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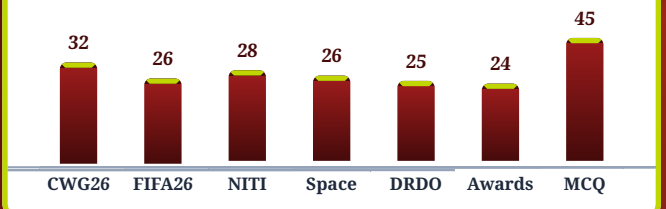
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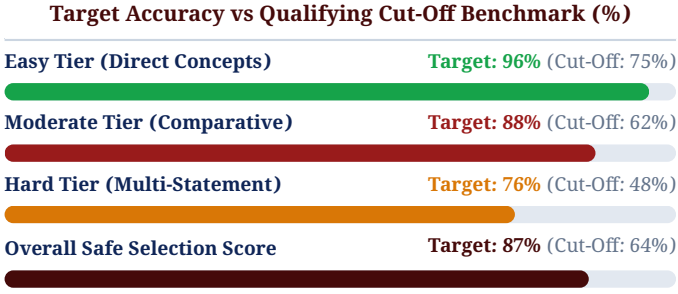
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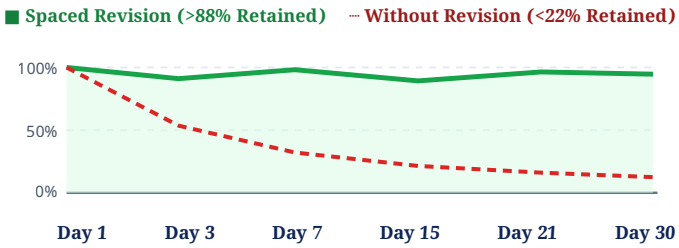
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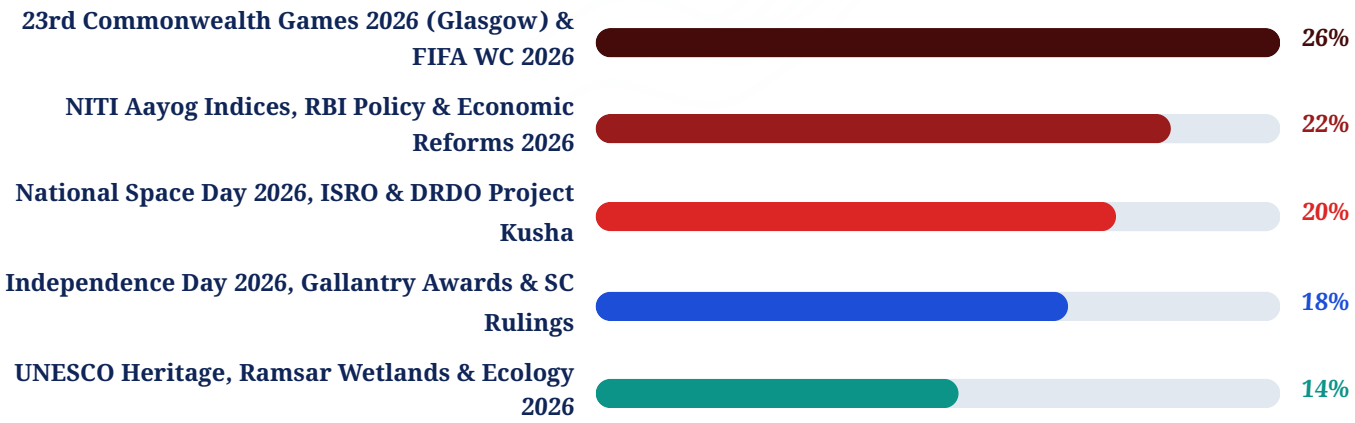
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Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 1: XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow, Scotland) — Medal Table & India's 39 Medals

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1.1 Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games (23 July – 2 August 2026): Structure, Funding & Standings

• **Host City, Dates & Sustainable Model (23 July – 2 August 2026):** The **XXIII Commonwealth Games (Glasgow 2026)** were held in **Glasgow, Scotland** from **July 23 to August 2, 2026** across seven existing venues featuring **10 sports** and **215 medal events** with athletes from **74 Commonwealth nations and territories**. Following Victoria's withdrawal, Glasgow staged a cost-effective, sustainable edition primarily backed by **AU$200 million** in Victorian compensation and Commonwealth Games Federation support (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).

• **Final Overall Medal Table Standings (Glasgow 2026): Australia** topped the medal table for the third consecutive Commonwealth Games with **171 medals (70 Gold, 55 Silver, 46 Bronze)**, followed by **England** in 2nd place with **110 medals (29 Gold, 42 Silver, 39 Bronze)**, and **Canada** in 3rd place with **62 medals (19 Gold, 22 Silver, 21 Bronze)** (**IUC Academy**).

• **India Finishes 4th Overall with 39 Medals: India** secured **4th position** on the final Glasgow 2026 medal table with **39 total medals — 13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 9 Bronze** — finishing ahead of 5th-placed hosts **Scotland** (who also won **13 Gold and 39 total medals**, but trailed India with 13 Silver vs India's 17 Silver) (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).

• **Mirabai Chanu's Hat-Trick of CWG Golds:** Star weightlifter **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** won **India's first Gold medal** of the Glasgow 2026 Games in the **Women's 48 kg weightlifting category**. It marked her **third consecutive Commonwealth Games Gold medal** (after Gold Coast 2018 and Birmingham 2022), making her only the **second Indian female athlete** in history (after wrestler Vinesh Phogat) to win gold at three successive Commonwealth Games (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).

• **First-Time Medal Nations at Glasgow 2026:** Caribbean nation **Dominica** won its **first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medal**, while **Gabon, Rwanda, and Tuvalu** won their **first-ever Commonwealth Games medals** at Glasgow 2026 (**IUC Academy**).

1.2 Four-Node XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow) Progression Flowchart

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Node 1: Glasgow Steps In to Host XXIII CWG (23 July - 2 August 2026; 74 Nations, 10 Sports, 215 Events)

STEP 2
Node 2: Mirabai Chanu Wins India's Opening Gold in Women's 48 kg Weightlifting (3rd Consecutive CWG Gold)

STEP 3
Node 3: India Sweeps 7 Boxing Golds, 2 Historic Judo Golds & 7 Para-Sport Medals (3 Golds)

STEP 4
Node 4: Final Standings: 1st Australia (70G/171), 2nd England (29G/110), 3rd Canada (19G/62), 4th India (13G/17S/9B = 39)

1.3 Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Final Top-5 Medal Table & Key Tournament Facts

Rank	Commonwealth Nation (CGA)	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medals	Key 2026 Performance Highlight & Source
1	Australia (AUS)	70	55	46	171	Topped CWG medal table for 3rd straight edition (IUC Academy)
2	England (ENG)	29	42	39	110	Finished 2nd overall; won 10 medals (4 Gold) in Boxing (IUC Academy)
3	Canada (CAN)	19	22	21	62	Secured 3rd rank overall across aquatic and track events (IUC Academy)
4	India (IND)	13	17	9	39	Ranked 4th ahead of Scotland on Silver count (17 vs 13); topped Boxing table (PIB)
5	Scotland (SCO — Host)	13	13	13	39	Host nation tied India on Gold (13) and Total (39), placed 5th on Silvers (IUC Academy)
—	India in Boxing (Rank 1)	7	3	0	10	Most Boxing Golds (7) by any nation in a single CWG history (PIB)

Did You Know?: At Glasgow 2026, **India (13 Gold, 17 Silver, 9 Bronze = 39)** and host nation **Scotland (13 Gold, 13 Silver, 13 Bronze = 39)** finished with the **exact same number of Gold medals (13) and total medals (39)**, with India claiming **4th rank** solely by virtue of winning **4 more Silver medals (17 vs 13)** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Exam Trap Alert: Note that **Mirabai Chanu** won her Glasgow 2026 Gold medal in the **Women's 48 kg category** (following revised international weightlifting bodyweight categories), whereas her earlier CWG medals in 2022 and 2020 Olympics were in the 49 kg category (IUC Academy).

★ **Memory Trick:** Memorize India's Glasgow 2026 medal breakdown with **"13 Gold + 17 Silver + 9 Bronze = 39 (Rank 4)"** and the top 5 nations with **"A-E-C-I-S"**: **A**ustralia (70G), **E**ngland (29G), **C**anada (19G), **I**ndia (13G, 17S), **S**cotland (13G, 13S).

1.4 Chapter 1 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)

S.No.	Core Current Affairs 2026 Sub-Topic	Verified Constitutional / Statutory / Technical Fact (2026)	Official Source
1	**Australia (AUS)**	70 — 55	Topped CWG medal table for 3rd straight edition (IUC Academy)
2	**England (ENG)**	29 — 42	Finished 2nd overall; won 10 medals (4 Gold) in Boxing (IUC Academy)
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5	**Scotland (SCO — Host)**	13 — 13	Host nation tied India on Gold (13) and Total (39), placed 5th on Silvers (IUC Academy)
6	**India in Boxing (Rank 1)**	7 — 3	Most Boxing Golds (7) by any nation in a single CWG history (PIB)

1.5 Chapter 1 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)

• **Statement-Verification Drill 1.1 (Australia (AUS) & England (ENG)):**

• **Statement-I:** Australia (AUS) — 70; 55.

• **Statement-II:** England (ENG) — 29; 42.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (Topped CWG medal table for 3rd straight edition (IUC Academy)).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 1.2 (Canada (CAN) & India (IND)):**

• **Statement-I:** Canada (CAN) — 19; 22.

• **Statement-II:** India (IND) — 13; 17.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (Secured 3rd rank overall across aquatic and track events (IUC Academy)).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 1.3 (Scotland (SCO — Host) & India in Boxing (Rank 1)):**

• **Statement-I:** Scotland (SCO — Host) — 13; 13.

• **Statement-II:** India in Boxing (Rank 1) — 7; 3.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (Host nation tied India on Gold (13) and Total (39), placed 5th on Silvers (IUC Academy)).

Chapter 1 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games (23 July – 2 August 2026): Structure, Funding & Standings	**Host City, Dates & Sustainable Model (23 July – 2 August 2026)**	The **XXIII Commonwealth Games (Glasgow 2026)** were held in **Glasgow, Scotland** from **July 23 to August 2, 2026** across seven existing venues featuring **10 sports** and **215 medal events** with athletes from **74 Commonwealth nations and territories**. Following Victoria's withdrawal, Glasgow staged a cost-effective, sustainable edition primarily backed by **AU$200 million** in Victorian compensation and Commonwealth Games Federation support (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Four-Node XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow) Progression Flowchart	**Final Overall Medal Table Standings (Glasgow 2026)**	Australia **topped the medal table for the third consecutive Commonwealth Games with** 171 medals (70 Gold, 55 Silver, 46 Bronze)**, followed by** England **in 2nd place with** 110 medals (29 Gold, 42 Silver, 39 Bronze)**, and** Canada **in 3rd place with** 62 medals (19 Gold, 22 Silver, 21 Bronze)** (IUC Academy).
Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Final Top-5 Medal Table & Key Tournament Facts	**India Finishes 4th Overall with 39 Medals**	India **secured** 4th position **on the final Glasgow 2026 medal table with** 39 total medals — 13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 9 Bronze — **finishing ahead of 5th-placed hosts** Scotland **(who also won** 13 Gold and 39 total medals**, but trailed India with 13 Silver vs India's 17 Silver) (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Chapter 1 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Mirabai Chanu's Hat-Trick of CWG Golds**	Star weightlifter **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** won **India's first Gold medal** of the Glasgow 2026 Games in the **Women's 48 kg weightlifting category**. It marked her **third consecutive Commonwealth Games Gold medal** (after Gold Coast 2018 and Birmingham 2022), making her only the **second Indian female athlete** in history (after wrestler Vinesh Phogat) to win gold at three successive Commonwealth Games (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Chapter 1 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**First-Time Medal Nations at Glasgow 2026**	Caribbean nation **Dominica** won its **first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medal**, while **Gabon, Rwanda, and Tuvalu** won their **first-ever Commonwealth Games medals** at Glasgow 2026 (IUC Academy).
Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games (23 July – 2 August 2026): Structure, Funding & Standings	**Statement-I**	Australia (AUS) — 70; 55.
Four-Node XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow) Progression Flowchart	**Statement-II**	England (ENG) — 29; 42.

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Chapter 1 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	Statement-II	India (IND) — 13; 17.
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Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Final Top-5 Medal Table & Key Tournament Facts	Statement-II	India in Boxing (Rank 1) — 7; 3.
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Chapter 1 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

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

Statement-I (Host City, Dates & Sustainable Model (23 July – 2 August 2026)): The **XXIII Commonwealth Games (Glasgow 2026)** were held in **Glasgow, Scotland** from **July 23 to August 2, 2026** across seven existing venues featuring **10 sports** and **215 medal events** with athletes from **74 Commonwealth nations and territories**. Following Victoria's withdrawal, Glasgow staged a cost-effective, sustainable edition primarily backed by **AU$200 million** in Victorian compensation and Commonwealth Games Federation support (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

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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 1 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (India Finishes 4th Overall with 39 Medals): India **secured** 4th position **on the final Glasgow 2026 medal table with** 39 total medals — 13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 9 Bronze — **finishing ahead of 5th-placed hosts** Scotland **(who also won** 13 Gold and 39 total medals**, but trailed India with 13 Silver vs India's 17 Silver) (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (Mirabai Chanu's Hat-Trick of CWG Golds): Star weightlifter **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** won **India's first Gold medal** of the Glasgow 2026 Games in the **Women's 48 kg weightlifting category**. It marked her **third consecutive Commonwealth Games Gold medal** (after Gold Coast 2018 and Birmingham 2022), making her only the **second Indian female athlete** in history (after wrestler Vinesh Phogat) to win gold at three successive Commonwealth Games (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

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

Chapter 1 Statement-Verification Drill #3 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (First-Time Medal Nations at Glasgow 2026): Caribbean nation **Dominica** won its **first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medal**, while **Gabon, Rwanda, and Tuvalu** won their **first-ever Commonwealth Games medals** at Glasgow 2026 (IUC Academy).

Statement-II (Statement-I): Australia (AUS) — 70; 55.

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

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

Statement-I (Statement-II): England (ENG) — 29; 42.

Statement-II (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (Topped CWG medal table for 3rd straight edition (IUC Academy)).

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

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

Statement-I (Statement-I): Canada (CAN) — 19; 22.

Statement-II (Statement-II): India (IND) — 13; 17.

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

Chapter 1 Statement-Verification Drill #6 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (Secured 3rd rank overall across aquatic and track events (IUC Academy)).

Statement-II (Statement-I): Scotland (SCO — Host) — 13; 13.

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

Chapter 2: India's Historic Records at Glasgow 2026 CWG — Boxing, Judo, Athletics & Para-Sports

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 2: India's Historic Records at Glasgow 2026 CWG — Boxing, Judo, Athletics & Para-Sports

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2.1 Sport-By-Sport Analysis of India's Record-Breaking Performances at Glasgow 2026

• **All-Time CWG Record in Boxing (7 Golds, 10 Total Medals):** Competing at the SEC Centre in Glasgow, Indian boxers won **10 medals (7 Gold and 3 Silver)** to **top the Commonwealth Games boxing medal table for the first time in history** (ahead of England with 4 Gold and Australia with 2 Gold). Winning **7 boxing Golds** set an all-time record for the most boxing gold medals won by any nation in a single edition of the Commonwealth Games (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **First-Ever CWG Gold Medals in Judo (Asmita Dey & Harsh Singh):** India achieved its best-ever Commonwealth Games Judo performance at Glasgow 2026 with **3 medals**, highlighted by **Asmita Dey** and **Harsh Singh** winning **India's first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medals in Judo** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **Gulveer Singh's Historic Track Double in Athletics:** Long-distance runner **Gulveer Singh** became the **first Indian track-and-field athlete to win two individual medals at a single edition of the Commonwealth Games**, clinching the **Silver medal in the Men's 10,000 metres** and the **Bronze medal in the Men's 5,000 metres** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **Tejaswin Shankar's Landmark Decathlon Bronze:** National record holder **Tejaswin Shankar** (who won India's first CWG High Jump medal in 2022) scripted history again at Glasgow 2026 by winning the **Bronze medal in the Men's Decathlon — India's first-ever Commonwealth Games medal in Decathlon** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **Best-Ever Indian Para-Sports Performance (7 Medals, 3 Golds):** Integrated into the main Glasgow 2026 medal programme, **Indian para-athletes** delivered their highest-ever medal haul at a single Commonwealth Games, capturing **7 medals including 3 Gold medals** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

2.2 Four-Node Indian Record-Breakers at Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Flowchart

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Node 1: Weightlifting: Mirabai Chanu (48 kg Gold) Becomes 2nd Indian Woman with 3 Straight CWG Golds

STEP 2
Node 2: Boxing at SEC Centre: India Wins 7 Golds & 3 Silvers (All-Time CWG Record by Any Nation)

STEP 3
Node 3: Judo History: Asmita Dey & Harsh Singh Clinch India's First-Ever CWG Judo Gold Medals

STEP 4
Node 4: Athletics & Para-Sports: Gulveer Singh (10,000m Silver + 5,000m Bronze) & Tejaswin Shankar (Decathlon Bronze)

2.3 India's Historic Firsts & Record Performers at the 2026 Commonwealth Games (Glasgow)

S.No.	Indian Athlete / Contingent	Sport / Event Category	Medal Won at Glasgow 2026	Historic Record / Milestone Achieved	Official Source
1	Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting (Women's 48 kg)	Gold Medal	India's 1st Gold at Glasgow 2026; 3rd consecutive CWG Gold (after Vinesh Phogat)	PIB Official Portal
2	Indian Boxing Contingent	Boxing (SEC Centre, Glasgow)	7 Gold, 3 Silver (10 Total)	First time India topped CWG Boxing table; most boxing golds (7) by any nation at one CWG	PIB Official Portal
3	Asmita Dey	Judo (Women's Category)	Gold Medal	Won India's historic first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medal in Judo (alongside Harsh Singh)	PIB Official Portal
4	Harsh Singh	Judo (Men's Category)	Gold Medal	Won India's historic first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medal in Judo (India won 3 Judo medals)	PIB Official Portal
5	Gulveer Singh	Athletics (Men's 10,000m & 5,000m)	1 Silver (10,000m) & 1 Bronze (5,000m)	First Indian track-and-field athlete to win two individual medals at a single CWG	PIB Official Portal
6	Tejaswin Shankar	Athletics (Men's Decathlon)	Bronze Medal	First Indian athlete in history to win a Commonwealth Games medal in the 10-event Decathlon	PIB Official Portal
7	Indian Para-Sports Contingent	Integrated Para-Athletics / Para-Events	3 Gold (7 Total Medals)	Best-ever performance by Indian para-athletes at a single edition of the Commonwealth Games	PIB Official Portal

Did You Know?: Before **Gulveer Singh** won Silver in the 10,000m and Bronze in the 5,000m at Glasgow 2026, no Indian track-and-field athlete had ever won two individual medals in a single Commonwealth Games edition (Milkha Singh won one gold in 1958, and Eldhose Paul / Abdulla Aboobacker won single medals in 2022) (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).

Exam Trap Alert: Be careful with **Tejaswin Shankar's** two historic CWG Bronze medals: in **2022 (Birmingham)** he won India's first CWG medal in **Men's High Jump**, whereas in **2026 (Glasgow)** he won India's first-ever CWG medal in **Men's Decathlon** (IUC Academy).

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember India's Glasgow 2026 pioneers with **"Mirabai (48kg 3x Gold) – Boxing (7 Golds) – Asmita & Harsh (Judo Golds) – Gulveer (10k/5k Double) – Tejaswin (Decathlon Bronze)"**.

2.4 Chapter 2 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)

S.No.	Core Current Affairs 2026 Sub-Topic	Verified Constitutional / Statutory / Technical Fact (2026)	Official Source
1	**Saikhom Mirabai Chanu**	Weightlifting (Women's 48 kg) — Gold Medal	PIB Official Portal
2	**Indian Boxing Contingent**	Boxing (SEC Centre, Glasgow) — 7 Gold, 3 Silver (10 Total)	PIB Official Portal
3	**Asmita Dey**	Judo (Women's Category) — Gold Medal	PIB Official Portal
4	**Harsh Singh**	Judo (Men's Category) — Gold Medal	PIB Official Portal
5	**Gulveer Singh**	Athletics (Men's 10,000m & 5,000m) — 1 Silver (10,000m) & 1 Bronze (5,000m)	PIB Official Portal
6	**Tejaswin Shankar**	Athletics (Men's Decathlon) — Bronze Medal	PIB Official Portal

2.5 Chapter 2 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)

• **Statement-Verification Drill 2.1 (Saikhom Mirabai Chanu & Indian Boxing Contingent):**

• **Statement-I:** Saikhom Mirabai Chanu — Weightlifting (Women's 48 kg); Gold Medal.

• **Statement-II:** Indian Boxing Contingent — Boxing (SEC Centre, Glasgow); 7 Gold, 3 Silver (10 Total).

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 2.2 (Asmita Dey & Harsh Singh):**

• **Statement-I:** Asmita Dey — Judo (Women's Category); Gold Medal.

• **Statement-II:** Harsh Singh — Judo (Men's Category); Gold Medal.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 2.3 (Gulveer Singh & Tejaswin Shankar):**

• **Statement-I:** Gulveer Singh — Athletics (Men's 10,000m & 5,000m); 1 Silver (10,000m) & 1 Bronze (5,000m).

• **Statement-II:** Tejaswin Shankar — Athletics (Men's Decathlon); Bronze Medal.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (**PIB Official Portal**).

Chapter 2 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Sport-By-Sport Analysis of India's Record-Breaking Performances at Glasgow 2026	**All-Time CWG Record in Boxing (7 Golds, 10 Total Medals)**	Competing at the SEC Centre in Glasgow, Indian boxers won **10 medals (7 Gold and 3 Silver)** to **top the Commonwealth Games boxing medal table for the first time in history** (ahead of England with 4 Gold and Australia with 2 Gold). Winning **7 boxing Golds** set an all-time record for the most boxing gold medals won by any nation in a single edition of the Commonwealth Games (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Four-Node Indian Record-Breakers at Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Flowchart	**First-Ever CWG Gold Medals in Judo (Asmita Dey & Harsh Singh)**	India achieved its best-ever Commonwealth Games Judo performance at Glasgow 2026 with **3 medals**, highlighted by **Asmita Dey** and **Harsh Singh** winning **India's first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medals in Judo** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
India's Historic Firsts & Record Performers at the 2026 Commonwealth Games (Glasgow)	**Gulveer Singh's Historic Track Double in Athletics**	Long-distance runner **Gulveer Singh** became the **first Indian track-and-field athlete to win two individual medals at a single edition of the Commonwealth Games**, clinching the **Silver medal in the Men's 10,000 metres** and the **Bronze medal in the Men's 5,000 metres** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Chapter 2 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Tejaswin Shankar's Landmark Decathlon Bronze**	National record holder **Tejaswin Shankar** (who won India's first CWG High Jump medal in 2022) scripted history again at Glasgow 2026 by winning the **Bronze medal in the Men's Decathlon** — **India's first-ever Commonwealth Games medal in Decathlon** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Chapter 2 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Best-Ever Indian Para-Sports Performance (7 Medals, 3 Golds)**	Integrated into the main Glasgow 2026 medal programme, **Indian para-athletes** delivered their highest-ever medal haul at a single Commonwealth Games, capturing **7 medals including 3 Gold medals** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Sport-By-Sport Analysis of India's Record-Breaking Performances at Glasgow 2026	**Statement-I**	Saikhom Mirabai Chanu — Weightlifting (Women's 48 kg); Gold Medal.

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Four-Node Indian Record-Breakers at Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Flowchart	**Statement-II**	Indian Boxing Contingent — Boxing (SEC Centre, Glasgow); 7 Gold, 3 Silver (10 Total).
India's Historic Firsts & Record Performers at the 2026 Commonwealth Games (Glasgow)	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).
Chapter 2 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-I**	Asmita Dey — Judo (Women's Category); Gold Medal.
Chapter 2 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-II**	Harsh Singh — Judo (Men's Category); Gold Medal.
Sport-By-Sport Analysis of India's Record-Breaking Performances at Glasgow 2026	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).
Four-Node Indian Record-Breakers at Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Flowchart	**Statement-I**	Gulveer Singh — Athletics (Men's 10,000m & 5,000m); 1 Silver (10,000m) & 1 Bronze (5,000m).
India's Historic Firsts & Record Performers at the 2026 Commonwealth Games (Glasgow)	**Statement-II**	Tejaswin Shankar — Athletics (Men's Decathlon); Bronze Medal.
Chapter 2 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

Chapter 2 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 2 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (All-Time CWG Record in Boxing (7 Golds, 10 Total Medals)): Competing at the SEC Centre in Glasgow, Indian boxers won **10 medals (7 Gold and 3 Silver)** to **top the Commonwealth Games boxing medal table for the first time in history** (ahead of England with 4 Gold and Australia with 2 Gold). Winning **7 boxing Golds** set an all-time record for the most boxing gold medals won by any nation in a single edition of the Commonwealth Games (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (First-Ever CWG Gold Medals in Judo (Asmita Dey & Harsh Singh)): India achieved its best-ever Commonwealth Games Judo performance at Glasgow 2026 with **3 medals**, highlighted by **Asmita Dey** and **Harsh Singh** winning **India's first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medals in Judo** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

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

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

Statement-I (Gulveer Singh's Historic Track Double in Athletics): Long-distance runner **Gulveer Singh** became the **first Indian track-and-field athlete to win two individual medals at a single edition of the Commonwealth Games**, clinching the **Silver medal in the Men's 10,000 metres** and the **Bronze medal in the Men's 5,000 metres** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (Tejaswin Shankar's Landmark Decathlon Bronze): National record holder **Tejaswin Shankar** (who won India's first CWG High Jump medal in 2022) scripted history again at Glasgow 2026 by winning the **Bronze medal in the Men's Decathlon — India's first-ever Commonwealth Games medal in Decathlon** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

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

Chapter 2 Statement-Verification Drill #3 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Best-Ever Indian Para-Sports Performance (7 Medals, 3 Golds)): Integrated into the main Glasgow 2026 medal programme, **Indian para-athletes** delivered their highest-ever medal haul at a single Commonwealth Games, capturing **7 medals including 3 Gold medals** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (Statement-I): Saikhom Mirabai Chanu — Weightlifting (Women's 48 kg); Gold Medal.

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

Chapter 2 Statement-Verification Drill #4 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Statement-II): Indian Boxing Contingent — Boxing (SEC Centre, Glasgow); 7 Gold, 3 Silver (10 Total).

Statement-II (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

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

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

Statement-I (Statement-I): Asmita Dey — Judo (Women's Category); Gold Medal.

Statement-II (Statement-II): Harsh Singh — Judo (Men's Category); Gold Medal.

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

Chapter 2 Statement-Verification Drill #6 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

Statement-II (Statement-I): Gulveer Singh — Athletics (Men's 10,000m & 5,000m); 1 Silver (10,000m) & 1 Bronze (5,000m).

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

Chapter 3: 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 (USA, Canada & Mexico) — Spain Wins 2nd Title, Awards & Records

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 3: 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 (USA, Canada & Mexico) — Spain Wins 2nd Title, Awards & Records

Key Study Pillar 1	Key Study Pillar 2	Key Study Pillar 3	Key Study Pillar 4
FIFA World Cup 2026 (11 June – 19 July 2026): 48-Team Format, 16 Host Cities & MetLife Final	23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 (USA, Canada & Mexico) Complete Awards & Records Matrix	Chapter 3 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	Chapter 3 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)

3.1 FIFA World Cup 2026 (11 June – 19 July 2026): 48-Team Format, 16 Host Cities & MetLife Final

• **First Tri-Nation & 48-Team FIFA World Cup (11 June – 19 July 2026):** The **23rd FIFA Men's World Cup** was held from **June 11 to July 19, 2026** across **16 Host Cities in three North American nations**: the **United States (11 cities, hosting 78 matches including all quarterfinals, semifinals, and the final)**, **Mexico (3 cities: Mexico City, Guadalajara, Monterrey — 13 matches)**, and **Canada (2 cities: Toronto, Vancouver — 13 matches)**. It was the first World Cup expanded from 32 to **48 teams** playing **104 matches** (IUC Academy).

• **Grand Final at MetLife Stadium (19 July 2026 — Spain 1–0 Argentina a.e.t.):** In the final played on **July 19, 2026** at **MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey (New York/New Jersey)**, **Spain defeated defending champions Argentina 1–0 after extra time (a.e.t.)**. After a goalless 90 minutes in which Argentina's **Enzo Fernández** was sent off and goalkeeper **Emiliano Martínez** made a World Cup Final record **11 saves**, **Ferran Torres** scored the championship-winning goal in extra time from a **Nico Williams** header (IUC Academy).

• **Spain's Dual World Cup Record:** With this victory, **Spain** captured its **second FIFA Men's World Cup title** (after South Africa 2010) and became the **first country in football history to simultaneously hold both the Men's (2026) and Women's (2023) FIFA World Cup titles** (IUC Academy).

• **Official Individual Award Winners (FIFA World Cup 2026):** Spanish captain **Rodri** won the **Golden Ball** (Best Player of the Tournament), France captain **Kylian Mbappé** won his **second career Golden Boot** (Top Goalscorer), Spain's **Unai Simón** won the **Golden Glove** (Best Goalkeeper), Spain's **Pau Cubarsí** won the **Best Young Player Award**, **Ferran Torres** was named **Man of the Match in the Final**, and the **Netherlands** received the **FIFA Fair Play Award** (IUC Academy).

• **Venue & Knockout Stage Highlights: AT&T Stadium in Arlington (Dallas), Texas** hosted the most matches of any venue in the tournament (**9 matches**). In the semifinals, Argentina defeated England 2–1 in Atlanta (with two assists from Lionel Messi to Enzo Fernández and Lautaro Martínez), while Spain eliminated France to set up the Spain vs. Argentina final (IUC Academy).

3.2 Four-Node 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 Tournament & Final Flowchart

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Node 1: 48 Teams Compete Across 16 Host Cities in USA (78 Matches), Mexico (13) & Canada (13)

STEP 2
Node 2: Semifinals: Spain Eliminates France; Argentina Defeats England 2-1 in Atlanta

STEP 3
Node 3: Final at MetLife Stadium (19 July 2026): Spain Beats Argentina 1-0 (a.e.t.) via Ferran Torres Goal

STEP 4
Node 4: Awards Sweep: Rodri (Golden Ball), Mbappe (Golden Boot), Unai Simon (Golden Glove), Cubarsi (Young Player)

3.3 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 (USA, Canada & Mexico) Complete Awards & Records Matrix

S.No.	FIFA World Cup 2026 Category / Award	Winner / Record Holder	Verified Match / Statistical Detail	Official Source
1	2026 World Champions (2nd Title)	Spain (Captain: Rodri)	Defeated Argentina 1–0 (a.e.t.) on 19 July 2026 at MetLife Stadium; 1st nation to hold Men's & Women's titles simultaneously	IUC Academy
2	Runners-Up (Defending Champions)	Argentina (Captain: Lionel Messi)	Emiliano Martínez set a World Cup Final record with 11 saves; reduced to 10 men after Enzo Fernández red card	IUC Academy
3	Golden Ball (Best Overall Player)	Rodri (Spain)	Anchored Spain's midfield dominance throughout the 48-team tournament	IUC Academy
4	Golden Boot (Top Goalscorer)	Kylian Mbappé (France)	Won his second consecutive FIFA World Cup Golden Boot (after 2022)	IUC Academy
5	Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper)	Unai Simón (Spain)	Conceded minimal goals across knockout stages to clinch top goalkeeper honour	IUC Academy
6	Best Young Player Award	Pau Cubarsí (Spain)	Teenage Spanish centre-back recognized as the tournament's standout young talent	IUC Academy
7	Final Man of the Match & Goalscorer	Ferran Torres (Spain)	Scored the decisive 1–0 extra-time winner off a Nico Williams header	IUC Academy
8	FIFA Fair Play Trophy & Host Venues	Netherlands / 16 Host Cities	11 US cities (78 matches; AT&T Stadium hosted 9), 3 Mexican cities (13), 2 Canadian cities (13)	IUC Academy

Did You Know?: In the **2026 FIFA World Cup Final**, Argentine goalkeeper **Emiliano Martínez** made **11 saves** — the **most saves by any goalkeeper in a World Cup Final in history** — while Argentina became the first finalist ever to fail to register a single shot during the 90 minutes of regulation time (IUC Academy).

Exam Trap Alert: Do not confuse the **Golden Ball** and **Golden Boot** winners of the 2026 FIFA World Cup: **Spain swept three individual awards** (**Rodri** = Golden Ball, **Unai Simón** = Golden Glove, **Pau Cubarsí** = Best Young Player), whereas **France's Kylian Mbappé** won the **Golden Boot** (IUC Academy).

★ **Memory Trick:** Memorize the 2026 FIFA World Cup award winners with **"R-M-S-C-T"**: **R**odri (Golden Ball), **M**bappé (Golden Boot), **S**imón (Golden Glove), **C**ubarsí (Young Player), and **T**orres (Final 1–0 Goal & Man of the Match).

3.4 Chapter *3* Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table *(July-2026* & August-*2026)*

S.No.	Core Current Affairs 2026 Sub-Topic	Verified Constitutional / Statutory / Technical Fact (2026)	Official Source
1	**2026 World Champions (2nd Title)**	Spain (Captain: Rodri) — Defeated Argentina 1–0 (a.e.t.) on 19 July 2026 at MetLife Stadium; 1st nation to hold Men's & Women's titles simultaneously	IUC Academy
2	**Runners-Up (Defending Champions)**	Argentina (Captain: Lionel Messi) — Emiliano Martínez set a World Cup Final record with 11 saves; reduced to 10 men after Enzo Fernández red card	IUC Academy
3	**Golden Ball (Best Overall Player)**	Rodri (Spain) — Anchored Spain's midfield dominance throughout the 48-team tournament	IUC Academy
4	**Golden Boot (Top Goalscorer)**	Kylian Mbappé (France) — Won his second consecutive FIFA World Cup Golden Boot (after 2022)	IUC Academy
5	**Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper)**	Unai Simón (Spain) — Conceded minimal goals across knockout stages to clinch top goalkeeper honour	IUC Academy
6	**Best Young Player Award**	Pau Cubarsí (Spain) — Teenage Spanish centre-back recognized as the tournament's standout young talent	IUC Academy

3.5 Chapter *3* Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills *(July-2026* & August-*2026)*

• **Statement-Verification Drill 3.1 (2026 World Champions (2nd Title) & Runners-Up (Defending Champions)):**

• **Statement-I:** 2026 World Champions (2nd Title) — Spain (Captain: Rodri); Defeated Argentina 1–0 (a.e.t.) on 19 July 2026 at MetLife Stadium; 1st nation to hold Men's & Women's titles simultaneously.

• **Statement-II:** Runners-Up (Defending Champions) — Argentina (Captain: Lionel Messi); Emiliano Martínez set a World Cup Final record with 11 saves; reduced to 10 men after Enzo Fernández red card.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (IUC Academy).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 3.2 (Golden Ball (Best Overall Player) & Golden Boot (Top Goalscorer)):**

• **Statement-I:** Golden Ball (Best Overall Player) — Rodri (Spain); Anchored Spain's midfield dominance throughout the 48-team tournament.

• **Statement-II:** Golden Boot (Top Goalscorer) — Kylian Mbappé (France); Won his second consecutive FIFA World Cup Golden Boot (after 2022).

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (IUC Academy).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 3.3 (Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper) & Best Young Player Award):**

• **Statement-I:** Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper) — Unai Simón (Spain); Conceded minimal goals across knockout stages to clinch top goalkeeper honour.

• **Statement-II:** Best Young Player Award — Pau Cubarsí (Spain); Teenage Spanish centre-back recognized as the tournament's standout young talent.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (**IUC Academy**).

Chapter 3 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
FIFA World Cup 2026 (11 June – 19 July 2026): 48-Team Format, 16 Host Cities & MetLife Final	**First Tri-Nation & 48-Team FIFA World Cup (11 June – 19 July 2026)**	The **23rd FIFA Men's World Cup** was held from **June 11 to July 19, 2026** across **16 Host Cities in three North American nations**: the **United States (11 cities, hosting 78 matches including all quarterfinals, semifinals, and the final)**, **Mexico (3 cities: Mexico City, Guadalajara, Monterrey — 13 matches)**, and **Canada (2 cities: Toronto, Vancouver — 13 matches)**. It was the first World Cup expanded from 32 to **48 teams** playing **104 matches** (IUC Academy).
Four-Node 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 Tournament & Final Flowchart	**Grand Final at MetLife Stadium (19 July 2026 — Spain 1–0 Argentina a.e.t.)**	In the final played on **July 19, 2026** at **MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey (New York/New Jersey)**, **Spain defeated defending champions Argentina 1–0 after extra time (a.e.t.)**. After a goalless 90 minutes in which Argentina's **Enzo Fernández** was sent off and goalkeeper **Emiliano Martínez** made a World Cup Final record **11 saves**, **Ferran Torres** scored the championship-winning goal in extra time from a **Nico Williams** header (IUC Academy).
23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 (USA, Canada & Mexico) Complete Awards & Records Matrix	**Spain's Dual World Cup Record**	With this victory, **Spain** captured its **second FIFA Men's World Cup title** (after South Africa 2010) and became the **first country in football history to simultaneously hold both the Men's (2026) and Women's (2023) FIFA World Cup titles** (IUC Academy).
Chapter 3 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Official Individual Award Winners (FIFA World Cup 2026)**	Spanish captain **Rodri** won the **Golden Ball** (Best Player of the Tournament), France captain **Kylian Mbappé** won his **second career Golden Boot** (Top Goalscorer), Spain's **Unai Simón** won the **Golden Glove** (Best Goalkeeper), Spain's **Pau Cubarsí** won the **Best Young Player Award**, **Ferran Torres** was named **Man of the Match in the Final**, and the **Netherlands** received the **FIFA Fair Play Award** (IUC Academy).
Chapter 3 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Venue & Knockout Stage Highlights**	AT&T Stadium in Arlington (Dallas), Texas **hosted the most matches of any venue in the tournament (**9 matches**). In the semifinals, Argentina defeated England 2–1 in Atlanta (with two assists from Lionel Messi to Enzo Fernández and Lautaro Martínez), while Spain eliminated France to set up the Spain vs. Argentina final (IUC Academy).

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
FIFA World Cup 2026 (11 June – 19 July 2026): 48-Team Format, 16 Host Cities & MetLife Final	**Statement-I**	2026 World Champions (2nd Title) — Spain (Captain: Rodri); Defeated Argentina 1–0 (a.e.t.) on 19 July 2026 at MetLife Stadium; 1st nation to hold Men's & Women's titles simultaneously.
Four-Node 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 Tournament & Final Flowchart	**Statement-II**	Runners-Up (Defending Champions) — Argentina (Captain: Lionel Messi); Emiliano Martínez set a World Cup Final record with 11 saves; reduced to 10 men after Enzo Fernández red card.
23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 (USA, Canada & Mexico) Complete Awards & Records Matrix	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (IUC Academy).
Chapter 3 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-I**	Golden Ball (Best Overall Player) — Rodri (Spain); Anchored Spain's midfield dominance throughout the 48-team tournament.
Chapter 3 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-II**	Golden Boot (Top Goalscorer) — Kylian Mbappé (France); Won his second consecutive FIFA World Cup Golden Boot (after 2022).
FIFA World Cup 2026 (11 June – 19 July 2026): 48-Team Format, 16 Host Cities & MetLife Final	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (IUC Academy).
Four-Node 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 Tournament & Final Flowchart	**Statement-I**	Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper) — Unai Simón (Spain); Conceded minimal goals across knockout stages to clinch top goalkeeper honour.
23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 (USA, Canada & Mexico) Complete Awards & Records Matrix	**Statement-II**	Best Young Player Award — Pau Cubarsí (Spain); Teenage Spanish centre-back recognized as the tournament's standout young talent.

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Chapter 3 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (IUC Academy).

Chapter 3 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 3 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — **Both Statements Verified Correct**

Statement-I (First Tri-Nation & 48-Team FIFA World Cup (11 June – 19 July 2026)): The **23rd FIFA Men's World Cup** was held from **June 11 to July 19, 2026** across **16 Host Cities in three North American nations**: the **United States (11 cities, hosting 78 matches including all quarterfinals, semifinals, and the final)**, **Mexico (3 cities: Mexico City, Guadalajara, Monterrey — 13 matches)**, and **Canada (2 cities: Toronto, Vancouver — 13 matches)**. It was the first World Cup expanded from 32 to **48 teams** playing **104 matches** (IUC Academy).

Statement-II (Grand Final at MetLife Stadium (19 July 2026 — Spain 1–0 Argentina a.e.t.)): In the final played on **July 19, 2026** at **MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey (New York/New Jersey)**, **Spain defeated defending champions Argentina 1–0 after extra time (a.e.t.)**. After a goalless 90 minutes in which Argentina's **Enzo Fernández** was sent off and goalkeeper **Emiliano Martínez** made a World Cup Final record **11 saves**, **Ferran Torres** scored the championship-winning goal in extra time from a **Nico Williams** header (IUC Academy).

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

Chapter 3 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — **Both Statements Verified Correct**

Statement-I (Spain's Dual World Cup Record): With this victory, **Spain** captured its **second FIFA Men's World Cup title** (after South Africa 2010) and became the **first country in football history to simultaneously hold both the Men's (2026) and Women's (2023) FIFA World Cup titles** (IUC Academy).

Statement-II (Official Individual Award Winners (FIFA World Cup 2026)): Spanish captain **Rodri** won the **Golden Ball** (Best Player of the Tournament), France captain **Kylian Mbappé** won his **second career Golden Boot** (Top Goalscorer), Spain's **Unai Simón** won the **Golden Glove** (Best Goalkeeper), Spain's **Pau Cubarsí** won the **Best Young Player Award**, **Ferran Torres** was named **Man of the Match in the Final**, and the **Netherlands** received the **FIFA Fair Play Award** (IUC Academy).

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

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

Statement-I (Venue & Knockout Stage Highlights): AT&T Stadium in Arlington (Dallas), Texas **hosted the most matches of any venue in the tournament (**9 matches**). In the semifinals, Argentina defeated England 2–1 in Atlanta (with two assists from Lionel Messi to Enzo Fernández and Lautaro Martínez), while Spain eliminated France to set up the Spain vs. Argentina final (IUC Academy).

Statement-II (Statement-I): 2026 World Champions (2nd Title) — Spain (Captain: Rodri); Defeated Argentina 1–0 (a.e.t.) on 19 July 2026 at MetLife Stadium; 1st nation to hold Men's & Women's titles simultaneously.

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

Chapter 3 Statement-Verification Drill #4 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Statement-II): Runners-Up (Defending Champions) — Argentina (Captain: Lionel Messi); Emiliano Martínez set a World Cup Final record with 11 saves; reduced to 10 men after Enzo Fernández red card.

Statement-II (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (IUC Academy).

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

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

Statement-I (Statement-I): Golden Ball (Best Overall Player) — Rodri (Spain); Anchored Spain's midfield dominance throughout the 48-team tournament.

Statement-II (Statement-II): Golden Boot (Top Goalscorer) — Kylian Mbappé (France); Won his second consecutive FIFA World Cup Golden Boot (after 2022).

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

Chapter 3 Statement-Verification Drill #6 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (IUC Academy).

Statement-II (Statement-I): Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper) — Unai Simón (Spain); Conceded minimal goals across knockout stages to clinch top goalkeeper honour.

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

Chapter 4: 3rd National Space Day 2026 (23 August, Ahmedabad) — Theme, Achievements & Roadmap

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 4: 3rd National Space Day 2026 (23 August, Ahmedabad) — Theme, Achievements & Roadmap

Key Study Pillar 1	Key Study Pillar 2	Key Study Pillar 3	Key Study Pillar 4
Celebration of the 3rd National Space Day on August 23, 2026 & Official Theme	National Space Day 2026 Official Profile & Comparative Editions Matrix	Chapter 4 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	Chapter 4 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)

4.1 Celebration of the 3rd National Space Day on August 23, 2026 & Official Theme

• **3rd National Space Day Hosted in Ahmedabad (23 August 2026):** India celebrated its **3rd National Space Day (NSpD-2026)** on **August 23, 2026**, with the national inaugural ceremony held in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat** (home to ISRO's Space Applications Centre), commemorating the historic soft landing of the **Chandrayaan-3 Vikram Lander** and deployment of the **Pragyan Rover** near the lunar south pole (69.3°S latitude, named ***Shiv Shakti Point***) on August 23, 2023 (Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)).

• **Official Theme for National Space Day 2026:** Unveiled by Department of Space Secretary and ISRO Chairman **Dr. V. Narayanan**, the official theme for the 3rd National Space Day 2026 is **"Towards Viksit**

Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership" (Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)).

• **Three Foundational Pillars of the *2026* Theme:** As highlighted in the official Government of India and ISRO address, the 2026 theme reflects three pillars of India's space journey centered on India's youth: **(1) Innovation** as the technological strength of New India, **(2) Collaboration** as an expression of India's scientific culture and global partnerships (NISAR, TRISHNA, LUPEX, Axiom-4), and **(3) Global Space Leadership** as a national aspiration toward Viksit Bharat 2047 (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **From Sounding Rockets to 6-Ton Heavy Launch & Private Orbital Flight:** National Space Day 2026 highlighted ISRO's evolution from launching small sounding rockets in the 1960s to launching **6-ton class international commercial satellites**, alongside the landmark achievement of **Skyroot Aerospace** launching the first private orbital rocket **Vikram-1** and the rise of **more than 440 space start-ups** across India since the 2020 space sector reforms (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **Long-Term Space Roadmap (Bharatiya Antariksh Station & Crewed Moon Landing):** India's space vision reaffirmed on August 23, 2026 targets deploying the first module (**BAS-1**) of the **Bharatiya Antariksh Station** by **2028**, operationalizing the full space station by **2035**, and achieving an **Indian crewed lunar landing by 2040** (Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)).

4.2 Four-Node Evolution of National Space Day & India's Space Vision *2047* Flowchart

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Node 1: 23 August 2023: Chandrayaan-3 Vikram Lands at Shiv Shakti Point (69.3 deg S Lunar South Pole)

STEP 2
Node 2: 1st (2026 Compendium) & 2nd (2025) National Space Days Build Nationwide Student & Start-Up Ecosystem

STEP 3
Node 3: 3rd National Space Day (23 Aug 2026, Ahmedabad): Theme 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating...'

STEP 4
Node 4: Future Horizon: Gaganyaan & Chandrayaan-4 -> Bharatiya Antariksh Station (2035) -> Crewed Moon Landing (2040)

4.3 National Space Day *2026* Official Profile & Comparative Editions Matrix

S.No.	Parameter / Milestone	Verified 2026 Official Detail	Historical / Technical Context	Official Source
1	Edition & Date in 2026	3rd National Space Day — August 23, 2026	Commemorates August 23, 2023 soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 Vikram lander	ISRO Official Portal
2	Host City of 2026 National Event	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Organized by ISRO / Department of Space with nationwide academic outreach	ISRO Official Portal
3	Official 2026 Theme	'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership'	Reflects 3 pillars: Innovation, Collaboration, and Global Leadership	ISRO Official Portal

S.No.	Parameter / Milestone	Verified 2026 Official Detail	Historical / Technical Context	Official Source
4	ISRO Chairman & Secretary DOS (2026)	Dr. V. Narayanan	Delivered the official 3rd National Space Day 2026 national address	ISRO Official Portal
5	Chandrayaan-3 Landing Site Names	Shiv Shakti Point (Ch-3) & Tiranga Point (Ch-2 crash site)	Vikram landed at 69.3° South latitude; Pragyan confirmed lunar sulphur in-situ	PIB Official Portal
6	Private Space Start-Up Ecosystem (2026)	440+ registered space start-ups in India	Catalyzed by IN-SPACe & NSIL reforms; Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1 orbital milestone	PIB Official Portal

Did You Know?: India is the **first country in world history** to achieve a soft landing near the **Moon's South Pole (at 69.3° South latitude)** and the **fourth country overall** (after the USA, former USSR, and China) to soft-land on the lunar surface. Its lander payload **ChaSTE** measured lunar topsoil thermal profiles while **LIBS** and **APXS** on the Pragyan rover directly confirmed the presence of **Sulphur (S)** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Exam Trap Alert: memorize the exact difference between the National Space Day themes: the **1st edition (2026 Compendium)** theme was '*Touching Lives while Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga*', the **2nd edition (2025)** was '*Aryabhata to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities*', and the **3rd edition (23 August 2026, Ahmedabad)** theme is '***Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership***' (IUC Academy).

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember the 3rd National Space Day 2026 with **"23 Aug – Ahmedabad – V. Narayanan – I-C-G (Innovating, Collaborating, Global Space Leadership)"**.

4.4 Chapter 4 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)

S.No.	Core Current Affairs 2026 Sub-Topic	Verified Constitutional / Statutory / Technical Fact (2026)	Official Source
1	**Edition & Date in 2026**	3rd National Space Day — August 23, 2026 — Commemorates August 23, 2023 soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 Vikram lander	ISRO Official Portal
2	**Host City of 2026 National Event**	Ahmedabad, Gujarat — Organized by ISRO / Department of Space with nationwide academic outreach	ISRO Official Portal
3	**Official 2026 Theme**	'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership' — Reflects 3 pillars: Innovation, Collaboration, and Global Leadership	ISRO Official Portal
4	**ISRO Chairman & Secretary DOS (2026)**	Dr. V. Narayanan — Delivered the official 3rd National Space Day 2026 national address	ISRO Official Portal
5	**Chandrayaan-3 Landing Site Names**	Shiv Shakti Point (Ch-3) & Tiranga Point (Ch-2 crash site) — Vikram landed at 69.3° South latitude; Pragyan confirmed lunar sulphur in-situ	PIB Official Portal

S.No.	Core Current Affairs 2026 Sub-Topic	Verified Constitutional / Statutory / Technical Fact (2026)	Official Source
6	**Private Space Start-Up Ecosystem (2026)**	440+ registered space start-ups in India — Catalyzed by IN-SPACe & NSIL reforms; Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1 orbital milestone	PIB Official Portal

4.5 Chapter *4* Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-*2026* & August-*2026*)

• **Statement-Verification Drill 4.1 (Edition & Date in 2026 & Host City of 2026 National Event):**

• **Statement-I:** Edition & Date in 2026 — 3rd National Space Day — August 23, 2026; Commemorates August 23, 2023 soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 Vikram lander.

• **Statement-II:** Host City of 2026 National Event — Ahmedabad, Gujarat; Organized by ISRO / Department of Space with nationwide academic outreach.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (ISRO Official Portal).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 4.2 (Official 2026 Theme & ISRO Chairman & Secretary DOS (2026)):**

• **Statement-I:** Official 2026 Theme — 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership'; Reflects 3 pillars: Innovation, Collaboration, and Global Leadership.

• **Statement-II:** ISRO Chairman & Secretary DOS (2026) — Dr. V. Narayanan; Delivered the official 3rd National Space Day 2026 national address.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (ISRO Official Portal).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 4.3 (Chandrayaan-3 Landing Site Names & Private Space Start-Up Ecosystem (2026)):**

• **Statement-I:** Chandrayaan-3 Landing Site Names — Shiv Shakti Point (Ch-3) & Tiranga Point (Ch-2 crash site); Vikram landed at 69.3° South latitude; Pragyan confirmed lunar sulphur in-situ.

• **Statement-II:** Private Space Start-Up Ecosystem (2026) — 440+ registered space start-ups in India; Catalyzed by IN-SPACe & NSIL reforms; Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1 orbital milestone.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

Chapter 4 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Celebration of the 3rd National Space Day on August 23, 2026 & Official Theme	**3rd National Space Day Hosted in Ahmedabad (23 August 2026)**	India celebrated its **3rd National Space Day (NSpD-2026)** on **August 23, 2026**, with the national inaugural ceremony held in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat** (home to ISRO's Space Applications Centre), commemorating the historic soft landing of the **Chandrayaan-3 Vikram Lander** and deployment of the **Pragyan Rover** near the lunar south pole (69.3°S latitude, named ***Shiv Shakti Point***) on August 23, 2023 (Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)).
Four-Node Evolution of National Space Day & India's Space Vision 2047 Flowchart	**Official Theme for National Space Day 2026**	Unveiled by Department of Space Secretary and ISRO Chairman **Dr. V. Narayanan**, the official theme for the 3rd National Space Day 2026 is **"Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership"** (Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)).
National Space Day 2026 Official Profile & Comparative Editions Matrix	**Three Foundational Pillars of the 2026 Theme**	As highlighted in the official Government of India and ISRO address, the 2026 theme reflects three pillars of India's space journey centered on India's youth: **(1) Innovation** as the technological strength of New India, **(2) Collaboration** as an expression of India's scientific culture and global partnerships (NISAR, TRISHNA, LUPEX, Axiom-4), and **(3) Global Space Leadership** as a national aspiration toward Viksit Bharat 2047 (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Chapter 4 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**From Sounding Rockets to 6-Ton Heavy Launch & Private Orbital Flight**	National Space Day 2026 highlighted ISRO's evolution from launching small sounding rockets in the 1960s to launching **6-ton class international commercial satellites**, alongside the landmark achievement of **Skyroot Aerospace** launching the first private orbital rocket **Vikram-1** and the rise of **more than 440 space start-ups** across India since the 2020 space sector reforms (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Chapter 4 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Long-Term Space Roadmap (Bharatiya Antariksh Station & Crewed Moon Landing)**	India's space vision reaffirmed on August 23, 2026 targets deploying the first module (**BAS-1**) of the **Bharatiya Antariksh Station** by **2028**, operationalizing the full space station by **2035**, and achieving an **Indian crewed lunar landing by 2040** (Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)).
Celebration of the 3rd National Space Day on August 23, 2026 & Official Theme	**Statement-I**	Edition & Date in 2026 — 3rd National Space Day — August 23, 2026; Commemorates August 23, 2023 soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 Vikram lander.
Four-Node Evolution of National Space Day & India's Space Vision 2047 Flowchart	**Statement-II**	Host City of 2026 National Event — Ahmedabad, Gujarat; Organized by ISRO / Department of Space with nationwide academic outreach.

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
National Space Day 2026 Official Profile & Comparative Editions Matrix	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (ISRO Official Portal).
Chapter 4 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-I**	Official 2026 Theme — 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership'; Reflects 3 pillars: Innovation, Collaboration, and Global Leadership.
Chapter 4 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-II**	ISRO Chairman & Secretary DOS (2026) — Dr. V. Narayanan; Delivered the official 3rd National Space Day 2026 national address.
Celebration of the 3rd National Space Day on August 23, 2026 & Official Theme	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (ISRO Official Portal).
Four-Node Evolution of National Space Day & India's Space Vision 2047 Flowchart	**Statement-I**	Chandrayaan-3 Landing Site Names — Shiv Shakti Point (Ch-3) & Tiranga Point (Ch-2 crash site); Vikram landed at 69.3° South latitude; Pragyan confirmed lunar sulphur in-situ.
National Space Day 2026 Official Profile & Comparative Editions Matrix	**Statement-II**	Private Space Start-Up Ecosystem (2026) — 440+ registered space start-ups in India; Catalyzed by IN-SPACe & NSIL reforms; Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1 orbital milestone.
Chapter 4 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

Chapter 4 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

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

Statement-I (3rd National Space Day Hosted in Ahmedabad (23 August 2026)): India celebrated its **3rd National Space Day (NSpD-2026)** on **August 23, 2026**, with the national inaugural ceremony held in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat** (home to ISRO's Space Applications Centre), commemorating the historic soft landing of the **Chandrayaan-3 Vikram Lander** and deployment of the **Pragyan Rover** near the lunar south pole (69.3°S latitude, named ***Shiv Shakti Point***) on August 23, 2023 (Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)).

Statement-II (Official Theme for National Space Day 2026): Unveiled by Department of Space Secretary and ISRO Chairman **Dr. V. Narayanan**, the official theme for the 3rd National Space Day 2026 is **"Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership"** (Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)).

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

Chapter 4 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Three Foundational Pillars of the 2026 Theme): As highlighted in the official Government of India and ISRO address, the 2026 theme reflects three pillars of India's space journey centered on India's youth: **(1) Innovation** as the technological strength of New India, **(2) Collaboration** as an expression of India's scientific culture and global partnerships (NISAR, TRISHNA, LUPEX, Axiom-4), and **(3) Global Space Leadership** as a national aspiration toward Viksit Bharat 2047 (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (From Sounding Rockets to 6-Ton Heavy Launch & Private Orbital Flight): National Space Day 2026 highlighted ISRO's evolution from launching small sounding rockets in the 1960s to launching **6-ton class international commercial satellites**, alongside the landmark achievement of **Skyroot Aerospace** launching the first private orbital rocket **Vikram-1** and the rise of **more than 440 space start-ups** across India since the 2020 space sector reforms (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

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

Chapter 4 Statement-Verification Drill #3 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Long-Term Space Roadmap (Bharatiya Antariksh Station & Crewed Moon Landing)): India's space vision reaffirmed on August 23, 2026 targets deploying the first module (**BAS-1**) of the **Bharatiya Antariksh Station** by **2028**, operationalizing the full space station by **2035**, and achieving an **Indian crewed lunar landing by 2040** (Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)).

Statement-II (Statement-I): Edition & Date in 2026 — 3rd National Space Day — August 23, 2026; Commemorates August 23, 2023 soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 Vikram lander.

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

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

Statement-I (Statement-II): Host City of 2026 National Event — Ahmedabad, Gujarat; Organized by ISRO / Department of Space with nationwide academic outreach.

Statement-II (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (ISRO Official Portal).

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

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

Statement-I (Statement-I): Official 2026 Theme — 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership'; Reflects 3 pillars: Innovation, Collaboration, and Global Leadership.

Statement-II (Statement-II): ISRO Chairman & Secretary DOS (2026) — Dr. V. Narayanan; Delivered the official 3rd National Space Day 2026 national address.

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

Chapter 4 Statement-Verification Drill #6 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (ISRO Official Portal).

Statement-II (Statement-I): Chandrayaan-3 Landing Site Names — Shiv Shakti Point (Ch-3) & Tiranga Point (Ch-2 crash site); Vikram landed at 69.3° South latitude; Pragyan confirmed lunar sulphur in-situ.

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

Chapter *5:* NITI Aayog *2026* Reports*:* India Electric Mobility Index *(*IEMI*)*, Export Preparedness & SDG Progress

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 5: NITI Aayog 2026 Reports: India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI), Export Preparedness & SDG Progress

Key Study Pillar 1	Key Study Pillar 2	Key Study Pillar 3	Key Study Pillar 4
Key Indices & Policy Reports Released by NITI Aayog and MoSPI in 2026	NITI Aayog & National Policy Reports Released in 2026 — Comprehensive Matrix	Chapter 5 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	Chapter 5 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)

5.1 Key Indices & Policy Reports Released by NITI Aayog and MoSPI in *2026*

• **India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) Released by NITI Aayog in 2026:** In September 2026, NITI Aayog's E-Mobility Division published the second edition of the **India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI)** to benchmark all Indian States and Union Territories on their transition toward clean electric transport using a unified framework of **3 core themes and 16 quantitative indicators** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **Three Core Themes of NITI Aayog's IEMI (2026):** The India Electric Mobility Index evaluates sub-national performance across three weighted pillars: **(1) Transport Electrification Progress** (demand-side EV adoption and fleet electrification), **(2) Charging Infrastructure Readiness** (public charging networks and power grid integration), and **(3) EV Research and Innovation** (R&D, supply-chain manufacturing, and patents) (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **Export Preparedness Index (EPI) Released in January 2026:** On **January 14–15, 2026**, NITI Aayog released the **4th edition of the Export Preparedness Index (EPI)** (and initiated the 5th edition study in late 2026), evaluating States and UTs across **four pillars**: **(1) Policy**, **(2) Business Ecosystem**, **(3) Export Ecosystem**, and **(4) Export Performance**, recognizing sub-national diversity in driving India's global trade resilience (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **NITI Aayog GVC Report on Electronics & PLI Impact Assessment (2026):** In its 2026 publications, NITI Aayog released a flagship Global Value Chain (GVC) report titled ***"Electronics: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains"*** along with impact assessments of Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes and the **District Hospital Index** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **MoSPI SDG National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report 2026:** On **June 18, 2026**, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), in coordination with NITI Aayog's SDG monitoring mandate, released the **Sustainable Development Goals — National Indicator Framework (SDG-NIF) Progress Report, 2026**, tracking national time-series progress across all 17 SDGs (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

5.2 Four-Node NITI Aayog Competitive Federalism & Index Evaluation Flowchart *(2026)*

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Node 1: NITI Aayog Collects State/UT Data Across E-Mobility, Exports, Health & SDG Indicators

STEP 2
Node 2: Release of Export Preparedness Index (Jan 2026) Across 4 Pillars (Policy, Business, Export, Performance)

STEP 3
Node 3: Release ofSDG-NIF Progress Report (June 2026) & India Electric Mobility Index (Sept 2026; 3 Themes, 16 Indicators)

STEP 4
Node 4: Peer Learning, Evidence-Based State Policymaking & Global Value Chain (GVC) Integration

5.3 NITI Aayog & National Policy Reports Released in *2026* — Comprehensive Matrix

S.No.	2026 Report / Index Title	Releasing Institution / Division	Release Window (2026)	Core Evaluation Pillars / Indicators & Purpose	Official Source
1	India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI)	NITI Aayog (E-Mobility Division)	September 2026	3 Themes & 16 Indicators: Transport Electrification, Charging Infrastructure, EV R&D	PIB Official Portal
2	Export Preparedness Index (EPI — 4th Ed.)	NITI Aayog	January 2026	4 Pillars: Policy, Business Ecosystem, Export Ecosystem, Export Performance across States/UTs	PIB Official Portal
3	SDG–National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026	MoSPI (in alignment with NITI Aayog SDG mandate)	June 18, 2026	Tracks national time-series data across 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets	PIB Official Portal
4	Electronics: Powering India's Participation in GVCs	NITI Aayog (Economics & Trade Division)	2026 Publication	Strategic roadmap for domestic value addition, semiconductor integration, and electronics exports	PIB Official Portal
5	NITI Aayog Annual Report (Published 2026)	NITI Aayog	May 2026	Documents approved research studies, Aspirational Districts/Blocks Programme, and State Support Mission	PIB Official Portal
6	District Hospital Index & Social Sector Indices	NITI Aayog (Health & Social Sector Vertical)	2026 State Rankings	Benchmarks secondary public healthcare delivery and hospital infrastructure across districts	PIB Official Portal

Did You Know?: NITI Aayog's **India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI)** released in September 2026 evaluates States and UTs using exactly **3 themes and 16 indicators**, balancing both **policy frameworks** and **on-ground implementation outcomes** to accelerate India's Net-Zero 2070 and EV30@30 targets (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).

Exam Trap Alert: Distinguish carefully between the **SDG India Index** (published by **NITI Aayog** to rank States and UTs on a 0–100 composite score) and the **SDG National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report 2026** (published on June 18, 2026 by the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation — MoSPI**) (**IUC Academy**).

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember the 3 Themes of NITI Aayog's IEMI (September 2026) with **"T-C-R (16 Indicators)"**: **T**ransport Electrification Progress, **C**harging Infrastructure Readiness, and EV **R**esearch & Innovation.

5.4 Chapter *5* Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-*2026* & August-*2026*)

S.No.	Core Current Affairs 2026 Sub-Topic	Verified Constitutional / Statutory / Technical Fact (2026)	Official Source
1	**India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI)**	NITI Aayog (E-Mobility Division) — September 2026	**PIB Official Portal**
2	**Export Preparedness Index (EPI — 4th Ed.)**	NITI Aayog — January 2026	**PIB Official Portal**
3	**SDG–National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026**	MoSPI (in alignment with NITI Aayog SDG mandate) — June 18, 2026	**PIB Official Portal**
4	**Electronics: Powering India's Participation in GVCs**	NITI Aayog (Economics & Trade Division) — 2026 Publication	**PIB Official Portal**
5	**NITI Aayog Annual Report (Published 2026)**	NITI Aayog — May 2026	**PIB Official Portal**
6	**District Hospital Index & Social Sector Indices**	NITI Aayog (Health & Social Sector Vertical) — 2026 State Rankings	**PIB Official Portal**

5.5 Chapter *5* Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-*2026* & August-*2026*)

• **Statement-Verification Drill 5.1 (India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) & Export Preparedness Index (EPI — 4th Ed.)):**

• **Statement-I:** India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) — NITI Aayog (E-Mobility Division); September 2026.

• **Statement-II:** Export Preparedness Index (EPI — 4th Ed.) — NITI Aayog; January 2026.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (**PIB Official Portal**).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 5.2 (SDG–National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026 & Electronics: Powering India's Participation in GVCs):**

• **Statement-I:** SDG–National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026 — MoSPI (in alignment with NITI Aayog SDG mandate); June 18, 2026.

• **Statement-II:** Electronics: Powering India's Participation in GVCs — NITI Aayog (Economics & Trade Division); 2026 Publication.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (**PIB Official Portal**).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 5.3 (NITI Aayog Annual Report (Published 2026) & District Hospital Index & Social Sector Indices):**

• **Statement-I:** NITI Aayog Annual Report (Published 2026) — NITI Aayog; May 2026.

• **Statement-II:** District Hospital Index & Social Sector Indices — NITI Aayog (Health & Social Sector Vertical); 2026 State Rankings.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (**PIB Official Portal**).

Chapter 5 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Key Indices & Policy Reports Released by NITI Aayog and MoSPI in 2026	**India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) Released by NITI Aayog in 2026**	In September 2026, NITI Aayog's E-Mobility Division published the second edition of the **India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI)** to benchmark all Indian States and Union Territories on their transition toward clean electric transport using a unified framework of **3 core themes and 16 quantitative indicators** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Four-Node NITI Aayog Competitive Federalism & Index Evaluation Flowchart (2026)	**Three Core Themes of NITI Aayog's IEMI (2026)**	The India Electric Mobility Index evaluates sub-national performance across three weighted pillars: **(1) Transport Electrification Progress** (demand-side EV adoption and fleet electrification), **(2) Charging Infrastructure Readiness** (public charging networks and power grid integration), and **(3) EV Research and Innovation** (R&D, supply-chain manufacturing, and patents) (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
NITI Aayog & National Policy Reports Released in 2026 — Comprehensive Matrix	**Export Preparedness Index (EPI) Released in January 2026**	On **January 14–15, 2026**, NITI Aayog released the **4th edition of the Export Preparedness Index (EPI)** (and initiated the 5th edition study in late 2026), evaluating States and UTs across **four pillars**: **(1) Policy**, **(2) Business Ecosystem**, **(3) Export Ecosystem**, and **(4) Export Performance**, recognizing sub-national diversity in driving India's global trade resilience (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Chapter 5 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**NITI Aayog GVC Report on Electronics & PLI Impact Assessment (2026)**	In its 2026 publications, NITI Aayog released a flagship Global Value Chain (GVC) report titled ***"Electronics: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains"*** along with impact assessments of Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes and the **District Hospital Index** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Chapter 5 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**MoSPI SDG National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report 2026**	On **June 18, 2026**, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), in coordination with NITI Aayog's SDG monitoring mandate, released the **Sustainable Development Goals — National Indicator Framework (SDG-NIF) Progress Report, 2026**, tracking national time-series progress across all 17 SDGs (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Key Indices & Policy Reports Released by NITI Aayog and MoSPI in 2026	**Statement-I**	India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) — NITI Aayog (E-Mobility Division); September 2026.
Four-Node NITI Aayog Competitive Federalism & Index Evaluation Flowchart (2026)	**Statement-II**	Export Preparedness Index (EPI — 4th Ed.) — NITI Aayog; January 2026.
NITI Aayog & National Policy Reports Released in 2026 — Comprehensive Matrix	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).
Chapter 5 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-I**	SDG–National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026 — MoSPI (in alignment with NITI Aayog SDG mandate); June 18, 2026.
Chapter 5 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-II**	Electronics: Powering India's Participation in GVCs — NITI Aayog (Economics & Trade Division); 2026 Publication.
Key Indices & Policy Reports Released by NITI Aayog and MoSPI in 2026	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).
Four-Node NITI Aayog Competitive Federalism & Index Evaluation Flowchart (2026)	**Statement-I**	NITI Aayog Annual Report (Published 2026) — NITI Aayog; May 2026.

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
NITI Aayog & National Policy Reports Released in 2026 — Comprehensive Matrix	**Statement-II**	District Hospital Index & Social Sector Indices — NITI Aayog (Health & Social Sector Vertical); 2026 State Rankings.
Chapter 5 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

Chapter 5 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

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

Statement-I (India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) Released by NITI Aayog in 2026): In September 2026, NITI Aayog's E-Mobility Division published the second edition of the **India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI)** to benchmark all Indian States and Union Territories on their transition toward clean electric transport using a unified framework of **3 core themes and 16 quantitative indicators** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (Three Core Themes of NITI Aayog's IEMI (2026)): The India Electric Mobility Index evaluates sub-national performance across three weighted pillars: **(1) Transport Electrification Progress** (demand-side EV adoption and fleet electrification), **(2) Charging Infrastructure Readiness** (public charging networks and power grid integration), and **(3) EV Research and Innovation** (R&D, supply-chain manufacturing, and patents) (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

✔ **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 (Export Preparedness Index (EPI) Released in January 2026): On **January 14–15, 2026**, NITI Aayog released the **4th edition of the Export Preparedness Index (EPI)** (and initiated the 5th edition study in late 2026), evaluating States and UTs across **four pillars**: **(1) Policy**, **(2) Business Ecosystem**, **(3) Export Ecosystem**, and **(4) Export Performance**, recognizing sub-national diversity in driving India's global trade resilience (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (NITI Aayog GVC Report on Electronics & PLI Impact Assessment (2026)): In its 2026 publications, NITI Aayog released a flagship Global Value Chain (GVC) report titled ***"Electronics: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains"*** along with impact assessments of Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes and the **District Hospital Index** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

✔ **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 (MoSPI SDG National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report 2026): On **June 18, 2026**, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), in coordination with NITI Aayog's SDG monitoring mandate, released the **Sustainable Development Goals — National Indicator Framework (SDG-NIF) Progress Report, 2026**, tracking national time-series progress across all 17 SDGs (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (Statement-I): India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) — NITI Aayog (E-Mobility Division); September 2026.

✔ **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 (Statement-II): Export Preparedness Index (EPI — 4th Ed.) — NITI Aayog; January 2026.

Statement-II (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

✓ **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 #5 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Statement-I): SDG–National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026 — MoSPI (in alignment with NITI Aayog SDG mandate); June 18, 2026.

Statement-II (Statement-II): Electronics: Powering India's Participation in GVCs — NITI Aayog (Economics & Trade Division); 2026 Publication.

✓ **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 #6 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

Statement-II (Statement-I): NITI Aayog Annual Report (Published 2026) — NITI Aayog; May 2026.

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

Chapter *6:* Indian Defence & Strategic Technology Achievements *2026* — DRDO, Indigenous Missiles & Naval Power

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 6: Indian Defence & Strategic Technology Achievements 2026 — DRDO, Indigenous Missiles & Naval Power

Key Study Pillar 1	Key Study Pillar 2	Key Study Pillar 3	Key Study Pillar 4
Indigenous Defence Production, DRDO Weapon Trials & Armed Forces Modernization in 2026	Major Indian Defence Systems, DRDO Trials & Strategic Infrastructure Matrix (2026)	Chapter 6 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	Chapter 6 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)

6.1 Indigenous Defence Production, DRDO Weapon Trials & Armed Forces Modernization in *2026*

• **DRDO & ISRO Gaganyaan Parachute Load Trial (DPDT-3 — Feb 19, 2026):** Demonstrating civil-military synergy, DRDO's **Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL, Chandigarh)** and **Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE, Pune)** partnered with ISRO's VSSC on **February 19, 2026** to execute the qualification-level **DPDT-3** high-speed rail-track rocket sled test (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).

• **RudraM-II, Astra Mk-II & SMART Anti-Submarine System:** India's strategic deterrence in 2026 was bolstered by the **RudraM-II** solid-propelled air-to-surface anti-radiation missile (designed to neutralize enemy radar and air-defence installations), **Astra** Beyond-Visual-Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) inductions, and the **SMART (Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo)** system enhancing long-range anti-submarine warfare for the Indian Navy (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).

• **Project Zorawar Indigenous Light Tank & High-Altitude Armour:** Jointly developed by **DRDO (CVRDE)** and **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**, the 25-tonne amphibious **Zorawar Light Tank** advanced through high-altitude firing and mobility trials for deployment along northern mountain borders (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).

• **Strategic Nuclear Triad & Naval Indigenous Shipbuilding:** Following the commissioning of India's second Arihant-class nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (**INS Arighaat**) and indigenous aircraft carrier operations, Indian shipyards advanced construction of **Project 17A stealth frigates**, anti-submarine shallow water craft, and next-generation offshore patrol vessels in 2026 (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).

• **Kavach 4.0 Automatic Train Protection & Border Infrastructure:** In parallel with defence mobility, **RDSO-approved Kavach 4.0** (Safety Integrity Level-4, **SIL-4**) automatic train protection was rapidly deployed across high-density rail corridors in 2026, while the **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** expanded all-weather strategic tunnels including the **Shinkun La Tunnel** (world's highest tunnel at 15,800 feet connecting Himachal Pradesh to Zanskar in Ladakh) (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).

6.2 Four-Node Indigenous Defence R&D to Strategic Induction Flowchart *(2026)*

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Node 1: DRDO Labs (TBRL, ARDE, CVRDE, DRDL) Design Indigenous Missile, Armour & Deceleration Systems

STEP 2
Node 2: High-Speed Sled & Flight Validation Trials (DPDT-3 on 19 Feb 2026, RudraM-II, SMART, Zorawar)

STEP 3
Node 3: Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) Clearance under Buy (Indian-IDDM) Priority Category

STEP 4
Node 4: Induction into Tri-Services & Record Indigenous Defence Manufacturing and Exports in 2026

6.3 Major Indian Defence Systems, DRDO Trials & Strategic Infrastructure Matrix *(2026)*

S.No.	Defence System / Strategic Project	Developing Agency / Lab	Category & Verified Technical Capability (2026)	Official Source
1	DPDT-3 Qualification Sled Trial (19 Feb 2026)	DRDO (TBRL Chandigarh, ARDE) & ISRO	Evaluated high-speed aerodynamic loads on Gaganyaan drogue parachute above maximum flight loads	PIB Official Portal
2	RudraM-II Missile System	DRDO	Solid-propelled Air-to-Surface Anti-Radiation Missile (NGARM) launched from Su-30 MKI	PIB Official Portal
3	SMART System	DRDO	Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo for long-range anti-submarine warfare	PIB Official Portal
4	Zorawar Indigenous Light Tank	DRDO (CVRDE) & Larsen & Toubro	25-tonne high-altitude amphibious light tank for mountain warfare operations	PIB Official Portal
5	INS Arighaat (SSBN)	Indian Navy / Ship Building Centre Visakhapatnam	India's 2nd nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine strengthening the nuclear triad	PIB Official Portal
6	Shinkun La Strategic Tunnel	Border Roads Organisation (BRO — Project Yojak)	World's highest all-weather road tunnel (15,800 ft) providing all-weather connectivity to Ladakh	PIB Official Portal

S.No.	Defence System / Strategic Project	Developing Agency / Lab	Category & Verified Technical Capability (2026)	Official Source
7	Kavach 4.0 Automatic Train Protection	Indian Railways (RDSO)	SIL-4 certified indigenous ATP system preventing signal passing at danger (SPAD) and collisions	PIB Official Portal

Did You Know?: The **DPDT-3** test conducted on **February 19, 2026** at **TBRL, Chandigarh** used a specialized **Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS)** to simulate supersonic/high-speed aerodynamic loads *greater than the maximum flying loads* expected during Gaganyaan's atmospheric re-entry, verifying the extra structural safety margin of the drogue parachute (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Exam Trap Alert: Do not confuse **RudraM-II** (an **Air-to-Surface Anti-Radiation Missile** that destroys enemy radar/communication sites) with **Astra** (an **Air-to-Air Beyond-Visual-Range Missile**) or **Pralay** (a **Surface-to-Surface quasi-ballistic missile**) (IUC Academy).

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember the Feb 19, 2026 Gaganyaan-DRDO test with **"DPDT-3 = 19 Feb 2026 at TBRL Chandigarh (VSSC + ARDE)"**.

6.4 Chapter *6* Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-*2026* & August-*2026*)

S.No.	Core Current Affairs 2026 Sub-Topic	Verified Constitutional / Statutory / Technical Fact (2026)	Official Source
1	**DPDT-3 Qualification Sled Trial (19 Feb 2026)**	DRDO (TBRL Chandigarh, ARDE) & ISRO — Evaluated high-speed aerodynamic loads on Gaganyaan drogue parachute above maximum flight loads	PIB Official Portal
2	**RudraM-II Missile System**	DRDO — Solid-propelled Air-to-Surface Anti-Radiation Missile (NGARM) launched from Su-30 MKI	PIB Official Portal
3	**SMART System**	DRDO — Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo for long-range anti-submarine warfare	PIB Official Portal
4	**Zorawar Indigenous Light Tank**	DRDO (CVRDE) & Larsen & Toubro — 25-tonne high-altitude amphibious light tank for mountain warfare operations	PIB Official Portal
5	**INS Arighaat (SSBN)**	Indian Navy / Ship Building Centre Visakhapatnam — India's 2nd nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine strengthening the nuclear triad	PIB Official Portal
6	**Shinkun La Strategic Tunnel**	Border Roads Organisation (BRO — Project Yojak) — World's highest all-weather road tunnel (15,800 ft) providing all-weather connectivity to Ladakh	PIB Official Portal

6.5 Chapter *6* Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-*2026* & August-*2026*)

• Statement-Verification Drill 6.1 (DPDT-3 Qualification Sled Trial (19 Feb 2026) & RudraM-II Missile System):

• Statement-I: DPDT-3 Qualification Sled Trial (19 Feb 2026) — DRDO (TBRL Chandigarh, ARDE) & ISRO; Evaluated high-speed aerodynamic loads on Gaganyaan drogue parachute above maximum flight loads.

• **Statement-II:** RudraM-II Missile System — DRDO; Solid-propelled Air-to-Surface Anti-Radiation Missile (NGARM) launched from Su-30 MKI.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (**PIB Official Portal**).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 6.2 (SMART System & Zorawar Indigenous Light Tank):**

• **Statement-I:** SMART System — DRDO; Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo for long-range anti-submarine warfare.

• **Statement-II:** Zorawar Indigenous Light Tank — DRDO (CVRDE) & Larsen & Toubro; 25-tonne high-altitude amphibious light tank for mountain warfare operations.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (**PIB Official Portal**).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 6.3 (INS Arighaat (SSBN) & Shinkun La Strategic Tunnel):**

• **Statement-I:** INS Arighaat (SSBN) — Indian Navy / Ship Building Centre Visakhapatnam; India's 2nd nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine strengthening the nuclear triad.

• **Statement-II:** Shinkun La Strategic Tunnel — Border Roads Organisation (BRO — Project Yojak); World's highest all-weather road tunnel (15,800 ft) providing all-weather connectivity to Ladakh.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (**PIB Official Portal**).

Chapter *6* Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Indigenous Defence Production, DRDO Weapon Trials & Armed Forces Modernization in 2026	**DRDO & ISRO Gaganyaan Parachute Load Trial (DPDT-3 — Feb 19, 2026)**	Demonstrating civil-military synergy, DRDO's **Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL, Chandigarh)** and **Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE, Pune)** partnered with ISRO's VSSC on **February 19, 2026** to execute the qualification-level **DPDT-3** high-speed rail-track rocket sled test (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Four-Node Indigenous Defence R&D to Strategic Induction Flowchart (2026)	**RudraM-II, Astra Mk-II & SMART Anti-Submarine System**	India's strategic deterrence in 2026 was bolstered by the **RudraM-II** solid-propelled air-to-surface anti-radiation missile (designed to neutralize enemy radar and air-defence installations), **Astra** Beyond-Visual-Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) inductions, and the **SMART (Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo)** system enhancing long-range anti-submarine warfare for the Indian Navy (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Major Indian Defence Systems, DRDO Trials & Strategic Infrastructure Matrix (2026)	**Project Zorawar Indigenous Light Tank & High-Altitude Armour**	Jointly developed by **DRDO (CVRDE)** and **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**, the 25-tonne amphibious **Zorawar Light Tank** advanced through high-altitude firing and mobility trials for deployment along northern mountain borders (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Chapter 6 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Strategic Nuclear Triad & Naval Indigenous Shipbuilding**	Following the commissioning of India's second Arihant-class nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (**INS Arighaat**) and indigenous aircraft carrier operations, Indian shipyards advanced construction of **Project 17A stealth frigates**, anti-submarine shallow water craft, and next-generation offshore patrol vessels in 2026 (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Chapter 6 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Kavach 4.0 Automatic Train Protection & Border Infrastructure**	In parallel with defence mobility, **RDSO-approved Kavach 4.0** (Safety Integrity Level-4, **SIL-4**) automatic train protection was rapidly deployed across high-density rail corridors in 2026, while the **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** expanded all-weather strategic tunnels including the **Shinkun La Tunnel** (world's highest tunnel at 15,800 feet connecting Himachal Pradesh to Zanskar in Ladakh) (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Indigenous Defence Production, DRDO Weapon Trials & Armed Forces Modernization in 2026	**Statement-I**	DPDT-3 Qualification Sled Trial (19 Feb 2026) — DRDO (TBRL Chandigarh, ARDE) & ISRO; Evaluated high-speed aerodynamic loads on Gaganyaan drogue parachute above maximum flight loads.
Four-Node Indigenous Defence R&D to Strategic Induction Flowchart (2026)	**Statement-II**	RudraM-II Missile System — DRDO; Solid-propelled Air-to-Surface Anti-Radiation Missile (NGARM) launched from Su-30 MKI.
Major Indian Defence Systems, DRDO Trials & Strategic Infrastructure Matrix (2026)	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).
Chapter 6 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-I**	SMART System — DRDO; Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo for long-range anti-submarine warfare.
Chapter 6 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-II**	Zorawar Indigenous Light Tank — DRDO (CVRDE) & Larsen & Toubro; 25-tonne high-altitude amphibious light tank for mountain warfare operations.

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Indigenous Defence Production, DRDO Weapon Trials & Armed Forces Modernization in 2026	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).
Four-Node Indigenous Defence R&D to Strategic Induction Flowchart (2026)	**Statement-I**	INS Arighaat (SSBN) — Indian Navy / Ship Building Centre Visakhapatnam; India's 2nd nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine strengthening the nuclear triad.
Major Indian Defence Systems, DRDO Trials & Strategic Infrastructure Matrix (2026)	**Statement-II**	Shinkun La Strategic Tunnel — Border Roads Organisation (BRO — Project Yojak); World's highest all-weather road tunnel (15,800 ft) providing all-weather connectivity to Ladakh.
Chapter 6 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

Chapter *6* Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 6 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — **Both Statements Verified Correct**

Statement-I (DRDO & ISRO Gaganyaan Parachute Load Trial (DPDT-3 — Feb 19, 2026)): Demonstrating civil-military synergy, DRDO's **Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL, Chandigarh)** and **Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE, Pune)** partnered with ISRO's VSSC on **February 19, 2026** to execute the qualification-level **DPDT-3** high-speed rail-track rocket sled test (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (RudraM-II, Astra Mk-II & SMART Anti-Submarine System): India's strategic deterrence in 2026 was bolstered by the **RudraM-II** solid-propelled air-to-surface anti-radiation missile (designed to neutralize enemy radar and air-defence installations), **Astra** Beyond-Visual-Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) inductions, and the **SMART (Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo)** system enhancing long-range anti-submarine warfare for the Indian Navy (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

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

Chapter 6 Statement-Verification Drill #2 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Project Zorawar Indigenous Light Tank & High-Altitude Armour): Jointly developed by **DRDO (CVRDE)** and **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**, the 25-tonne amphibious **Zorawar Light Tank** advanced through high-altitude firing and mobility trials for deployment along northern mountain borders (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (Strategic Nuclear Triad & Naval Indigenous Shipbuilding): Following the commissioning of India's second Arihant-class nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (**INS Arighaat**) and indigenous aircraft carrier operations, Indian shipyards advanced construction of **Project 17A stealth frigates**, anti-submarine shallow water craft, and next-generation offshore patrol vessels in 2026 (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

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

Chapter 6 Statement-Verification Drill #3 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Kavach 4.0 Automatic Train Protection & Border Infrastructure): In parallel with defence mobility, **RDSO-approved Kavach 4.0** (Safety Integrity Level-4, **SIL-4**) automatic train protection was rapidly deployed across high-density rail corridors in 2026, while the **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** expanded all-weather strategic tunnels including the **Shinkun La Tunnel** (world's highest tunnel at 15,800 feet connecting Himachal Pradesh to Zanskar in Ladakh) (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (Statement-I): DPDT-3 Qualification Sled Trial (19 Feb 2026) — DRDO (TBRL Chandigarh, ARDE) & ISRO; Evaluated high-speed aerodynamic loads on Gaganyaan drogue parachute above maximum flight loads.

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

Chapter 6 Statement-Verification Drill #4 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Statement-II): RudraM-II Missile System — DRDO; Solid-propelled Air-to-Surface Anti-Radiation Missile (NGARM) launched from Su-30 MKI.

Statement-II (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

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

Chapter 6 Statement-Verification Drill #5 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Statement-I): SMART System — DRDO; Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo for long-range anti-submarine warfare.

Statement-II (Statement-II): Zorawar Indigenous Light Tank — DRDO (CVRDE) & Larsen & Toubro; 25-tonne high-altitude amphibious light tank for mountain warfare operations.

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

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

Statement-I (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

Statement-II (Statement-I): INS Arighaat (SSBN) — Indian Navy / Ship Building Centre Visakhapatnam; India's 2nd nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine strengthening the nuclear triad.

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

Chapter 7: Climate Change Commitments, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) & Green Infrastructure 2026

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 7: Climate Change Commitments, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) & Green Infrastructure 2026

Key Study Pillar 1
India's Updated Climate Pathways, Green Hydrogen, Solar Expansion & Forest Conservation in 2026

Key Study Pillar 2
India's 2026 Environmental, Renewable Energy & Climate Action Benchmarks Matrix

Key Study Pillar 3
Chapter 7 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)

Key Study Pillar 4
Chapter 7 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)

7.1 India's Updated Climate Pathways, Green Hydrogen, Solar Expansion & Forest Conservation in 2026

• **India's Green Pathway & Cabinet NDC Approvals (2026):** As documented in the Government of India's '*India's Green Pathway*' dossier (April 2026) and Union Cabinet approvals, India remains on track to achieve its **Panchamrit** climate commitments: reducing emissions intensity of GDP by **45% by 2030** (from 2005 levels), achieving **50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030**, and reaching **Net-Zero emissions by 2070** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **India's First Semi-High-Speed Regional Rail & Green Transit Approvals (2026):** Alongside agricultural and environmental approvals in 2026, the Union Cabinet advanced semi-high-speed rail corridor infrastructure and urban metro expansions to cut transport-sector carbon emissions (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **35% Supply-Chain Carbon Emission Reduction via SARTHAK-PDS:** Beyond beneficiary welfare, the ₹25,530 crore **SARTHAK-PDS** reform approved in May 2026 is projected to reduce foodgrain travel distances by **15% to 50%**, saving ₹280 crore annually in logistics and cutting **Public Distribution System supply-chain carbon emissions by 35%** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana & National Green Hydrogen Mission (2026):** Backed by an outlay of **₹75,021 crore**, **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana** provides up to **300 units of free electricity per month** to **1 crore households** via rooftop solar installations, while the **National Green Hydrogen Mission (₹19,744 crore)** targets **5 MMT per annum** of green hydrogen capacity by 2030 (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).

• **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam (Plant4Mother) & Amrit Dharohar Wetland Conservation:** Spearheaded by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), mass afforestation under *Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam* and community-led conservation across all **103 Ramsar Sites** under the **Amrit Dharohar** initiative strengthened India's carbon sink target of **2.5 to 3.0 billion tonnes of CO_2 equivalent** (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).

7.2 Four-Node India's Green Pathway & Panchamrit Climate Action Flowchart (2026)

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Node 1: Non-Fossil Power Expansion via PM Surya Ghar (Rs 75,021 Cr) & Green Hydrogen (Rs 19,744 Cr)

STEP 2
Node 2: Transport Decarbonization via 20% Ethanol Blending (2026) & NITI Aayog IEMI EV Framework

STEP 3
Node 3: Ecological Sink Expansion Across 58 Tiger Reserves (84,488 sq km) & 103 Ramsar Wetlands

STEP 4
Node 4: Achievement of 45% Emissions Intensity Cut & 50% Non-Fossil Capacity toward 2070 Net-Zero

7.3 India's 2026 Environmental, Renewable Energy & Climate Action Benchmarks Matrix

S.No.	Climate / Green Initiative	Verified 2026 Status / Financial Outlay	Core Ecological / Decarbonization Target	Official Source
1	Ramsar Wetlands Network (Oct 2026)	103 Ramsar Sites (13,879.81 sq km)	Expanded nearly fourfold from 26 in 2014; 1st in Asia & 3rd globally	PIB Official Portal
2	Project Tiger Reserve Network (2026)	58 Tiger Reserves across 18 States	Covers 84,487.83 sq km (2.56% of India's area); houses 3,682 tigers (75% of world total)	MoEFCC Official Portal
3	Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) 2026	20% Ethanol Blending achieved in 2026	Procured 904 crore litres of ethanol; cuts crude oil imports and vehicular emissions	PIB Official Portal
4	PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana	₹75,021 crore outlay for 1 crore households	Provides up to 300 units of free rooftop solar electricity per month	PIB Official Portal
5	National Green Hydrogen Mission	₹19,744 crore outlay (SIGHT programme)	Targets 5 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) annual green hydrogen production by 2030	PIB Official Portal
6	SARTHAK-PDS Green Logistics (May 2026)	35% reduction in PDS supply-chain carbon emissions	AI module SAKSHAM reduces foodgrain transport distance by 15–50%	PIB Official Portal

Did You Know?: India's **58 Tiger Reserves** cover **84,487.83 sq km** (2.56% of India's land area), with **Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve** in Andhra Pradesh remaining the **largest Tiger Reserve in India by total area (3,296.31 sq km)** (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).

Exam Trap Alert: In UPSC and State PCS exams, remember that India's updated NDC commits to reducing the **emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030** (compared to 2005 levels) and achieving **50% cumulative electric power installed capacity** (not 50% of total energy consumption) from **non-fossil fuel sources by 2030** (IUC Academy).

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember India's 2026 Green Numbers with **"103 Ramsar – 58 Tiger Reserves – 20% Ethanol – 45% Intensity Cut – 2070 Net-Zero"**.

7.4 Chapter 7 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)

S.No.	Core Current Affairs 2026 Sub-Topic	Verified Constitutional / Statutory / Technical Fact (2026)	Official Source
1	**Ramsar Wetlands Network (Oct 2026)**	103 Ramsar Sites (13,879.81 sq km) — Expanded nearly fourfold from 26 in 2014; 1st in Asia & 3rd globally	PIB Official Portal
2	**Project Tiger Reserve Network (2026)**	58 Tiger Reserves across 18 States — Covers 84,487.83 sq km (2.56% of India's area); houses 3,682 tigers (75% of world total)	MoEFCC Official Portal
3	**Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) 2026**	20% Ethanol Blending achieved in 2026 — Procured 904 crore litres of ethanol; cuts crude oil imports and vehicular emissions	PIB Official Portal
4	**PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana**	₹75,021 crore outlay for 1 crore households — Provides up to 300 units of free rooftop solar electricity per month	PIB Official Portal
5	**National Green Hydrogen Mission**	₹19,744 crore outlay (SIGHT programme) — Targets 5 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) annual green hydrogen production by 2030	PIB Official Portal
6	**SARTHAK-PDS Green Logistics (May 2026)**	35% reduction in PDS supply-chain carbon emissions — AI module SAKSHAM reduces foodgrain transport distance by 15–50%	PIB Official Portal

7.5 Chapter 7 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)

• **Statement-Verification Drill 7.1 (Ramsar Wetlands Network (Oct 2026) & Project Tiger Reserve Network (2026)):**

• **Statement-I:** Ramsar Wetlands Network (Oct 2026) — 103 Ramsar Sites (13,879.81 sq km); Expanded nearly fourfold from 26 in 2014; 1st in Asia & 3rd globally.

• **Statement-II:** Project Tiger Reserve Network (2026) — 58 Tiger Reserves across 18 States; Covers 84,487.83 sq km (2.56% of India's area); houses 3,682 tigers (75% of world total).

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 7.2 (Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) 2026 & PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana):**

• **Statement-I:** Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) 2026 — 20% Ethanol Blending achieved in 2026; Procured 904 crore litres of ethanol; cuts crude oil imports and vehicular emissions.

• **Statement-II:** PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana — ₹75,021 crore outlay for 1 crore households; Provides up to 300 units of free rooftop solar electricity per month.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 7.3 (National Green Hydrogen Mission & SARTHAK-PDS Green Logistics (May 2026)):**

• **Statement-I:** National Green Hydrogen Mission — ₹19,744 crore outlay (SIGHT programme); Targets 5 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) annual green hydrogen production by 2030.

• **Statement-II:** SARTHAK-PDS Green Logistics (May 2026) — 35% reduction in PDS supply-chain carbon emissions; AI module SAKSHAM reduces foodgrain transport distance by 15–50%.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (**PIB Official Portal**).

Chapter 7 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
India's Updated Climate Pathways, Green Hydrogen, Solar Expansion & Forest Conservation in 2026	**India's Green Pathway & Cabinet NDC Approvals (2026)**	As documented in the Government of India's '*India's Green Pathway*' dossier (April 2026) and Union Cabinet approvals, India remains on track to achieve its **Panchamrit** climate commitments: reducing emissions intensity of GDP by **45% by 2030** (from 2005 levels), achieving **50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030**, and reaching **Net-Zero emissions by 2070** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Four-Node India's Green Pathway & Panchamrit Climate Action Flowchart (2026)	**India's First Semi-High-Speed Regional Rail & Green Transit Approvals (2026)**	Alongside agricultural and environmental approvals in 2026, the Union Cabinet advanced semi-high-speed rail corridor infrastructure and urban metro expansions to cut transport-sector carbon emissions (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
India's 2026 Environmental, Renewable Energy & Climate Action Benchmarks Matrix	**35% Supply-Chain Carbon Emission Reduction via SARTHAK-PDS**	Beyond beneficiary welfare, the ₹25,530 crore **SARTHAK-PDS** reform approved in May 2026 is projected to reduce foodgrain travel distances by **15% to 50%**, saving ₹280 crore annually in logistics and cutting **Public Distribution System supply-chain carbon emissions by 35%** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Chapter 7 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana & National Green Hydrogen Mission (2026)**	Backed by an outlay of **₹75,021 crore**, **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana** provides up to **300 units of free electricity per month** to **1 crore households** via rooftop solar installations, while the **National Green Hydrogen Mission (₹19,744 crore)** targets **5 MMT per annum** of green hydrogen capacity by 2030 (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).
Chapter 7 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam (Plant4Mother) & Amrit Dharohar Wetland Conservation**	Spearheaded by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), mass afforestation under *Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam* and community-led conservation across all **103 Ramsar Sites** under the **Amrit Dharohar** initiative strengthened India's carbon sink target of **2.5 to 3.0 billion tonnes of CO_2 equivalent** (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).
India's Updated Climate Pathways, Green Hydrogen, Solar Expansion & Forest Conservation in 2026	**Statement-I**	Ramsar Wetlands Network (Oct 2026) — 103 Ramsar Sites (13,879.81 sq km); Expanded nearly fourfold from 26 in 2014; 1st in Asia & 3rd globally.

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Four-Node India's Green Pathway & Panchamrit Climate Action Flowchart (2026)	**Statement-II**	Project Tiger Reserve Network (2026) — 58 Tiger Reserves across 18 States; Covers 84,487.83 sq km (2.56% of India's area); houses 3,682 tigers (75% of world total).
India's 2026 Environmental, Renewable Energy & Climate Action Benchmarks Matrix	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).
Chapter 7 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-I**	Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) 2026 — 20% Ethanol Blending achieved in 2026; Procured 904 crore litres of ethanol; cuts crude oil imports and vehicular emissions.
Chapter 7 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-II**	PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana — ₹75,021 crore outlay for 1 crore households; Provides up to 300 units of free rooftop solar electricity per month.
India's Updated Climate Pathways, Green Hydrogen, Solar Expansion & Forest Conservation in 2026	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).
Four-Node India's Green Pathway & Panchamrit Climate Action Flowchart (2026)	**Statement-I**	National Green Hydrogen Mission — ₹19,744 crore outlay (SIGHT programme); Targets 5 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) annual green hydrogen production by 2030.
India's 2026 Environmental, Renewable Energy & Climate Action Benchmarks Matrix	**Statement-II**	SARTHAK-PDS Green Logistics (May 2026) — 35% reduction in PDS supply-chain carbon emissions; AI module SAKSHAM reduces foodgrain transport distance by 15–50%.

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Chapter 7 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Verification Conclusion**	Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

Chapter 7 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

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

Statement-I (India's Green Pathway & Cabinet NDC Approvals (2026)): As documented in the Government of India's '*India's Green Pathway*' dossier (April 2026) and Union Cabinet approvals, India remains on track to achieve its **Panchamrit** climate commitments: reducing emissions intensity of GDP by **45% by 2030** (from 2005 levels), achieving **50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030**, and reaching **Net-Zero emissions by 2070** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (India's First Semi-High-Speed Regional Rail & Green Transit Approvals (2026)): Alongside agricultural and environmental approvals in 2026, the Union Cabinet advanced semi-high-speed rail corridor infrastructure and urban metro expansions to cut transport-sector carbon emissions (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

✓ **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 (35% Supply-Chain Carbon Emission Reduction via SARTHAK-PDS): Beyond beneficiary welfare, the ₹25,530 crore **SARTHAK-PDS** reform approved in May 2026 is projected to reduce foodgrain travel distances by **15% to 50%**, saving ₹280 crore annually in logistics and cutting **Public Distribution System supply-chain carbon emissions by 35%** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Statement-II (PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana & National Green Hydrogen Mission (2026)): Backed by an outlay of **₹75,021 crore**, **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana** provides up to **300 units of free electricity per month** to **1 crore households** via rooftop solar installations, while the **National Green Hydrogen Mission (₹19,744 crore)** targets **5 MMT per annum** of green hydrogen capacity by 2030 (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).

✓ **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 #3 — **Both Statements Verified Correct**

Statement-I (Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam (Plant4Mother) & Amrit Dharohar Wetland Conservation): Spearheaded by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), mass afforestation under *Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam* and community-led conservation across all **103 Ramsar Sites** under the **Amrit Dharohar** initiative strengthened India's carbon sink target of **2.5 to 3.0 billion tonnes of CO_2 equivalent** (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).

Statement-II (Statement-I): Ramsar Wetlands Network (Oct 2026) — 103 Ramsar Sites (13,879.81 sq km); Expanded nearly fourfold from 26 in 2014; 1st in Asia & 3rd globally.

✓ **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 #4 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Statement-II): Project Tiger Reserve Network (2026) — 58 Tiger Reserves across 18 States; Covers 84,487.83 sq km (2.56% of India's area); houses 3,682 tigers (75% of world total).

Statement-II (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

✔ **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 #5 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Statement-I): Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) 2026 — 20% Ethanol Blending achieved in 2026; Procured 904 crore litres of ethanol; cuts crude oil imports and vehicular emissions.

Statement-II (Statement-II): PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana — ₹75,021 crore outlay for 1 crore households; Provides up to 300 units of free rooftop solar electricity per month.

✔ **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 #6 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (PIB Official Portal).

Statement-II (Statement-I): National Green Hydrogen Mission — ₹19,744 crore outlay (SIGHT programme); Targets 5 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) annual green hydrogen production by 2030.

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

Chapter 8: Consolidated 2026 Sports, Honours & State-Level Current Affairs Reference (Uttar Pradesh, MP & Bihar)

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 8: Consolidated 2026 Sports, Honours & State-Level Current Affairs Reference (Uttar Pradesh, MP & Bihar)

Key Study Pillar 1	Key Study Pillar 2	Key Study Pillar 3	Key Study Pillar 4
Integrated Synthesis of 2026 Sports Championships & State-Specific Current Affairs	2026 Master Comparative Matrix: Major Sports Tournaments & State Rankings	Chapter 8 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	Chapter 8 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)

8.1 Integrated Synthesis of 2026 Sports Championships & State-Specific Current Affairs

• **2026 Global Sports Trio (FIFA World Cup, CWG Glasgow & Women's T20 World Cup):** The year 2026 witnessed three landmark global sporting spectacles: **(1) 23rd FIFA World Cup** (11 June – 19 July 2026, won by **Spain 1–0 over Argentina** at MetLife Stadium), **(2) XXIII Commonwealth Games** (23 July – 2 August 2026 in Glasgow, where **India finished 4th with 39 medals: 13G, 17S, 9B**), and **(3) 10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup** (12 June – 5 July 2026 in England, won by **Australia by 7 wickets over England** at Lord's) (IUC Academy).

• **Uttar Pradesh 2026 Ramsar & Agricultural Milestones:** In 2026, **Uttar Pradesh** added four new Ramsar wetlands — **Patna Bird Sanctuary (Etah)**, **Shekha Jheel (Aligarh — 99th)**, **Surha Tal (Ballia — 100th)**, and **Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri — 103rd)** — raising UP's tally to **14 Ramsar Sites** (2nd in India). UP also ranked **1st in**

India in total foodgrain production, wheat, sugarcane, milk, net irrigated area (13.65 mha), and tubewell irrigation (10.40 mha) (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **Uttar Pradesh Kharif 2026-27 MSP Procurement Window:** Paddy procurement at the revised MSP (₹2,441/q Common, ₹2,461/q Grade A) across **Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Lucknow Division** runs from **November 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027**, alongside Central Government approval of **₹5,548 crore** for MSP procurement of **Tur, Moong, Soybean, and Sunflower** in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

• **Madhya Pradesh 2026 Conservation & Pulse/Oilseed Leadership: Madhya Pradesh** maintained its #1 national rank with **9 Tiger Reserves** (including the 57th **Ratapani** and 58th **Madhav Tiger Reserve** in Shivpuri) and ranked **1st in tank irrigation (0.51 mha), well irrigation (2.99 mha), pulses, and soybean cultivation** (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).

• **Arunachal Pradesh & Chandigarh 2026 Wetland Additions: Glaw Lake** in Lohit district (Arunachal Pradesh) became India's **101st Ramsar Site** in August 2026, while **Sukhna Wetland** in **Chandigarh** joined the Ramsar list in October 2026 alongside Mainpuri's Sauj Jheel (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).

8.2 Four-Node *2026* Global Sports & State Current Affairs Integration Flowchart

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Node 1: June-July 2026: Australia Wins 10th Women's T20 WC at Lord's & Spain Wins 23rd FIFA WC at MetLife

STEP 2
Node 2: July-Aug 2026: India Wins 39 Medals (13G, 17S, 9B; 7 Boxing Golds) for 4th Rank at Glasgow CWG

STEP 3
Node 3: Aug-Oct 2026: 3rd National Space Day in Ahmedabad & India Reaches 103 Ramsar Sites (UP Reaches 14)

STEP 4
Node 4: Nov 2026: Kharif MSP 2026-27 Procurement (Paddy Rs 2,441/q) & Rabi 2027-28 MSP (Wheat Rs 2,610/q)

8.3 2026 Master Comparative Matrix*:* Major Sports Tournaments & State Rankings

S.No.	2026 Event / State Indicator	Host / Leading State	Champion / Top Metric (2026 Verified)	Key Exam Takeaway & Official Source
1	23rd FIFA Men's World Cup 2026	USA, Canada & Mexico (16 Cities)	Spain (beat Argentina 1–0 a.e.t.)	Rodri (Golden Ball), Mbappé (Golden Boot), Simón (Golden Glove), Cubarsí (Young Player) (IUC Academy)
2	XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026	Glasgow, Scotland (23 Jul – 2 Aug)	Australia (1st: 70G, 171 Total); India (4th: 13G, 17S, 9B = 39)	India won 7 Boxing Golds, 2 Judo Golds, Mirabai 48kg Gold, Gulveer 2 medals (PIB)
3	10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026	England (12 Jun – 5 Jul 2026)	Australia (beat England by 7 wkts at Lord's)	Beth Mooney POTM & POTT; Danni Wyatt-Hodge 302 runs; Fatima Sana 11 wickets (IUC Academy)
4	Uttar Pradesh Ramsar Sites (2026)	Uttar Pradesh (2nd after Tamil Nadu's 20)	14 Ramsar Sites (4 added in 2026)	Added Patna Bird Sanctuary, Shekha Jheel (99th), Surha Tal (100th) & Sauj Jheel (103rd) (PIB)

S.No.	2026 Event / State Indicator	Host / Leading State	Champion / Top Metric (2026 Verified)	Key Exam Takeaway & Official Source
5	Madhya Pradesh Tiger Reserves (2026)	Madhya Pradesh (1st in India)	9 Tiger Reserves (out of 58 in India)	Includes 57th Ratapani TR (Raisen) and 58th Madhav TR (Shivpuri) (MoEFCC)
6	3rd National Space Day 2026	Ahmedabad, Gujarat (23 August 2026)	Theme: 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating...'	Celebrates Chandrayaan-3 soft landing; Dr. V. Narayanan ISRO Chairman (ISRO)

Did You Know?: In 2026, **Uttar Pradesh** accounted for **four of India's newest Ramsar wetlands — Patna Bird Sanctuary (Etah), Shekha Jheel (Aligarh, 99th), Surha Tal (Ballia, 100th)**, and **Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri, 103rd)** — making it the most exam-important state for 2026 environmental current affairs (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Exam Trap Alert: When answering state-ranking questions in 2026 exams, remember: **Tamil Nadu (20)** is #1 in Ramsar Sites followed by **Uttar Pradesh (14)**; **Madhya Pradesh (9)** is #1 in Tiger Reserves followed by **Maharashtra (6)**; and **Uttar Pradesh (13.65 mha)** is #1 in Net Irrigated Area followed by **Madhya Pradesh (12.74 mha)** (IUC Academy).

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember UP's 4 Ramsar additions in 2026 with **"P-S-S-S (Etah, Aligarh, Ballia, Mainpuri)"**: **P**atna (Etah), **S**hekha (Aligarh-99th), **S**urha Tal (Ballia-100th), and **S**auj Jheel (Mainpuri-103rd)!

8.4 Chapter *8* Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-*2026* & August-*2026*)

S.No.	Core Current Affairs 2026 Sub-Topic	Verified Constitutional / Statutory / Technical Fact (2026)	Official Source
1	**23rd FIFA Men's World Cup 2026**	USA, Canada & Mexico (16 Cities) — Spain (beat Argentina 1–0 a.e.t.)	Rodri (Golden Ball), Mbappé (Golden Boot), Simón (Golden Glove), Cubarsí (Young Player) (IUC Academy)
2	**XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026**	Glasgow, Scotland (23 Jul – 2 Aug) — Australia (1st: 70G, 171 Total); India (4th: 13G, 17S, 9B = 39)	India won 7 Boxing Golds, 2 Judo Golds, Mirabai 48kg Gold, Gulveer 2 medals (PIB)
3	**10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026**	England (12 Jun – 5 Jul 2026) — Australia (beat England by 7 wkts at Lord's)	Beth Mooney POTM & POTT; Danni Wyatt-Hodge 302 runs; Fatima Sana 11 wickets (IUC Academy)
4	**Uttar Pradesh Ramsar Sites (2026)**	Uttar Pradesh (2nd after Tamil Nadu's 20) — 14 Ramsar Sites (4 added in 2026)	Added Patna Bird Sanctuary, Shekha Jheel (99th), Surha Tal (100th) & Sauj Jheel (103rd) (PIB)
5	**Madhya Pradesh Tiger Reserves (2026)**	Madhya Pradesh (1st in India) — 9 Tiger Reserves (out of 58 in India)	Includes 57th Ratapani TR (Raisen) and 58th Madhav TR (Shivpuri) (MoEFCC)
6	**3rd National Space Day 2026**	Ahmedabad, Gujarat (23 August 2026) — Theme: 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating...'	Celebrates Chandrayaan-3 soft landing; Dr. V. Narayanan ISRO Chairman (ISRO)

8.5 Chapter *8* Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-*2026* & August-*2026*)

- **Statement-Verification Drill 8.1 (23rd FIFA Men's World Cup 2026 & XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026):**

• **Statement-I:** 23rd FIFA Men's World Cup 2026 — USA, Canada & Mexico (16 Cities); Spain (beat Argentina 1–0 a.e.t.).

• **Statement-II:** XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026 — Glasgow, Scotland (23 Jul – 2 Aug); Australia (1st: 70G, 171 Total); India (4th: 13G, 17S, 9B = 39).

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (Rodri (Golden Ball), Mbappé (Golden Boot), Simón (Golden Glove), Cubarsí (Young Player) (IUC Academy)).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 8.2 (10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 & Uttar Pradesh Ramsar Sites (2026)):**

• **Statement-I:** 10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 — England (12 Jun – 5 Jul 2026); Australia (beat England by 7 wkts at Lord's).

• **Statement-II:** Uttar Pradesh Ramsar Sites (2026) — Uttar Pradesh (2nd after Tamil Nadu's 20); 14 Ramsar Sites (4 added in 2026).

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (Beth Mooney POTM & POTT; Danni Wyatt-Hodge 302 runs; Fatima Sana 11 wickets (IUC Academy)).

• **Statement-Verification Drill 8.3 (Madhya Pradesh Tiger Reserves (2026) & 3rd National Space Day 2026):**

• **Statement-I:** Madhya Pradesh Tiger Reserves (2026) — Madhya Pradesh (1st in India); 9 Tiger Reserves (out of 58 in India).

• **Statement-II:** 3rd National Space Day 2026 — Ahmedabad, Gujarat (23 August 2026); Theme: 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating...'.

• **Verification Conclusion:** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (Includes 57th Ratapani TR (Raisen) and 58th Madhav TR (Shivpuri) (MoEFCC)).

Chapter 8 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
Integrated Synthesis of 2026 Sports Championships & State-Specific Current Affairs	**2026 Global Sports Trio (FIFA World Cup, CWG Glasgow & Women's T20 World Cup)**	The year 2026 witnessed three landmark global sporting spectacles: **(1) 23rd FIFA World Cup** (11 June – 19 July 2026, won by **Spain 1–0 over Argentina** at MetLife Stadium), **(2) XXIII Commonwealth Games** (23 July – 2 August 2026 in Glasgow, where **India finished 4th with 39 medals: 13G, 17S, 9B**), and **(3) 10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup** (12 June – 5 July 2026 in England, won by **Australia by 7 wickets over England** at Lord's) (IUC Academy).
Four-Node 2026 Global Sports & State Current Affairs Integration Flowchart	**Uttar Pradesh 2026 Ramsar & Agricultural Milestones**	In 2026, **Uttar Pradesh** added four new Ramsar wetlands — **Patna Bird Sanctuary (Etah)**, **Shekha Jheel (Aligarh — 99th)**, **Surha Tal (Ballia — 100th)**, and **Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri — 103rd)** — raising UP's tally to **14 Ramsar Sites** (2nd in India). UP also ranked **1st in India in total foodgrain production, wheat, sugarcane, milk, net irrigated area (13.65 mha), and tubewell irrigation (10.40 mha)** (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (PIB))
2026 Master Comparative Matrix: Major Sports Tournaments & State Rankings	**Uttar Pradesh Kharif 2026-27 MSP Procurement Window**	Paddy procurement at the revised MSP (₹2,441/q Common, ₹2,461/q Grade A) across **Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Lucknow Division** runs from **November 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027**, alongside Central Government approval of **₹5,548 crore** for MSP procurement of **Tur, Moong, Soybean, and Sunflower** in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Chapter 8 Rapid Analytical Revision & Statutory Verification Table (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Madhya Pradesh 2026 Conservation & Pulse/ Oilseed Leadership**	Madhya Pradesh **maintained its #1 national rank with** 9 Tiger Reserves **(including the 57th** Ratapani **and 58th** Madhav Tiger Reserve **in Shivpuri) and ranked** 1st in tank irrigation (0.51 mha), well irrigation (2.99 mha), pulses, and soybean cultivation** (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).
Chapter 8 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Arunachal Pradesh & Chandigarh 2026 Wetland Additions**	Glaw Lake **in Lohit district (Arunachal Pradesh) became India's** 101st Ramsar Site **in August 2026, while** Sukhna Wetland **in** Chandigarh** joined the Ramsar list in October 2026 alongside Mainpuri's Sauj Jheel (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)).
Integrated Synthesis of 2026 Sports Championships & State-Specific Current Affairs	**Statement-I**	23rd FIFA Men's World Cup 2026 — USA, Canada & Mexico (16 Cities); Spain (beat Argentina 1–0 a.e.t.).
Four-Node 2026 Global Sports & State Current Affairs Integration Flowchart	**Statement-II**	XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026 — Glasgow, Scotland (23 Jul – 2 Aug); Australia (1st: 70G, 171 Total); India (4th: 13G, 17S, 9B = 39).
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Chapter 8 Multi-Statement Civil Services & State PCS Statement-Verification Drills (July-2026 & August-2026)	**Statement-II**	Uttar Pradesh Ramsar Sites (2026) — Uttar Pradesh (2nd after Tamil Nadu's 20); 14 Ramsar Sites (4 added in 2026).
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Chapter *8* Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

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

Statement-I (2026 Global Sports Trio (FIFA World Cup, CWG Glasgow & Women's T20 World Cup)): The year 2026 witnessed three landmark global sporting spectacles: **(1) 23rd FIFA World Cup** (11 June – 19 July 2026, won by **Spain 1–0 over Argentina** at MetLife Stadium), **(2) XXIII Commonwealth Games** (23 July – 2 August 2026 in Glasgow, where **India finished 4th with 39 medals: 13G, 17S, 9B**), and **(3) 10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup** (12 June – 5 July 2026 in England, won by **Australia by 7 wickets over England** at Lord's) (IUC Academy).

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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 8 Statement-Verification Drill #2 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Uttar Pradesh Kharif 2026-27 MSP Procurement Window): Paddy procurement at the revised MSP (₹2,441/q Common, ₹2,461/q Grade A) across **Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Lucknow Division** runs from **November 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027**, alongside Central Government approval of **₹5,548 crore** for MSP procurement of **Tur, Moong, Soybean, and Sunflower** in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).

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Chapter 8 Statement-Verification Drill #3 Both Statements Verified Correct

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Statement-II (Statement-I): 23rd FIFA Men's World Cup 2026 — USA, Canada & Mexico (16 Cities); Spain (beat Argentina 1–0 a.e.t.).

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Chapter 8 Statement-Verification Drill #4 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Statement-II): XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026 — Glasgow, Scotland (23 Jul – 2 Aug); Australia (1st: 70G, 171 Total); India (4th: 13G, 17S, 9B = 39).

Statement-II (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (Rodri (Golden Ball), Mbappé (Golden Boot), Simón (Golden Glove), Cubarsí (Young Player) (IUC Academy)).

✓ **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 #5 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Statement-I): 10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 — England (12 Jun – 5 Jul 2026); Australia (beat England by 7 wkts at Lord's).

Statement-II (Statement-II): Uttar Pradesh Ramsar Sites (2026) — Uttar Pradesh (2nd after Tamil Nadu's 20); 14 Ramsar Sites (4 added in 2026).

✓ **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 #6 Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Verification Conclusion): Both Statement-I and Statement-II are 100% factually accurate for Current Affairs 2026 and verified via official records (Beth Mooney POTM & POTT; Danni Wyatt-Hodge 302 runs; Fatima Sana 11 wickets (IUC Academy)).

Statement-II (Statement-I): Madhya Pradesh Tiger Reserves (2026) — Madhya Pradesh (1st in India); 9 Tiger Reserves (out of 58 in India).

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July-2026 & August-2026: 45 Solved 4-Option Exam Practice Questions (MCQs with Detailed Explanations)

Practice Question #1 Solved Exam MCQ

Q1. Where were the XXIII Commonwealth Games (2026 Commonwealth Games) held from July 23 to August 2, 2026?
(A) Victoria, Australia
(B) Glasgow, Scotland
(C) Birmingham, England
(D) Edmonton, Canada
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** The XXIII Commonwealth Games were held in Glasgow, Scotland from July 23 to August 2, 2026 across 7 venues featuring 10 sports and 215 medal events. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q1): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #2 Solved Exam MCQ

Q2. What was India's final medal tally and overall rank at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow?
(A) 61 medals (22G, 16S, 23B) — 4th Rank
(B) 39 medals (13 Gold, 17 Silver, 9 Bronze) — 4th Rank
(C) 45 medals (15 Gold, 15 Silver, 15 Bronze) — 3rd Rank
(D) 39 medals (13 Gold, 13 Silver, 13 Bronze) — 5th Rank
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** India won 39 medals (13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 9 Bronze) to finish 4th in the overall medal table at Glasgow 2026, ahead of 5th-placed hosts Scotland (13G, 13S, 13B = 39). (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q2): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #3 Solved Exam MCQ

Q3. Which three nations finished in the top three positions on the final medal table of the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow?
(A) Australia (1st), England (2nd), and Canada (3rd)
(B) England (1st), Australia (2nd), and India (3rd)
(C) Australia (1st), Canada (2nd), and Scotland (3rd)
(D) Australia (1st), New Zealand (2nd), and England (3rd)
Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Australia topped the table with 70 Gold (171 total medals), England placed 2nd with 29 Gold (110 total), and Canada finished 3rd with 19 Gold (62 total). (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q3): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #4 Solved Exam MCQ

Q4. Who won India's first Gold medal at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, becoming only the second Indian woman after Vinesh Phogat to win three consecutive CWG Golds?
(A) Lovlina Borgohain
(B) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (Women's 48 kg Weightlifting)
(C) Nikhat Zareen
(D) Asmita Dey
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won India's first gold at Glasgow 2026 in the Women's 48 kg category, marking her third consecutive CWG gold after 2018 and 2022. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q4): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #5 Solved Exam MCQ

Q5. In which sport did India win 10 medals including 7 Golds at Glasgow 2026, setting an all-time record for the most golds won by any country in that sport at a single Commonwealth Games?
(A) Wrestling
(B) Shooting
(C) Boxing
(D) Weightlifting
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** India won 7 Gold and 3 Silver (10 medals) in Boxing at the SEC Centre in Glasgow, topping the boxing table for the first time and setting an all-time single-edition CWG boxing gold record. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q5): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #6 Solved Exam MCQ

Q6. Which two Indian judokas scripted history at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow by winning India's first-ever CWG Gold medals in Judo?
(A) Sushila Devi and Vijay Kumar Yadav
(B) Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh
(C) Tulika Maan and Avtar Singh
(D) Garima Chaudhary and Navjot Chana
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh won India's first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medals in Judo at Glasgow 2026, where India won a best-ever 3 Judo medals. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q6): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #7 Solved Exam MCQ

Q7. Who became the first Indian track-and-field athlete in history to win two individual medals (10,000m Silver and 5,000m Bronze) at a single edition of the Commonwealth Games in 2026?
(A) Avinash Sable
(B) Gulveer Singh
(C) Neeraj Chopra
(D) Tejaswin Shankar
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Long-distance runner Gulveer Singh won Silver in the Men's 10,000m and Bronze in the Men's 5,000m at Glasgow 2026, becoming the first Indian athlete to win two individual track medals at one CWG. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q7): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #8 Solved Exam MCQ

Q8. Which Indian athlete won India's first-ever Commonwealth Games medal in the Men's Decathlon (Bronze) at Glasgow 2026?
(A) Tejaswin Shankar
(B) Murali Sreeshankar
(C) Praveen Chitravel
(D) Eldhose Paul
Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** Tejaswin Shankar won the Bronze medal in the Men's Decathlon at Glasgow 2026, securing India's first-ever CWG medal in Decathlon. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q8): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #9 Solved Exam MCQ

Q9. How many medals did Indian para-athletes win at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, marking India's best-ever para-sport performance at a single edition?
(A) 4 medals (1 Gold)
(B) 7 medals (including 3 Gold medals)
(C) 10 medals (5 Gold)
(D) 5 medals (2 Gold)
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Indian para-athletes achieved their best-ever single-edition performance at Glasgow 2026, winning 7 medals including 3 Gold medals. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q9): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #10 Solved Exam MCQ

Q10. Which Caribbean nation won its first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medal at Glasgow 2026, while Gabon, Rwanda, and Tuvalu won their first-ever CWG medals?
(A) Barbados
(B) Dominica
(C) Saint Lucia
(D) Grenada
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Dominica won its first-ever CWG Gold medal at Glasgow 2026, while Gabon, Rwanda, and Tuvalu won their first-ever Commonwealth Games medals. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q10): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #11 Solved Exam MCQ

Q11. Which country won the 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup by defeating defending champions Argentina 1–0 after extra time in the final on July 19, 2026?
(A) France
(B) England
(C) Spain
(D) Brazil
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** Spain defeated Argentina 1–0 after extra time on July 19, 2026 to win their second FIFA World Cup title (first since 2010). (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q11): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #12 Solved Exam MCQ

Q12. Where was the 2026 FIFA World Cup Final played on July 19, 2026?
(A) AT&T Stadium, Arlington (Texas)
(B) Estadio Azteca, Mexico City
(C) MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford (New Jersey / New York)
(D) SoFi Stadium, Los Angeles
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** The 2026 FIFA World Cup Final was played at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey on July 19, 2026. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q12): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #13 Solved Exam MCQ

Q13. Who scored the decisive 1–0 extra-time winning goal for Spain (from a Nico Williams header) in the 2026 FIFA World Cup Final against Argentina and was named Man of the Match?
(A) Lamine Yamal
(B) Rodri
(C) Ferran Torres
(D) Pedri
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** Ferran Torres scored the extra-time winner from a Nico Williams header to give Spain a 1–0 victory over Argentina and was named Man of the Match in the Final. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q13): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #14 Solved Exam MCQ

Q14. Who won the Golden Ball (Best Player of the Tournament) at the 2026 FIFA World Cup?
(A) Lionel Messi (Argentina)
(B) Rodri (Spain)
(C) Kylian Mbappé (France)
(D) Lamine Yamal (Spain)
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Spain captain Rodri was awarded the Golden Ball as the best player of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q14): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #15 Solved Exam MCQ

Q15. Who won the Golden Boot (Top Goalscorer) at the 2026 FIFA World Cup, claiming the award for the second time in his career?
(A) Kylian Mbappé (France)
(B) Harry Kane (England)
(C) Ferran Torres (Spain)
(D) Julián Alvarez (Argentina)
Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** France captain Kylian Mbappé won the Golden Boot as top goalscorer of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, his second consecutive World Cup Golden Boot. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q15): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #16 Solved Exam MCQ

Q16. Who won the Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper) and Best Young Player Award respectively at the 2026 FIFA World Cup?
(A) Emiliano Martínez and Enzo Fernández
(B) Unai Simón (Spain) and Pau Cubarsí (Spain)
(C) Jordan Pickford and Jude Bellingham
(D) Mike Maignan and Warren Zaïre-Emery
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Spain's Unai Simón won the Golden Glove and Spain's teenage defender Pau Cubarsí won the Best Young Player Award at the 2026 FIFA World Cup. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q16): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #17 Solved Exam MCQ

Q17. Which national team received the FIFA Fair Play Award at the 2026 FIFA World Cup?
(A) Japan
(B) England
(C) Netherlands
(D) Switzerland
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** The Netherlands received the FIFA Fair Play Award at the conclusion of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q17): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by IUC Academy.

Practice Question #18 Solved Exam MCQ

Q18. How many teams and host cities participated in the expanded 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 across the United States, Mexico, and Canada?
(A) 32 teams across 12 host cities
(B) 48 teams across 16 host cities (11 in USA, 3 in Mexico, 2 in Canada)
(C) 48 teams across 20 host cities
(D) 64 teams across 18 host cities
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** The 2026 FIFA World Cup was the first to feature 48 teams playing 104 matches across 16 host cities (11 in the US hosting 78 matches, 3 in Mexico hosting 13, and 2 in Canada hosting 13). (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q18): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by IUC Academy.

Practice Question #19 Solved Exam MCQ

Q19. Which stadium hosted the highest number of matches (9 matches) during the 2026 FIFA World Cup?
(A) MetLife Stadium, New Jersey
(B) AT&T Stadium, Arlington (Texas)
(C) Estadio Azteca, Mexico City
(D) BMO Field, Toronto
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas hosted 9 matches, the most of any venue at the 2026 FIFA World Cup. (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q19): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by IUC Academy.

Practice Question #20 Solved Exam MCQ

Q20. Which goalkeeper set an all-time FIFA World Cup Final record by making 11 saves during the 2026 final between Spain and Argentina?
(A) Unai Simón
(B) Emiliano Martínez
(C) Thibaut Courtois
(D) Hugo Lloris
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Argentina goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez made 11 saves against Spain, setting a record for the most saves by a goalkeeper in a World Cup Final. (Press Information Bureau (PIB)).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q20): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by IUC Academy.

Practice Question #21 Solved Exam MCQ

Q21. Following its triumph on July 19, 2026, which nation became the first in history to simultaneously hold both the Men's and Women's FIFA World Cup titles?
(A) Germany
(B) United States
(C) Spain (2023 Women's & 2026 Men's)
(D) France
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** Having won the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2023 and the Men's World Cup in 2026, Spain became the first country to hold both senior titles simultaneously. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q21): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #22 Solved Exam MCQ

Q22. Where was the national inaugural event of the 3rd National Space Day (NSpD-2026) held on August 23, 2026?
(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
(C) Bengaluru, Karnataka
(D) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** The inaugural national event of the 3rd National Space Day was held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat on August 23, 2026. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q22): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #23 Solved Exam MCQ

Q23. What was the official theme of the 3rd National Space Day celebrated across India on August 23, 2026?
(A) Touching Lives while Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga
(B) Aryabhata to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities
(C) Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership
(D) Space Exploration for Sustainable Planetary Future
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** The official theme for the 3rd National Space Day (August 23, 2026) was 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership'. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q23): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #24 Solved Exam MCQ

Q24. Who served as Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman, ISRO during the 3rd National Space Day celebrations in August 2026?
(A) Dr. S. Somanath
(B) Dr. V. Narayanan
(C) Dr. K. Sivan
(D) Dr. A.S. Kiran Kumar
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Dr. V. Narayanan, Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman, ISRO, delivered the official 3rd National Space Day 2026 message. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q24): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #25 Solved Exam MCQ

Q25. Which private Indian aerospace company launched the first private orbital rocket 'Vikram-1', highlighted during the National Space Day 2026 celebrations?
(A) AgniKul Cosmos
(B) Skyroot Aerospace
(C) Pixxel Space
(D) Dhruva Space
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** M/s Skyroot Aerospace achieved the launch of the first orbital rocket 'Vikram-1' with support from ISRO, as India's space start-up count crossed 440+ in 2026. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q25): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #26 Solved Exam MCQ

Q26. At what exact lunar latitude did the Chandrayaan-3 Vikram Lander touch down on August 23, 2023, commemorated annually on National Space Day?
(A) 45.2° South latitude
(B) 69.3° South latitude (Shiv Shakti Point)
(C) 78.5° North latitude
(D) 84.1° South latitude
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** The Vikram Lander touched down at 69.3° South latitude near the lunar south pole (named Shiv Shakti Point), where instruments confirmed the presence of Sulphur. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q26): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #27 Solved Exam MCQ

Q27. In September 2026, NITI Aayog's E-Mobility Division published the second edition of which index to benchmark States and UTs on clean transport transition?
(A) National Green Hydrogen Index
(B) India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2025
(C) State Bio-Fuel Readiness Index
(D) Urban Metro Sustainability Index
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** NITI Aayog published the second edition of the India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) in September 2026 across 3 themes and 16 indicators. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q27): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #28 Solved Exam MCQ

Q28. How many themes and indicators constitute NITI Aayog's 'India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI)' released in September 2026?
(A) 3 themes and 16 indicators
(B) 4 themes and 24 indicators
(C) 5 themes and 30 indicators
(D) 2 themes and 10 indicators
Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** The India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) comprises 3 core themes (Transport Electrification Progress, Charging Infrastructure Readiness, EV Research & Innovation) and 16 indicators. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q28): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #29 Solved Exam MCQ

Q29. In January 2026, NITI Aayog released the 4th edition of the 'Export Preparedness Index (EPI)' evaluating States and UTs across which four pillars?
(A) Agriculture, Manufacturing, Services, and IT
(B) Policy, Business Ecosystem, Export Ecosystem, and Export Performance
(C) Ports, Railways, Highways, and Airports
(D) Tariffs, Subsidies, Credit, and Forex
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index (EPI) assesses States and UTs across four pillars: Policy, Business Ecosystem, Export Ecosystem, and Export Performance. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q29): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #30 Solved Exam MCQ

Q30. Which Union Ministry released the 'Sustainable Development Goals — National Indicator Framework (SDG-NIF) Progress Report, 2026' on June 18, 2026?
(A) Ministry of Finance
(B) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
(C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** MoSPI released the SDG-National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026 on June 18, 2026 to track time-series indicator data across the 17 SDGs. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q30): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #31 Solved Exam MCQ

Q31. What is the title of NITI Aayog's Global Value Chain (GVC) report highlighted in its 2026 annual publications?
(A) Textiles: Weaving Global Trade
(B) Electronics: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains
(C) Pharmaceuticals: Pharmacy of the World
(D) Automobiles: Future of Mobility
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** NITI Aayog published the GVC report titled 'Electronics: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains'. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q31): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #32 Solved Exam MCQ

Q32. Which Indian astronaut returned to Earth in the Pacific Ocean off San Diego aboard the SpaceX Dragon Compendiums 'Grace' after an 18-day stay on the ISS under the Axiom-4 mission?
(A) Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair
(B) Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla
(C) Group Captain Ajit Krishnan
(D) Group Captain Angad Pratap
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla completed an 18-day stay aboard the International Space Station under the four-member Axiom-4 mission, laying groundwork for Gaganyaan and the Bharatiya Antariksh Station. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q32): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #33 Solved Exam MCQ

Q33. What is the name of the AI-enabled half-humanoid robot scheduled to fly aboard ISRO's uncrewed Gaganyaan-G1 orbital mission in late 2026?
(A) Daksha
(B) Vyommitra
(C) Pragyan
(D) Garuda
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Vyommitra is the AI-enabled half-humanoid robot developed by ISRO to fly aboard the uncrewed Gaganyaan-G1 test mission. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q33): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #34 Solved Exam MCQ

Q34. Which DRDO-developed weapon system is a solid-propelled Air-to-Surface Anti-Radiation Missile designed to neutralize enemy radar and communication installations?
(A) Astra Mk-II
(B) RudraM-II
(C) Pralay
(D) Pinaka
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** RudraM-II is an indigenous solid-propelled Air-to-Surface Anti-Radiation Missile launched from Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q34): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #35 Solved Exam MCQ

Q35. What does the DRDO naval weapon acronym 'SMART' stand for?
(A) Submarine Mounted Anti-Radar Torpedo
(B) Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo
(C) Strategic Maritime Attack Rocket Torpedo
(D) Surface Missile for Anti-Radar Targeting
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** SMART stands for Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo, enhancing anti-submarine warfare range far beyond conventional torpedo limits. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q35): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #36 Solved Exam MCQ

Q36. Which organization jointly developed the 25-tonne indigenous high-altitude light tank 'Zorawar' along with DRDO's CVRDE?
(A) Bharat Forge
(B) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
(C) Mahindra Defence
(D) Tata Advanced Systems
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** DRDO's Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) jointly developed the 25-tonne Zorawar light tank. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q36): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #37 Solved Exam MCQ

Q37. Which second Arihant-class nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) strengthens India's strategic nuclear triad alongside INS Arihant?
(A) INS Arighaat
(B) INS Vagir
(C) INS Arnala
(D) INS Vindhyagiri
Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** INS Arighaat is India's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) built at the Ship Building Centre in Visakhapatnam. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q37): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #38 Solved Exam MCQ

Q38. Which strategic all-weather road tunnel being constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at 15,800 feet connects Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul Valley to Ladakh's Zanskar Valley?
(A) Atal Tunnel
(B) Sela Tunnel
(C) Shinkun La Tunnel
(D) Zojila Tunnel
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** The Shinkun La Tunnel at 15,800 feet is the world's highest all-weather road tunnel connecting Lahaul (HP) to Zanskar (Ladakh) under BRO's Project Yojak. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q38): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #39 Solved Exam MCQ

Q39. What safety certification level is held by Indian Railways' indigenous Automatic Train Protection system 'Kavach 4.0'?
(A) SIL-1
(B) SIL-2
(C) SIL-3
(D) SIL-4 (Safety Integrity Level-4)
Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** Kavach 4.0 is certified to Safety Integrity Level-4 (SIL-4), the highest mathematical safety standard in railway signalling. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q39): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #40 Solved Exam MCQ

Q40. Under India's updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), by what percentage has India committed to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 2030 (compared to 2005 levels)?
(A) 33–35 percent
(B) 45 percent
(C) 50 percent
(D) 70 percent
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** India's updated NDC commits to reducing the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45 percent by 2030 from 2005 levels and achieving 50% non-fossil installed power capacity by 2030. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q40): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #41 Solved Exam MCQ

Q41. By how much is the 'SARTHAK-PDS' reform (approved in May 2026) projected to reduce carbon emissions from the Public Distribution System supply chain?
(A) 10 percent
(B) 20 percent
(C) 35 percent
(D) 50 percent
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** By reducing foodgrain travel distances by 15–50% through the SAKSHAM AI module, SARTHAK-PDS is projected to cut PDS supply-chain carbon emissions by 35% and save ₹280 crore annually. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q41): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #42 Solved Exam MCQ

Q42. Which Indian state ranks 1st in Net Irrigated Area (13.65 million hectares) and Tubewell Irrigation (10.40 million hectares) according to 2026 agricultural statistics?
(A) Punjab
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Rajasthan
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** Uttar Pradesh ranks 1st in Net Irrigated Area (13.65 mha), Gross Irrigated Area (24.65 mha), and Tubewell Irrigation (10.40 mha), while Rajasthan leads in Canal Irrigation (2.24 mha). (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q42): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #43 Solved Exam MCQ

Q43. Which four wetlands in Uttar Pradesh were designated as Ramsar Sites in 2026, raising UP's total to 14 Ramsar Sites?
(A) Nawabganj, Parvati Arga, Saman, and Samaspur
(B) Patna Bird Sanctuary (Etah), Shekha Jheel (Aligarh), Surha Tal (Ballia), and Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri)
(C) Bakhira, Haiderpur, Sarsai Nawar, and Sandi
(D) Upper Ganga, Sur Sarovar, Kabartal, and Nagi
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Uttar Pradesh added Patna Bird Sanctuary (Etah), Shekha Jheel (Aligarh — 99th), Surha Tal (Ballia — 100th), and Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri — 103rd) in 2026, reaching 14 Ramsar Sites. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q43): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #44 Solved Exam MCQ

Q44. Which Tiger Reserve is the largest in India by total area (3,296.31 sq km) among all 58 Tiger Reserves listed by NTCA in 2026?
(A) Corbett Tiger Reserve (Uttarakhand)
(B) Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve (Andhra Pradesh)
(C) Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve (Chhattisgarh)
(D) Sundarbans Tiger Reserve (West Bengal)
Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh is India's largest Tiger Reserve covering a total area of 3,296.31 sq km. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q44): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

Practice Question #45 Solved Exam MCQ

Q45. What is the total financial outlay of 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana' providing up to 300 units of free electricity per month to 1 crore households?
(A) ₹19,744 crore
(B) ₹25,530 crore
(C) ₹75,021 crore
(D) ₹1,00,000 crore
Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana has a sanctioned outlay of ₹75,021 crore to install rooftop solar systems in 1 crore households across India. (**Press Information Bureau (PIB)**).
Exam Analytical Takeaway (Q45): Verified against official 2026 notifications for UPSC CSE, State PCS, SSC, Railway, Banking, Police, and Defence competitive examinations by **IUC Academy**.

July-*2026* & August-*2026: 65* Rapid-Fire Revision Points (Quick Revision Compendium)

1. The **XXIII Commonwealth Games (Glasgow 2026)** were held in **Glasgow, Scotland** from **July 23 to August 2, 2026** (**PIB**).

2. Glasgow 2026 featured athletes from **74 nations/territories** competing in **215 medal events** across **10 sports** at 7 venues (**PIB**).

3. Glasgow 2026 was primarily funded by **AU$200 million** in compensation from the Victorian government alongside CGF commercial backing (**IUC Academy**).

4. **Australia** topped the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games medal table with **171 medals (70 Gold, 55 Silver, 46 Bronze)** (**IUC Academy**).

5. **England** finished 2nd at Glasgow 2026 with **110 medals (29 Gold, 42 Silver, 39 Bronze)**, and **Canada** placed 3rd with **62 medals (19 Gold, 22 Silver, 21 Bronze)** (**IUC Academy**).

6. **India** finished **4th overall** at the 2026 Commonwealth Games with **39 medals — 13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 9 Bronze** (**PIB**).

7. Host nation **Scotland** finished **5th** with **39 medals (13 Gold, 13 Silver, 13 Bronze)**, trailing India on Silver count (13 vs 17) (**IUC Academy**).

8. **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** won India's **first Gold medal** at Glasgow 2026 in the **Women's 48 kg weightlifting** category (**PIB**).

9. Mirabai Chanu became only the **second Indian female athlete** (after Vinesh Phogat) to win Gold at **three consecutive Commonwealth Games** (2018, 2022, 2026) (**PIB**).

10. **India topped the Boxing medal table** at Glasgow 2026 for the first time ever, winning **10 medals (7 Gold and 3 Silver)** at the SEC Centre (**PIB**).

11. India's **7 Boxing Gold medals** at Glasgow 2026 are the **most won by any nation in boxing at a single Commonwealth Games** (**PIB**).

12. **Asmita Dey** and **Harsh Singh** won **India's first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medals in Judo** at Glasgow 2026 (India won 3 Judo medals total) (**PIB**).

13. **Gulveer Singh** became the **first Indian track-and-field athlete to win two individual medals at a single CWG** (Silver in Men's 10,000m and Bronze in Men's 5,000m) (**PIB**).

14. **Tejaswin Shankar** won the **Bronze medal in Men's Decathlon** at Glasgow 2026 — **India's first-ever CWG medal in Decathlon** (PIB).

15. **Indian para-athletes** achieved their best-ever CWG performance at Glasgow 2026, winning **7 medals including 3 Gold medals** (PIB).

16. **Dominica** won its **first-ever Commonwealth Games Gold medal** at Glasgow 2026, while **Gabon, Rwanda, and Tuvalu** won their first-ever CWG medals (IUC Academy).

17. The **23rd FIFA Men's World Cup 2026** was held from **June 11 to July 19, 2026** across **16 host cities in the USA, Mexico, and Canada** (IUC Academy).

18. The 2026 FIFA World Cup was the first edition contested by **48 teams** playing **104 matches** (IUC Academy).

19. The **United States hosted 78 matches** across 11 cities (including all QFs, SFs, and Final), while **Canada and Mexico hosted 13 matches each** (IUC Academy).

20. **AT&T Stadium in Arlington (Texas)** hosted **9 matches**, the most of any stadium at the 2026 FIFA World Cup (IUC Academy).

21. In the **2026 FIFA World Cup Final** on **July 19, 2026** at **MetLife Stadium (East Rutherford, New Jersey)**, **Spain defeated Argentina 1–0 after extra time** (IUC Academy).

22. **Ferran Torres** scored the 1–0 extra-time winner for Spain from a **Nico Williams** header and was named **Man of the Match in the Final** (IUC Academy).

23. Spain won its **second FIFA World Cup title** (first since 2010) and became the **first nation to hold both the Men's (2026) and Women's (2023) World Cup titles simultaneously** (IUC Academy).

24. Argentina goalkeeper **Emiliano Martínez** made **11 saves** in the 2026 final — an all-time record for the most saves in a FIFA World Cup Final (IUC Academy).

25. Reduced to 10 men after **Enzo Fernández** was sent off, Argentina failed to register a single shot in regulation time in the 2026 final (IUC Academy).

26. Spain captain **Rodri** won the **Golden Ball** as the Best Player of the 2026 FIFA World Cup (IUC Academy).

27. France captain **Kylian Mbappé** won the **Golden Boot** as Top Goalscorer of the 2026 FIFA World Cup (his second career Golden Boot) (IUC Academy).

28. Spain goalkeeper **Unai Simón** won the **Golden Glove** and Spain defender **Pau Cubarsí** won the **Best Young Player Award** (IUC Academy).

29. The **Netherlands** won the **FIFA Fair Play Award** at the 2026 FIFA World Cup (IUC Academy).

30. In the 2026 FIFA World Cup semifinals, **Spain eliminated France** while **Argentina defeated England 2–1** in Atlanta (IUC Academy).

31. India celebrated its **3rd National Space Day (NSpD-2026)** on **August 23, 2026**, with the inaugural ceremony held at **Ahmedabad, Gujarat** (ISRO).

32. The official theme for the **3rd National Space Day 2026** is **'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership'** (ISRO).

33. **Dr. V. Narayanan** served as Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman, ISRO during the 3rd National Space Day 2026 celebrations (**ISRO**).

34. National Space Day commemorates the **August 23, 2023** soft landing of the **Chandrayaan-3 Vikram Lander** at **69.3°S latitude (Shiv Shakti Point)** (**PIB**).

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37. Indian astronaut **Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla** completed an 18-day stay on the **ISS** under the **Axiom-4** mission, returning in the Dragon Compendiums *Grace* (**PIB**).

38. ISRO and Japan's **JAXA** held a joint review in **Bengaluru in July 2026** for the **Chandrayaan-5 / LUPEX** mission (6,000 kg Indian lander + 350 kg Japanese rover) (**ISRO**).

39. ISRO completed the Preliminary Design Review (PDR) of the Cabinet-approved **Venus Orbiter Mission (Shukrayaan)** carrying **19 scientific payloads** (**ISRO**).

40. **NISAR** is the joint **NASA–ISRO** dual-frequency (L-band & S-band) Synthetic Aperture Radar Earth-observation mission (**PIB**).

41. **TRISHNA** is the joint **ISRO–CNES (France)** thermal infrared Earth-observation satellite scheduled to monitor crop water stress and climate indicators (**PIB**).

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56. **National Green Hydrogen Mission** (₹19,744 crore outlay) targets **5 MMT per annum** of green hydrogen production capacity by 2030 (**PIB**).

57. **India ranks 1st globally in total irrigated area (75.50 million ha)** ahead of China (74.91 mha) and the USA (24.69 mha) (**PIB**).

58. **Uttar Pradesh** ranks **1st in India** in Net Irrigated Area (**13.65 mha**), Gross Irrigated Area (**24.65 mha**), and Tubewell Irrigation (**10.40 mha**) (**PIB**).

59. **Rajasthan** ranks **1st in India in Canal Irrigation (2.24 mha)**, while **Madhya Pradesh** ranks **1st in Tank (0.51 mha) and Well Irrigation (2.99 mha)** (**PIB**).

60. In 2026, **Uttar Pradesh** added 4 Ramsar Sites — **Patna Bird Sanctuary (Etah), Shekha Jheel (Aligarh), Surha Tal (Ballia), and Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri)** — reaching **14 sites** (**PIB**).

61. For Kharif 2026-27, the Centre approved **₹5,548 crore** for MSP procurement of **Tur, Moong, Soybean, and Sunflower** in **UP, Karnataka, and Telangana** (**PIB**).

62. Paddy procurement at MSP in **Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Lucknow Division** for Kharif 2026-27 runs from **November 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027** (**PIB**).

63. By early November 2026, **Punjab** procured **169+ lakh tonnes of paddy** (paying ₹37,000+ Cr to 3.82 lakh farmers) and **Haryana** procured **43 lakh tonnes** (₹9,880 Cr) (**PIB**).

64. Cumulative public procurement at MSP during 2014–2026 reached **1,229.2 million tonnes** valued at **₹26.32 lakh crore** (3.5x the previous decade) (**PIB**).

65. Under **National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)**, India's honey production reached **0.152 MT** and honey exports grew by **240%** by 2026 (**PIB**).

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2. Chapter 2: India's Historic Records at Glasgow 2026 CWG — Boxing, Judo, Athletics & Para-Sports	☐ Completed (100% Concept Clarity)	☐ Flowchart & Tables Revised	☐ 75+ MCQs Solved (>85% Accuracy)	☐ **Final Rapid Recall Ready**
3. Chapter 3: 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026 (USA, Canada & Mexico) — Spain Wins 2nd Title, Awards & Records	☐ Completed (100% Concept Clarity)	☐ Flowchart & Tables Revised	☐ 75+ MCQs Solved (>85% Accuracy)	☐ **Final Rapid Recall Ready**
4. Chapter 4: 3rd National Space Day 2026 (23 August, Ahmedabad) — Theme, Achievements & Roadmap	☐ Completed (100% Concept Clarity)	☐ Flowchart & Tables Revised	☐ 75+ MCQs Solved (>85% Accuracy)	☐ **Final Rapid Recall Ready**
5. Chapter 5: NITI Aayog 2026 Reports: India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI), Export Preparedness & SDG Progress	☐ Completed (100% Concept Clarity)	☐ Flowchart & Tables Revised	☐ 75+ MCQs Solved (>85% Accuracy)	☐ **Final Rapid Recall Ready**
6. Chapter 6: Indian Defence & Strategic Technology Achievements 2026 — DRDO, Indigenous Missiles & Naval Power	☐ Completed (100% Concept Clarity)	☐ Flowchart & Tables Revised	☐ 75+ MCQs Solved (>85% Accuracy)	☐ **Final Rapid Recall Ready**
7. Chapter 7: Climate Change Commitments, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) & Green Infrastructure 2026	☐ Completed (100% Concept Clarity)	☐ Flowchart & Tables Revised	☐ 75+ MCQs Solved (>85% Accuracy)	☐ **Final Rapid Recall Ready**
8. Chapter 8: Consolidated 2026 Sports, Honours & State-Level Current Affairs Reference (Uttar Pradesh, MP & Bihar)	☐ Completed (100% Concept Clarity)	☐ Flowchart & Tables Revised	☐ 75+ MCQs Solved (>85% Accuracy)	☐ **Final Rapid Recall Ready**
9. July-2026 & August-2026: 45 Solved 4-Option Exam Practice Questions (MCQs with Detailed Explanations)	☐ Completed (100% Concept Clarity)	☐ Flowchart & Tables Revised	☐ 75+ MCQs Solved (>85% Accuracy)	☐ **Final Rapid Recall Ready**
10. July-2026 & August-2026: 65 Rapid-Fire Revision Points (Quick Revision Compendium)	☐ Completed (100% Concept Clarity)	☐ Flowchart & Tables Revised	☐ 75+ MCQs Solved (>85% Accuracy)	☐ **Final Rapid Recall Ready**