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QUESTION 1

Who made history by becoming India's 100th Chess Grandmaster after clinching the title at the 7th ASEAN Chess Championship?

(A) V. S. Rathanvel

(B) S. Ashwath

(C) Anuj Shrivatri

(D) Pranav V.



CORRECT ANSWER: (C) ANUJ SHRIVATRI

Explanation

- **Anuj Shrivatri,** a 22-year-old International Master from **Madhya Pradesh,** won the 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open Chess Championship in the **Philippines** on **8 November 2026,** becoming India's 100th Grandmaster and the first GM from Madhya Pradesh.
- He scored **7/9** after recovering from an opening-round loss.
- The tournament's FIDE-approved special format awarded the GM title directly to the winner; this was not a conventional final GM norm.

KEY FACTS:

- India's first GM: **Viswanathan Anand (1988)**
- India's 99th GM: **V. S. Rathanvel**
- Tournament: 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open Chess Championship
- Venue: **Philippines**
- Anuj: India's 100th GM and Madhya Pradesh's first

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QUESTION 2

Which three ancient Indian literary and historical works were officially inscribed onto UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register in November 2026?

(A) Ramayana, Manusmriti, and Panchatantra

(B) Mahabharata, Arthashastra, and Rajatarangini

(C) Rigveda, Upanishads, and Harshacharita

(D) Gita Govinda, Natyashastra, and Mudrarakshasa



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) MAHABHARATA, ARTHASHASTRA AND RAJATARANGINI

Explanation

- At the **11th session** of the Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific (MOWCAP), held in **Jakarta, Indonesia**, three specific Indian **manuscripts** were inscribed on UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register.
- It is the manuscripts (archival copies) of the works, not the entire literary works in abstract, that were inscribed.

UNESCO



KEY FACTS:

- **Inscribed manuscripts and repositories:**
  - Mahabharata (birch-bark manuscript) – Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI), **Pune**
  - Kautilya's Arthashastra (palm-leaf manuscript) – Oriental Research Institute, **Mysuru**
  - Kalhana's Rajatarangini (manuscript) – Oriental Research Library, **Srinagar**
- India's total inscriptions on the Asia-Pacific Regional Register: **Six.**
- Three earlier Indian entries (2024): **Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra, and Sahrdayaloka-Locana.**

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QUESTION 3

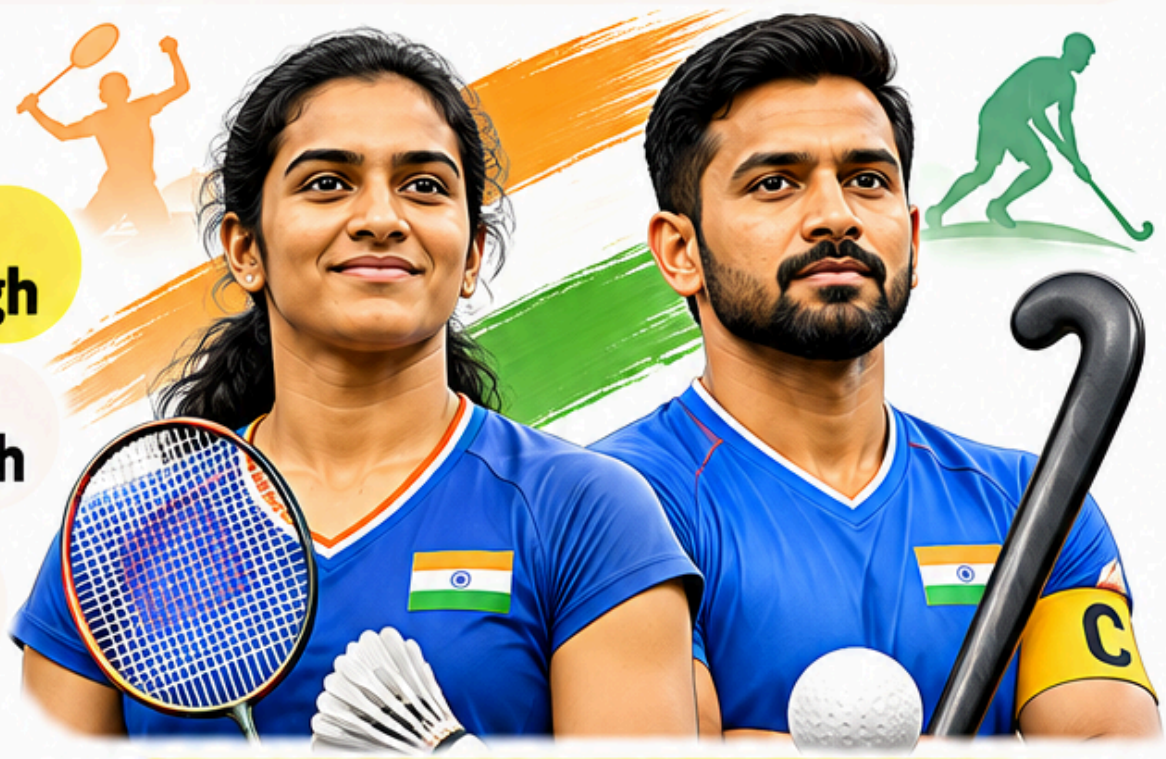
Who have been elected as the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, respectively, of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Athletes' Commission for the 2026–2030 term?

(A) Mary Kom and Sharath Kamal

(B) P. V. Sindhu and Harmanpreet Singh

(C) Mirabai Chanu and Sajan Prakash

(D) P. V. Sindhu and Neeraj Chopra



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) P. V. SINDHU AND HARMANPREET SINGH

Explanation

- **P. V. Sindhu** was elected Chairperson and **Harmanpreet Singh** Vice-Chairperson of the IOA Athletes' Commission.
- Both were declared elected unopposed on **6 November 2026** after being the sole nominees for their respective posts.
- Their four-year term runs from **2026 to 2030.**
- Mirabai Chanu and Sajan Prakash were separately elected as the Commission's representatives to the IOA General Assembly.



KEY FACTS:

- **Chairperson:** P. V. Sindhu
- **Vice-Chairperson:** Harmanpreet Singh
- **Term:** 2026–2030
- **Announcement:** 6 November 2026
- Both elected unopposed

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QUESTION 4

Where was the maiden joint tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise 'Rahat Mitra' between the armed forces of India and Myanmar conducted?

(A) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

(B) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

(C) Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

(D) Umroi, Meghalaya



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU

Explanation

- The armed forces of India and Myanmar conducted their maiden bilateral tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise **'Rahat Mitra'** at **Chennai, Tamil Nadu.**
- The exercise was held on **5–6 November 2026,** coordinated under the aegis of the Indian Navy.
- It involved more than **300 personnel** from the Army, Navy and Air Force of both countries.
- The exercise strengthened bilateral cooperation, mutual trust, interoperability and disaster-response coordination between India and Myanmar.



KEY FACTS:

- Location: **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**
- Participants: **India and Myammar**
- Services: **Army, Navy and Air Force** (Tri-service)
- Personnel: **300+**
- Dates: **5–6 November 2026**
- Theme: **"Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership."**

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QUESTION 5

In a significant constitutional ruling, the Supreme Court of India held that the National Book Trust (NBT) qualifies as 'State' under which Article of the Constitution of India?

(A) Article 12

(B) Article 14

(C) Article 19

(D) Article 21



CORRECT ANSWER: (A) ARTICLE 12

Explanation

- **On 6 November 2026,** a Supreme Court bench of Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Justice Augustine George Masih held that the National Book Trust (NBT) qualifies as "State" under **Article 12.**
- The Court observed that the Central Government exercises deep and pervasive control over NBT's constitution, governing composition, executive functioning, financial administration and audit.
- The Court dismissed NBT's appeal and upheld the Delhi High Court Full Bench ruling.

Important Clarification: Article 12 status is for Part III fundamental-rights purposes; it does not turn NBT into a government department or make its employees civil servants.

NBT

KEY FACTS:

- Case: **The Chairman, National Book Trust, India v. A.R. Abdul Gaffar**
- Decision date: **6 November 2026**
- Citation: **2026 INSC 1202**
- Bench: **Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Augustine George Masih**
- Constitutional provision: **Article 12**

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QUESTION 6

Pedro Alliana was sworn in as the President of which South American nation following the impeachment of Santiago Peña?

(A) Uruguay

(B) Paraguay

(C) Bolivia

(D) Ecuador



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) PARAGUAY

Explanation

- **Pedro Alliana** was sworn in as President of **Paraguay** on **6 November 2026,** following the impeachment and removal of President Santiago Peña.
- Alliana had served as Peña's **Vice-President since 2023.**
- He will serve the remainder of the presidential term, which ends in **August 2028.**
- The impeachment followed a banking crisis involving the collapse of **Ueno Bank;** allegations concerning Peña's links to the bank were part of the controversy.



KEY FACTS:

- Country: **Paraguay**
- New President: **Pedro Alliana**
- Sworn in: **6 November 2026**
- Predecessor: **Santiago Peña**
- Term ends: **August 2028**
- Capital: **Asunción**

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QUESTION 7

Which species was officially declared as the 'State Amphibian' by the Government of Karnataka in November 2026?

(A) Purple Frog

(B) Malabar Tree Toad

(C) Beddome's Toad

(D) Kottigehar Dancing Frog



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) MALABAR TREE TOAD

Explanation

- Karnataka officially declared the **Malabar Tree Toad (Pedostibes tuberculosus)** its State Amphibian.
- The order was signed by the Forest, Ecology and Environment Department on **27 October 2026.**
- Karnataka became the **first Indian state** to officially designate a State Amphibian.
- The species is native to the **Western Ghats** and is an indicator of evergreen forest health.



KEY FACTS:

- **Scientific name:** Pedostibes tuberculosus
- **Local name:** Malenadina Mara Gantikappe
- **Habitat:** Wet evergreen forests of the Western Ghats
- **First described:** 1876
- **IUCN status:** Least Concern (2020)

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QUESTION 8

Which Caribbean nation officiallly deposited its Instrument of Accession in November 2026 to become the 116th full member country of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

(A) Barbados

(B) The Bahamas

(C) Jamaica

(D) Trinidad and Tobago



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) THE BAHAMAS

Explanation

- The Commonwealth of **The Bahamas** joined the International Solar Alliance as its **116th member** on **4 November 2026.**
- High Commissioner Peter Nicholas Symonette Jr. handed over the Instrument of Accession to P. S. Gangadhar, Joint Secretary, Economic Diplomacy and Head of Depository.
- The accession took place on the sidelines of the **Ninth Session of the ISA Assembly** in **New Delhi.**

ISA
INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE

KEY FACTS:

- **Member:** The Bahamas
- **Membership number:** 116th
- **Date:** 4 November 2026
- **Organisation:** International Solar Alliance
- **Founded jointly by India and France in 2015 at COP21, Paris**
- **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana

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QUESTION 9

Which Indian non-governmental organization was awarded the prestigious Kochon Prize 2026 in Bali, Indonesia, for its community-led efforts in tuberculosis elimination?

(A) Pratham

(B) REACH

(C) Sulabh International

(D) Goonj



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) REACH

Explanation

- Chennai-based **REACH** (Resource Group for Education and Advocacy for Community Health) received the 2026 Kochon Prize, presented in Bali, Indonesia, on **5 November 2026.**
- It was one of **three joint recipients,** alongside the Marshall Islands TB Control Program and Kenya's Center for Health Solutions.
- REACH was recognized for integrated, people-centred TB care, collaboration with private clinics and pharmacies, community health workers and TB survivors, earlier diagnosis, and treatment support.



KEY FACTS:

- **Award:** 20th Kochon Prize 2026
- **Award presentation:** 5 November 2026
- **Location:** Bali, Indonesia
- **Indian recipient:** REACH
- **Focus:** Tuberculosis diagnosis, treatment access and community-led care
- **Organization based in:** Chennai, India

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QUESTION 10

India successfully completed negotiations for formal association with 'Horizon Europe', which is the flagship research and innovation funding programme of which entity?

(A) World Bank

(B) European Union (EU)

(C) World Health Organization (WHO)

(D) OECD



CORRECT ANSWER: (B) EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

Explanation

- India and the European Commission concluded negotiations on **6 November 2026** for India's association with **Horizon Europe.**
- Horizon Europe is the **European Union's flagship research and innovation funding programme,** running **2021–2027** with a total budget of **€93.5 billion.**
- The **negotiations are concluded,** but the association agreement still requires **signature and completion of procedures** on both sides.
- The association is **envisaged to begin in January 2027,** subject to formal steps.
- Once effective, eligible Indian researchers, institutions and businesses can participate in collaborative funding calls under **Pillar II, Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness.**



KEY FACTS:

- **Entity:** European Union
- **Programme:** Horizon Europe
- **Budget:** €93.5 billion
- **Period:** 2021–2027
- **Negotiations concluded:** 6 November 2026
- **Planned association:** January 2027, subject to formal steps