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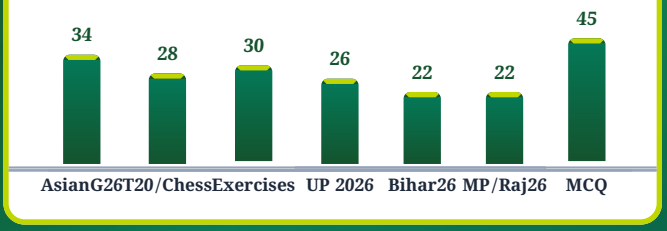
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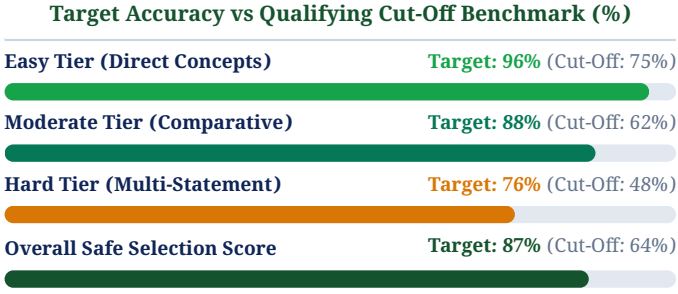
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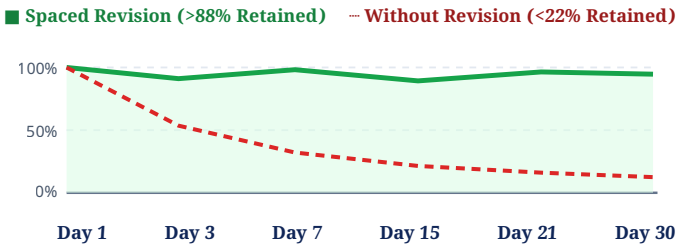
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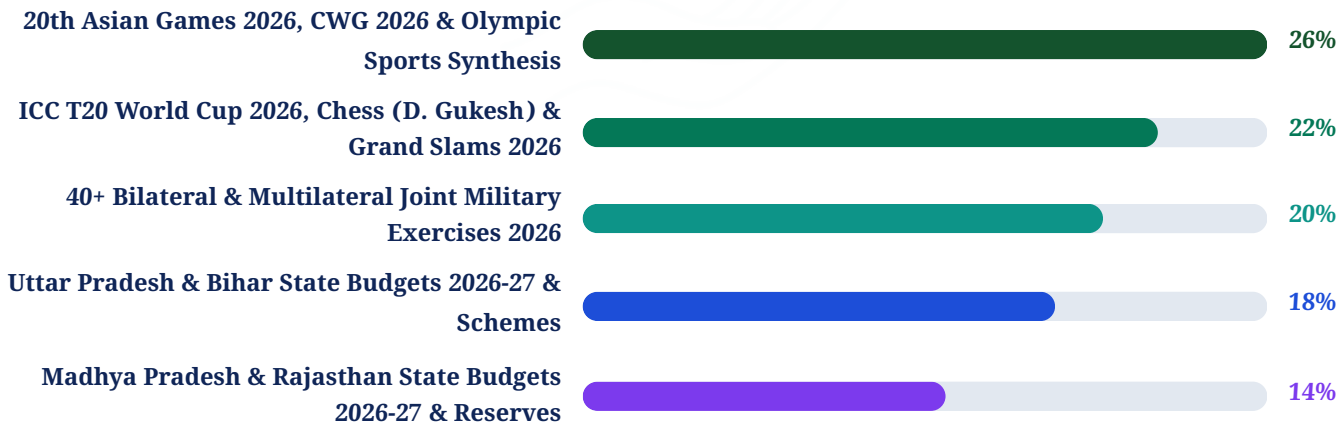
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10th ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 (India's Historic 3rd Title)

Key Study Pillar 2
Comprehensive Summary Table of Major Cricket Tournaments in 2026

1.1 10th ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 (India's Historic 3rd Title)

Co-hosted by **India and Sri Lanka** in February–March 2026, the **10th ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026** featured **20 teams** competing across **55 matches** at 8 venues. In the grand final played on **8 March 2026** at the **Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad**, **India defeated New Zealand by 96 runs** to win a record **third ICC Men's T20 World Cup title** (after 2007 and 2024) (IUC Academy):

- **Final Match Summary:** Batting first, India posted a mammoth **255/5 in 20 overs** — the **highest-ever team total in a T20 World Cup Final** — and bowled New Zealand out to win by 96 runs.
- **Historic Firsts:** India became the **first team in history to win back-to-back Men's T20 World Cup titles (2024 & 2026)**, the **first host nation to win the Men's T20 World Cup on home soil**, and the first team to capture **three Men's T20 World Cup crowns**.
- **Player of the Tournament:** Indian wicketkeeper-batter **Sanju Samson** was named Player of the Tournament for his consistent match-winning batting.

Process Flowchart (4-Node Major Cricket Championships 2026):

[10th ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 (India/Sri Lanka): Champion — India (def. New Zealand by 96 runs at Ahmedabad)] [10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 (England): Champion — Australia (def. England by 7 wickets at Lord's)] [TATA IPL 2026 (19th Edition): Champion — Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB won Final by 5 wickets)] [Ranji Trophy 2025–26 (Final: 28 Feb 2026): Champion — Jammu & Kashmir (def. Karnataka on 291-run 1st-innings lead)]

1.2 Comprehensive Summary Table of Major Cricket Tournaments in 2026

S.No.	Tournament & Edition	Host & Final Date	Champion	Runner-Up	Key Match Statistics & Individual Honours	Reference Source
1	**10th ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026**	India & Sri Lanka (*Final: 8 March 2026, Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad*)	**India** (*Record 3rd Title: 2007, 2024, 2026*)	**New Zealand**	India scored **255/5** and won by **96 runs**; 20 teams (including Italy & Nepal), 55 matches; **Player of the Tournament: Sanju Samson**.	IUC Academy
2	**10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026**	England & Wales (*12 June – 5 July 2026; Final at Lord's, London*)	**Australia**	**England**	12 teams, 33 matches across 7 venues; Australia defeated hosts England by 7 **wickets** in the Final at Lord's on 5 July 2026.	IUC Academy

S.No.	Tournament & Edition	Host & Final Date	Champion	Runner-Up	Key Match Statistics & Individual Honours	Reference Source
3	**TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026** (*19th Season*)	India (*May 2026*)	**Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)**	Sunrisers Hyderabad / Finalist	RCB chased down 155/8 by scoring **161/5 in 18.0 overs** to win the IPL 2026 Final by **5 wickets**.	IUC Academy
4	**Ranji Trophy 2025–26**	India (*Final: 28 February 2026*)	**Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)** (*Maiden Title*)	**Karnataka**	J&K posted **584** in the 1st innings (Shubham Pundir 121) and bowled Karnataka out for 293 (Auqib Nabi 5/54) to win via a **291-run first-innings lead** (Qamran Iqbal 160, *Sahil Lotra* 101 in 2nd innings).	IUC Academy

Did You Know?
On **28 February 2026**, **Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)** scripted domestic cricket history by winning their **maiden Ranji Trophy title (2025–26)** against 8-time champions Karnataka on the basis of a massive **291-run first-innings lead**.

Exam Trap Alert:
Do not confuse the venues of the two 2026 T20 World Cup finals: the **Men's T20 World Cup 2026 Final** was held on **8 March 2026 at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad** (India beat New Zealand by 96 runs), while the **Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Final** was held on **5 July 2026 at Lord's, London** (Australia beat England by 7 wickets).

★ Memory Formula:
Cricket 2026 Champions — "Men's T20 WC: India (255/5, Sanju Samson), Women's T20 WC: Australia (Lord's), IPL 2026: RCB, Ranji 2025–26: Jammu & Kashmir"!

Chapter 2 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
10th ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 (India's Historic 3rd Title)	**Final Match Summary**	Batting first, India posted a mammoth **255/5 in 20 overs** — the **highest-ever team total in a T20 World Cup Final** — and bowled New Zealand out to win by 96 runs.
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10th ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 (India's Historic 3rd Title)	**Player of the Tournament**	Indian wicketkeeper-batter **Sanju Samson** was named Player of the Tournament for his consistent match-winning batting.

Chapter 2 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

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Chapter 2: 20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi–Nagoya, Japan) & Asian Para Games 2026 — India's Medal Tally & Record Performances

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Key Study Pillar 2
Key Indian Medallists at the 2026 Asian Games & 2026 Asian Para Games (Aichi–Nagoya)

2.1 20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi–Nagoya, Japan: 19 September – 4 October 2026)

Governed by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), the **20th Asian Games (Aichi–Nagoya 2026)** took place in Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya, Japan, from **19 September to 4 October 2026**. It marked the third time Japan hosted the Asian Games after Tokyo (1958) and Hiroshima (1994).

- **India's Final Medal Tally:** India finished **4th on the overall medal table** with **85 medals** — comprising **21 Gold, 27 Silver, and 37 Bronze medals** (IUC Academy).

Process Flowchart (4-Node Aichi–Nagoya 2026 Asian Games & Para Games Highlights):

[20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi–Nagoya, Japan): 19 Sept – 4 Oct 2026] [India's Medal Tally: 85 Medals (21 Gold + 27 Silver + 37 Bronze) — 4th Place Overall] [Key Shooting & Athletics Medallists: Himanshu Dhillon, Rudrankksh Patil, Parth Mane, Elavenil Valarivan] [Asian Para Games 2026 (Oct 2026): Sheetal Devi & Toman Kumar (Gold), Plus 3 Indian Podium Clean Sweeps]

2.2 Key Indian Medallists at the 2026 Asian Games & 2026 Asian Para Games (Aichi–Nagoya)

S.No.	Event & Discipline	Indian Athlete(s) / Team	Medal & Score / Mark	Key Milestone	Reference Source
1	**20th Asian Games 2026 — Overall Indian Contingent**	Team India (IOA)	**85 Medals (21 Gold, 27 Silver, 37 Bronze)**	Finished **4th** on the overall medal standings behind China, Japan, and South Korea.	IUC Academy

S.No.	Event & Discipline	Indian Athlete(s) / Team	Medal & Score / Mark	Key Milestone	Reference Source
2	**Asian Games 2026 — Men's & Women's 10m Air Rifle Shooting**	**Himanshu Dhillon, Rudrankksh Patil, Parth Rakesh Mane & Elavenil Valarivan**	Himanshu (Individual Silver — 252.4), Rudrankksh (Individual Bronze); Men's Team Silver (1898.4 pts); Elavenil Valarivan (Individual & Team Silver)	Five shooting medals won in the opening two days at Aichi Prefectural Shooting Gallery.	IUC Academy
3	**Asian Para Games 2026 — Compound Mixed Team Archery**	**Sheetal Devi & Toman Kumar**	**Gold Medal**	Defeated Indonesia **151–148** in the final; **Sheetal Devi & Payal Nag** also won Silver in Women's Compound Doubles.	PIB Portal
4	**Asian Para Games 2026 — Men's High Jump T63 Final (22 Oct 2026)**	**Shailesh Kumar (Gold), Varun Bhati (Silver) & Rahul (Bronze)**	**1–2–3 Indian Podium Clean Sweep**	Shailesh Kumar jumped **1.89m** (Gold), Varun Bhati **1.84m** (Silver), and Rahul **1.81m** (Bronze).	PIB Portal
5	**Asian Para Games 2026 — Men's Shot Put (F46 & F53) & Discus (F44/64)**	**Sachin Khilari** (Shot Put F46), **Devender Kumar** (Discus F44/64) & **Ayush Verma** (Shot Put F53 — 8.16m)	**Gold Medals & Podium Clean Sweeps**	Devender Kumar (Discus F44/64) and Sachin Khilari (Shot Put F46) led two additional 1–2–3 Indian podium sweeps.	PIB Portal

Did You Know?
At the **2026 Asian Para Games in Aichi–Nagoya**, Indian para-athletes achieved **three complete 1–2–3 podium sweeps** — in Men's Discus Throw F44/64 (led by **Devender Kumar**), Men's Shot Put F46 (led by **Sachin Khilari**), and Men's High Jump T63 (**Shailesh Kumar**, **Varun Bhati**, and **Rahul**).

Exam Trap Alert:
Memorize India's exact medal breakdown at the **20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi–Nagoya): 21 Gold + 27 Silver + 37 Bronze = 85 Total Medals (Rank 4)**. The **21st Asian Games (2030)** will be hosted by **Doha, Qatar**, and the **22nd Asian Games (2034)** by **Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**.

★ Memory Formula:
Aichi–Nagoya 2026 India Tally — "21 Gold + 27 Silver + 37 Bronze = 85 Medals (Rank 4)"!

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Key Study Pillar 2
25th Winter Olympic Games 2026 (Milano–Cortina, Italy: 6 – 22 February 2026)

3.1 23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow, Scotland: 23 July – 2 August 2026)

Hosted by **Glasgow, Scotland** from **23 July to 2 August 2026** (stepping in after Victoria, Australia withdrew), the **23rd Commonwealth Games** brought together athletes from **74 nations and territories** competing across **11 sports** (including integrated para-sports).

- **Top Nation on Medal Table: Australia** topped the standings with **171 medals (70 Gold, 45 Silver, 56 Bronze)**.
- **India's Final Medal Tally: India finished 4th overall** with **39 medals** — comprising **13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 09 Bronze medals** (IUC Academy).

Process Flowchart (4-Node CWG 2026 & Winter Olympics 2026 Overview):

[23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow, Scotland): 23 July – 2 August 2026 (74 Nations, 11 Sports)] [Glasgow 2026 Standings: 1st — Australia (70G, 45S, 56B = 171) | 4th — India (13G, 17S, 9B = 39)] [25th Winter Olympics 2026 (Milano–Cortina, Italy): 6 – 22 February 2026] [Milano–Cortina 2026 Standings: 1st — Norway (41 Total Medals) | 29 NOCs Won Medals]

3.2 25th Winter Olympic Games 2026 (Milano–Cortina, Italy: 6 – 22 February 2026)

Held across Lombardy and Northeast Italy (**Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo**) from **6 to 22 February 2026**, the **XXV Olympic Winter Games** featured the Olympic debut of **Ski Mountaineering (Skimo)**.

- **Medal Table Leader: Norway** finished 1st overall, winning the most medals (**41 medals**). In total, **29 NOCs** won at least one medal and **19 NOCs** won at least one gold medal.

S.No.	Multi-Sport Games (2026)	Host City & Dates	1st Place Nation	India's Rank & Medal Tally	Key Examination Highlights	Reference Source
1	**23rd Commonwealth Games 2026**	Glasgow, Scotland (23 *July* – 2 *August* 2026)	**Australia** (70*G*, 45*S*, 56*B* = 171 *Medals*)	**4th Place — 39 Medals** (13 *Gold*, 17 *Silver*, 9 *Bronze*)	74 nations competed across 11 sports; Glasgow previously hosted the 2014 CWG.	IUC Academy
2	**20th Asian Games 2026**	Aichi–Nagoya, Japan (19 *Sept* – 4 *Oct* 2026)	**China**	**4th Place — 85 Medals** (21 *Gold*, 27 *Silver*, 37 *Bronze*)	3rd Asian Games hosted by Japan.	IUC Academy
3	**25th Winter Olympics 2026**	Milano–Cortina, Italy (6 – 22 *February* 2026)	**Norway** (41 *Medals Overall*)	Participated in Alpine & Cross-Country Skiing	Mascots: **Tina & Milo** (stoats); debut of Ski Mountaineering.	IUC Academy

Did You Know?
India finished **4th** on the medal table in **both** major multi-sport games of 2026: winning **39 medals (13G, 17S, 9B)** at the **Glasgow Commonwealth Games** (July–August 2026) and **85 medals (21G, 27S, 37B)** at the **Aichi–Nagoya Asian Games** (September–October 2026).

Exam Trap Alert:
At the **2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games**,
India won 61 medals (22G, 16S, 23B), whereas at the streamlined 11-sport **2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games**,
India won **39 medals (13 Gold, 17 Silver, 9 Bronze)** while maintaining its **4th rank**.

★ Memory Formula:
Glasgow CWG 2026 India Tally — "13 Gold + 17 Silver + 9 Bronze = 39 Medals (Rank 4)"!

Chapter 4 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow, Scotland: 23 July – 2 August 2026)	**Top Nation on Medal Table**	Australia **topped the standings with** 171 medals (70 Gold, 45 Silver, 56 Bronze)**.
25th Winter Olympic Games 2026 (Milano–Cortina, Italy: 6 – 22 February 2026)	**India's Final Medal Tally**	India finished 4th overall **with** 39 medals — **comprising** 13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 09 Bronze medals** (IUC Academy).
23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow, Scotland: 23 July – 2 August 2026)	**Medal Table Leader**	Norway **finished 1st overall, winning the most medals (**41 medals**). In total,** 29 NOCs **won at least one medal and** 19 NOCs** won at least one gold medal.

Chapter 4 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 4 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — **Both Statements Verified Correct**

Statement-I (Top Nation on Medal Table): Australia **topped the standings with** 171 medals (70 Gold, 45 Silver, 56 Bronze)**.

Statement-II (India's Final Medal Tally): India finished 4th overall **with** 39 medals — **comprising** 13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 09 Bronze medals** (IUC Academy).

✓ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 4: 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026, All Four Tennis Grand Slams 2026, 46th Chess Olympiad & FIDE Candidates 2026

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 4: 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026, All Four Tennis Grand Slams 2026, 46th Chess Olympiad & FIDE Candidates 2026

Key Study Pillar 1
23rd FIFA Men's Football World Cup 2026 (Spain Crowned World Champions)

Key Study Pillar 2
Complete Table of All Four Tennis Grand Slam Tournaments in 2026

Key Study Pillar 3
Global Chess Current Affairs 2026 (46th Chess Olympiad & Candidates 2026)

4.1 23rd FIFA Men's Football World Cup 2026 (Spain Crowned World Champions)

Jointly hosted by the **United States, Canada, and Mexico** in June–July 2026, the **23rd FIFA World Cup 2026** was the first edition to feature an expanded **48-team format** (104 matches across 16 host cities).

- **The Final (19 July 2026, New York New Jersey Stadium, East Rutherford): Spain defeated defending champions Argentina 1–0 in extra time** to win their **second FIFA World Cup title** (after 2010) (IUC Academy). Earlier in the semi-finals (14 July 2026), Spain defeated France 2–0.
- **FIFA World Cup 2026 Official Award Winners:**
- **Golden Ball (Best Player): Rodri** (Spain — Captain)
- **Golden Boot (Top Goalscorer): Kylian Mbappé** (France)
- **Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper): Unai Simón** (Spain)
- **Best Young Player Award: Pau Cubarsí** (Spain)

Process Flowchart (4-Node Football, Tennis & Chess 2026 Highlights):

[23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 (USA/Canada/Mexico): Champion — Spain (def. Argentina 1–0 AET) | Golden Ball — Rodri | Golden Boot — Mbappé] [Australian & French Opens 2026: AO — Alcaraz & Rybakina | FO — Zverev & Mirra Andreeva] [Wimbledon & US Open 2026: Wimbledon — Sinner & Nosková | USO — Zverev & Rybakina] [Chess 2026: 46th Olympiad (Samarkand) — Uzbekistan (Open) & China (Women) | Candidates 2026 — Javokhir Sindarov & Vaishali Rameshbabu]

4.2 Complete Table of All Four Tennis Grand Slam Tournaments in 2026

S.No.	Grand Slam Tournament (2026)	Venue & Surface	Men's Singles Winner (Runner-Up)	Women's Singles Winner (Runner-Up)	Key Historic Milestones	Reference Source
1	**Australian Open 2026** (18 *Jan – 1 Feb* 2026)	Melbourne Park, Australia (*Hard*)	**Carlos Alcaraz** (Spain) (*def. Novak Djokovic*)	**Elena Rybakina** (Kazakhstan)	Alcaraz completed the Career Grand Slam with his maiden Australian Open crown.	IUC Academy

S.No.	Grand Slam Tournament (2026)	Venue & Surface	Men's Singles Winner (Runner-Up)	Women's Singles Winner (Runner-Up)	Key Historic Milestones	Reference Source
2	**French Open (Roland-Garros) 2026** (*24 May – 7 June 2026*)	Stade Roland Garros, Paris (*Clay*)	**Alexander Zverev** (Germany)	**Mirra Andreeva** (Russia)	First Grand Slam singles title for both Alexander Zverev and teenager Mirra Andreeva.	IUC Academy
3	**Wimbledon Championships 2026** (*June–July 2026*)	All England Club, London (*Grass*)	**Jannik Sinner** (Italy) (*def. Alexander Zverev 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4*)	**Linda Nosková** (Czech Republic) (*def. Karolína Muchová 6-2, 5-7, 6-3*)	Sinner successfully defended his Wimbledon crown (5th Major); 21-year-old Nosková won an all-Czech final; Djokovic reached a record 108 Wimbledon match wins.	IUC Academy
4	**US Open 2026** (*23 Aug – 13 Sept 2026*)	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York (*Hard*)	**Alexander Zverev** (Germany) (*def. Ben Shelton 6-3, 7-6, 5-7, 6-2*)	**Elena Rybakina** (Kazakhstan) (*def. Aryna Sabalenka 6-4, 5-7, 6-2*)	Both Zverev and Rybakina captured their **second Grand Slam title of the 2026 season**.	IUC Academy

4.3 Global Chess Current Affairs *2026 (46*th Chess Olympiad & Candidates *2026)*

• **46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026 (Samarkand, Uzbekistan):** Host nation **Uzbekistan** won the Gold medal in the **Open section**, while **China** won the Gold medal in the **Women's section**.

• **FIDE Candidates & Women's Candidates Tournaments 2026 (Paphos, Cyprus — April 2026):**

• **Open Candidates 2026 Winner:** Uzbek Grandmaster **Javokhir Sindarov** won undefeated with 10/14 (with one Cycles to spare) on 14 April 2026, earning the right to challenge reigning World Chess Champion **Gukesh Dommaraju (India)** in the **World Chess Championship 2026**.

• **Women's Candidates 2026 Winner:** Indian Grandmaster **Vaishali Rameshbabu** won with 8.5/14 on 15 April 2026 (ahead of Bibisara Assaubayeva and Zhu Jiner), earning the right to challenge reigning Women's World Champion **Ju Wenjun (China)**.

• **Other Major 2026 Chess Events: Nodirbek Abdusattorov** won the **Tata Steel Chess Masters 2026** (9/13); **Nihal Sarin** won the inaugural Menorca Masters 2026; **Abhimanyu Mishra** won the 5th Menorca Open; **Vincent Keymer** won the Grenke Freestyle Chess Open 2026.

Did You Know?
At the **2026 US Open**, American Ben Shelton's five-set quarter-final victory over Carlos Alcaraz finished at **3:33 AM**, setting the record for the **latest finish in US Open history**, before **Alexander Zverev** defeated Shelton in the final to claim his second Grand Slam title of 2026.

Exam Trap Alert:
Note the venue and winners of the **46th Chess Olympiad 2026**: held in **Samarkand, Uzbekistan**, where **Uzbekistan** won the Open section and **China** won the Women's section (whereas India won double Gold in Open and Women at the 45th Chess Olympiad in Budapest in the 2026 Compendium).

★ Memory Formula:
2026 Grand Slam Men's Sequence (AO–FO–Wim–USO) — "Alcaraz Zverev Sinner Zverev" and **Women's Sequence — "Rybakina Andreeva Nosková Rybakina"**!

Chapter 5 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
23rd FIFA Men's Football World Cup 2026 (Spain Crowned World Champions)	**The Final (19 July 2026, New York New Jersey Stadium, East Rutherford)**	Spain defeated defending champions Argentina 1–0 in extra time **to win their** second FIFA World Cup title** (after 2010) (IUC Academy). Earlier in the semi-finals (14 July 2026), Spain defeated France 2–0.
Complete Table of All Four Tennis Grand Slam Tournaments in 2026	**Golden Ball (Best Player)**	Rodri** (Spain — Captain)
Global Chess Current Affairs 2026 (46th Chess Olympiad & Candidates 2026)	**Golden Boot (Top Goalscorer)**	Kylian Mbappé** (France)
23rd FIFA Men's Football World Cup 2026 (Spain Crowned World Champions)	**Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper)**	Unai Simón** (Spain)
Complete Table of All Four Tennis Grand Slam Tournaments in 2026	**Best Young Player Award**	Pau Cubarsí** (Spain)
Global Chess Current Affairs 2026 (46th Chess Olympiad & Candidates 2026)	**46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026 (Samarkand, Uzbekistan)**	Host nation **Uzbekistan** won the Gold medal in the **Open section**, while **China** won the Gold medal in the **Women's section**.

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
23rd FIFA Men's Football World Cup 2026 (Spain Crowned World Champions)	Open Candidates 2026 Winner	Uzbek Grandmaster **Javokhir Sindarov** won undefeated with 10/14 (with one Cycles to spare) on 14 April 2026, earning the right to challenge reigning World Chess Champion **Gukesh Dommaraju (India)** in the **World Chess Championship 2026**.
Complete Table of All Four Tennis Grand Slam Tournaments in 2026	Women's Candidates 2026 Winner	Indian Grandmaster **Vaishali Rameshbabu** won with 8.5/14 on 15 April 2026 (ahead of Bibisara Assaubayeva and Zhu Jiner), earning the right to challenge reigning Women's World Champion **Ju Wenjun (China)**.
Global Chess Current Affairs 2026 (46th Chess Olympiad & Candidates 2026)	Other Major 2026 Chess Events	Nodirbek Abdusattorov **won the** Tata Steel Chess Masters 2026 **(9/13);** Nihal Sarin **won the inaugural Menorca Masters 2026;** Abhimanyu Mishra **won the 5th Menorca Open;** Vincent Keymer** won the Grenke Freestyle Chess Open 2026.

Chapter 5 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 5 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (The Final (19 July 2026, New York New Jersey Stadium, East Rutherford)): Spain defeated defending champions Argentina 1–0 in extra time **to win their** second FIFA World Cup title** (after 2010) (IUC Academy). Earlier in the semi-finals (14 July 2026), Spain defeated France 2–0.

Statement-II (Golden Ball (Best Player)): Rodri** (Spain — Captain)

✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 5 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Golden Boot (Top Goalscorer)): Kylian Mbappé** (France)

Statement-II (Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper)): Unai Simón** (Spain)

✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 5 Statement-Verification Drill #3 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Best Young Player Award): Pau Cubarsí** (Spain)

Statement-II (46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026 (Samarkand, Uzbekistan)): Host nation **Uzbekistan** won the Gold medal in the **Open section**, while **China** won the Gold medal in the **Women's section**.

✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 5 Statement-Verification Drill #4 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Open Candidates 2026 Winner): Uzbek Grandmaster **Javokhir Sindarov** won undefeated with 10/14 (with one Cycles to spare) on 14 April 2026, earning the right to challenge reigning World Chess Champion **Gukesh Dommaraju (India)** in the **World Chess Championship 2026**.

Statement-II (Women's Candidates 2026 Winner): Indian Grandmaster **Vaishali Rameshbabu** won with 8.5/14 on 15 April 2026 (ahead of Bibisara Assaubayeva and Zhu Jiner), earning the right to challenge reigning Women's World Champion **Ju Wenjun (China)**.

✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 5: India's Bilateral & Multilateral Joint Military Exercises 2026 (Army, Navy, Air Force & Tri-Service)

5.1 Strategic Directory of India's Joint Military Exercises (2026)

Joint military exercises conducted by the Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force in 2026 strengthen interoperability, high-altitude warfare readiness, maritime domain awareness, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) capabilities (Ministry of Defence, Press Information Bureau).

Process Flowchart (4-Node Defence Exercises Matrix 2026):

[With USA: Yudh Abhyas 2026 (Auli, Uttarakhand), Vajra Prahar, Cope India, Tiger Triumph & Malabar] [With France: Shakti (Army), Varuna (Navy), Garuda (Air Force) & Desert Knight] [With Japan & Neighbours: Dharma Guardian & Veer Guardian (Japan), Surya Kiran (Nepal), Mitra Shakti (Sri Lanka), Sampriti (Bangladesh)] [With West & Central Asia: Mountain Guardian & Desert Cyclone (UAE), Dustlik (Uzbekistan), Khanjar (Kyrgyzstan), KAZIND (Kazakhstan)]

S.No.	Exercise Name (2026)	Participating Partner Nation(s)	Service Wing	2026 Venue / Operational Focus	Official Source
1	**Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026**	**India & United States (USA)**	Army	**Auli, Uttarakhand** (September 2026); combined high-altitude air assault and mountain warfare operations.	MoD Portal
2	**Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026**	**India & United Arab Emirates (UAE)**	Army	Conducted at the Foreign Training Node focusing on mountain and tactical operations.	MoD Portal
3	**Vajra Prahar & Tiger Triumph**	**India & USA**	Special Forces / Tri-Service	Vajra Prahar (Special Forces combat); Tiger Triumph (Tri-Service amphibious HADR exercise).	MoD Portal
4	**Shakti, Varuna & Garuda**	**India & France**	Army, Navy & Air Force	Shakti (Army), Varuna (Naval anti-submarine & carrier ops), Garuda (Air Force tactical drills).	MoD Portal

S.No.	Exercise Name (2026)	Participating Partner Nation(s)	Service Wing	2026 Venue / Operational Focus	Official Source
5	**Dharma Guardian, JIMEX & Veer Guardian**	**India & Japan**	Army, Navy & Air Force	Dharma Guardian (Army counter-terror), JIMEX (Maritime), Veer Guardian & Shinyuu Maitri (Air Force).	MoD Portal
6	**Exercise Surya Kiran**	**India & Nepal**	Army	Battalion-level jungle warfare, mountain counter-insurgency, and HADR operations.	MoD Portal
7	**Mitra Shakti & SLINEX**	**India & Sri Lanka**	Army & Navy	Mitra Shakti (Army tactical drills) and SLINEX (Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise).	MoD Portal
8	**Exercise Dustlik**	**India & Uzbekistan**	Army & Air Force	Joint counter-terrorism operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrain.	MoD Portal
9	**Khanjar & KAZIND**	**India–Kyrgyzstan** (Khanjar) & **India–Kazakhstan** (KAZIND)	Special Forces & Army	High-altitude special forces and counter-insurgency interoperability in Central Asia.	MoD Portal
10	**Exercise Malabar 2026**	**QUAD Nations (India, USA, Japan & Australia)**	Navy (Multilateral)	Premier Indo-Pacific multilateral naval exercise focusing on anti-submarine and maritime security operations.	MoD Portal
11	**Tarang Shakti & MILAN 2026**	**Multilateral (Hosted by India)**	Air Force (Tarang Shakti) & Navy (MILAN — Visakhapatnam)	India's largest multilateral air and naval exercises with friendly foreign countries.	PIB Portal
12	**Ajeya Warrior, Konkan & Cobra Warrior**	**India & United Kingdom (UK)**	Army, Navy & Air Force	Bilateral military, maritime, and air combat exercises with the UK.	MoD Portal
13	**Harimau Shakti (Malaysia), Garuda Shakti (Indonesia), SIMBEX (Singapore) & AustraHind (Australia)**	**India & Indo-Pacific Partners**	Army & Navy	SIMBEX is India's longest uninterrupted naval exercise with Singapore.	MoD Portal
14	**Sada Tanseeq (Saudi Arabia) & Cyclone (Egypt)**	**India–Saudi Arabia & India–Egypt**	Army / Special Forces	Desert warfare and special operations drills.	MoD Portal

Did You Know?
During **Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026** held near **Auli, Uttarakhand** in September 2026, Indian Army and U.S. Army forces executed a high-altitude combined air assault to seize two mountain objectives, demonstrating seamless tactical integration in extreme Himalayan terrain (Ministry of Defence).

Exam Trap Alert:
Distinguish carefully between similarly named exercises: **Garuda** is an Air Force exercise with **France**, whereas **Garuda Shakti** is an Army/Special Forces exercise with **Indonesia**. Similarly, **Desert Cyclone** & **Mountain Guardian** are with the **UAE**, while **Exercise Cyclone** is with **Egypt**.

★ Memory Formula:
France Tri-Service Exercises — "Shakti on Land, Varuna at Sea, Garuda in the Sky"!

Chapter *6:* Uttar Pradesh State Current Affairs & Uttar Pradesh Budget *2026–27 (₹9,12,696.35* Crore*)* Deep Analysis

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 6: Uttar Pradesh State Current Affairs & Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 (₹9,12,696.35 Crore) Deep Analysis

Key Study Pillar 1
Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27: Fiscal Architecture & Macroeconomic Indicators

Key Study Pillar 2
Sectoral Allocations & Key Uttar Pradesh Current Affairs 2026

6.1 Uttar Pradesh Budget *2026–27:* Fiscal Architecture & Macroeconomic Indicators

On **11 February 2026**, Uttar Pradesh Finance Minister **Shri Suresh Kumar Khanna** presented the State Budget for the financial year **2026–27** in the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly under the leadership of Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** (Government of Uttar Pradesh Portal). It is the largest budget in Uttar Pradesh's history, anchored around transforming the state into a **One Trillion Dollar Economy**.

- **Total Budget Outlay (2026–27): ₹9,12,696.35 crore** (a **12.9% increase** over 2025–26; net total expenditure excluding debt repayment is estimated at **₹8.51 lakh crore**).
- **Projected Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP 2026–27): ₹39.8 lakh crore** at current prices (an estimated **28% growth** over the previous year).
- **Revenue Surplus (2026–27): 1.6% of GSDP** (Uttar Pradesh continues to maintain a strong revenue-surplus fiscal position).
- **Fiscal Deficit (2026–27):** Targeted at **3.0% of GSDP** (strictly within the FRBM ceiling).
- **Debt-to-GSDP Ratio (2026–27):** Targeted to decline to approximately **23.1%** by the end of the fiscal year.

Process Flowchart (4-Node Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 Highlights):

[Total Budget Outlay (11 Feb 2026): ₹9,12,696.35 Crore (+12.9%) | FM: Suresh Kumar Khanna] [Macro Fiscal Indicators: GSDP ₹39.8 Lakh Cr | Revenue Surplus 1.6% | Fiscal Deficit 3.0% | Debt Ratio 23.1%] [Key Sectoral Outlays: Health ₹37,956 Cr | Infrastructure ₹27,103 Cr | Textiles ₹5,041 Cr] [Flagship Initiatives: ₹400 Cr Girl Student Scooter Scheme | Safe City Expansion | NTPC Dadri Vanadium Flow Battery]

6.2 Sectoral Allocations & Key Uttar Pradesh Current Affairs 2026

S.No.	Sector / Scheme / Initiative (UP 2026–27)	Budget Allocation / Key Metric	Examination Significance	Official Source
1	**Total Budget Size & Net Expenditure (2026–27)**	**₹9,12,696.35 crore** (Gross) / **₹8.51 lakh crore** (Net excl. debt repayment)	Presented on 11 February 2026 by FM Suresh Kumar Khanna; 12.9% higher than 2025–26.	UP Portal
2	**Projected GSDP, Fiscal Deficit & Revenue Surplus**	**GSDP: ₹39.8 lakh crore**	Fiscal Deficit: **3.0% of GSDP**; Revenue Surplus: **1.6% of GSDP**; Debt-to-GSDP: **23.1%**.	UP Portal
3	**Health & Medical Education Sector**	**₹37,956 crore**	Expansion of 'One District, One Medical College', Ayushman Bharat, and tertiary healthcare infrastructure.	UP Portal
4	**Infrastructure & Industrial Corridors**	**₹27,103 crore**	Ganga Expressway (Meerut to Prayagraj — 594 km), UP Defence Industrial Corridor (6 nodes: Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Chitrakoot, Kanpur, Lucknow), and Noida International Airport (Jewar).	UP Portal
5	**Textile & Handloom Industry**	**₹5,041 crore**	Development of the 1,000-acre **PM MITRA Textile Park** on the Lucknow–Hardoi border and Sant Kabir Textile Scheme.	UP Portal
6	**Dedicated Scooter Scheme & Safe City Project**	**₹400 crore** (Scooter Scheme)	₹400 crore allocated for the meritorious girl students' scooter scheme; expansion of CCTV surveillance and anti-Romeo squads under Safe City across 17 municipal corporations and Gautam Buddha Nagar.	UP Portal
7	**Grid-Scale Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (Dadri)**	watt-level Battery System	Inaugurated at the **NTPC NETRA Campus in Dadri, Gautam Buddha Nagar (UP)** for long-duration renewable energy storage.	PIB Portal
8	**Uttar Pradesh Padma Awardees 2026**	**11 Awardees** (1 Padma Vibhushan + 10 Padma Shri)	**Padma Vibhushan:** Ms. N. Rajam (Art); **Padma Shri (10):** Anil Kumar Rastogi, Ashok Kumar Singh, Buddha Rashmi Mani, Chiranji Lal Yadav, Kewal Krishan Thakral, Mangala Kapoor, Praveen Kumar, Raghupat Singh (Posthumous), Rajendra Prasad, Shyam Sundar.	PIB Portal

Did You Know?
Uttar Pradesh's GSDP for 2026–27 is projected at **₹39.8 lakh crore**, while the state's debt-to-GSDP ratio is projected to decline to **23.1%**, making Uttar Pradesh one of the most fiscally disciplined revenue-surplus states in India (Government of Uttar Pradesh Portal).

Exam Trap Alert:
In UPPSC examinations, note both expenditure figures for UP Budget 2026–27: the **total budget size** (including debt repayment) is **₹9,12,696.35 crore**, while **net expenditure** (excluding debt repayment, as analysed by PRS India) is **₹8.51 lakh crore**.

★ **Memory Formula:**
UP Budget 2026–27 Golden Numbers — "Outlay ₹9,12,696.35 Cr | GSDP ₹39.8 Lakh Cr | Deficit 3.0% | Surplus 1.6% | Health ₹37,956 Cr | Scooter Scheme ₹400 Cr"!

Chapter 7 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27: Fiscal Architecture & Macroeconomic Indicators	**Total Budget Outlay (2026–27)**	₹9,12,696.35 crore **(a** 12.9% increase **over 2025–26; net total expenditure excluding debt repayment is estimated at** ₹8.51 lakh crore**).
Sectoral Allocations & Key Uttar Pradesh Current Affairs 2026	**Projected Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP 2026–27)**	₹39.8 lakh crore **at current prices (an estimated** 28% growth** over the previous year).
Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27: Fiscal Architecture & Macroeconomic Indicators	**Revenue Surplus (2026–27)**	1.6% of GSDP** (Uttar Pradesh continues to maintain a strong revenue-surplus fiscal position).
Sectoral Allocations & Key Uttar Pradesh Current Affairs 2026	**Fiscal Deficit (2026–27)**	Targeted at **3.0% of GSDP** (strictly within the FRBM ceiling).
Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27: Fiscal Architecture & Macroeconomic Indicators	**Debt-to-GSDP Ratio (2026–27)**	Targeted to decline to approximately **23.1%** by the end of the fiscal year.

Chapter 7 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 7 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — **Both Statements Verified Correct**

Statement-I (Total Budget Outlay (2026–27)): ₹9,12,696.35 crore **(a** 12.9% increase **over 2025–26; net total expenditure excluding debt repayment is estimated at** ₹8.51 lakh crore**).

Statement-II (Projected Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP 2026–27)): ₹39.8 lakh crore **at current prices (an estimated** 28% growth** over the previous year).

✓ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 7 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Revenue Surplus (2026–27)): 1.6% of GSDP** (Uttar Pradesh continues to maintain a strong revenue-surplus fiscal position).

Statement-II (Fiscal Deficit (2026–27)): Targeted at **3.0% of GSDP** (strictly within the FRBM ceiling).

✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 7: Bihar State Current Affairs & Bihar Budget *2026–27 (₹3,47,589.76* Crore) Comprehensive Analysis

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 7: Bihar State Current Affairs & Bihar Budget 2026–27 (₹3,47,589.76 Crore) Comprehensive Analysis

Key Study Pillar 1
Bihar Budget 2026–27: Fiscal Structure & Expenditure Breakdown

Key Study Pillar 2
Key Bihar Budget 2026–27 Figures & State Current Affairs 2026

7.1 Bihar Budget *2026–27:* Fiscal Structure & Expenditure Breakdown

On **3 February 2026**, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister **Shri Samrat Choudhary** presented the **Bihar State Budget for 2026–27** in the Bihar Legislature under Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar's** government (Government of Bihar Portal):

- **Total Budget Outlay (2026–27): ₹3,47,589.76 crore.**
- **Total Revenue Expenditure: ₹2,84,133.92 crore** (accounting for **81.74%** of total expenditure).
- **Total Capital Expenditure: ₹63,455.84 crore** (accounting for **18.26%** of total expenditure).
- **Total Receipts:** Estimated at **₹2.85 lakh crore** (with net tax revenue at approximately **₹2.24 lakh crore**).
- **Fiscal Deficit (2026–27):** Targeted at **3.0% of GSDP (₹39,112 crore)**.

Process Flowchart (4-Node Bihar Budget 2026–27 Fiscal Architecture):

[Total Budget Outlay (3 Feb 2026): ₹3,47,589.76 Crore | Presented by Deputy CM & FM Samrat Choudhary] [Expenditure Split: Revenue ₹2,84,133.92 Cr (81.74%) | Capital ₹63,455.84 Cr (18.26%)] [Fiscal Deficit Target: ₹39,112 Crore (3.0% of GSDP)] [Core Priorities: Education, Health, Saat Nishchay, JEEViKA Women Empowerment & 4th Agriculture Road Map]

7.2 Key Bihar Budget *2026–27* Figures & State Current Affairs *2026*

S.No.	Fiscal Indicator / Initiative (Bihar 2026–27)	Official Figure / Details	BPSC Examination Significance	Official Source
1	**Total Budget Expenditure (2026–27)**	**₹3,47,589.76 crore**	Presented on 3 February 2026; Education and Health receive the highest departmental shares.	Bihar Portal

S.No.	Fiscal Indicator / Initiative (Bihar 2026–27)	Official Figure / Details	BPSC Examination Significance	Official Source
2	**Revenue vs. Capital Expenditure Share**	**81.74% Revenue (₹2,84,133.92 cr) & 18.26% Capital (₹63,455.84 cr)**	Direct question in BPSC Prelims and Mains economy papers.	**Bihar Portal**
3	**Fiscal Deficit Target (2026–27)**	**₹39,112 crore (3.0% of GSDP)**	Strictly adheres to the 3.0% FRBM ceiling.	**Bihar Portal**
4	**Ramsar Wetlands of Bihar**	**Kabartal (Kanwar Taal, Begusarai)**, Nagi & Nakti Bird Sanctuaries (Jamui), Udaipur Lake & Gokul Jalashay	Kabartal in Begusarai (formed by the Burhi Gandak river) is Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake.	**PIB Portal**
5	**Bihar Padma Shri 2026 Recipients (3)**	**Bharat Singh Bharti**, **Bishwa Bandhu (Posthumous)** & **Gopal Ji Trivedi**	Bharat Singh Bharti (Art — Folk music), Bishwa Bandhu (Art), and Gopal Ji Trivedi (Science & Engineering).	**PIB Portal**

Did You Know?
In the **Bihar Budget 2026–27**, total expenditure is **₹3,47,589.76 crore**, of which exactly **81.74% (₹2,84,133.92 crore)** is allocated to revenue expenditure and **18.26% (₹63,455.84 crore)** to capital expenditure (**Government of Bihar Portal**).

Exam Trap Alert:
BPSC frequently tests exact two-decimal figures: remember **₹3,47,589.76 crore** (total outlay), **₹2,84,133.92 crore** (revenue expenditure = **81.74%**), **18.26%** (capital expenditure), and **₹39,112 crore** (fiscal deficit = **3.0% of GSDP**).

★ Memory Formula:
Bihar Budget 2026–27 Formula — "Outlay ₹3,47,589.76 Cr | Revenue 81.74% | Capital 18.26% | Fiscal Deficit ₹39,112 Cr (3.0%)"!

Chapter *8* Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Bihar Budget 2026–27: Fiscal Structure & Expenditure Breakdown	**Total Budget Outlay (2026–27)**	₹3,47,589.76 crore**.
Key Bihar Budget 2026–27 Figures & State Current Affairs 2026	**Total Revenue Expenditure**	₹2,84,133.92 crore **(accounting for** 81.74%** of total expenditure).
Bihar Budget 2026–27: Fiscal Structure & Expenditure Breakdown	**Total Capital Expenditure**	₹63,455.84 crore **(accounting for** 18.26%** of total expenditure).

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Key Bihar Budget 2026–27 Figures & State Current Affairs 2026	Total Receipts	Estimated at **₹2.85 lakh crore** (with net tax revenue at approximately **₹2.24 lakh crore**).
Bihar Budget 2026–27: Fiscal Structure & Expenditure Breakdown	Fiscal Deficit (2026–27)	Targeted at **3.0% of GSDP (₹39,112 crore)**.

Chapter *8* Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 8 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Total Budget Outlay (2026–27)): ₹3,47,589.76 crore**.
Statement-II (Total Revenue Expenditure): ₹2,84,133.92 crore **(accounting for** 81.74%** of total expenditure).

✓ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 8 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Total Capital Expenditure): ₹63,455.84 crore **(accounting for** 18.26%** of total expenditure).
Statement-II (Total Receipts): Estimated at **₹2.85 lakh crore** (with net tax revenue at approximately **₹2.24 lakh crore**).

✓ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter *8:* Madhya Pradesh Budget *2026–27 (₹4,38,317* Crore*)* & Rajasthan Budget *2026–27* Comparative Analysis

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 8: Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27 (₹4,38,317 Crore) & Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 Comparative Analysis

Key Study Pillar 1
Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27 (Presented on 18 February 2026)

Key Study Pillar 2
Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 (Presented on 11 February 2026)

8.1 Madhya Pradesh Budget *2026–27 (*Presented on *18* February *2026)*

On ***18 February 2026***, Madhya Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister **Shri Jagdish Devda** presented the **Madhya Pradesh State Budget for 2026–27** under Chief Minister **Dr. Mohan Yadav's** government (Government of Madhya Pradesh Portal):

- **Total Budget Allocation (2026–27): ₹4,38,317 crore.**
- **Projected Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP 2026–27): ₹18,48,274 crore.**
- **Fiscal Deficit Target (2026–27): 3.9% of GSDP (₹71,458 crore).**

• **Core Policy Pillars:** Empowerment of **GYAN** (*Garib*, *Yuva*, *Annadata*, *Nari*), Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana, Ken–Betwa and Parbati–Kalisindh–Chambal (PKC) river-linking irrigation projects, PM Shri Air Ambulance Service, and **Simhastha 2028 (Ujjain)** infrastructure preparations.

8.2 Rajasthan Budget *2026–27* (Presented on *11* February *2026*)

On **11 February 2026**, Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister **Ms. Diya Kumari** presented her third consecutive State Budget (**FY 2026–27**) under Chief Minister **Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma's** government (Government of Rajasthan Portal):

• **Revenue Deficit (2026–27):** Estimated at **₹24,313 crore** (with fiscal deficit maintained within permissible FRBM limits).

• **Key Sectoral Announcements:**

• **Drinking Tap Water & ERCP-PKC Link: ₹6,800 crore** proposed for tap water supply and water security.

• **Solar Parks & Renewable Energy: ₹3,000 crore** allocated for solar parks and green grid expansion.

• **Youth Entrepreneurship:** Announcement of an **interest-free loan scheme up to ₹10 lakh** for young entrepreneurs.

• **Expressways & Social Welfare:** Development of 9 Greenfield Expressways, Lakhpati Didi expansion, and Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana.

Process Flowchart (4-Node Four-State Budget 2026–27 Comparison):

[Uttar Pradesh (11 Feb 2026, Suresh Khanna): Outlay ₹9,12,696.35 Cr | GSDP ₹39.8 Lakh Cr | Deficit 3.0%] [Madhya Pradesh (18 Feb 2026, Jagdish Devda): Outlay ₹4,38,317 Cr | GSDP ₹18,48,274 Cr | Deficit 3.9% (₹71,458 Cr)] [Bihar (3 Feb 2026, Samrat Choudhary): Outlay ₹3,47,589.76 Cr | Revenue Exp 81.74% | Deficit 3.0% (₹39,112 Cr)] [Rajasthan (11 Feb 2026, Diya Kumari): Revenue Deficit ₹24,313 Cr | Tap Water ₹6,800 Cr | Solar Parks ₹3,000 Cr]

8.3 Integrated Comparative Table*:* UP, Bihar, MP & Rajasthan Budgets *(2026–27)*

S.No.	Parameter / Indicator	Uttar Pradesh (2026–27)	Bihar (2026–27)	Madhya Pradesh (2026–27)	Rajasthan (2026–27)
1	**Presentation Date**	11 February 2026	3 February 2026	18 February 2026	11 February 2026
2	**Finance Minister**	Shri Suresh Kumar Khanna	Shri Samrat Choudhary	Shri Jagdish Devda	Ms. Diya Kumari
3	**Total Budget Outlay**	**₹9,12,696.35 crore**	**₹3,47,589.76 crore**	**₹4,38,317 crore**	Green & Youth Budget (*Rev. Deficit:* **₹24,313 *crore***)
4	**Projected GSDP (2026–27)**	**₹39.8 lakh crore**	High-growth trajectory	**₹18,48,274 crore**	$350 Billion economy roadmap
5	**Fiscal Deficit (2026–27)**	**3.0% of GSDP**	**3.0% of GSDP (₹39,112 cr)**	**3.9% of GSDP (₹71,458 cr)**	Within FRBM limit
6	**Padma Awards 2026 Count**	**11** (1 PV + 10 PS)	**03** (3 Padma Shri)	**04** (4 Padma Shri)	**03** (3 Padma Shri)

S.No.	Parameter / Indicator	Uttar Pradesh (2026–27)	Bihar (2026–27)	Madhya Pradesh (2026–27)	Rajasthan (2026–27)
7	Official State Portal	up.gov.in	state.bihar.gov.in	mp.gov.in	rajasthan.gov.in

Did You Know?
According to PRS Legislative Research's **State of State Finances 2026–27** report, Indian states together plan to spend **62% more than the Union Government** in 2026–27, with their combined fiscal deficit pegged at **2.9% of GDP**.

Exam Trap Alert:
Both **Uttar Pradesh** and **Rajasthan** presented their 2026–27 State Budgets on the exact same date — **11 February 2026** — whereas **Bihar** presented its budget on **3 February 2026** and **Madhya Pradesh** on **18 February 2026**.

★ Memory Formula:
Four State Budgets 2026–27 Chronology — "3 Feb Bihar (₹3.47L Cr), 11 Feb UP (₹9.12L Cr) & Rajasthan (₹24,313 Cr Rev Deficit), 18 Feb MP (₹4.38L Cr)"!

Chapter 9 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27 (Presented on 18 February 2026)	**Fiscal Deficit Target (2026–27)**	3.9% of GSDP (₹71,458 crore**).
Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 (Presented on 11 February 2026)	**Core Policy Pillars**	Empowerment of **GYAN** (*Garib*, *Yuva*, *Annadata*, *Nari*), Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana, Ken–Betwa and Parbati–Kalisindh–Chambal (PKC) river-linking irrigation projects, PM Shri Air Ambulance Service, and **Simhastha 2028 (Ujjain)** infrastructure preparations.
Integrated Comparative Table: UP, Bihar, MP & Rajasthan Budgets (2026–27)	**Revenue Deficit (2026–27)**	Estimated at **₹24,313 crore** (with fiscal deficit maintained within permissible FRBM limits).
Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27 (Presented on 18 February 2026)	**Drinking Tap Water & ERCP-PKC Link**	₹6,800 crore** proposed for tap water supply and water security.
Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 (Presented on 11 February 2026)	**Solar Parks & Renewable Energy**	₹3,000 crore** allocated for solar parks and green grid expansion.

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Integrated Comparative Table: UP, Bihar, MP & Rajasthan Budgets (2026–27)	**Youth Entrepreneurship**	Announcement of an **interest-free loan scheme up to ₹10 lakh** for young entrepreneurs.
Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27 (Presented on 18 February 2026)	**Expressways & Social Welfare**	Development of 9 Greenfield Expressways, Lakhpati Didi expansion, and Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana.

Chapter 9 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 9 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Fiscal Deficit Target (2026–27)): 3.9% of GSDP (₹71,458 crore**).

Statement-II (Core Policy Pillars): Empowerment of **GYAN** (*Garib*, *Yuva*, *Annadata*, *Nari*), Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana, Ken–Betwa and Parbati–Kalisindh–Chambal (PKC) river-linking irrigation projects, PM Shri Air Ambulance Service, and **Simhastha 2028 (Ujjain)** infrastructure preparations.

✓ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 9 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Revenue Deficit (2026–27)): Estimated at **₹24,313 crore** (with fiscal deficit maintained within permissible FRBM limits).

Statement-II (Drinking Tap Water & ERCP-PKC Link): ₹6,800 crore** proposed for tap water supply and water security.

✓ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 9 Statement-Verification Drill #3 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Solar Parks & Renewable Energy): ₹3,000 crore** allocated for solar parks and green grid expansion.

Statement-II (Youth Entrepreneurship): Announcement of an **interest-free loan scheme up to ₹10 lakh** for young entrepreneurs.

✓ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Book CA16: 45 Solved Multiple-Choice Practice Questions (MCQs)

Practice Question #1 — Solved Exam MCQ

Question 1. Which country did India defeat by 96 runs in the Final at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on 8 March 2026 to win a record third ICC Men's T20 World Cup title?
(A) South Africa
(B) New Zealand
(C) Australia
(D) England
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** India scored 255/5 and defeated New Zealand by 96 runs on 8 March 2026 to claim their third Men's T20 World Cup crown (2007, 2024, 2026).

Practice Question #2 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 2. What record total did India post in the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Final against New Zealand?
(A) 240/4
(B) 255/5
(C) 228/6
(D) 262/3
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** India posted 255/5 in 20 overs, the highest score ever recorded in a T20 World Cup Final.

Practice Question #3 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 3. Who was named Player of the Tournament in the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup?
(A) Jasprit Bumrah
(B) Sanju Samson
(C) Suryakumar Yadav
(D) Hardik Pandya
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Indian wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson was named Player of the Tournament.

Practice Question #4 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 4. Which two nations co-hosted the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, and how many teams participated?
(A) India and Sri Lanka — 20 teams
(B) India and Bangladesh — 16 teams
(C) West Indies and USA — 20 teams
(D) Australia and New Zealand — 18 teams
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka, the 10th edition featured 20 teams across 55 matches.

Practice Question #5 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 5. Who won the 10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Final held at Lord's, London on 5 July 2026?
(A) Australia (defeating England by 7 wickets)
(B) England (defeating Australia)
(C) India (defeating South Africa)
(D) New Zealand (defeating South Africa)
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Australia defeated host nation England by 7 wickets in the final at Lord's on 5 July 2026.

Practice Question #6 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 6. Which franchise won the TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 Final by 5 wickets?
(A) Chennai Super Kings
(B) Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)
(C) Mumbai Indians
(D) Kolkata Knight Riders
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) chased 155/8 by scoring 161/5 in 18 overs to win the IPL 2026 Final by 5 wickets.

Practice Question #7 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 7. Which team scripted history on 28 February 2026 by winning its maiden Ranji Trophy (2025–26) title against Karnataka on a 291-run first-innings lead?
(A) Saurashtra
(B) Vidarbha
(C) Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)
(D) Madhya Pradesh
Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** Jammu & Kashmir scored 584 in the first innings and bowled Karnataka out for 293 (Auqib Nabi 5/54) to clinch their maiden Ranji Trophy title.

Practice Question #8 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 8. Which Japanese prefecture/city hosted the 20th Asian Games from 19 September to 4 October 2026?
(A) Hangzhou, China
(B) Aichi–Nagoya, Japan
(C) Incheon, South Korea
(D) Doha, Qatar
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** The 20th Asian Games 2026 were hosted by Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya in Japan.

Practice Question #9 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 9. What was India's final medal count and rank at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi–Nagoya?
(A) 107 medals (28G, 38S, 41B) — 4th place
(B) 85 medals (21 Gold, 27 Silver, 37 Bronze) — 4th place
(C) 70 medals (16G, 24S, 30B) — 5th place
(D) 92 medals (25G, 30S, 37B) — 3rd place
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** India finished 4th overall at Aichi–Nagoya 2026 with 85 medals: 21 Gold, 27 Silver, and 37 Bronze.

Practice Question #10 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 10. Which Indian para-archery pair won the Gold medal in the Compound Mixed Team event at the 2026 Asian Para Games by defeating Indonesia 151–148?
(A) Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar
(B) Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar
(C) Harvinder Singh and Pooja
(D) Payal Nag and Toman Kumar
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar won the Compound Mixed Team Gold at the Aichi–Nagoya Asian Para Games 2026.

Practice Question #11 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 11. Which three Indian para-athletes completed a 1–2–3 podium sweep in the Men's High Jump T63 Final at the 2026 Asian Para Games?
(A) Shailesh Kumar (Gold), Varun Bhati (Silver), and Rahul (Bronze)
(B) Nishad Kumar, Ram Pal, and Praveen Kumar
(C) Mariyappan Thangavelu, Sharad Kumar, and Varun Bhati
(D) Sachin Khilari, Devender Kumar, and Ayush Verma
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Shailesh Kumar (1.89m), Varun Bhati (1.84m), and Rahul (1.81m) swept Gold, Silver, and Bronze on 22 October 2026.

Practice Question #12 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 12. Which city hosted the 23rd Commonwealth Games from 23 July to 2 August 2026 across 11 sports?
(A) Birmingham, England
(B) Glasgow, Scotland
(C) Gold Coast, Australia
(D) Victoria, Australia
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Glasgow, Scotland hosted the 23rd Commonwealth Games in July–August 2026 with 74 nations competing across 11 sports.

Practice Question #13 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 13. What was India's final medal tally and position at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow?
(A) 61 medals (22G, 16S, 23B) — 4th place
(B) 39 medals (13 Gold, 17 Silver, 9 Bronze) — 4th place
(C) 45 medals (15G, 15S, 15B) — 3rd place
(D) 32 medals (10G, 12S, 10B) — 5th place
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** India finished 4th overall in Glasgow 2026 with 39 medals (13 Gold, 17 Silver, 9 Bronze).

Practice Question #14 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 14. Which nation topped the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games medal table with 171 medals (70 Gold, 45 Silver, 56 Bronze)?
(A) England
(B) Australia
(C) Canada
(D) Scotland
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Australia topped the Glasgow 2026 medal table with 70 Gold, 45 Silver, and 56 Bronze (171 total).

Practice Question #15 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 15. Which country topped the medal table at the 25th Winter Olympic Games (Milano–Cortina, Italy, 6–22 February 2026) with 41 medals?
(A) Germany
(B) Norway
(C) United States
(D) Canada
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Norway finished first overall at the Milano–Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics with 41 medals.

Practice Question #16 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 16. Which nation won the 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 Final on 19 July 2026 at New York New Jersey Stadium by defeating Argentina 1–0 in extra time?
(A) France
(B) Spain
(C) England
(D) Brazil
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Spain defeated Argentina 1–0 in extra time to win their second FIFA World Cup title.

Practice Question #17 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 17. Who won the Golden Ball (Best Player) and Golden Boot (Top Scorer) awards at the FIFA World Cup 2026?
(A) Rodri (Golden Ball) and Kylian Mbappé (Golden Boot)
(B) Lionel Messi and Julián Álvarez
(C) Lamine Yamal and Harry Kane
(D) Pau Cubarsí and Unai Simón
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Spain's Rodri won the Golden Ball, France's Kylian Mbappé won the Golden Boot, Unai Simón won the Golden Glove, and Pau Cubarsí won Best Young Player.

Practice Question #18 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 18. Who won the Men's Singles and Women's Singles titles at the 2026 Australian Open?
(A) Carlos Alcaraz and Elena Rybakina
(B) Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka
(C) Novak Djokovic and Iga Świątek
(D) Alexander Zverev and Coco Gauff
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Carlos Alcaraz and Elena Rybakina won the 2026 Australian Open singles crowns.

Practice Question #19 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 19. Who won the Men's Singles and Women's Singles titles at the 2026 French Open (Roland-Garros)?
(A) Alexander Zverev and Mirra Andreeva
(B) Carlos Alcaraz and Iga Świątek
(C) Casper Ruud and Jasmine Paolini
(D) Jannik Sinner and Elena Rybakina
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Alexander Zverev (Germany) and Mirra Andreeva (Russia) won the 2026 French Open singles titles.

Practice Question #20 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 20. Who won the Men's Singles and Ladies' Singles titles at the 2026 Wimbledon Championships?
(A) Jannik Sinner and Linda Nosková
(B) Novak Djokovic and Barbora Krejčíková
(C) Carlos Alcaraz and Elena Rybakina
(D) Alexander Zverev and Karolína Muchová
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Jannik Sinner defeated Alexander Zverev and Linda Nosková defeated Karolína Muchová to win Wimbledon 2026.

Practice Question #21 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 21. Who won the Men's Singles and Women's Singles titles at the 2026 US Open?
(A) Alexander Zverev (def. Ben Shelton) and Elena Rybakina (def. Aryna Sabalenka)
(B) Jannik Sinner and Coco Gauff
(C) Carlos Alcaraz and Jessica Pegula
(D) Taylor Fritz and Iga Świątek
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Alexander Zverev and Elena Rybakina won the 2026 US Open singles titles.

Practice Question #22 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 22. Which nations won Gold in the Open and Women's sections of the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026 held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan?
(A) Uzbekistan (Open) and China (Women)
(B) India (Open) and India (Women)
(C) USA (Open) and Georgia (Women)
(D) China (Open) and Ukraine (Women)
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Uzbekistan won the Open Gold and China won the Women's Gold at the 46th Chess Olympiad in Samarkand.

Practice Question #23 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 23. Who won the Open and Women's FIDE Candidates Tournaments 2026 held in Paphos, Cyprus in April 2026?
(A) Javokhir Sindarov (Open) and Vaishali Rameshbabu (Women)
(B) Fabiano Caruana and Tan Zhongyi
(C) R. Praggnanandhaa and Koneru Humpy
(D) Nodirbek Abdusattorov and Bibisara Assaubayeva
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Uzbek GM Javokhir Sindarov (10/14) and Indian GM Vaishali Rameshbabu (8.5/14) won the 2026 Candidates Tournaments.

Practice Question #24 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 24. Where was the Indo-US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026' conducted in September 2026?
(A) Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan
(B) Auli, Uttarakhand
(C) Umroi, Meghalaya
(D) Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Indian and US Army troops conducted Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 near Auli, Uttarakhand (MoD Portal).

Practice Question #25 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 25. Exercise 'Mountain Guardian 2026' was a joint military exercise between India and which country?
(A) Japan
(B) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
(C) Nepal
(D) France
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Mountain Guardian 2026 was conducted between India and the UAE.

Practice Question #26 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 26. Which trio of exercises represents India's bilateral Army, Navy, and Air Force exercises with France?
(A) Shakti (Army), Varuna (Navy), Garuda (Air Force)
(B) Mitra Shakti, Konkan, Indradhanush
(C) Dharma Guardian, JIMEX, Veer Guardian
(D) Vajra Prahar, Malabar, Cope India
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** India conducts Shakti (Army), Varuna (Navy), and Garuda (Air Force) with France (MoD Portal).

Practice Question #27 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 27. With which three Central Asian nations does India conduct exercises 'Dustlik', 'Khanjar', and 'KAZIND' respectively?
(A) Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan
(B) Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan
(C) Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Mongolia
(D) Uzbekistan, Russia, and Belarus
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Dustlik is with Uzbekistan, Khanjar with Kyrgyzstan, and KAZIND with Kazakhstan.

Practice Question #28 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 28. Which four QUAD nations participate in the multilateral naval exercise 'Malabar'?
(A) India, USA, Japan, and Australia
(B) India, USA, France, and UK
(C) India, Japan, South Korea, and Philippines
(D) India, Australia, Singapore, and Indonesia
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Exercise Malabar brings together the navies of India, the United States, Japan, and Australia.

Practice Question #29 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 29. What is the total budget outlay of the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 presented by Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna on 11 February 2026?
(A) ₹8,08,736 crore
(B) ₹9,12,696.35 crore
(C) ₹7,36,437 crore
(D) ₹9,85,200 crore
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** The total outlay of the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 is ₹9,12,696.35 crore, an increase of 12.9% over the previous year (**UP Portal**).

Practice Question #30 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 30. What is the projected Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Uttar Pradesh for 2026–27 at current prices?
(A) ₹32.5 lakh crore
(B) ₹39.8 lakh crore
(C) ₹44.2 lakh crore
(D) ₹28.9 lakh crore
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Uttar Pradesh's GSDP for 2026–27 is projected at ₹39.8 lakh crore (**UP Portal**).

Practice Question #31 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 31. What are the targeted Fiscal Deficit and Revenue Surplus (as percentages of GSDP) in the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27?
(A) Fiscal Deficit 3.0% and Revenue Surplus 1.6%
(B) Fiscal Deficit 3.5% and Revenue Surplus 2.1%
(C) Fiscal Deficit 2.8% and Revenue Surplus 1.2%
(D) Fiscal Deficit 3.9% and Revenue Surplus 0.8%
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** UP Budget 2026–27 targets a fiscal deficit of 3.0% of GSDP and a revenue surplus of 1.6% of GSDP.

Practice Question #32 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 32. What are the allocations for Health, Infrastructure, and the Textile Sector in the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27?
(A) Health ₹37,956 crore, Infrastructure ₹27,103 crore, and Textiles ₹5,041 crore
(B) Health ₹25,000 crore, Infrastructure ₹18,000 crore, and Textiles ₹2,500 crore
(C) Health ₹42,000 crore, Infrastructure ₹35,000 crore, and Textiles ₹8,000 crore
(D) Health ₹30,100 crore, Infrastructure ₹22,400 crore, and Textiles ₹3,200 crore
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** UP Budget 2026–27 allocates ₹37,956 crore for health, ₹27,103 crore for infrastructure, and ₹5,041 crore for textiles (**UP Portal**).

Practice Question #33 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 33. How much funding is allocated in the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 for the dedicated scooter scheme for meritorious girl students?
(A) ₹200 crore
(B) ₹400 crore
(C) ₹600 crore
(D) ₹1,000 crore
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** The budget includes a ₹400 crore allocation for the dedicated scooter scheme.

Practice Question #34 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 34. At which NTPC campus in Uttar Pradesh was a megawatt-level grid-scale Vanadium Redox Flow Battery inaugurated?
(A) NTPC NETRA Campus, Dadri (Gautam Buddha Nagar)
(B) Rihand (Sonbhadra)
(C) Unchahar (Raebareli)
(D) Tanda (Ambedkar Nagar)
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** The megawatt-level Vanadium Redox Flow Battery was inaugurated at NTPC NETRA Campus, Dadri, Uttar Pradesh.

Practice Question #35 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 35. What is the total expenditure outlay of the Bihar Budget 2026–27 presented on 3 February 2026?
(A) ₹2,78,725 crore
(B) ₹3,16,895 crore
(C) ₹3,47,589.76 crore
(D) ₹3,85,120 crore
Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** The total expenditure outlay of the Bihar Budget 2026–27 is ₹3,47,589.76 crore (**Bihar Portal**).

Practice Question #36 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 36. What is the percentage share of Revenue Expenditure and Capital Expenditure in the Bihar Budget 2026–27?
(A) 81.74% (Revenue) and 18.26% (Capital)
(B) 75.50% and 24.50%
(C) 85.20% and 14.80%
(D) 78.00% and 22.00%
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Revenue expenditure is ₹2,84,133.92 crore (81.74%) and capital expenditure is ₹63,455.84 crore (18.26%) (**Bihar Portal**).

Practice Question #37 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 37. What is the targeted Fiscal Deficit of Bihar for 2026–27?
(A) ₹39,112 crore (3.0% of GSDP)
(B) ₹29,095 crore (2.98% of GSDP)
(C) ₹45,200 crore (3.5% of GSDP)
(D) ₹32,500 crore (2.5% of GSDP)
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Fiscal deficit for Bihar in 2026–27 is targeted at 3.0% of GSDP (₹39,112 crore).

Practice Question #38 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 38. Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake, 'Kabartal' (Kanwar Taal, formed by the Burhi Gandak river), is located in which district of Bihar?
(A) Jamui
(B) Begusarai
(C) West Champaran
(D) Katihar
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Kabartal (Kanwar Taal) is located in Begusarai district and is Bihar's first Ramsar wetland.

Practice Question #39 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 39. What are the total budget allocation and projected GSDP in the Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27 presented by FM Jagdish Devda on 18 February 2026?
(A) Budget ₹4,38,317 crore and GSDP ₹18,48,274 crore
(B) Budget ₹3,75,000 crore and GSDP ₹15,20,000 crore
(C) Budget ₹4,90,000 crore and GSDP ₹21,00,000 crore
(D) Budget ₹4,10,500 crore and GSDP ₹16,80,000 crore
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27 outlines a ₹4,38,317 crore allocation and estimates GSDP at ₹18,48,274 crore (**MP Portal**).

Practice Question #40 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 40. What is the targeted Fiscal Deficit in the Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27?
(A) ₹71,458 crore (3.9% of GSDP)
(B) ₹55,200 crore (3.0% of GSDP)
(C) ₹62,100 crore (3.5% of GSDP)
(D) ₹80,400 crore (4.2% of GSDP)
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Fiscal deficit for Madhya Pradesh in 2026–27 is targeted at 3.9% of GSDP (₹71,458 crore).

Practice Question #41 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 41. What is the estimated revenue deficit in the Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 presented by Deputy CM Diya Kumari on 11 February 2026?
(A) ₹18,500 crore
(B) ₹24,313 crore
(C) ₹31,200 crore
(D) ₹15,400 crore
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Diya Kumari presented a ₹24,313-crore revenue deficit Rajasthan Budget for 2026–27 (**Rajasthan Portal**).

Practice Question #42 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 42. How much funding was proposed for tap water supply and solar parks respectively in the Rajasthan Budget 2026–27?
(A) ₹6,800 crore for tap water and ₹3,000 crore for solar parks
(B) ₹4,000 crore and ₹1,500 crore
(C) ₹9,000 crore and ₹5,000 crore
(D) ₹5,200 crore and ₹2,100 crore
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 proposed ₹6,800 crore for tap water and ₹3,000 crore for solar parks (Rajasthan Portal).

Practice Question #43 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 43. Up to what amount did Deputy CM Diya Kumari announce interest-free loans for young entrepreneurs in the Rajasthan Budget 2026–27?
(A) ₹5 lakh
(B) ₹10 lakh
(C) ₹15 lakh
(D) ₹25 lakh
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** The Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 announced interest-free loans of up to ₹10 lakh for youth entrepreneurship.

Practice Question #44 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 44. Which archaeologist from Madhya Pradesh and which folk musicians from Rajasthan were conferred the Padma Shri in 2026?
(A) Narayan Vyas (MP — Archaeology) and Gafruddin Mewati Jogi & Taga Ram Bheel (Rajasthan — Art)
(B) Bhagwandas Raikwar and Kailash Chandra Pant
(C) Buddha Rashmi Mani and Chiranji Lal Yadav
(D) Gopal Ji Trivedi and Bharat Singh Bharti
Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Archaeologist Narayan Vyas (MP) and folk artists Gafruddin Mewati Jogi and Taga Ram Bheel (Rajasthan) received the Padma Shri 2026 (PIB Portal).

Practice Question #45 Solved Exam MCQ

Question 45. Which state's 2026–27 Budget explicitly targets reducing its Debt-to-GSDP ratio to approximately 23.1% by the end of the fiscal year?
(A) Bihar
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh
(D) Rajasthan
Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** The Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 emphasizes fiscal sustainability by targeting a reduction in the debt ratio to 23.1% (UP Portal).

Extended Comparative & Analytical Practice Set (Questions 46 to 50)

Practice Question #46 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q46. With reference to Exercise Name (2026) and Participating Partner Nation(s), which of the following is accurately matched with "Exercise Malabar 2026"?

(A) QUAD Nations (India, USA, Japan & Australia)
(B) Multilateral (Hosted by India)
(C) India & United Kingdom (UK)
(D) India & Indo-Pacific Partners

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Exercise Malabar 2026** (Exercise Name (2026)), the verified Participating Partner Nation(s) is **QUAD Nations (India, USA, Japan & Australia)**. Furthermore, Navy (Multilateral). (Source: पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #47 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q47. With reference to Exercise Name (2026) and Participating Partner Nation(s), which of the following is accurately matched with "Tarang Shakti & MILAN 2026"?

(A) India & United Kingdom (UK)
(B) Multilateral (Hosted by India)
(C) India & Indo-Pacific Partners
(D) India–Saudi Arabia & India–Egypt

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **Tarang Shakti & MILAN 2026** (Exercise Name (2026)), the verified Participating Partner Nation(s) is **Multilateral (Hosted by India)**. Furthermore, Air Force (Tarang Shakti) & Navy (MILAN — Visakhapatnam). (Source: पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #48 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q48. With reference to Exercise Name (2026) and Participating Partner Nation(s), which of the following is accurately matched with "Ajeya Warrior, Konkan & Cobra Warrior"?

(A) India & Indo-Pacific Partners
(B) India–Saudi Arabia & India–Egypt
(C) India & United Kingdom (UK)
(D) QUAD Nations (India, USA, Japan & Australia)

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Ajeya Warrior, Konkan & Cobra Warrior** (Exercise Name (2026)), the verified Participating Partner Nation(s) is **India & United Kingdom (UK)**. Furthermore, Army, Navy & Air Force. (Source: पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #49 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q49. With reference to Exercise Name (2026) and Participating Partner Nation(s), which of the following is accurately matched with "Harimau Shakti (Malaysia), Garuda Shakti (Indonesia), SIMBEX (Singapore) & AustraHind (Australia)"?

(A) India–Saudi Arabia & India–Egypt
(B) QUAD Nations (India, USA, Japan & Australia)
(C) Multilateral (Hosted by India)
(D) India & Indo-Pacific Partners

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Harimau Shakti (Malaysia), Garuda Shakti (Indonesia), SIMBEX (Singapore) & AustraHind (Australia)** (Exercise Name (2026)), the verified Participating Partner Nation(s) is **India & Indo-Pacific Partners**. Furthermore, Army & Navy. (Source: पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #50 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q50. With reference to Exercise Name (2026) and Participating Partner Nation(s), which of the following is accurately matched with "Sada Tanseeq (Saudi Arabia) & Cyclone (Egypt)"?

(A) India–Saudi Arabia & India–Egypt
(B) QUAD Nations (India, USA, Japan & Australia)
(C) Multilateral (Hosted by India)
(D) India & United Kingdom (UK)

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Sada Tanseeq (Saudi Arabia) & Cyclone (Egypt)** (Exercise Name (2026)), the verified Participating Partner Nation(s) is **India–Saudi Arabia & India–Egypt**. Furthermore, Army / Special Forces. (Source: पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy).

Book CA*16: 65* Rapid-Fire Revision Points

• 1. **10th ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 Champion: India** defeated **New Zealand by 96 runs** on 8 March 2026 at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad to win a record 3rd title (**IUC Academy**).

• 2. **Highest Score in a T20 WC Final:** India posted **255/5** in the 2026 Final against New Zealand.

• 3. **Historic Firsts by India in 2026 T20 WC:** First team to win consecutive Men's T20 World Cups (2024 & 2026) and first host nation to lift the trophy on home soil.

• 4. **Men's T20 World Cup 2026 Player of the Tournament: Sanju Samson** (India).

• 5. **Men's T20 World Cup 2026 Co-Hosts & Format:** Co-hosted by **India and Sri Lanka** (20 teams, 55 matches across 8 venues; included Italy and Nepal).

• 6. **10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Champion: Australia** defeated hosts **England by 7 wickets** in the Final at **Lord's, London** on 5 July 2026.

• 7. **Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Host & Format:** Hosted by **England and Wales** from 12 June to 5 July 2026 (12 teams, 33 matches).

• 8. **TATA IPL 2026 Champion: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)** defeated the finalists by **5 wickets** (chasing 155/8 with 161/5 in 18 overs).

• 9. **Ranji Trophy 2025–26 Champion (28 Feb 2026): Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)** won their **maiden Ranji Trophy title** against **Karnataka** on a 291-run first-innings lead.

• 10. **Ranji Trophy 2025–26 Final Performers:** J&K scored 584 in the 1st innings (Shubham Pundir 121) and pacer **Auqib Nabi** took 5/54 to bowl Karnataka out for 293.

• 11. **20th Asian Games 2026 Host City: Aichi–Nagoya, Japan** (19 September – 4 October 2026).

• 12. **India's Medal Tally at Asian Games 2026: 85 medals (21 Gold, 27 Silver, 37 Bronze) — 4th place** on the medal table (IUC Academy).

• 13. **Asian Games 2026 Shooting Highlights: Himanshu Dhillon** (Silver) and **Rudrankksh Patil** (Bronze) in Men's 10m Air Rifle; **Elavenil Valarivan** won Silver in Women's 10m Air Rifle.

• 14. **Asian Para Games 2026 (Aichi–Nagoya) Archery Gold: Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar** defeated Indonesia 151–148 to win Compound Mixed Team Gold.

• 15. **Three Indian Podium Clean Sweeps at Asian Para Games 2026:** (1) Men's High Jump T63 (**Shailesh Kumar** Gold 1.89m, **Varun Bhati** Silver, **Rahul** Bronze), (2) Men's Shot Put F46 (**Sachin Khilari** Gold), and (3) Men's Discus F44/64 (**Devender Kumar** Gold).

• 16. **Asian Para Games 2026 Shot Put F53 Gold:** Won by Indian para-athlete **Ayush Verma** (8.16 metres).

• 17. **23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 Host City: Glasgow, Scotland** (23 July – 2 August 2026; 74 nations, 11 sports).

• 18. **India's Medal Tally at Glasgow CWG 2026: 39 medals (13 Gold, 17 Silver, 9 Bronze) — 4th place** overall (IUC Academy).

• 19. **Glasgow CWG 2026 Top Nation: Australia** finished 1st with **171 medals (70 Gold, 45 Silver, 56 Bronze)**.

• 20. **25th Winter Olympic Games 2026 Host: Milano–Cortina, Italy** (6–22 February 2026; Mascots: Tina & Milo).

• 21. **Winter Olympics 2026 Medal Table Leader: Norway** topped the table with **41 medals** overall.

• 22. **23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 Co-Hosts: United States, Canada, and Mexico** (first 48-team World Cup).

• 23. **FIFA World Cup 2026 Champion: Spain** defeated **Argentina 1–0 in extra time** on 19 July 2026 at New York New Jersey Stadium.

• 24. **FIFA World Cup 2026 Award Winners:** Golden Ball — **Rodri** (Spain); Golden Boot — **Kylian Mbappé** (France); Golden Glove — **Unai Simón** (Spain); Best Young Player — **Pau Cubarsí** (Spain).

• 25. **Australian Open 2026 Singles Champions:** Men's — **Carlos Alcaraz** (Spain); Women's — **Elena Rybakina** (Kazakhstan).

• 26. **French Open 2026 Singles Champions:** Men's — **Alexander Zverev** (Germany); Women's — **Mirra Andreeva** (Russia).

• 27. **Wimbledon 2026 Singles Champions:** Men's — **Jannik Sinner** (Italy); Ladies' — **Linda Nosková** (Czech Republic).

• 28. **US Open 2026 Singles Champions:** Men's — **Alexander Zverev** (Germany); Women's — **Elena Rybakina** (Kazakhstan).

• 29. **46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026 (Samarkand, Uzbekistan): Uzbekistan** won Open Gold; **China** won Women's Gold.

• 30. **FIDE Candidates Tournaments 2026 (Paphos, Cyprus): Javokhir Sindarov** (Uzbekistan) won Open Candidates; **Vaishali Rameshbabu** (India) won Women's Candidates.

• 31. **World Chess Championship 2026 Matchup:** Reigning World Champion **Gukesh Dommaraju (India)** vs. Challenger **Javokhir Sindarov (Uzbekistan)**.

• 32. **Thomas Cup Badminton 2026: China** won the title; **India** secured the Bronze medal.

• 33. **Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026:** Indo-US joint Army exercise conducted near **Auli, Uttarakhand** in September 2026 (**MoD Portal**).

• 34. **Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026:** Bilateral military exercise between **India and the UAE**.

• 35. **Indo-French Military Exercises:** Army — **Shakti**; Navy — **Varuna**; Air Force — **Garuda**.

• 36. **Indo-Japanese Military Exercises:** Army — **Dharma Guardian**; Navy — **JIMEX**; Air Force — **Veer Guardian** & **Shinyuu Maitri**.

• 37. **Army Exercises with Neighbours: Surya Kiran** (Nepal), **Mitra Shakti** (Sri Lanka), **Sampriti** (Bangladesh).

• 38. **Central Asian Military Exercises: Dustlik** (Uzbekistan), **Khanjar** (Kyrgyzstan), and **KAZIND** (Kazakhstan).

• 39. **Exercise Malabar 2026:** Multilateral naval exercise of the **QUAD** nations (India, USA, Japan, Australia).

• 40. **Tarang Shakti & MILAN:** India's largest multilateral Air Force exercise (**Tarang Shakti**) and multilateral Naval exercise (**MILAN**, Visakhapatnam).

• 41. **Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 Date & Presenter:** Presented on **11 February 2026** by Finance Minister **Shri Suresh Kumar Khanna** (**UP Portal**).

• 42. **Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 Total Size: ₹9,12,696.35 crore** (12.9% increase; net expenditure ₹8.51 lakh crore).

• 43. **Uttar Pradesh Projected GSDP (2026–27): ₹39.8 lakh crore** at current prices.

• 44. **Uttar Pradesh Fiscal Deficit & Revenue Surplus (2026–27):** Fiscal Deficit at **3.0% of GSDP** and Revenue Surplus at **1.6% of GSDP**.

• 45. **Uttar Pradesh Debt-to-GSDP Target (2026–27):** Projected to reduce to **23.1%**.

• 46. **Uttar Pradesh Key Sectoral Allocations (2026–27):** Health — **₹37,956 crore**; Infrastructure — **₹27,103 crore**; Textiles — **₹5,041 crore**.

• 47. **Uttar Pradesh Girl Student Scooter Scheme:** Allocated **₹400 crore** in Budget 2026–27 alongside Safe City expansion.

• 48. **Uttar Pradesh Padma Awards 2026 (11 Total): 1 Padma Vibhushan** (Ms. N. Rajam) and **10 Padma Shri** awards (**UP Portal**).

• 49. **NTPC NETRA Campus (Dadri, UP):** Inauguration of megawatt-level grid-scale **Vanadium Redox Flow Battery**.

• 50. **Bihar Budget 2026–27 Date & Presenter:** Presented on **3 February 2026** by Deputy CM & Finance Minister **Shri Samrat Choudhary** (**Bihar Portal**).

• 51. **Bihar Budget 2026–27 Total Outlay: ₹3,47,589.76 crore**.

• 52. **Bihar Budget 2026–27 Expenditure Split:** Revenue Expenditure — **₹2,84,133.92 crore (81.74%)**; Capital Expenditure — **₹63,455.84 crore (18.26%)**.

• 53. **Bihar Fiscal Deficit (2026–27):** Targeted at **3.0% of GSDP (₹39,112 crore)**.

• 54. **Bihar Total Receipts & Net Tax Revenue (2026–27):** Total receipts **₹2.85 lakh crore**; net tax revenue **₹2.24 lakh crore**.

• 55. **Bihar Padma Awards 2026 (3 Padma Shri): Bharat Singh Bharti** (Art), **Bishwa Bandhu** (Posthumous, Art), and **Gopal Ji Trivedi** (Science & Engineering) (Bihar Portal).

• 56. **Kabartal (Kanwar Taal), Begusarai:** Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake formed by the Burhi Gandak river and Bihar's first Ramsar site.

• 57. **Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27 Date & Presenter:** Presented on **18 February 2026** by Deputy CM & Finance Minister **Shri Jagdish Devda** (MP Portal).

• 58. **Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27 Total Outlay & GSDP:** Outlay **₹4,38,317 crore**; Projected GSDP **₹18,48,274 crore**.

• 59. **Madhya Pradesh Fiscal Deficit (2026–27):** Targeted at **3.9% of GSDP (₹71,458 crore)**.

• 60. **Madhya Pradesh Padma Awards 2026 (4 Padma Shri): Bhagwandas Raikwar** (Sports), **Kailash Chandra Pant** (Lit & Edu), **Mohan Nagar** (Social Work), and **Narayan Vyas** (Archaeology) (MP Portal).

• 61. **Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 Date & Presenter:** Presented on **11 February 2026** by Deputy CM & Finance Minister **Ms. Diya Kumari** (Rajasthan Portal).

• 62. **Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 Revenue Deficit:** Estimated at **₹24,313 crore**.

• 63. **Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 Water & Solar Allocations: ₹6,800 crore** for drinking tap water and **₹3,000 crore** for solar parks.

• 64. **Rajasthan Youth Entrepreneurship Loan:** Interest-free loans of **up to ₹10 lakh** announced in Budget 2026–27.

• 65. **Rajasthan Padma Awards 2026 (3 Padma Shri): Gafruddin Mewati Jogi** (Art), **Swami Brahmdev Ji Maharaj** (Social Work), and **Taga Ram Bheel** (Art) (Rajasthan Portal).

Appendix 1: Complete Official Directory of All 113 Padma Shri 2026 Laureates (SN 19 to 131)

Per the official notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Press Information Bureau (PIB Portal) dated 25 January 2026, the complete list of all 113 Padma Shri awardees (Serial Numbers 19 to 131, following the 5 Padma Vibhushan and 13 Padma Bhushan awardees) is provided below:

Padma SN	Name of Padma Shri 2026 Laureate	Field / Discipline	State / Country	Official Source
19	**Shri A. E. Muthunayagam**	Science and Engineering	Kerala	PIB Portal

Padma SN	Name of Padma Shri 2026 Laureate	Field / Discipline	State / Country	Official Source
20	**Shri Anil Kumar Rastogi**	Art	Uttar Pradesh	PIB Portal
21	**Shri Anke Gowda M.**	Social Work	Karnataka	PIB Portal
22	**Ms. Armida Fernandez**	Medicine	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
23	**Shri Arvind Vaidya**	Art	Gujarat	PIB Portal
24	**Shri Ashok Khade**	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
25	**Shri Ashok Kumar Singh**	Science and Engineering	Uttar Pradesh	PIB Portal
26	**Shri Asok Kumar Haldar**	Literature and Education	West Bengal	PIB Portal
27	**Shri Baldev Singh**	Sports	Punjab	PIB Portal
28	**Shri Bhagwandas Raikwar**	Sports	Madhya Pradesh	PIB Portal
29	**Shri Bharat Singh Bharti**	Art	Bihar	PIB Portal
30	**Shri Bhiklya Ladakya Dhinda**	Art	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
31	**Shri Bishwa Bandhu (Posthumous)**	Art	Bihar	PIB Portal
32	**Shri Brij Lal Bhat**	Social Work	Jammu and Kashmir	PIB Portal
33	**Shri Buddha Rashmi Mani**	Others — Archaeology	Uttar Pradesh	PIB Portal
34	**Dr. Budhri Tati**	Social Work	Chhattisgarh	PIB Portal
35	**Shri Chandramouli Gaddamanugu**	Science and Engineering	Telangana	PIB Portal
36	**Shri Charan Hembram**	Literature and Education	Odisha	PIB Portal
37	**Shri Chiranji Lal Yadav**	Art	Uttar Pradesh	PIB Portal
38	**Ms. Deepika Reddy**	Art	Telangana	PIB Portal
39	**Shri Dharmiklal Chunilal Pandya**	Art	Gujarat	PIB Portal
40	**Shri Gadde Babu Rajendra Prasad**	Art	Andhra Pradesh	PIB Portal
41	**Shri Gafruddin Mewati Jogi**	Art	Rajasthan	PIB Portal
42	**Shri Gambir Singh Yonzone**	Literature and Education	West Bengal	PIB Portal
43	**Shri Garimella Balakrishna Prasad (Posthumous)**	Art	Andhra Pradesh	PIB Portal
44	**Ms. Gayatri Balasubramanian and Ms. Ranjani Balasubramanian (Duo)**	Art	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal

Padma SN	Name of Padma Shri 2026 Laureate	Field / Discipline	State / Country	Official Source
45	**Shri Gopal Ji Trivedi**	Science and Engineering	Bihar	PIB Portal
46	**Shri Guduru Venkat Rao**	Medicine	Telangana	PIB Portal
47	**Shri H. V. Hande**	Medicine	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal
48	**Shri Hally War**	Social Work	Meghalaya	PIB Portal
49	**Shri Hari Madhab Mukhopadhyay (Posthumous)**	Art	West Bengal	PIB Portal
50	**Shri Haricharan Saikia**	Art	Assam	PIB Portal
51	**Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur Bhullar**	Sports	Punjab	PIB Portal
52	**Shri Inderjit Singh Sidhu**	Social Work	Chandigarh	PIB Portal
53	**Shri Janardan Bapurao Bothe**	Social Work	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
54	**Shri Jogesh Deuri**	Others — Agriculture	Assam	PIB Portal
55	**Shri Juzer Vasi**	Science and Engineering	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
56	**Shri Jyotish Debnath**	Art	West Bengal	PIB Portal
57	**Shri K. Pajanivel**	Sports	Puducherry	PIB Portal
58	**Shri K. Ramasamy**	Science and Engineering	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal
59	**Shri K. Vijay Kumar**	Civil Service	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal
60	**Shri Kabindra Purkayastha (Posthumous)**	Public Affairs	Assam	PIB Portal
61	**Shri Kailash Chandra Pant**	Literature and Education	Madhya Pradesh	PIB Portal
62	**Ms. Kalamandalam Vimala Menon**	Art	Kerala	PIB Portal
63	**Shri Kewal Krishan Thakral**	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh	PIB Portal
64	**Shri Khem Raj Sundriyal**	Art	Haryana	PIB Portal
65	**Ms. Kollakal Devaki Amma G.**	Social Work	Kerala	PIB Portal
66	**Shri Krishnamurty Balasubramanian**	Science and Engineering	Telangana	PIB Portal
67	**Shri Kumar Bose**	Art	West Bengal	PIB Portal
68	**Shri Kumarasamy Thangaraj**	Science and Engineering	Telangana	PIB Portal
69	**Prof. (Dr.) Lars-Christian Koch**	Art	Germany	PIB Portal

Padma SN	Name of Padma Shri 2026 Laureate	Field / Discipline	State / Country	Official Source
70	**Ms. Liudmila Viktorovna Khokhlova**	Literature and Education	Russia	PIB Portal
71	**Shri Madhavan Ranganathan**	Art	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
72	**Shri Maganti Murali Mohan**	Art	Andhra Pradesh	PIB Portal
73	**Shri Mahendra Kumar Mishra**	Literature and Education	Odisha	PIB Portal
74	**Shri Mahendra Nath Roy**	Literature and Education	West Bengal	PIB Portal
75	**Shri Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar**	Literature and Education	Delhi	PIB Portal
76	**Ms. Mangala Kapoor**	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh	PIB Portal
77	**Shri Mir Hajibhai Kasambhai**	Art	Gujarat	PIB Portal
78	**Shri Mohan Nagar**	Social Work	Madhya Pradesh	PIB Portal
79	**Shri Narayan Vyas**	Others — Archaeology	Madhya Pradesh	PIB Portal
80	**Shri Naresh Chandra Dev Varma**	Literature and Education	Tripura	PIB Portal
81	**Shri Nilesh Vinodchandra Mandlewala**	Social Work	Gujarat	PIB Portal
82	**Shri Nuruddin Ahmed**	Art	Assam	PIB Portal
83	**Shri Othuvaar Thiruthani Swaminathan**	Art	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal
84	**Dr. Padma Gurmet**	Medicine	Ladakh	PIB Portal
85	**Shri Palkonda Vijay Anand Reddy**	Medicine	Telangana	PIB Portal
86	**Ms. Pokhila Lekthepi**	Art	Assam	PIB Portal
87	**Dr. Prabhakar Basavprabhu Kore**	Literature and Education	Karnataka	PIB Portal
88	**Shri Prateek Sharma**	Medicine	United States of America	PIB Portal
89	**Shri Praveen Kumar**	Sports	Uttar Pradesh	PIB Portal
90	**Shri Prem Lal Gautam**	Science and Engineering	Himachal Pradesh	PIB Portal
91	**Shri Prosenjit Chatterjee**	Art	West Bengal	PIB Portal
92	**Dr. Punniamurthy Natesan**	Medicine	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal
93	**Shri R. Krishnan (Posthumous)**	Art	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal

Padma SN	Name of Padma Shri 2026 Laureate	Field / Discipline	State / Country	Official Source
94	**Shri R. V. S. Mani**	Civil Service	Delhi	PIB Portal
95	**Shri Rabilal Tudu**	Literature and Education	West Bengal	PIB Portal
96	**Shri Raghupat Singh (Posthumous)**	Others — Agriculture	Uttar Pradesh	PIB Portal
97	**Shri Raghuveer Tukaram Khedkar**	Art	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
98	**Shri Rajastapathi Kaliappa Goundar**	Art	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal
99	**Shri Rajendra Prasad**	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh	PIB Portal
100	**Shri Rama Reddy Mamidi (Posthumous)**	Others — Animal Husbandry	Telangana	PIB Portal
101	**Shri Ramamurthy Sreedher**	Others — Radio Broadcasting	Delhi	PIB Portal
102	**Shri Ramchandra Godbole and Ms. Suneeta Godbole (Duo)**	Medicine	Chhattisgarh	PIB Portal
103	**Shri Ratilal Borisagar**	Literature and Education	Gujarat	PIB Portal
104	**Shri Rohit Sharma**	Sports	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
105	**Ms. S. G. Susheelamma**	Social Work	Karnataka	PIB Portal
106	**Shri Sangyusang S. Pongener**	Art	Nagaland	PIB Portal
107	**Sant Niranjan Dass**	Others — Spiritualism	Punjab	PIB Portal
108	**Shri Sarat Kumar Patra**	Art	Odisha	PIB Portal
109	**Shri Saroj Mandal**	Medicine	West Bengal	PIB Portal
110	**Shri Satish Shah (Posthumous)**	Art	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
111	**Shri Satyanarayan Nuwal**	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
112	**Ms. Savita Punia**	Sports	Haryana	PIB Portal
113	**Prof. Shafi Shauq**	Literature and Education	Jammu and Kashmir	PIB Portal
114	**Shri Shashi Shekhar Vempati**	Literature and Education	Karnataka	PIB Portal
115	**Shri Shrirang Devaba Lad**	Others — Agriculture	Maharashtra	PIB Portal
116	**Ms. Shubha Venkatesha Iyengar**	Science and Engineering	Karnataka	PIB Portal
117	**Shri Shyam Sundar**	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh	PIB Portal
118	**Shri Simanchal Patro**	Art	Odisha	PIB Portal

Padma SN	Name of Padma Shri 2026 Laureate	Field / Discipline	State / Country	Official Source
119	**Ms. Sivasankari**	Literature and Education	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal
120	**Dr. Suresh Hanagavadi**	Medicine	Karnataka	PIB Portal
121	**Swami Brahmdev Ji Maharaj**	Social Work	Rajasthan	PIB Portal
122	**Shri T. T. Jagannathan (Posthumous)**	Trade and Industry	Karnataka	PIB Portal
123	**Shri Taga Ram Bheel**	Art	Rajasthan	PIB Portal
124	**Shri Tarun Bhattacharya**	Art	West Bengal	PIB Portal
125	**Shri Techi Gubin**	Social Work	Arunachal Pradesh	PIB Portal
126	**Shri Thiruvaarur Bakthavathsalam**	Art	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal
127	**Ms. Tripti Mukherjee**	Art	West Bengal	PIB Portal
128	**Shri Veezhinathan Kamakoti**	Science and Engineering	Tamil Nadu	PIB Portal
129	**Shri Vempaty Kutumba Sastry**	Literature and Education	Andhra Pradesh	PIB Portal
130	**Shri Vladimer Mestvirishvili (Posthumous)**	Sports	Georgia	PIB Portal
131	**Shri Yumnam Jatra Singh (Posthumous)**	Art	Manipur	PIB Portal

Appendix 2: Official Directory of 77th Republic Day 2026 Gallantry & Distinguished Service Awardees

Per the official release of the Ministry of Defence (mod.gov.in) and Press Information Bureau (pib.gov.in), the recipients of the Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Shaurya Chakra, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM), and key Param Vishisht Seva Medals (PVSM) are tabulated below:

S.No.	Rank & Name of Recipient	Service / Regiment / Unit	Decoration Conferred (2026)	Official Source
1	**Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla (29014)**	Indian Air Force — Flying (Pilot)	**Ashoka Chakra**	Official Portal
2	**Major Arshdeep Singh (IC-81753K)**	Indian Army — Armoured, 1 Assam Rifles	**Kirti Chakra**	Official Portal
3	**Naib Subedar Doleshwar Subba (JC-415036K)**	Indian Army — 2 Para (Special Forces)	**Kirti Chakra**	Official Portal
4	**Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair (25284)**	Indian Air Force — Flying (Pilot)	**Kirti Chakra**	Official Portal

S.No.	Rank & Name of Recipient	Service / Regiment / Unit	Decoration Conferred (2026)	Official Source
5	**Lieutenant Colonel Ghatage Aditya Shrikumar (IC-71626F)**	Indian Army — 21 Para (Special Forces)	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
6	**Major Anshul Baltoo (IC-83399Y)**	Indian Army — JAK LI, 32 Assam Rifles	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
7	**Major Shivkant Yadav (IC-84586K)**	Indian Army — 5 Para (Special Forces)	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
8	**Major Vivek (SS-49451K)**	Indian Army — Mechanised Infantry, 42 Rashtriya Rifles	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
9	**Major Leishangthem Deepak Singh (SS-49484P)**	Indian Army — 11 Para (Special Forces)	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
10	**Captain Yogender Singh Thakur (IC-85492Y)**	Indian Army — 6 Para (Special Forces)	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
11	**Subedar P. H. Moses (JC-0110806H)**	Indian Army — 1 Assam Rifles	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
12	**Lance Dafadar Baldev Chand (15507686K) — Posthumous**	Indian Army — Armoured, 4 Rashtriya Rifles	**Shaurya Chakra (Posthumous)**	Official Portal
13	**Rifleman Manglem Sang Vaiphei (G/38589Y)**	Indian Army — 3 Assam Rifles	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
14	**Rifleman Dhurba Jyoti Dutta (G/5019682A)**	Indian Army — 33 Assam Rifles	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
15	**Lieutenant Commander Dilna K. (08030-Z)**	Indian Navy (Navika Sagar Parikrama II)	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
16	**Lieutenant Commander Roopa A. (09134-H)**	Indian Navy (Navika Sagar Parikrama II)	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
17	**Assistant Commandant Vipin Wilson (129078)**	Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)	**Shaurya Chakra**	Official Portal
18	**Lance Havildar Satya Pal Singh, SM (3010203A)**	Indian Army — 6 Rajput Regiment	**Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry)**	Official Portal
19	**Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth, PVSM, AVSM**	Indian Army — HQ Southern Command	**Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM)**	Official Portal
20	**Lieutenant General Rajan Sharawat, AVSM, VSM**	Indian Army — HQ 9 Corps (Garhwal Rifles)	**Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM)**	Official Portal
21	**Lieutenant General Abhijit S. Pendharkar, AVSM, YSM**	Indian Army — HQ 3 Corps (Assam Regiment)	**Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM)**	Official Portal
22	**Lieutenant General Gambhir Singh, AVSM, YSM**	Indian Army — HQ 4 Corps (Garhwal Rifles)	**Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM)**	Official Portal

S.No.	Rank & Name of Recipient	Service / Regiment / Unit	Decoration Conferred (2026)	Official Source
23	**Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin, AVSM, VSM**	Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)	**Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)**	Official Portal
24	**Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan & Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan**	Indian Navy	**Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)**	Official Portal
25	**Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit & Air Marshal Tejinder Singh**	Indian Air Force	**Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)**	Official Portal
26	**Subedar H. Hokato Sema (JC-552551H)**	Indian Army — 9 Assam Regiment (Paralympic Medallist)	**Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM)**	Official Portal
27	**Colonel Sofiya Qureshi (IC-74110K)**	Indian Army — Corps of Signals	**Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM)**	Official Portal

Appendix *3:* State-by-State Welfare Schemes & Budgetary Priorities *(2026–27)* — Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Appendix 3: State-by-State Welfare Schemes & Budgetary Priorities (2026–27) — Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan

Key Study Pillar 1
Uttar Pradesh Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)

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Key Study Pillar 4
Rajasthan Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)

3.1 Uttar Pradesh Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives *(2026–27)*

1. **Dedicated Girl Student Scooter Scheme (₹400 Crore):** Allocated ₹400 crore in the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 to promote mobility and higher education enrollment among meritorious female students (UP Portal).

2. **Safe City Project Expansion:** AI-enabled CCTV networks, dark-spot illumination, pink police booths, and anti-Romeo squads across all 17 Municipal Corporations and Gautam Buddha Nagar.

3. **Textile & Garmenting Sector Push (₹5,041 Crore):** Fast-track development of the 1,000-acre **PM MITRA Park** across the Lucknow–Hardoi border alongside the Sant Kabir Textile and Handloom Scheme.

4. **Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan:** Interest-free capital assistance to train and finance 1 lakh young micro-entrepreneurs annually.

5. **One District, One Product (ODOP) & Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana:** Global market linkage, GI-tagging expansion, and modern toolkits for traditional artisans.

6. **Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor:** Six strategic nodes (Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Chitrakoot, Kanpur, Lucknow) hosting BrahMos Aerospace (Lucknow), Bharat Dynamics Ltd (Jhansi), and Adani Defence (Kanpur).

7. **Expressway Network Leadership:** Operational Purvanchal Expressway (341 km), Bundelkhand Expressway (296 km), Gorakhpur Link Expressway (91 km), and the 594-km **Ganga Expressway** connecting Meerut to Prayagraj across 12 districts.

8. **Healthcare & Medical Infrastructure (₹37,956 Crore):** Operationalization of medical colleges in every district, AIIMS Gorakhpur & Raebareli, and free dialysis and tele-consultation networks.

3.2 Bihar Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives *(2026–27)*

1. **Fiscal Consolidation in Bihar Budget 2026–27 (₹3,47,589.76 Crore):** Maintains fiscal deficit at **3.0% of GSDP (₹39,112 crore)** with **81.74% (₹2,84,133.92 crore)** revenue expenditure and **18.26% (₹63,455.84 crore)** capital expenditure (Bihar Portal).

2. **Saat Nishchay & Youth Skill Development:** Establishment of Skill Centres in every district and Centres of Excellence (CoE) in polytechnics and ITIs across Bihar.

3. **Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyami Yojana & JEEViKA:** Financial assistance up to ₹10 lakh (50% grant + 50% interest-free/low-interest loan) for women entrepreneurs and expansion of over 10 lakh Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

4. **Fourth Agriculture Road Map (2023–2028) & Har Khet Tak Sinchai Ka Pani:** Dedicated agricultural power feeders, organic corridor along the Ganga, and GI-tagged export promotion for Mithila Makhana, Shahi Litchi, Jardalu Mango, and Katarni Rice.

5. **Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Mission:** Rejuvenation of traditional Ahar-Pynes and ponds, rooftop rainwater harvesting, and solar power supply to Rajgir, Bodh Gaya, and Patna.

6. **Patna Metro & Expressway Corridors:** Amas–Darbhanga Expressway, Gorakhpur–Siliguri Expressway, Buxar–Bhagalpur Expressway, and multi-lane bridges across the Ganga and Kosi rivers.

3.3 Madhya Pradesh Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives *(2026–27)*

1. **Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27 (₹4,38,317 Crore):** Presented on 18 February 2026 by FM Jagdish Devda with projected GSDP at **₹18,48,274 crore** and fiscal deficit at **3.9% of GSDP (₹71,458 crore)** (MP Portal).

2. **Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana & Ladli Laxmi Yojana:** Direct monthly financial transfers empowering women's nutrition, financial inclusion, and household decision-making.

3. **Ken–Betwa & Parbati–Kalisindh–Chambal (PKC) River-Linking Projects:** Transformative inter-state irrigation and drinking water security across Bundelkhand and Malwa–Chambal regions.

4. **PM Shri Air Ambulance Service & Rani Durgavati Shree Anna Protsahan Yojana:** Free emergency air medical evacuation for Ayushman cardholders and ₹10/kg incentive for millet (Kodo-Kutki) farmers.

5. **Simhastha 2028 Ujjain Infrastructure Mission:** Dedicated capital outlay for Kshipra river rejuvenation, Ujjain–Indore 6-lane corridor, and Mahakal Lok expansion.

3.4 Rajasthan Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives *(2026–27)*

1. **Rajasthan Budget 2026–27 (11 February 2026):** Presented by Deputy CM & FM Diya Kumari with **₹6,800 crore** for drinking tap water and **₹3,000 crore** for solar parks (Rajasthan Portal).

2. **Youth Entrepreneurship Interest-Free Loan Scheme:** Interest-free loans up to **₹10 lakh** for young entrepreneurs starting micro and small Undertakings.

3. **Ramjal Setu Link Project (Modified PKC–ERCP):** Flagship eastern Rajasthan drinking water and irrigation grid serving 17+ districts.

4. **Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana & Lado Protsahan Yojana:** Cashless health insurance coverage and savings bond financial assistance for girl children from birth to higher education.

5. **Nine Greenfield Expressways & Renewable Energy Hub:** Positioning Rajasthan as India's top producer of solar power and green hydrogen.

Chapter *12* Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Uttar Pradesh Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**Dedicated Girl Student Scooter Scheme (₹400 Crore)**	Allocated ₹400 crore in the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 to promote mobility and higher education enrollment among meritorious female students (UP Portal).
Bihar Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**Safe City Project Expansion**	AI-enabled CCTV networks, dark-spot illumination, pink police booths, and anti-Romeo squads across all 17 Municipal Corporations and Gautam Buddha Nagar.
Madhya Pradesh Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**Textile & Garmenting Sector Push (₹5,041 Crore)**	Fast-track development of the 1,000-acre **PM MITRA Park** across the Lucknow–Hardoi border alongside the Sant Kabir Textile and Handloom Scheme.
Rajasthan Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan**	Interest-free capital assistance to train and finance 1 lakh young micro-entrepreneurs annually.
Uttar Pradesh Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**One District, One Product (ODOP) & Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana**	Global market linkage, GI-tagging expansion, and modern toolkits for traditional artisans.
Bihar Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor**	Six strategic nodes (Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Chitrakoot, Kanpur, Lucknow) hosting BrahMos Aerospace (Lucknow), Bharat Dynamics Ltd (Jhansi), and Adani Defence (Kanpur).
Madhya Pradesh Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**Expressway Network Leadership**	Operational Purvanchal Expressway (341 km), Bundelkhand Expressway (296 km), Gorakhpur Link Expressway (91 km), and the 594-km **Ganga Expressway** connecting Meerut to Prayagraj across 12 districts.
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Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
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Bihar Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**Saat Nishchay & Youth Skill Development**	Establishment of Skill Centres in every district and Centres of Excellence (CoE) in polytechnics and ITIs across Bihar.
Madhya Pradesh Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyami Yojana & JEEViKA**	Financial assistance up to ₹10 lakh (50% grant + 50% interest-free/low-interest loan) for women entrepreneurs and expansion of over 10 lakh Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
Rajasthan Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**Fourth Agriculture Road Map (2023–2028) & Har Khet Tak Sinchai Ka Pani**	Dedicated agricultural power feeders, organic corridor along the Ganga, and GI-tagged export promotion for Mithila Makhana, Shahi Litchi, Jardalu Mango, and Katarni Rice.
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Bihar Flagship Schemes & Budgetary Initiatives (2026–27)	**Patna Metro & Expressway Corridors**	Amas–Darbhanga Expressway, Gorakhpur–Siliguri Expressway, Buxar–Bhagalpur Expressway, and multi-lane bridges across the Ganga and Kosi rivers.

Chapter *12* Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 12 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Dedicated Girl Student Scooter Scheme (₹400 Crore)): Allocated ₹400 crore in the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 to promote mobility and higher education enrollment among meritorious female students (UP Portal).

Statement-II (Safe City Project Expansion): AI-enabled CCTV networks, dark-spot illumination, pink police booths, and anti-Romeo squads across all 17 Municipal Corporations and Gautam Buddha Nagar.

✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 12 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Textile & Garmenting Sector Push (₹5,041 Crore)): Fast-track development of the 1,000-acre **PM MITRA Park** across the Lucknow–Hardoi border alongside the Sant Kabir Textile and Handloom Scheme.

Statement-II (Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan): Interest-free capital assistance to train and finance 1 lakh young micro-entrepreneurs annually.

✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 12 Statement-Verification Drill #3 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (One District, One Product (ODOP) & Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana): Global market linkage, GI-tagging expansion, and modern toolkits for traditional artisans.

Statement-II (Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor): Six strategic nodes (Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Chitrakoot, Kanpur, Lucknow) hosting BrahMos Aerospace (Lucknow), Bharat Dynamics Ltd (Jhansi), and Adani Defence (Kanpur).

✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 12 Statement-Verification Drill #4 — Both Statements Verified Correct

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Statement-II (Healthcare & Medical Infrastructure (₹37,956 Crore)): Operationalization of medical colleges in every district, AIIMS Gorakhpur & Raebareli, and free dialysis and tele-consultation networks.

✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 12 Statement-Verification Drill #5 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Fiscal Consolidation in Bihar Budget 2026–27 (₹3,47,589.76 Crore)): Maintains fiscal deficit at **3.0% of GSDP (₹39,112 crore)** with **81.74% (₹2,84,133.92 crore)** revenue expenditure and **18.26% (₹63,455.84 crore)** capital expenditure (Bihar Portal).

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✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 12 Statement-Verification Drill #6 — Both Statements Verified Correct

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✔ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB) & IUC Academy.**

Appendix 4: Chronological Summary Table of Landmark 2026 Awards, Sports, Defence & State Budget Events

S.No.	Date (2026)	Landmark National / International Event	Winner / Key Metric	Official Reference	
1	**18 Jan – 1 Feb 2026**	Australian Open Grand Slam 2026 (Melbourne)	Men's: Carlos Alcaraz	Women's: Elena Rybakina	**Official Link**

S.No.	Date (2026)	Landmark National / International Event	Winner / Key Metric	Official Reference		
2	**25 January 2026**	Padma Awards 2026 Announced (Eve of 77th Republic Day)	131 Total Awards (5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan, 113 Padma Shri)	**Official Link**		
3	**25 January 2026**	77th Republic Day Gallantry Awards & Military Decorations	70 Gallantry Awards (Ashoka Chakra: Gp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla; 3 Kirti Chakras; 13 Shaurya Chakras)	**Official Link**		
4	**3 February 2026**	Bihar State Budget 2026–27 Presented (FM Samrat Choudhary)	Outlay: ₹3,47,589.76 Cr	Fiscal Deficit: 3.0% (₹39,112 Cr)	**Official Link**	
5	**6 – 22 February 2026**	25th Winter Olympic Games 2026 (Milano–Cortina, Italy)	Norway topped medal table with 41 medals (29 NOCs won medals)	**Official Link**		
6	**11 February 2026**	Uttar Pradesh State Budget 2026–27 Presented (FM Suresh Kumar Khanna)	Outlay: ₹9,12,696.35 Cr	GSDP: ₹39.8 Lakh Cr	Deficit: 3.0%	**Official Link**
7	**11 February 2026**	Rajasthan State Budget 2026–27 Presented (FM Diya Kumari)	Rev. Deficit: ₹24,313 Cr	Tap Water: ₹6,800 Cr	Solar Parks: ₹3,000 Cr	**Official Link**
8	**18 February 2026**	Madhya Pradesh State Budget 2026–27 Presented (FM Jagdish Devda)	Outlay: ₹4,38,317 Cr	GSDP: ₹18,48,274 Cr	Deficit: 3.9% (₹71,458 Cr)	**Official Link**

S.No.	Date (2026)	Landmark National / International Event	Winner / Key Metric	Official Reference		
9	**28 February 2026**	Ranji Trophy 2025–26 Final Concluded	Jammu & Kashmir defeated Karnataka on 291-run 1st-innings lead for maiden title	**Official Link**		
10	**8 March 2026**	10th ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 Final (Ahmedabad)	India (255/5) defeated New Zealand by 96 runs for record 3rd title	**Official Link**		
11	**15 March 2026**	98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026 — Dolby Theatre, Los Angeles)	Best Picture: One Battle After Another	Actor: Michael B. Jordan	Actress: Jessie Buckley	**Official Link**
12	**16 March 2026**	Sahitya Akademi Awards & 60th Jnanpith Award Announced	60th Jnanpith Award: R. Vairamuthu (Tamil poet and lyricist)	**Official Link**		
13	**14–15 April 2026**	FIDE Candidates & Women's Candidates 2026 (Paphos, Cyprus)	Open Winner: Javokhir Sindarov	Women's Winner: Vaishali Rameshbabu (India)	**Official Link**	
14	**23 April 2026**	WWF National Award 2026 Conferred	Winner: N. Alim Yusuf (YOLOv11 AI invasive plant species identification)	**Official Link**		
15	**May 2026**	International Booker Prize 2026 & TATA IPL 2026 Final	Int'l Booker: Yáng Shuāng-zǐ & Lin King ('Taiwan Travelogue')	IPL Winner: RCB	**Official Link**	
16	**24 May – 7 June 2026**	French Open (Roland-Garros) Grand Slam 2026 (Paris)	Men's: Alexander Zverev	Women's: Mirra Andreeva	**Official Link**	

S.No.	Date (2026)	Landmark National / International Event	Winner / Key Metric	Official Reference	
17	**5 July 2026**	10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Final (Lord's, London)	Australia defeated England by 7 wickets	**Official Link**	
18	**July 2026**	Wimbledon Championships 2026 (All England Club, London)	Men's: Jannik Sinner	Ladies': Linda Nosková	**Official Link**
19	**18 July 2026**	72nd National Film Awards 2026 Announced (Conferred 23 Sept 2026)	Dadasaheb Phalke: Anant Nag	Actor: Kartik Aaryan & Mammootty	Actress: Yami Gautam	**Official Link**
20	**19 July 2026**	23rd FIFA Men's World Cup 2026 Final (New York New Jersey Stadium)	Spain defeated Argentina 1–0 AET; Golden Ball: Rodri	Golden Boot: Mbappé	**Official Link**
21	**23 July – 2 Aug 2026**	23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow, Scotland)	India finished 4th with 39 medals (13 Gold, 17 Silver, 9 Bronze)	**Official Link**	
22	**14 August 2026**	80th Independence Day Eve Gallantry Awards 2026	78 Gallantry Awards (9 Kirti Chakras, 1 Bar to SC, 19 Shaurya Chakras)	**Official Link**	
23	**23 Aug – 13 Sept 2026**	US Open Grand Slam 2026 (New York)	Men's: Alexander Zverev	Women's: Elena Rybakina	**Official Link**
24	**September 2026**	Indo-US Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 & 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad	Yudh Abhyas: Auli (Uttarakhand)	46th Olympiad (Samarkand): Uzbekistan & China Gold	**Official Link**

S.No.	Date (2026)	Landmark National / International Event	Winner / Key Metric	Official Reference				
25	**19 Sept – 4 Oct 2026**	20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi–Nagoya, Japan)	India finished 4th with 85 medals (21 Gold, 27 Silver, 37 Bronze)	**Official Link**				
26	**5 – 12 October 2026**	Nobel Prizes 2026 Announced Across All 6 Categories	Medicine: Deisseroth/ Hegemann/ Nagel	Physics: Halzen	Chemistry: Kagan/ Soai	Lit: Carson	Peace: Pillay	Econ: Hall/ Woodford	**Official Link**
27	**October 2026**	Asian Para Games 2026 (Aichi–Nagoya, Japan)	Sheetal Devi & Toman Kumar (Gold); 3 Indian 1–2–3 Podium Sweeps	**Official Link**				
28	**9 November 2026**	Booker Prize 2026 Announced (London)	81-year-old M. John Harrison won for 'The End of Everything'	**Official Link**				

Appendix *5: 120* High-Yield Question-Answer Compendium for Competitive Exams *(Books CA15 & CA16)*

1. Question: How many total Padma Awards were approved by the President of India for 2026?

Answer: 131 Padma Awards (5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan, and 113 Padma Shri) (**PIB Portal**).

2. Question: Who is the sole woman recipient of the Padma Vibhushan in 2026?

Answer: Ms. N. Rajam (Art — Hindustani Classical Violin, Uttar Pradesh).

3. Question: Which two personalities were posthumously conferred the Padma Vibhushan in 2026?

Answer: Shri Dharmendra Singh Deol (Art, Maharashtra) and Shri V. S. Achuthanandan (Public Affairs, Kerala).

4. Question: Which former Supreme Court Judge received the Padma Vibhushan 2026 in Public Affairs?

Answer: Justice K. T. Thomas (Kerala).

5. Question: Who received the Padma Vibhushan 2026 in Literature and Education?

Answer: Shri P. Narayanan (Kerala).

6. Question: Who is the sole woman recipient of the Padma Bhushan in 2026?

Answer: Ms. Alka Yagnik (Art — Playback Singing, Maharashtra).

7. Question: Which former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand and former Governor of Maharashtra received the Padma Bhushan 2026?

Answer: Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

8. Question: Which two medical specialists received the Padma Bhushan in 2026?

Answer: Shri Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy (Tamil Nadu) and Dr. Nori Dattatreyudu (USA).

9. Question: Who received the Padma Bhushan 2026 in Trade and Industry?

Answer: Shri Uday Kotak (Founder of Kotak Mahindra Bank, Maharashtra).

10. Question: Which three personalities were posthumously conferred the Padma Bhushan in 2026?

Answer: Shri Piyush Pandey (Art, Maharashtra), Shri Shibu Soren (Public Affairs, Jharkhand), and Shri V. K. Malhotra (Public Affairs, Delhi).

11. Question: Which two European scholars received the Padma Shri in 2026?

Answer: Prof. (Dr.) Lars-Christian Koch (Art, Germany) and Ms. Liudmila Viktorovna Khokhlova (Literature & Education, Russia).

12. Question: Which Georgian wrestling coach was posthumously conferred the Padma Shri 2026?

Answer: Shri Vladimer Mestvirishvili (Georgia).

13. Question: Who received the Padma Shri 2026 in Medicine from Ladakh?

Answer: Dr. Padma Gurmet (Sowa-Rigpa and Medicine, Ladakh).

14. Question: Which former CEO of Prasar Bharati received the Padma Shri 2026 in Literature and Education?

Answer: Shri Shashi Shekhar Vempati (Karnataka).

15. Question: Which founder of Solar Industries India Ltd received the Padma Shri 2026 in Trade and Industry?

Answer: Shri Satyanarayan Nuwal (Maharashtra).

16. Question: Who received the Padma Shri 2026 for Social Work from Chandigarh?

Answer: Shri Inderjit Singh Sidhu.

17. Question: Who received the Padma Shri 2026 from Chhattisgarh?

Answer: Dr. Budhri Tati (Social Work) and the duo of Shri Ramchandra Godbole & Ms. Suneeta Godbole (Medicine).

18. Question: Which two personalities from Jammu and Kashmir received the Padma Shri in 2026?

Answer: Shri Brij Lal Bhat (Social Work) and Prof. Shafi Shauq (Literature and Education).

19. Question: Who received the Padma Shri 2026 from Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland?

Answer: Shri Techi Gubin (Social Work, Arunachal Pradesh) and Shri Sangyusang S. Pongener (Art, Nagaland).

20. Question: Who received the Padma Shri 2026 from Meghalaya, Tripura, and Manipur?

Answer: Shri Hally War (Social Work, Meghalaya), Shri Naresh Chandra Dev Varma (Literature, Tripura), and Shri Yumnam Jatra Singh (Posthumous, Art, Manipur).

21. Question: Which five personalities from Assam received the Padma Shri in 2026?

Answer: Shri Haricharan Saikia (Art), Shri Jogesh Deuri (Agriculture), Shri Kabindra Purkayastha (Posthumous, Public Affairs), Shri Nuruddin Ahmed (Art), and Ms. Pokhila Lekthepi (Art).

22. Question: Which four personalities from Odisha received the Padma Shri in 2026?

Answer: Shri Charan Hembram (Literature), Shri Mahendra Kumar Mishra (Literature), Shri Sarat Kumar Patra (Art), and Shri Simanchal Patro (Art).

23. Question: Which five personalities from Gujarat received the Padma Shri in 2026?

Answer: Shri Arvind Vaidya (Art), Shri Dharmiklal Chunilal Pandya (Art), Shri Mir Hajibhai Kasambhai (Art), Shri Nilesh Vinodchandra Mandlewala (Social Work), and Shri Ratilal Borisagar (Literature).

24. Question: Who received the Padma Shri 2026 in Science and Engineering from Himachal Pradesh?

Answer: Shri Prem Lal Gautam.

25. Question: Who received the Padma Shri 2026 in Spiritualism from Punjab?

Answer: Sant Niranjan Dass.

26. Question: Which Indian Air Force officer was conferred the Ashoka Chakra on the 77th Republic Day 2026?

Answer: Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla (**MoD Portal**).

27. Question: Which Junior Commissioned Officer of 2 Para (SF) received the Kirti Chakra on Republic Day 2026?

Answer: Naib Subedar Doleshwar Subba.

28. Question: Which officer of 1 Assam Rifles received the Kirti Chakra on Republic Day 2026?

Answer: Major Arshdeep Singh.

29. Question: Which soldier of 4 Rashtriya Rifles received the Shaurya Chakra (Posthumous) on Republic Day 2026?

Answer: Lance Dafadar Baldev Chand.

30. Question: How many Param Vishisht Seva Medals (PVSM) and Ati Vishisht Seva Medals (AVSM) were approved on Republic Day 2026?

Answer: 30 PVSM and 56 AVSM (**PIB Portal**).

31. Question: What is the core discovery recognized by the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine?

Answer: Light-gated ion channels and optogenetics.

32. Question: Which Stanford neuroscientist and psychiatrist shared the 2026 Medicine Nobel with Germany's Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel?

Answer: Karl Deisseroth.

33. Question: What is the name of the cubic-kilometre neutrino detector at the South Pole for which Francis Halzen won the 2026 Physics Nobel?

Answer: The IceCube Neutrino Observatory.

34. Question: Which Japanese chemist discovered asymmetric autocatalysis (the Soai Reaction) and shared the 2026 Chemistry Nobel with France's Henri B. Kagan?

Answer: Kenso Soai.

35. Question: What is the nationality of 2026 Nobel Literature Laureate Anne Carson?

Answer: Canadian.

36. Question: Which top United Nations office did 2026 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Navanethem 'Navi' Pillay hold from 2008 to 2014?

Answer: UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

37. Question: With which universities are 2026 Economics Nobel laureates Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford affiliated?

Answer: Stanford University (Robert E. Hall) and Columbia University (Michael Woodford).

38. Question: For which novel did 60th Jnanpith Award laureate R. Vairamuthu win the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2003?

Answer: Kallikattu Ithikasam.

39. Question: Which two Tamil writers had won the Jnanpith Award prior to R. Vairamuthu?

Answer: P. V. Akilan (1975) and D. Jayakanthan (2002).

40. Question: Who became the oldest winner in the history of the Booker Prize at age 81 in November 2026?

Answer: M. John Harrison (for 'The End of Everything').

41. Question: Who won the Booker Prize in 2025, immediately preceding M. John Harrison?

Answer: David Szalay for 'Flesh'.

42. Question: From which language was the 2026 International Booker Prize-winning novel 'Taiwan Travelogue' translated into English?

Answer: Mandarin Chinese (written by Yáng Shuāng-zǐ and translated by Lin King).

43. Question: When and where were the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026) held?

Answer: 15 March 2026 at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles.

44. Question: Which film won Best Picture and Best Director at the 98th Oscars 2026?

Answer: 'One Battle After Another', directed by Paul Thomas Anderson.

45. Question: How many Oscars did the film 'Sinners' win at the 98th Academy Awards, and who won Best Actor for it?

Answer: 4 Oscars, including Best Actor for Michael B. Jordan.

46. Question: Who won Best Actress at the 98th Oscars 2026 for the film 'Hamnet'?

Answer: Jessie Buckley.

47. Question: Who received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award at the 72nd National Film Awards in 2026?

Answer: Veteran Kannada actor Anant Nag.

48. Question: Which song by Billie Eilish and FINNEAS won Song of the Year at the 68th Grammy Awards in 2026?

Answer: 'Wildflower'.

49. Question: Which 2023 statute governing Election Commission appointments was referred to the CJI for a Constitution Bench in September 2026?

Answer: The Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023.

50. Question: Who was named Incoming Chair of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group and IMF for 2027?

Answer: Ahad Khan Cheema.

51. Question: How many matches were played in the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup?

Answer: 55 matches across 20 teams (India won 7 of its 8 matches to lift the trophy).

52. Question: In which three editions has India won the ICC Men's T20 World Cup?

Answer: 2007 (in South Africa), 2024 (in West Indies/USA), and 2026 (in India/Sri Lanka).

53. Question: By what margin did India defeat New Zealand in the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Final?

Answer: By 96 runs (India 255/5 vs. New Zealand 159).

54. Question: Which venue hosted the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup Final on 5 July 2026?

Answer: Lord's Cricket Ground, London (Australia defeated England by 7 wickets).

55. Question: Which two nations were approved by the ICC in November 2026 to host the LA28 Olympic and 2028 T20 World Cup qualifiers?

Answer: The United States and Bangladesh.

56. Question: Who scored centuries for Jammu & Kashmir in the 2025–26 Ranji Trophy Final against Karnataka?

Answer: Shubham Pundir (121 in 1st innings), Qamran Iqbal (160 *in 2nd innings*), *and Sahil Lotra* (101 in 2nd innings).

57. Question: What is the exact Gold-Silver-Bronze breakdown of India's 85 medals at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi–Nagoya?

Answer: 21 Gold, 27 Silver, and 37 Bronze medals (85 total, 4th place) (**IUC Academy**).

58. Question: Which three Indian shooters won the Men's 10m Air Rifle Team Silver (1898.4 points) at the 2026 Asian Games?

Answer: Himanshu Dhillon, Rudrankksh Patil, and Parth Rakesh Mane.

59. Question: With whom did Sheetal Devi pair up to win Silver in the Women's Compound Doubles event at the 2026 Asian Para Games?

Answer: Payal Nag.

60. Question: What is the exact Gold-Silver-Bronze breakdown of India's 39 medals at the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games?

Answer: 13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 9 Bronze medals (39 total, 4th place).

61. Question: How many Indian para-athletes competed in the integrated para-athletics programme at the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games?

Answer: 11 athletes (9 men and 2 women).

62. Question: How many National Olympic Committees (NOCs) won medals at the 2026 Milano–Cortina Winter Olympics?

Answer: 29 NOCs won medals and 19 NOCs won gold medals (Norway topped with 41 medals).

63. Question: Which country did Spain defeat 2–0 in the semi-finals of the FIFA World Cup 2026 on 14 July 2026?

Answer: France (before defeating Argentina 1–0 in extra time in the Final on 19 July 2026).

64. Question: Which Spanish goalkeeper won the Golden Glove and which young defender won Best Young Player at the 2026 FIFA World Cup?

Answer: Unai Simón (Golden Glove) and Pau Cubarsí (Best Young Player).

65. Question: Which male tennis player won two Grand Slam titles (French Open and US Open) and reached the Wimbledon Final in 2026?

Answer: Alexander Zverev of Germany.

66. Question: Whom did Alexander Zverev defeat in the 2026 US Open Men's Singles Final?

Answer: American Ben Shelton (6-3, 7-6(2), 5-7, 6-2).

67. Question: Whom did Elena Rybakina defeat in the 2026 US Open Women's Singles Final to win her third career Grand Slam?

Answer: Defending champion Aryna Sabalenka (6-4, 5-7, 6-2).

68. Question: Who surpassed Roger Federer's record for most Wimbledon Men's Singles match wins by reaching 108 wins at Wimbledon 2026?

Answer: Novak Djokovic.

69. Question: Whom did 21-year-old Linda Nosková defeat in the all-Czech Ladies' Singles Final at Wimbledon 2026?

Answer: Karolína Muchová (6-2, 5-7, 6-3).

70. Question: Which Uzbek city hosted the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad in 2026?

Answer: Samarkand (Uzbekistan won Open Gold; China won Women's Gold).

71. Question: Which major FIDE knockout event had Candidates 2026 winner Javokhir Sindarov won in 2025?

Answer: The 2025 FIDE World Cup.

72. Question: Who became the youngest player and first non-Grandmaster to win the European Individual Chess Championship in April 2026?

Answer: International Master Roman Dehtiarov (scoring 9/11).

73. Question: Which Indian Grandmasters won the inaugural Menorca Masters and the 5th Menorca Open in April 2026?

Answer: Nihal Sarin (Menorca Masters) and US GM Abhimanyu Mishra (Menorca Open, ahead of Leon Luke Mendonca).

74. Question: Where were the FIDE World Team Rapid and Blitz Championships 2026 held from 17 to 21 June 2026?

Answer: Hong Kong.

75. Question: Where did the pilot version of the Total Chess World Championship Tour kick off in November 2026?

Answer: Budapest, Hungary.

76. Question: What specialized combat operation did Indian and US troops execute during Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 near Auli?

Answer: A high-altitude combined air assault to seize two mountain objectives (**MoD Portal**).

77. Question: What is the net total expenditure (excluding debt repayment) in the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27?

Answer: ₹8.51 lakh crore (out of a gross budget size of ₹9,12,696.35 crore) (**UP Portal**).

78. Question: By what percentage did the Uttar Pradesh Budget 2026–27 increase over the previous fiscal year?

Answer: 12.9%.

79. Question: What is the total revenue expenditure estimated in the Bihar Budget 2026–27?

Answer: ₹2,84,133.92 crore (81.74% of the ₹3,47,589.76 crore total outlay) (**Bihar Portal**).

80. Question: What percentage of GSDP (₹18,48,274 crore) is the targeted fiscal deficit (₹71,458 crore) in the Madhya Pradesh Budget 2026–27?

Answer: 3.9% of GSDP (**MP Portal**).

81. Question: Which consecutive budget did Rajasthan Deputy CM Diya Kumari present on 11 February 2026?

Answer: Her third consecutive Rajasthan State Budget (**Rajasthan Portal**).

82. Question: According to PRS India's 2026–27 State of State Finances report, what is the combined fiscal deficit of Indian states as a percentage of GDP?

Answer: 2.9% of GDP (with states planning to spend 62% more than the Centre in 2026–27).

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