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Q1. What is the name of the new weekly cross-border train service launched between Janakpur Dham (Nepal) and Ayodhya (India)?

(A) Maitri Express

(B) Saryu Kamala Express

(C) Ramayana Express

(D) Janaki Setu Express



Correct Answer: (B) Saryu Kamala Express

Explanation

- Named after the sacred Saryu River in Ayodhya and the Kamala River flowing near Janakpur, the Saryu Kamala Express is a 604 km weekly cross-border train service connecting Janakpur Dham (Nepal) and Ayodhya Cantt (India).
- The service aims to strengthen cultural and Ramayana-circuit religious tourism between the two countries.

Key Details

Train Service:	Saryu Kamala Express
Route:	Janakpur Dham (Nepal) – Ayodhya Cantt (India)
Frequency:	Weekly
Distance:	604 km
Name Origin:	▪ Saryu River (Ayodhya) ▪ Kamala River (near Janakpur)
Objective:	To strengthen cultural and Ramayana-circuit religious tourism.

Key Fact: Saryu Kamala Express is a 604 km weekly train service between Janakpur Dham (Nepal) and Ayodhya Cantt (India).

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Q2. The UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) held in Antalya, Türkiye in November 2026 ended without a final consensus agreement primarily due to disagreements over which issue?

(A) Carbon border tax mechanisms

(B) Phasing out fossil fuels

(C) Loss and Damage Fund governance

(D) Nuclear energy expansion targets



Correct Answer: (B) Phasing out fossil fuels

Explanation

- The 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UNFCCC in Antalya, Türkiye concluded without a final agreement due to sharp divisions over phasing out fossil fuels.
- European nations advocated for explicit commitments to phase out fossil fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas).
- Major fossil-fuel-producing countries opposed such binding language, leading to a lack of consensus.

Key Details

Event:	UN Climate Change Conference (COP31)
Held in:	Antalya, Türkiye
Month:	November 2026
Organiser:	UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)
Main Issue:	Phasing out fossil fuels
Reason for No Agreement:	Sharp divisions between European nations and major fossil-fuel-producing countries.

Key Fact: COP31 ended without a final agreement mainly over the issue of phasing out fossil fuels.

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Q3. Which bank was honored with the 'PM SVANidhi Samman Award 2026' for outstanding loan disbursal and digital transaction promotion for street vendors?

- (A) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- (B) State Bank of India (SBI)
- (C) Bank of Baroda (BoB)
- (D) Canara Bank



Correct Answer: (B) State Bank of India (SBI)

Explanation

- State Bank of India (SBI), chaired by Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, received the PM SVANidhi Samman Award 2026.
- The award recognizes SBI's leadership in loan disbursements and promotion of digital payments for street vendors under the PM SVANidhi scheme.
- The PM SVANidhi scheme (PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi) was launched on 1 June 2020 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Key Details

Award:	PM SVANidhi Samman Award 2026
Recipient:	State Bank of India (SBI)
Chairman (SBI):	Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
Scheme:	PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)
Launched on:	1 June 2020
Launched by:	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
Purpose:	To provide affordable loans and promote digital transactions among street vendors.

Key Fact: SBI was honored with the PM SVANidhi Samman Award 2026 for outstanding loan disbursal and digital transaction promotion.

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Q4. With which global fintech company's cross-border payment network ('Alipay+') did Visa partner in November 2026 to expand international digital payments?

- (A) Tencent
- (B) Ant International
- (C) Rakuten
- (D) ByteDance



Correct Answer: (B) Ant International

Explanation

- Global payments major Visa partnered with Ant International's Alipay+ in November 2026.
- The partnership aims to streamline cross-border digital payments.
- It will enable seamless interoperability between international digital wallets and QR payment ecosystems for travelers and merchants worldwide.

Key Details

Partners:	Visa and Ant International
Network:	Alipay+
Time:	November 2026
Objective:	Streamline cross-border digital payments
Benefit:	Interoperability of international digital wallets and QR payment ecosystems
Users:	Travelers and merchants worldwide

Key Fact: Visa partnered with Ant International's Alipay+ to expand international digital payments.

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Q5. Which name has been jointly adopted by India and Japan to celebrate the year 2027, marking 75 years of bilateral diplomatic relations?

- (A) Year of Maritime Partnership
- (B) Year of Shared Horizon
- (C) Year of Indo-Pacific Harmony
- (D) Year of Strategic Convergence



Correct Answer: (B) Year of Shared Horizon

Explanation

- During the 4th India–Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in Tokyo, External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** and Japanese Foreign Minister **Toshimitsu Motegi** unveiled the official logo.
- India and Japan have jointly adopted the name **"Year of Shared Horizon" (Sajha Kshitij Varsh)** to celebrate 2027.
- It marks **75 years** of diplomatic relations **(1952 – 2027)** between the two countries.

Key Details

Event:	4th India–Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue
Held in:	Tokyo, Japan
Key Participants:	Dr. S. Jaishankar (External Affairs Minister, India) Toshimitsu Motegi (Foreign Minister, Japan)
Year Designated:	2027
Significance:	Marks 75 years of diplomatic relations (1952 – 2027)
Official Name:	"Year of Shared Horizon" (Sajha Kshitij Varsh)



Key Fact: India and Japan will celebrate 2027 as the "Year of Shared Horizon" to mark 75 years of their diplomatic relations.

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Q6. What is the official theme of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) 'State of World Population Report 2026'?

- (A) Interwoven Lives, Threads of Hope
- (B) Succeeding Generations: Empowering Young People to Chart the Future
- (C) 8 Billion Lives, Infinite Possibilities
- (D) My Body is My Own



Correct Answer: (B) Succeeding Generations: Empowering Young People to Chart the Future

Explanation

- Released annually by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the State of World Population Report 2026 is themed "Succeeding Generations: Empowering Young People to Chart the Future".
- The report estimates India's population at 147.66 crore with a Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of 1.9.
- It also notes that 83% of surveyed Indian youth hold an optimistic outlook for their future.

Key Details

Publisher:	UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)
Report:	State of World Population Report 2026
Theme:	Succeeding Generations: Empowering Young People to Chart the Future
India's Population:	147.66 Crore
TFR (India):	1.9
Indian Youth Optimistic:	83%

Key Fact: UNFPA's 2026 report highlights a hopeful future for the world's young population.

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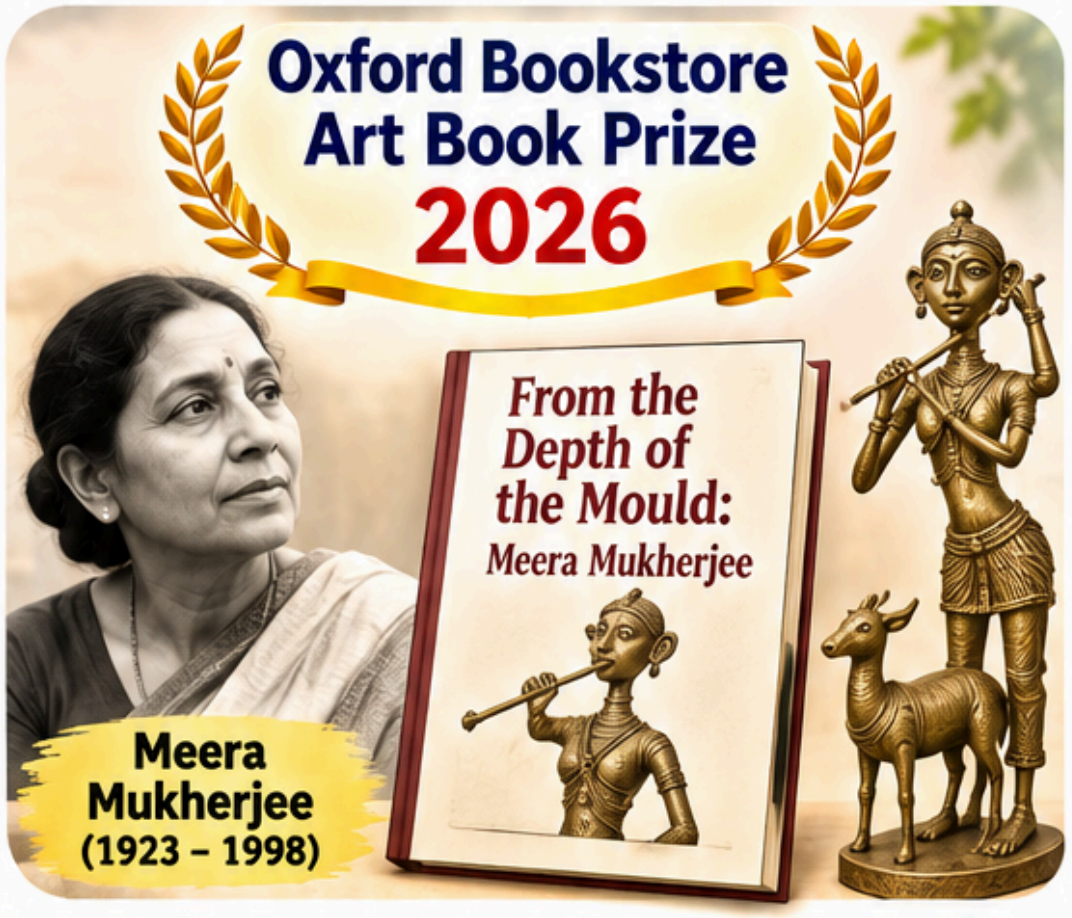
Q7. Which book based on the life and artistic legacy of renowned Indian sculptor Meera Mukherjee won the ‘Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize 2026’?

(A) Cast in Bronze: Meera Mukherjee

(B) From the Depth of the Mould: Meera Mukherjee

(C) Dokra and Beyond: The Life of Meera Mukherjee

(D) Shaping Metal, Shaping Soul



Correct Answer: (B) From the Depth of the Mould: Meera Mukherjee

Explanation

- Presented at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in New Delhi, “From the Depth of the Mould: Meera Mukherjee” won the 4th Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize 2026.
- The award, instituted in 2022 by Apeejay Oxford Bookstores, recognises outstanding art books.
- The book chronicles the life and lost-wax (Dokra) bronze-casting artistry of Padma Shri awardee Meera Mukherjee (1923 – 1998).

Key Details

Award:	Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize 2026
Winning Book:	From the Depth of the Mould: Meera Mukherjee
Presented at:	Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi
Edition:	4th
Instituted by:	Apeejay Oxford Bookstores (2022)
About the Book:	Chronicles the life and lost-wax (Dokra) bronze-casting artistry of Meera Mukherjee
Meera Mukherjee:	Renowned Indian sculptor, Padma Shri awardee (1923 – 1998)

Key Fact: “From the Depth of the Mould: Meera Mukherjee” won the 4th Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize 2026.

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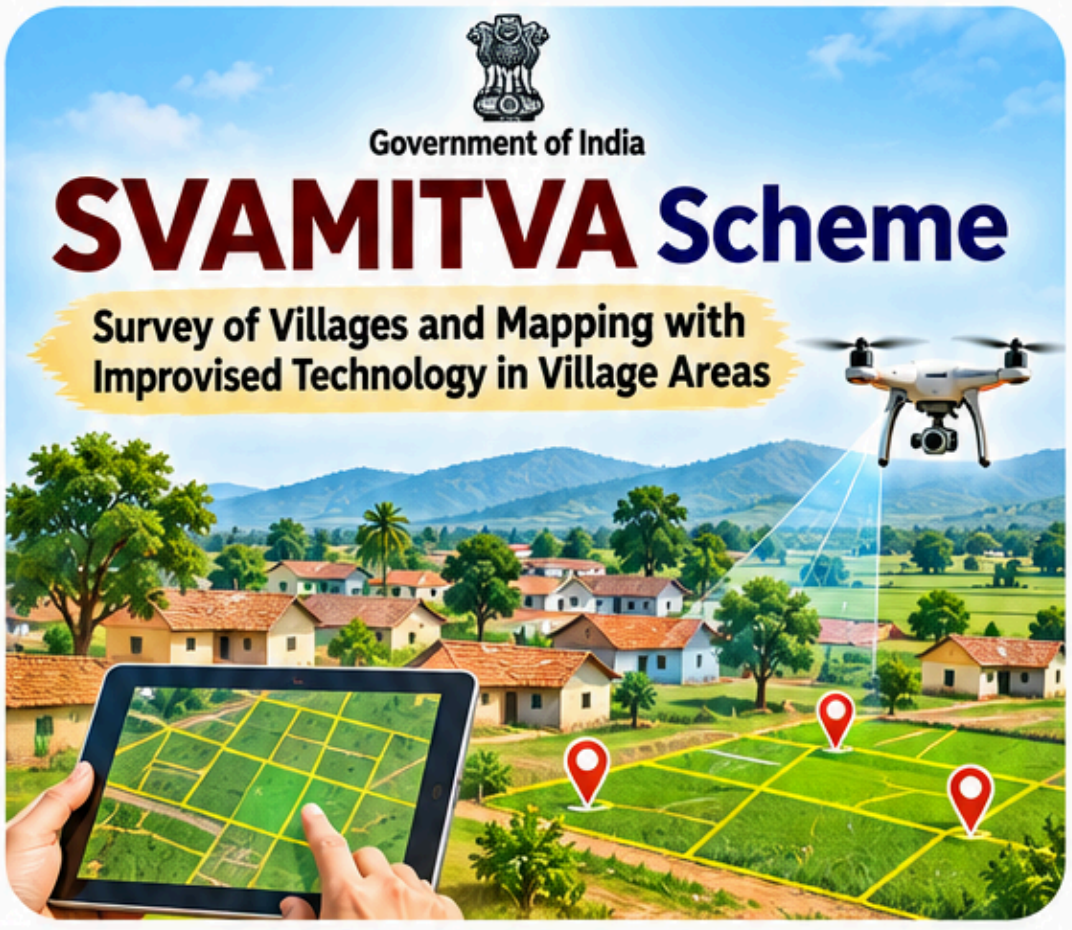
Q8. By what target date has the Central Government directed all states to achieve complete implementation of the 'SVAMITVA Scheme'?

(A) 31 December 2026

(B) 31 March 2027

(C) 15 August 2027

(D) 31 March 2028



Correct Answer: (B) 31 March 2027

Explanation

- During a national review meeting in New Delhi, Union Minister of Panchayati Raj Rajiv Ranjan Singh directed states to work in mission mode to achieve 100% implementation of the SVAMITVA scheme by 31 March 2027.
- The SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) scheme was launched on 24 April 2020.

Key Details

Scheme:	SVAMITVA
Full Form:	Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas
Launched on:	24 April 2020
Recent Direction:	Achieve 100% implementation
Target Date:	31 March 2027
By Whom:	Union Minister of Panchayati Raj Rajiv Ranjan Singh



Key Fact: States have been directed to complete 100% implementation of the SVAMITVA scheme by 31 March 2027.

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Q9. Who won the IBSF World Women's Snooker Championship 2026 title for the second consecutive time in Indore, Madhya Pradesh?

(A) Amee Kamani

(B) Anupama Ramachandran

(C) Vidya Pillai

(D) Keerthana Pandian



Correct Answer: (B) Anupama Ramachandran

Explanation

- Chennai-based cueist **Anupama Ramachandran** defeated Hong Kong's So Man Yan in Indore to win the IBSF World Women's Snooker Championship 2026.
- She won the title for the second consecutive time, becoming the first Indian woman to retain the world title.
- Anupama had first won the championship in Doha in November 2025.

Key Details

Event:	IBSF World Women's Snooker Championship 2026
Venue:	Indore, Madhya Pradesh
Winner:	Anupama Ramachandran (India)
Runner-up:	So Man Yan (Hong Kong)
Significance:	Won for the second consecutive time; first Indian woman to retain the world title
First Title:	Doha, November 2025



Key Fact: Anupama Ramachandran is the first Indian woman to retain the IBSF World Women's Snooker Championship title.

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Q10. France recently conferred its highest civilian honor, the 'Legion of Honour', on which 102-year-old World War II veteran for his role in the liberation of France?

(A) Tom Moore

(B) William Lefford

(C) Richard Overton

(D) Robert Marchand



Correct Answer: (B) William Lefford

Explanation

- The Government of France awarded its highest civilian decoration, the Legion of Honour, to 102-year-old World War II veteran William Lefford.
- The honour recognises his service during the liberation of France in World War II.
- The Legion of Honour (Légion d'honneur) was instituted by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802.

Key Details

Country:	France
Honour:	Legion of Honour (Légion d'honneur)
Awarded to:	William Lefford
Age:	102 years
Role:	World War II veteran
Instituted in:	1802
By:	Napoleon Bonaparte

Key Fact: The Legion of Honour is France's highest civilian decoration, instituted in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte.