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1. Every year since 1953, the country observes 14 September as Hindi Diwas. In context to the same tell us, according to the 2011 Census, what percentage of the population speaks Hindi, making it the most spoken language among the 22 languages in the Eighth Schedule?

(A) 43.63% **(B)** 50.12%
(C) 35.98% **(D)** 61.78%

2. Dinesh Sharma sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor of Andaman and Nicobar. In context to the same tell us, Andaman and Nicobar Islands is an archipelago consisting of how many islands, islets, and rocky outcrops, out of which 213 are inhabited?

(A) 836 **(B)** 754
(C) 866 **(D)** 777

3. INS Malvan commissioned into Indian Navy. In context to the same tell us, what is the name of the first Scorpene-class submarine commissioned into the Indian Navy under Project-75?

(A) Chakra **(B)** Arihant
(C) Kalvari **(D)** Vikrant

4. India's EV ecosystem expands with over 46 lakh vehicles supported under MHI schemes. In context to the same tell us, which of the following schemes was launched by the Government of India to promote the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the country?

(A) FAME India **(B)** Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
(C) Make in India **(D)** Green India Mission

5. Govt appoints Khondker Talha as Bangladesh Ambassador to France. In context to the same tell us, which title is used for the representative of a Commonwealth country to another Commonwealth country, instead of "Ambassador"?

(A) Consul General **(B)** High Commissioner
(C) Minister Plenipotentiary **(D)** Envoy Extraordinary

6. An expert group constituted by NITI Aayog has recommended a new Public Health Emergency Management Act.
Consider the following statements about NITI Aayog:
(1) NITI Aayog was established on 1 January 2015.
(2) Its full-form is National Institution for Transforming India.
(3) The chairman of NITI Aayog is the Cabinet Secretary of India.
Which of the above is/are correct?

(A) Only (1) and (3) **(B)** Only (1) and (2)
(C) Only (2) and (3) **(D)** None of the above

7. Recently, the Lokpal has constituted an inquiry wing to conduct a preliminary probe into graft-related offences committed by public servants.
Consider the following statements regarding Lokpal -
(1) It is the first institution of its kind in independent India, created to combat corruption.
(2) It was established under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.
(3) The Lokpal consists of a Chairperson and eight Members, with at least 50% being Parliamentary Members.
Which of the above is/are correct?

(A) Only (1) and (3) **(B)** Only (1) and (2)
(C) Only (2) and (3) **(D)** None of the above

8. WTO warns of 'most serious and sustained' trade disruptions.
Consider the following statements regarding World Trade Organization -
(1) The Secretariat is led by one of its members, who oversees its operations.
(2) WTO Ministerial Conference is the organization's top decision-making body, meeting every two years.
(3) The Marrakesh Agreement, signed in 1994, established the WTO, which officially began on 1st January 1995.
Which of the above is/are correct?

(A) Only (1) and (3) **(B)** Only (1) and (2)
(C) Only (2) and (3) **(D)** None of the above

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PHYSICS

1. A particle moves in one dimension under a conservative force. At a point where its potential energy has a local minimum, which statement is necessarily correct?
(A) The force is maximum
(B) The force is zero
(C) The kinetic energy is zero
(D) The acceleration is always maximum

2. Which statement regarding the escape velocity from the surface of a planet is correct?
(A) It depends on the mass of the escaping object
(B) It is independent of the planet's mass
(C) It depends on the planet's mass and radius
(D) It is equal to the orbital velocity near the surface

3. A conductor in electrostatic equilibrium has an irregular shape. At which location is the surface charge density expected to be greatest?
(A) On the flattest region
(B) At regions of greatest curvature
(C) Uniformly over the entire surface
(D) At regions farthest from the centre of mass

4. If the amplitude of a simple harmonic oscillator is doubled, while its angular frequency remains unchanged, its total mechanical energy becomes:
(A) Half (B) Double
(C) Four times (D) Eight times

5. Which of the following best explains why the sky appears blue during daytime?
(A) Reflection by atmospheric water droplets
(B) Rayleigh scattering of shorter wavelengths
(C) Total internal reflection in the atmosphere
(D) Diffraction of sunlight by dust particles only

6. In the photoelectric effect, increasing the intensity of incident radiation while keeping its frequency above threshold primarily increases:
(A) Maximum kinetic energy of emitted electrons
(B) Stopping potential
(C) Number of emitted photoelectrons
(D) Work function of the metal

7. When an electromagnetic wave propagates through vacuum, the electric and magnetic fields are:
(A) Parallel to each other and parallel to propagation
(B) Parallel to each other and perpendicular to propagation
(C) Perpendicular to each other and to the direction of propagation
(D) Randomly oriented

8. A radioactive nucleus has a half-life of (T). After a time (3T), the fraction of undecayed nuclei remaining is:
(A) (1/2) (B) (1/4)
(C) (1/8) (D) (1/16)

9. In special relativity, which of the following is invariant for all inertial observers?
(A) Length of an object
(B) Time interval between arbitrary events
(C) Speed of light in vacuum
(D) Momentum of a massive particle

10. Which statement about blackbody radiation was central to the origin of quantum theory?
(A) Energy can be emitted in arbitrarily small continuous amounts
(B) Electromagnetic radiation has no interaction with matter
(C) Oscillators exchange energy in discrete quanta
(D) Radiation intensity is independent of temperature

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IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR REPORTS – PART 1

Latest & Verified Data up to August 2026

1 | विश्व बैंक — WORLD BANK

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World Development Report (WDR)	—	Annual report with in-depth analysis on a specific theme of global development.
Global Economic Prospects (GEP)	—	Reports on global economy and growth outlook.
Business Ready (B-READY)	—	New business-environment assessment; successor of Doing Business framework.
Doing Business Report	—	Old flagship report series; discontinued from 2021.
Poverty, Prosperity, and Planet Report	—	Focuses on poverty reduction, shared prosperity and sustainable planet.
Global Findex Database	—	Provides data on financial inclusion: accounts, payments, savings and borrowing.
Human Capital Index (HCI)	—	Measures human capital based on health and education.
Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	—	Assesses countries on trade logistics performance and efficiency.

2 | अंतराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष — IMF

World Economic Outlook (WEO)	—	Global growth, inflation, policy challenges and economic outlook.
Global Financial Stability Report (GFSR)	—	Assesses global financial system, risks and stability.
Fiscal Monitor	—	Monitors public finance, debt sustainability and fiscal policy.
External Sector Report (ESR)	—	Analysis of current account, exchange rates and external imbalances.

3 | विश्व आर्थिक मंच — WEF (World Economic Forum)

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Global Gender Gap Report	—	Measures gender gaps across economic, education, health and political indicators.
Global Risks Report	—	Highlights major short-term and long-term global risks.
Energy Transition Index (ETI)	—	Evaluates countries on energy transition and sustainability performance.
Travel & Tourism Development Index (TTDI)	—	Measures the enablers and conditions for the development of travel and tourism.
Future of Jobs Report	—	Examines jobs, skills and labour-market transformation.
Global Competitiveness Report	—	Traditional ranking report; regular old format not published after 2020.

4 | UNDP

UNDP
Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

Human Development Report (HDR)	–	Publishes the Human Development Index (HDI) and analyzes human development trends.
Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)	–	Measures multidimensional poverty; produced by UNDP • Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

5 | पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु संस्थाएँ — Environment & Climate Organizations

UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme)	• Emissions Gap Report • Adaptation Gap Report • Frontiers Report
IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)	• Assessment Reports (AR) – AR6 was the Sixth Assessment Cycle • Special Reports
WMO (World Meteorological Organization)	• State of the Global Climate
Global Footprint Network	• Earth Overshoot Day • Ecological-footprint data and resources



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BRICS Declarations



Why in News?

BRICS members adopted the **New Delhi Declaration** at the **18th BRICS Summit** after **marathon negotiations, particularly over the language concerning** the West Asia conflict.

Expository: -

BRICS Declarations-

- **BRICS Declaration** is an official document issued after the annual summit of the member countries.
- It is prepared through the mutual consensus of all member countries, such as **India, Russia, China, Brazil, and South Africa**.

2009 (1st): Yekaterinburg Declaration — Russia-

- The **1st BRIC Summit** was held in **2009 in Yekaterinburg, Russia**, focusing on economic and financial cooperation.
- **Participating Countries:** Brazil, Russia, India, and China. At that time, the group was known as **BRIC**; South Africa joined in 2010.

2010 (2nd): Brasília Declaration — Brazil-

- The **Brasília Declaration** was adopted on **16 April 2010** during the **2nd BRIC Summit** held in Brasília, Brazil.
- Its major objectives were to promote **reforms in the global governance system** and strengthen **economic cooperation** among member countries.

2011 (3rd): Sanya Declaration — China-

- **South Africa's Entry:** This was the first BRICS Summit in which **South Africa participated as a full member**. The group's name subsequently changed from **BRIC to BRICS**.
- **Sanya Declaration:** At the conclusion of the summit, the five countries issued a joint declaration focusing on **global economic stability, reform of international financial institutions, and economic cooperation**.
- **Key Focus:** Addressing the global financial crisis, combating terrorism, addressing climate change, and promoting the use of **local currencies in trade** among member countries.

2012 (4th): New Delhi Declaration — India-

- The **New Delhi Declaration** was adopted at the **4th BRICS Summit in 2012**, with a focus on **global economic stability, security, and cooperation** among the BRICS countries.
- The summit was held on **29 March 2012** in **New Delhi, India**, under India's chairmanship.

2013 (5th): Durban Declaration — South Africa-

- The **5th BRICS Summit** was held in **Durban, South Africa, in 2013**, where the **Durban Declaration** was adopted.
- **Theme:** "BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Development, Integration and Industrialisation."
- **Key Decision:** The member countries agreed to begin formal negotiations for establishing the **New Development Bank (NDB)**, earlier referred to as the BRICS Bank, and the **Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA)**.

2014 (6th): Fortaleza Declaration — Brazil-

- **Establishment of the New Development Bank (NDB):** The BRICS countries—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—agreed to establish the **NDB** with an initial subscribed capital of **US$100 billion**.
- **Headquarters:** The headquarters of the NDB was decided to be located in **Shanghai, China**.
- **Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA):** A **US$100 billion reserve arrangement** was established to provide financial support in the event of balance-of-payments pressures or financial emergencies.

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REZANG LA PASS

Location and Geographical Features

A symbol of courage, sacrifice and valour



Location

- Rezang La is a high-altitude mountain pass in the **Chushul sector of Ladakh**, close to the **Line of Actual Control (LAC)** between India and China.

Geographical Features

- Located at around **5,200 metres (17,000 feet) above sea level**.
- **Thin air, low oxygen levels** and **extremely cold weather** make the region difficult for travel and military operations.
- **Dry, rocky and barren landscape**, typical of Ladakh's **cold desert**.
- **Severe winters** and **heavy snowfall** can make the region difficult to access for several months.
- **Near Pangong Tso** and **Spanggur Lake**; part of the strategically important **Chushul Valley**.
- **High ridges** provide a **commanding** view of the surrounding terrain.





Altitude

5,200 metres (17,000 feet)

Thin air
Low oxygen
Extreme cold

Historical and Strategic Significance

- Became an important part of Indian military history after the **Battle of Rezang La** on **18 November 1962** during the **Sino-Indian War**.
- Strategically important for the **defence** of **Chushul**, as control over the surrounding heights prevented an enemy advance into the region.
- Near the **Chushul airfield**, which is an important **logistical and** operational facility.
- High altitude, harsh climate and difficult terrain made it a challenging position, but also provided **defensive** advantages.
- Continues to hold strategic importance due to its proximity to the India-China border and the LAC.

Battle of Rezang La (1962) and the Valour of Indian Soldiers

- Fought on **18 November 1962**, when Chinese forces attacked the Indian position defended by **C Company** of the **13 Kumaon Regiment**, led by **Major Shaitan Singh**.
- Around **120 Indian** soldiers faced a much larger force.
- Troops fought in freezing temperatures and at very high altitude, with limited supplies, ammunition and difficult terrain.
- Displayed remarkable courage, discipline and determination, with many fighting until their last breath.
- **Major Shaitan Singh** showed exceptional leadership and was awarded the **Param Vir Chakra** posthumously.
- The battle remains one of the most memorable episodes **of the 1962 war**, symbolising the **courage** and sacrifice of Indian soldiers in defending the country's borders.



Major Shaitan Singh
(PVC – Posthumous)

Key Takeaways for Exams

Location:	Altitude:	Highest nearby peaks:	Battle date:	Award:
Chushul sector (Ladakh)	5,200 m (17,000 ft)	Pangong Tso & Spanggur Lake	18 Nov 1962	Param Vir Chakra (to Major Shaitan Singh)

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MONT BLANC

Europe's Highest Peak

Alpine Mountain Range | France – Italy Border | Switzerland



Key Facts about Mont Blanc

- It is the **highest peak in Europe (4,807 metres)**.
- It is located in the **Alps**, along the **France–Italy border** and extends to **Switzerland**.
- It is also known as the **"Roof of Europe"**.
- Its name comes from the **permanent snow cover**, which gives it a white appearance. The literal meaning is **"White Mountain"**.

Location



Located in the **Aosta Valley (Italy)** and **Savoie & Haute-Savoie (France)**, within the **Graian Alps mountain range.**



Major Facts about the Alps

1. The Alps originated during the **Alpine mountain building process**, which began about **65 million years ago** at the end of the Mesozoic era.
2. They are **young folded mountains** with **rugged terrain** and high, pointed peaks.
3. Formed due to the **collision** of the **African and Eurasian tectonic plates**, which resulted in the sinking of the **Alpine Tethys Sea** between them.
4. The range extends from **the subtropical Mediterranean** coast near **Nice (France)** to **Lake Geneva** (northward), then turns east-northeast towards **Vienna** (in the Vienna Woods).
5. It touches the **River Danube** and merges into the surrounding plains.
7. The Alps span **12 countries: France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia** and **Albania.**

Geographical Extent



From the Mediterranean coast (Nice) to Lake Geneva, then east towards **Vienna**, finally merging with the Danube and surrounding plains.

Important Points for Exams

- **Highest peak of Europe:** **Mont Blanc** – 4,807 m
- **Highest** peak of the **Alps:** Mont Blanc – 4,807 m (approx.)
- **Europe–Asia** major **boundary:** **Ural Mountains**
- **Spain**–France natural boundary: **Pyrenees**
- Italy's **backbone:** **Apennine Mountains**
- Between Black Sea & Caspian **Sea:** **Caucasus Mountains**

Key Takeaways

- **Mont Blanc (4,807 m)** = Highest peak in Europe
- **Alps** = Formed 65 million years ago (Alpine orogeny)
- **12 countries** = Alps span 12 countries
- **Location** = France, Italy, Switzerland (and more)

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1. Which river has been associated with the Kishau Multipurpose Project, for which six states recently signed an agreement in New Delhi?
(A) Yamuna **(B)** Tons
(C) Sutlej **(D)** Chambal

2. Wadda Gurdwara Sahib, which recently reopened after restoration, is located in which country?
(A) Singapore **(B)** Thailand
(C) Malaysia **(D)** Indonesia

3. Which Jain community observed the eight-day Paryushan Parva, culminating in Samvatsari Parva on 15 September 2026?
(A) Shwetambara Jains **(B)** Digambara Jains
(C) Sthanakvasi Jains **(D)** Terapanthi Jains

4. Which Indian institute has secured a patent in July 2026 for an electrochemical reactor to recover copper from industrial wastewater?
(A) IIT Bombay **(B)** IIT Kharagpur
(C) IIT Roorkee **(D)** IIT Dhanbad

5. Which team has won the 2026 Global Chess League title for the first time?
(A) Alpine APL Pipers
(B) Ganges Grandmasters
(C) FYERS American Gambits
(D) CheQ Mumba Masters

6. Kīlauea volcano, which witnessed heightened eruptive activity in September 2026, is located in which US state?
(A) Alaska **(B)** California
(C) Hawaii **(D)** Oregon

7. Which department has received the First Prize under Rajbhasha Kirti for 2025-26 for outstanding implementation of Official Language Hindi?
(A) Department of Financial Services
(B) Department of Economic Affairs
(C) Department of Revenue
(D) Department of Expenditure

8. Which series won the Outstanding Drama Series award at the 78th Primetime Emmy Awards held in September 2026?
(A) Pluribus **(B)** Slow Horses
(C) The Diplomat **(D)** The Pitt

9. Who has become the first woman officer to head the CRPF's CoBRA unit in September 2026?
(A) Seema Dhundia
(B) Sanjukta Parashar
(C) Nitu D Bhattacharya
(D) Archana Shivhare

10. In September 2026, which state officially declared September 15 as Engineers' Day?
(A) Karnataka **(B)** Telangana
(C) Tamil Nadu **(D)** Maharashtra

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