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4 February 2026 · 10 Questions · Answers &amp; Explanations Included

**Q 1** Bharat Taxi, India's first cooperative ride-hailing platform, is registered under which legislation?

**A** Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 ✓

**B** Companies Act, 2013

**C** Producer Companies Act, 2002

**D** Cooperative Societies Act, 1912

### EXPLANATION

Bharat Taxi is registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 — enabling it to operate across multiple states as a cooperative. Drivers retain 80% of earnings under the zero-commission, surge-free model.

### CONCEPT

Article 43B of the Constitution (inserted by the 97th Constitutional Amendment, 2011) mandates the State to promote cooperative societies. The 97th Amendment also added Part IX-B (Articles 243ZH-243ZT) giving constitutional status to cooperatives. The Ministry of Cooperation was created as a standalone ministry in 2021 under Amit Shah.

**Q 2** Under which article of the Indian Constitution is the promotion of cooperative societies listed as a Directive Principle of State Policy?

**A** Article 39A

**B** Article 40

**C** Article 43B ✓

**D** Article 46

### EXPLANATION

Article 43B (inserted by the 97th Constitutional Amendment, 2011) directs the State to "endeavour to promote voluntary formation, autonomous functioning, democratic control and professional management of co-operative societies." Article 40 deals with Gram Panchayats; Article 46 with weaker sections.

### CONCEPT

Before 2011, cooperatives had no explicit constitutional backing. The 97th Amendment was passed to give cooperatives parity with Panchayats (Part IX) and Municipalities (Part IX-A). However, the Supreme Court in 2021 struck down Part IX-B as unconstitutional in states with their own cooperative laws (only multi-state societies governed by the 2002 Act were saved).

**Q 3**

The National Green Tribunal banned rat-hole mining in Meghalaya in which year, and what type of constitutional area is Meghalaya's Jaintia Hills under?

- A 2012; Fifth Schedule area
- B 2014; Sixth Schedule area ✓**
- C 2016; Fifth Schedule area
- D 2018; Sixth Schedule area

**EXPLANATION**

The NGT banned rat-hole mining in Meghalaya in 2014 (All Dimasa Students Union vs. State of Meghalaya case). Meghalaya's tribal areas (Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills, Garo Hills) are Sixth Schedule areas under Article 244, governed by Autonomous District Councils (ADCs).

**CONCEPT**

The Sixth Schedule (Articles 244(2) and 275(1)) provides for Autonomous District Councils and Regional Councils in tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura. ADCs have legislative and judicial powers over specified subjects including land and local customs. The Fifth Schedule covers tribal areas in other states where the Governor has special powers.

**Q 4**

The BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies (BCIC) is a joint initiative between BRICS nations and which international body?

- A World Bank
- B UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
- C UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) ✓**
- D UNESCO

**EXPLANATION**

BCIC is a BRICS-UNIDO joint initiative. India formally joined on February 4, 2026 through a Trust Fund Agreement between DPIIT and UNIDO. India's designated nodal body is the National Productivity Council (NPC).

**CONCEPT**

UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) is headquartered in Vienna, Austria. It promotes inclusive and sustainable industrial development in developing countries. NPC (National Productivity Council) was established in 1958 under DPIIT and functions as a tripartite organisation representing government, employers, and workers.

**Q 5**

Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), whose two members were neutralised in Operation Kiya in Udhampur, was designated a global terrorist organisation by the UN Security Council in which year?

A 2001

B 2008

**C 2019 ✓**

D 2022

**EXPLANATION**

The UN Security Council designated Jaish-e-Mohammad as a global terrorist organisation in 2019. JeM was founded by Masood Azhar in 2000 and is headquartered in Bahawalpur, Pakistan. It carried out the 2019 Pulwama attack killing 40 CRPF personnel.

**CONCEPT**

JeM was listed under UNSC Resolution 1267 sanctions regime (Al-Qaeda and Taliban sanctions list). India had long sought this designation; China blocked it multiple times before 2019. Key JeM attacks: 2001 Parliament attack, 2016 Uri attack, 2019 Pulwama attack. India-Pakistan tensions have been significantly shaped by JeM activities.

**Q 6**

The Sabhasaar AI platform, adopted by over 1.11 lakh Gram Panchayats, is a product of which Ministry and uses which government platform for multilingual support?

A Ministry of Electronics and IT; DigiLocker

**B Ministry of Panchayati Raj; Bhashini ✓**

C Ministry of Rural Development; UMANG

D Ministry of Education; DIKSHA

**EXPLANATION**

Sabhasaar is developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. It uses Bhashini — the government's National Language Translation Mission — to support 13 Indian languages. It automates Gram Sabha meeting recording and minute-making.

**CONCEPT**

Gram Sabha is constituted under Article 243A (73rd Constitutional Amendment, 1992). India has approximately 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats covering 6.4 lakh villages. Bhashini (under Ministry of Electronics and IT) provides AI-powered language translation services for government platforms in 22 scheduled languages.

**Q 7** World Cancer Day is observed on February 4 each year, organised by which international body?

- A World Health Organization (WHO)
- B International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)
- C Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) ✓
- D United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

#### EXPLANATION

World Cancer Day is established by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), not directly by WHO. India's annual cancer burden is approximately 14.1 lakh new cases per year (ICMR 2022 estimate).

#### CONCEPT

UICC is a non-governmental organisation headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland with 1,100+ member organisations in 168 countries. The theme "United by Unique" (2025-2027) emphasises personalised/ precision medicine. India's National Cancer Grid (NCG) has 300+ member centres. Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY covers cancer treatment up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year.

**Q 8** The International Day of Human Fraternity (observed February 4) was established by the UN General Assembly following a document signed at which location?

- A Vatican City, Rome
- B Abu Dhabi, UAE ✓
- C Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- D Istanbul, Turkey

#### EXPLANATION

The Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together was signed on February 4, 2019 in Abu Dhabi, UAE by Pope Francis (Catholic Church) and Grand Imam Ahmed Al-Tayeb (Al-Azhar, Egypt). The UNGA established February 4 as International Day of Human Fraternity in 2020.

#### CONCEPT

India's G20 theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family) from the Maha Upanishad resonates with the fraternity concept. "Fraternity" is also one of the objectives in the Preamble to the Indian Constitution: "fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation."

**Q 9** Which country was the first in the world to ban social media access for children under 16, as of early 2026?

- A France
- B Spain
- C Australia ✓**
- D United Kingdom

**EXPLANATION**

Australia was the first country globally to ban social media for under-16s (December 2025). Spain announced in February 2026 that it would become the first European country to implement such a ban. France approved a bill banning under-15s, and Denmark was also considering similar measures.

**CONCEPT**

India has ~467 million social media users but no age-restriction law. The Draft Digital India Act proposes some child safety measures. India's existing framework: IT Act, 2000 and IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 — require platforms to have grievance officers and not host CSAM (child sexual abuse material).

**Q 10** The Karimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary, where 63 new species were recorded in a 2026 survey, is located in which district and is contiguous with which National Park?

- A Wayanad district; Nagarhole National Park
- B Malappuram district; Silent Valley National Park ✓**
- C Thrissur district; Eravikulam National Park
- D Idukki district; Periyar Tiger Reserve

**EXPLANATION**

Karimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary is in Malappuram district, Kerala. It is contiguous with Silent Valley National Park — together forming a critical ecological corridor in the Western Ghats. The 2026 survey recorded 63 new species including odonates, butterflies, and birds.

**CONCEPT**

The Western Ghats is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of 8 hottest biodiversity hotspots globally (Conservation International). Odonates (dragonflies and damselflies) are bioindicators of freshwater ecosystem health. Silent Valley NP (Palakkad) was a major conservation success — a hydroelectric project was abandoned in the 1980s due to public protest, saving the last sizeable lowland rainforest in peninsular India.

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