

DAILY GENERAL AWARENESS QUIZ

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1. Donald Trump Renames Lake Ontario As Lake America. In context to the same tell us, which river serves as the primary outflow through which Lake Ontario drains into the Atlantic Ocean?

- (A) Hudson River (B) Mississippi River
(C) Mackenzie River (D) St. Lawrence River

2. Singapore named Asia's most peaceful country in 2025. In context to the same tell us, The main island of Singapore is separated from Malaysia by which strait?

- (A) Sunda Strait (B) Malacca Strait
(C) Johor Strait (D) Lombok Strait

3. India launches first Multi-Lane Free Flow toll system in Gujarat. In context to the same tell us, FASTag, the electronic toll collection system in India, works on which technology?

- (A) RFID Technology (B) GPS Tracking
(C) QR Code (D) NFC Technology

4. New Delhi hosted Badminton World Championships in August 2026. In context to the same tell us, The Prakash Padukone Trophy is associated with which sport?

- (A) Badminton (B) Hockey
(C) Football (D) Cricket

5. ADB granted \$6.5 million for clean cooking in rural India. In context to International Economy tell us, who issues the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) in the following?

- (A) World Bank
(B) World Trade Organization
(C) International Monetary Fund
(D) Asian Development Bank

6. The 54th International Emmy Awards Gala is scheduled to take place in November 2026. Consider the following statements regarding Emmy Awards -

(1) Conceived in 1948, the inaugural Emmy Awards ceremony took place on January 25, 1949.

(2) Prachi Desai became the first Indian woman filmmaker to win the International Emmy Directorate Award.

(3) The awards are chosen by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

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 UIDAI has revealed that there was significant outage in Aadhaar authentication services. Consider the following statements -

- (1) UIDAI is a statutory body under the ministry of Home affairs.**
(2) UIDAI is responsible for Aadhaar enrolment and authentication and security of identity information.
(3) Aadhaar number is a proof of identity which does not confer right of citizenship of India to an individual.

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. Recently, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has registered a case against a Khalistani Terrorist and Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) founder over the Air India threat.

Consider the following statements regarding National Investigation Agency -

- (1) National Investigation Agency (NIA) is a central agency established by the Indian Government to combat terror in India.**
(2) The agency is empowered to deal with terror related crimes across states without special permission from the states.
(3) A State Government may request the Central Government to hand over the investigation of a case to the NIA.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (A) Only (1) and (3) (B) Only (1) and (2)
(C) Only (2) and (3) (D) All of the above

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GEOGRAPHY

1. Which of the following is the highest waterfall in the world?
(A) Victoria Falls
(B) Niagara Falls
(C) Angel Falls
(D) Iguazu Falls
2. Which of the following rivers is known as the "River of Sorrow" due to its devastating floods in ancient times?
(A) Yangtze
(B) Nile
(C) Huang He
(D) Mekong
3. Which of the following is the largest inland sea in the world?
(A) Black Sea
(B) Caspian Sea
(C) Mediterranean Sea
(D) Baltic Sea
4. Which of the following is the longest glacier in the world outside the Polar Regions?
(A) Gangotri Glacier
(B) Fedchenko Glacier
(C) Siachen Glacier
(D) Baltoro Glacier
5. Which of the following countries has the maximum number of time zones?
(A) Russia
(B) United States
(C) France
(D) Canada
6. Which of the following is the world's largest bay?
(A) Hudson Bay
(B) Bay of Bengal
(C) Gulf of Mexico
(D) Persian Gulf
7. Which of the following mountain passes connects India and Tibet?
(A) Nathu La Pass
(B) Khyber Pass
(C) Bolan Pass
(D) Zoji La Pass
8. Which of the following is the driest inhabited continent?
(A) Asia
(B) Australia
(C) Africa
(D) Europe
9. Which one of the following is a transcontinental country?
(A) Nepal
(B) Kazakhstan
(C) Sri Lanka
(D) Bangladesh
10. Which of the following oceans has the highest average salinity?
(A) Pacific Ocean
(B) Indian Ocean
(C) Atlantic Ocean
(D) Arctic Ocean

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NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION & NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

1. NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (NHRC)



INTRODUCTION

- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) was established on **12 October 1993** under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
- The Act came into force on **28 September 1993** and was amended in **2019**.
- Headquarters:** Manav Adhikar Bhavan, I.N.A., New Delhi.



COMPOSITION (AFTER 2019 AMENDMENT)

- CHAIRPERSON** – A person who has been the Chief Justice of India or a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- ONE MEMBER** – A person who is, or has been, a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- ONE MEMBER** – A person who is, or has been, the Chief Justice of a High Court.
- THREE MEMBERS** – Persons having knowledge of or practical experience in matters relating to human rights, of whom **at least one shall be a woman**.
- EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS** – The Chairpersons of National Commission for Women, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Backward Classes, National Commission for Minorities, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.



FUNCTIONS

- To inquire into complaints of human rights violations.
- To take suo motu cognizance.
- To inspect jails and other detention facilities.
- To review laws and policies related to human rights.
- To promote human rights education and awareness.
- To make recommendations to the government.



IMPORTANT FACTS

- NHRC recommendations are not binding, but recommendatory in nature.
- The Commission does not have the power to punish any person; it only makes recommendations.
- The State Human Rights Commissions (SHRCs) can be constituted in every state.

2. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (NCW)



INTRODUCTION

- The National Commission for Women (NCW) was established on **31 January 1992** under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.
- Headquarters:** New Delhi.



COMPOSITION

- 1 Chairperson
- 5 Members
- 1 Member-Secretary

- Appointed by the Central Government.



NCW
National Commission for Women



FUNCTIONS

- To inquire into complaints of violation of women's rights.
- To review laws related to women and recommend amendments.
- To intervene in matters like dowry, domestic violence, sexual harassment at workplace, etc.
- To promote awareness and provide legal aid regarding women's rights.
- To suggest policy measures for the welfare of women to the government.



IMPORTANT FACTS

- The Commission has certain powers of a Civil Court, such as summoning witnesses, requiring documents and receiving evidence.
- The recommendations of NCW are also recommendatory in nature; they are not binding like court orders.

IMPORTANT FACTS



NHRC ESTABLISHMENT: 12 October 1993



NHRC ACT: Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993



MAJOR AMENDMENT: Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2019



NCW ESTABLISHMENT: 31 January 1992



NCW ACT: National Commission for Women Act, 1990



HEADQUARTERS OF BOTH COMMISSIONS: New Delhi



RECOMMENDATIONS OF NHRC & NCW: Not binding, only **recommendatory**



NCW HAS: Certain powers of a Civil Court



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Ghatak UCAV

Why in News?

DRDO's Ghatak UCAV is India's first indigenous **stealth unmanned combat aircraft**, being developed for high-risk aerial missions.

Expository: -

Introduction-

- **Ghatak** is India's indigenous **Stealth Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV)** programme.
- It is based on **jet engine, autonomous flight, and flying-wing** configuration.
- Early conceptual names associated with the programme included **AURA (Autonomous Unmanned Research Aircraft)**.

Development by DRDO-

- The programme is being developed under **DRDO**.
- **Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru** is one of its key laboratories.
- ADE has developed an **autonomous flying-wing technology demonstrator**.

Type & Configuration-

- **Category:** Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV).
- **Configuration:** **Tailless/Flying-wing** with **jet/turbofan** propulsion.
- **Role:** Autonomous strike and missions involving penetration into **enemy territory**.

Objectives & Need-

- To develop indigenous capability for high-risk **unmanned strike missions**.
- To conduct sensitive military missions without putting **pilots at risk**.
- To promote **indigenous defence technology**, autonomous control, avionics, aerodynamics, and composite technology.

Design & Key Features-

- The **flying-wing design** does not have a conventional tail.
- Emphasis has been placed on **stealth/low-observable technology** for reduced radar visibility.
- It incorporates **autonomous flight control, advanced avionics, and lightweight carbon-composite structures**.

Engine — Kaveri Dry Engine-

- Engine development is associated with DRDO's **Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE)**.
- The **Kaveri Dry Derivative** has been developed for **UAV/UCAV applications**.
- The dry engine's estimated capability is stated to be **49-51 kN thrust**; it should be distinguished from the fully developed **Ghatak** and **SWiFT demonstrator**.

Weapons & Payload-

- Ghatak is envisioned as an **armed strike UCAV**.
- It is expected to have the capability to use **missiles and precision-guided weapons**.
- An **internal weapons bay** is envisaged in the design to maintain **stealth capability**.

Stealth Technology-

- **Flying-wing → Tailless design → Reduced radar reflection → Internal weapons** contribute to stealth capability.
- On **15 December 2023**, DRDO successfully tested the indigenous **autonomous flying-wing technology demonstrator**.
- This achievement placed India among the countries with expertise in controlling **flying-wing technology**.



MAP OF THE DAY BHARAT

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JOJARI RIVER (Jojari River)

OVERVIEW

- Jojari River is a **83 km (52 mile)** long **seasonal river** in Rajasthan.
- It originates near **Pundlu village** in **Nagaur** district by the foothills of the Aravalli Range.
- Flow Direction : **East to South-East**.
- It receives water from several small streams.
- It joins the **Luni River** near **Kherli Khuurd** village in Jodhpur district.
- It is a **tributary** of the **Luni River**.

LOCATION MAP



	Length 83 km (52 mile)
	Flow Direction East to South-East
	Type Seasonal River
	Tributary of Luni River

MAJOR REASONS FOR POLLUTION

- Industrial units of **Boranada** (700+ textile and chemical factories) without proper treatment of effluents.
- Domestic sewage : **Salawas, Lod (Sisa), Kediya** and other habitations.
- Discharge of **dyeing** and **washing water** from villages into the river.
- Lack of adequate **waste water treatment** facilities.

EFFECTS OF POLLUTION

- 100-150 km** stretch of land becomes barren.
- In 2024, in **Salawas & Kediya** villages, water mixed with **dyes** was found.
- Water pollution is destroying the lives of humans and animals and disturbing the **ecological balance**.
- Health problems : **16 lakh** people's health and livelihood are affected.
- Migration** from many villages is taking place.

PUBLIC AWARENESS & ACTIVISM

- Several local rural and social workers are playing a key role in awareness.
- Environmental photographer **Shravan Patel** from **Melawa village** is actively involved in the campaign.



GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES & STATUS

- Government expenditure : 2023 – ₹400 crore, 2024 – ₹172.58 crore, 2025-26 – ₹176 crore.
- From 2019 till now, **73 factories** have been closed, and dumping continues in some places.
- NGT** has directed continuous monitoring and scientific discussions for polluter accountability.
- Geocycle** joined the river cleaning campaign in **2024** – important step.
- By **2025**, a long-term plan is being prepared, which includes – sewage treatment plants, electric toilets, garbage management system.



SHRAVAN PATEL'S EFFORTS (CONSERVATION MODEL)

- In **2022**, Shravan Patel received the 'Khadokli Model' award for his work on the revival of the Luni River.
- Dedicated his life for the **conservation** of the environment.
- Since **2024**, more than **8 water ponds** have been revived after rain and many trees have been planted.
- Working with a team of **38 volunteers** and **46 members**.
- Creates awareness through wall paintings, street plays, **1,000+ meetings**, public events, signature campaigns.
- Content creation** – short films, posters, pamphlets, social media.
- Key areas of work – **Jojari Kala, Vikara, Lompdi, Sihar, Bhediya, Sangar/Sahi** and other areas around the river.



LEGAL ACTION

- On **16 September 2025**, the **Supreme Court of India** (Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta Bench) took suo motu cognizance of industrial pollution in the Jojari River.
- The **Environment Department** and local authorities have been directed to submit a joint action plan to the Court.



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LARAK ISLAND (Larak Island)



Key Facts for UPSC/Competitive Exams

1 LOCATION

- Larak Island is a small island of Iran situated in the Strait of Hormuz, adjacent to the Persian Gulf.
- It lies about 30–45 km south-east of Bandar Abbas.
- It is south of Hormuz Island and east of Qeshm Island.
- Administratively, it belongs to Qeshm County, Hormozgan Province of Iran.
- The narrowest part of the Strait of Hormuz (about 39 km / 24 miles) is between Larak Island and Oman's Great Qoin Island.



LARAK ISLAND AT A GLANCE



 Country: Iran	 Highest Point: 138 meters
 Province: Hormozgan	 Population: Approx. 1,000 (Main settlement: Larak Shahri, population ~466)
 County: Qeshm	 Main Economic Activities: Diving, fishing, limited agriculture
 Area: Approx. 49 km ² (Some sources: 77 km ²)	

2 GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

- Larak Island is a salt plug (salt dome) — its surface is composed of sandstone, rock salt and iron oxide. It also has volcanic hills.
- Mineral Resources:** Sulphur, red oxide, iron ore, salt.
- Highest Point:** 138 meters
- Population:** Approx. 1,000
(Main settlement: Larak Shahri, population ~466)
- Main Economic Activities:**
Diving, fishing, limited agriculture

3 STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE (MOST IMPORTANT)

- Located in the Strait of Hormuz — the world's most important maritime chokepoint, connecting the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman through which a large share of global oil supply passes.
- According to the U.S. Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute, Larak, Qeshm and Hormuz are the three most important islands in the Strait of Hormuz.
- It is a major naval and logistics base of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and also serves as a secondary oil storage and transfer hub.
- Iran has deployed fast boats, missile systems and sea-mine infrastructure on the island.
- It is considered the southernmost territory of Iran, hence of extremely high strategic value. The southern coast is under strict military control.

4 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (AUGUST 2026)

- In August 2026, the U.S. military (CENTCOM) carried out a strike on Larak Island after observing Iranian forces preparing to launch rockets equipped with sea mines.
- The strike came amid rising tensions between Iran and the U.S., along with threats to attack Kharg Island — Iran's major oil export terminal.
- In response, Iran carried out retaliatory actions on U.S. bases in the region.

5 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Since the 16th century, Larak Island was under the control of the Portuguese, British and Dutch for some time.



During the rule of Shah Abbas (Safavid dynasty), Larak Island and other islands of Hormozgan were brought back under Iranian sovereignty.



It has a Portuguese fortress (Larak Castle / Larak Fortress) built during the Safavid period which is larger than the Portuguese forts on Qeshm and Hormuz Islands.

REGIONAL CONTEXT



UPSC TAKEAWAY: Larak Island in the Strait of Hormuz is of immense strategic importance to Iran due to its location, naval infrastructure, control over the chokepoint, and role in energy security.

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1. The BHASHINI Shilpi developer session was organised in which city in August 2026?

- (A) Pokhara (B) Kathmandu
(C) Lalitpur (D) Biratnagar

2. Which institution released India's Q1 FY 2026–27 GDP estimates showing 7.8% real GDP growth?

- (A) Reserve Bank of India
(B) NITI Aayog
(C) National Statistical Office
(D) Finance Commission

3. Where was the 4th India–Denmark Joint Working Group meeting on MSME cooperation held in August 2026?

- (A) Stockholm (B) Copenhagen
(C) Oslo (D) Helsinki

4. UZQR, linked with India's UPI for merchant payments, is the national QR system of which country?

- (A) Uzbekistan (B) Kazakhstan
(C) Kyrgyzstan (D) Tajikistan

5. Which country became the 71st signatory of the Artemis Accords in August 2026?

- (A) Türkiye (B) Bahrain
(C) Israel (D) Jordan

6. Who has succeeded Tim Cook as the Chief Executive Officer of Apple from 1 September 2026?

- (A) Craig Federighi (B) Eddy Cue
(C) Jeff Williams (D) John Ternus

7. Which country hosted the 26th SCO Summit in 2026?

- (A) Kazakhstan (B) Uzbekistan
(C) Kyrgyzstan (D) Tajikistan

8. Which ship, the second vessel of the Nistar-class, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 31 August 2026?

- (A) INS Vikrant (B) INS Kolkata
(C) INS Shivalik (D) INS Nipun

9. Where was India's first-of-its-kind Green Forge Complex inaugurated in August 2026?

- (A) Bengaluru, Karnataka
(B) Mohali, Punjab
(C) Hyderabad, Telangana
(D) Pune, Maharashtra

10. Gnani Artha, launched in August 2026, is primarily associated with which technology?

- (A) Artificial Intelligence
(B) Blockchain
(C) Robotics
(D) Biotechnology

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