:	Taylor Swift
Award:	International Artist of the Year
Event:	Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2026
Venue:	Mumbai
Other Winners:	▪ Best Film: Dhurandhar ▪ Best Director: Aditya Dhar (for Dhurandhar) ▪ Critics Best Actor: Rishabh Shetty (for Kantara Chapter 1)

Key Point: Taylor Swift won the International Artist of the Year award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2026.

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Q8. In November 2026, the Indian Men's Cricket Team scripted history by declaring at 720/9 in Wellington—the highest-ever Test innings total on which country's soil (and India's highest-ever overseas Test score)?

(A) Australia

(B) New Zealand

(C) England

(D) South Africa



Correct Answer: (B) New Zealand

Explanation

- On 22 November 2026 in Wellington, India posted 720/9 declared, registering the highest Test total ever recorded by any team in New Zealand (surpassing New Zealand's 715/6 against Bangladesh in 2019).
- It is also India's highest-ever overseas Test score.
- During the innings, Rishabh Pant (128) became the first Asian wicketkeeper-batter to score Test centuries in all four SENA countries.

Key Details

Team:	Indian Men's Cricket Team
Score:	720/9 declared
Date:	22 November 2026
Venue:	Wellington
Country:	New Zealand
Significance:	▪ Highest-ever Test total on New Zealand's soil. ▪ India's highest-ever overseas Test score.
Key Achievement:	Rishabh Pant (128) – first Asian wicketkeeper-batter to score Test centuries in all four SENA countries.

Key Fact: India's 720/9 declared in Wellington is the highest Test total ever on New Zealand's soil.

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Q9. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Akashvani (All India Radio) in November 2026?

(A) Gaurav Dwivedi

(B) L. Madhunag

(C) Prasoon Joshi

(D) Shashi Shekhar Vempati



Correct Answer: (B) L. Madhunag

Explanation

- Senior 1994-batch Indian Information Service (IIS) officer **L. Madhunag**, who previously served as Registrar at the **Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi**, has been appointed as the **Director General of Akashvani (All India Radio)**.
- The appointment is under the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.

Key Details

Appointee:	L. Madhunag
Service:	Indian Information Service (IIS) – 1994 batch
Previous Post:	Registrar, Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi
New Post:	Director General, Akashvani (All India Radio)
Ministry:	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Appointment:	November 2026

Key Fact: L. Madhunag – New Director General of Akashvani (All India Radio)

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Q10. Who was honored with the 15th UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence 2026?

- (A) Graca Machel
- (B) Samoa Victim Support Group
- (C) Sudanese Journalists Syndicate
- (D) REACH India



Correct Answer: (B) Samoa Victim Support Group

Explanation

- The Samoa Victim Support Group, a non-governmental organization from the Pacific island nation of Samoa, received the 15th UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize 2026.
- It became the first organization from a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) to win the honour.
- The group was recognized for two decades of work combating domestic violence and protecting child and human rights.

Key Details

Award:	UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize
Edition:	15th (2026)
Recipient:	Samoa Victim Support Group
Country:	Samoa (Pacific Island Nation)
Work:	Combating domestic violence and protecting child and human rights
Significance:	First organization from a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) to win the award

Key Fact: Samoa Victim Support Group won the 15th UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize (2026) for promoting tolerance and non-violence.