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Q 1

The World Bank approved USD 830 million for India's PM-SETU scheme on February 2, 2026. Which ministry administers PM-SETU?

- A Ministry of Education
- B Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship ✓
- C Ministry of Labour and Employment
- D Ministry of Commerce and Industry

EXPLANATION

PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri — Skilling and Employability Transformation Through Upgraded ITIs) is administered by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The USD 830 million World Bank loan will upgrade 1,000 government ITIs on a hub-and-spoke model (200 hub + 800 spoke). The loan was co-prepared with the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

CONCEPT

India has ~15,000 ITIs total. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was created as a standalone ministry in 2014 to consolidate skill development mandates previously spread across 17 ministries. A previous World Bank-funded ITI scheme, STRIVE, was launched in 2017. PM-SETU targets over 1 million better-skilled workers annually.

Q 2

Yantra India Limited, recently granted Miniratna Category-I status, was created through which major policy reform?

- A Privatisation of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B Corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board in October 2021 ✓
- C Disinvestment of Bharat Electronics Limited
- D Formation of the Defence Research and Development Organisation

EXPLANATION

In October 2021, the government corporatised the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), converting its 41 factories into 7 new Defence PSUs (DPSUs). Yantra India Limited is one of these 7 DPSUs, producing ammunition, propellants, and explosives. Its revenue grew from Rs 956 crore (H2 FY22) to Rs 3,108 crore (FY25), and exports rose from nil to Rs 321.77 crore.

CONCEPT

The 7 DPSUs from OFB corporatisation are: AVNL (armoured vehicles), AWEIL (small arms), MIL (ammunition), YIL/Yantra India (propellants), ITOL (optics), GIL (parachutes), TCL (clothing). Miniratna Category-I status requires 3 consecutive years of net profit and net worth above Rs 300 crore. The status grants Yantra India capex approval authority of up to Rs 500 crore without Ministry of Defence approval.

Q 3

The NYPS 2.0 portal for the National Youth Parliament Scheme was launched by which Ministry, and in which year was the scheme originally started?

- A Ministry of Education; 1970
- B Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; 1966-67 ✓**
- C Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; 1985
- D Ministry of Home Affairs; 1975

EXPLANATION

NYPS 2.0 was launched on February 2, 2026, by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. The National Youth Parliament Scheme was originally started in 1966-67 in schools. By January 27, 2026, the scheme had 95,319 participants across 660 sittings. NYPS 2.0 expands from recognized institutions to all educational institutions and individual citizens, with two tracks: Kishore Sabha and Tarun Sabha.

CONCEPT

The National Youth Parliament Scheme familiarises youth with parliamentary procedures and democratic values. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs also administers the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) and the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE). NYPS aligns with Mission Karmayogi (National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building).

Q 4

According to PLFS 2020-21 data cited by the NSO Migration Survey announcement, what percentage of female migration in India is due to marriage?

- A 47.9%
- B 22.8%
- C 86.8% ✓**
- D 28.9%

EXPLANATION

PLFS (Periodic Labour Force Survey) 2020-21 data shows 86.8% of female migration in India is attributed to marriage. Overall migration rate: 28.9%; female migration: 47.9% overall; male migration for employment: 22.8%; rural population migration: 26.8%. The NSO will conduct a year-long nationwide Migration Survey from July 2026 to June 2027.

CONCEPT

NSO (National Statistics Office) operates under MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation). PLFS (Periodic Labour Force Survey) has been conducted annually since 2017-18. The last dedicated migration survey was the NSS 64th Round (2007-08). The migration survey will cover all states/UTs except inaccessible parts of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Accurate migration data is critical for schemes like e-Shram and One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC).

Q 5 SAKSHAM, India's annual fuel conservation campaign held in February, is conducted by which organisation?

- A Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
- B National Productivity Council (NPC)
- C Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) ✓
- D Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)

EXPLANATION

SAKSHAM (Sanrakshan Kshamta Mahotsav) is conducted by the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. It is held every year from February 1-16. PCRA was established in 1978 to promote energy conservation across transport, domestic, agricultural, and industrial sectors.

CONCEPT

BEE (Bureau of Energy Efficiency) is under the Ministry of Power and focuses on energy efficiency labelling and standards (like star ratings for appliances). EESL (Energy Efficiency Services Limited) is a joint venture of government power sector enterprises for implementing energy efficiency projects. PCRA is specifically under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, with a focus on petroleum product conservation. India imports ~85-88% of its crude oil needs.

Q 6 Tripura Gramin Bank launched India's first RRB co-branded RuPay credit card. RuPay is a product of which organisation, and which bank sponsors Tripura Gramin Bank?

- A Reserve Bank of India; State Bank of India
- B National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI); Punjab National Bank ✓
- C National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development; Canara Bank
- D Securities and Exchange Board of India; Bank of Baroda

EXPLANATION

RuPay is managed by NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India). Tripura Gramin Bank is sponsored by Punjab National Bank (PNB). The co-branded RuPay credit card was launched at TGB's Golden Jubilee and is the first such card by any Regional Rural Bank in India. RuPay was launched by NPCI in 2012 and has over 760 million cardholders.

CONCEPT

Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) were established under the RRB Act, 1976 to serve rural areas. They are jointly capitalized: Central Government (50%), State Government (15%), and Sponsor Bank (35%). India has 43 RRBs after consolidation from 196 in 2005. NPCI was incorporated in 2008 and operates retail payment systems including RuPay, UPI, IMPS, FASTag, and NACH. NABARD (established 1982) supervises RRBs and provides refinancing.

Q 7

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reported that global internal displacement reached an all-time high by end of 2024. What was this figure?

- A 65.3 million
- B 72.1 million
- C 83.4 million ✓**
- D 91.5 million

EXPLANATION

IOM's Global Appeal 2026 reported global internal displacement of 83.4 million — an all-time high — as of end 2024. Disaster-related displacement was 9.8 million (29% increase YoY). Recorded migrant deaths in 2024 were 9,197 — the deadliest year since IOM began tracking in 2014. IOM seeks USD 4.7 billion to assist 41 million people in 2026.

CONCEPT

IOM (International Organization for Migration) is headquartered in Geneva with Director-General Amy Pope. It became a UN-related organisation in 2016. Global remittances in 2024 were USD 905 billion. India is among the world's largest remittance-receiving countries (~USD 120 billion in FY2025). IOM's data reinforces that climate change is an increasing driver of forced migration globally.

Q 8

Under the PM-SETU scheme, what is the hub-and-spoke structure for upgrading government ITIs?

- A 100 hub ITIs and 900 spoke ITIs
- B 150 hub ITIs and 850 spoke ITIs
- C 200 hub ITIs and 800 spoke ITIs ✓**
- D 250 hub ITIs and 750 spoke ITIs

EXPLANATION

PM-SETU will upgrade 1,000 government ITIs using a hub-and-spoke model: 200 hub ITIs (centres of excellence) and 800 spoke ITIs (linked to hubs for curriculum updates, teacher training, and assessment). The scheme targets minimum 25% women enrolment and aims to mobilize at least USD 680 million in private capital from industry.

CONCEPT

India has approximately 15,000 ITIs in total. Government ITIs face the most severe quality and infrastructure challenges. Hub ITIs will have industry partnerships, advanced equipment, and curriculum development capacity. The World Bank loan (USD 830 million; 19.5-year maturity; 4-year grace) was co-prepared with ADB and is part of the World Bank-India Country Partnership Framework FY2026-31 (USD 8-10 billion/year).

Q 9

What is the capitalisation structure of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in India under the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976?

A Central Government 60%, State Government 20%, Sponsor Bank 20%

B Central Government 50%, State Government 15%, Sponsor Bank 35% ✓

C Central Government 40%, State Government 30%, Sponsor Bank 30%

D Central Government 50%, State Government 25%, Sponsor Bank 25%

EXPLANATION

Regional Rural Banks are capitalised with Central Government holding 50%, State Government 15%, and Sponsor Bank (a public sector bank) 35% of shares. Tripura Gramin Bank is sponsored by Punjab National Bank. India has 43 RRBs after consolidation from 196 in 2005, serving approximately 700 districts across rural India.

CONCEPT

RRBs were established following the recommendation of the Narasimham Committee (1975) to provide rural credit. NABARD (established 1982 under NABARD Act 1981) supervises RRBs and provides refinancing. RRBs have ~21,000 branches, mostly in rural areas. The RRB Act, 1976 was amended by the Regional Rural Banks (Amendment) Act, 2015 to allow RRBs to raise equity from sources other than central government, state government, and sponsor banks.

Q 10

World Wetlands Day is observed on February 2 every year. This date commemorates the signing of the Ramsar Convention in which year and city?

A 1975; Geneva, Switzerland

B 1971; Ramsar, Iran ✓

C 1968; Paris, France

D 1973; Nairobi, Kenya

EXPLANATION

World Wetlands Day commemorates February 2, 1971, when the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was signed in Ramsar, Iran. India has 98 Ramsar sites (highest in Asia; third globally). The most recent additions were Patna Bird Sanctuary (Etah, UP) and Chhari-Dhand (Kutch, Gujarat). India's Ramsar sites cover over 1.33 million hectares.

CONCEPT

Ramsar Convention: Full name is Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Montreux Record: A register of Ramsar sites where ecological character has changed or is likely to change — currently two Indian sites on the list: Keoladeo NP (Rajasthan) and Loktak Lake (Manipur). Chilika Lake (Odisha) was removed from Montreux Record in 2002 after successful restoration. The Secretariat is in Gland, Switzerland.

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