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Q 1

The Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) agreement covers six eastern Nagaland districts. Which of the following is NOT one of the six covered districts?

A Tuensang

B Mon

C Mokokchung ✓

D Kiphire

EXPLANATION

The six FNTA districts are Tuensang, Mon, Kiphire, Longleng, Noklak, and Shamator. Mokokchung is a different Nagaland district not covered by the FNTA arrangement.

CONCEPT

Article 371(A) provides special protections for Nagaland, shielding Naga customary law, land rights, and religious practices from Parliamentary legislation without the Nagaland Assembly's consent. The FNTA is a sub-state territorial authority, not a full separate state — creation of new states requires Parliamentary action under Article 3 of the Constitution.

Q 2

Which Constitutional Amendment introduced the Tenth Schedule (Anti-Defection Law) into the Indian Constitution?

A 42nd Constitutional Amendment

B 44th Constitutional Amendment

C 52nd Constitutional Amendment ✓

D 61st Constitutional Amendment

EXPLANATION

The Tenth Schedule (Anti-Defection Law) was introduced by the 52nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1985. The 91st Amendment (2003) later capped the size of Council of Ministers. The Supreme Court's deadline to the Telangana Speaker involved enforcing this Schedule.

CONCEPT

The Tenth Schedule governs disqualification of members on grounds of defection. The Speaker (or Chairman of the Council) decides disqualification petitions; their decision is subject to judicial review (Kihoto Hollohan, 1992). Only 14 Private Member Bills have been passed in India since Independence; none have passed both Houses since 1970.

Q 3

The RBI Monetary Policy Committee held the repo rate at 5.25% in February 2026. What is the composition of the MPC under the RBI Act?

- A 4 members — all RBI officials
- B 6 members — RBI Governor + 2 Deputy Governors + 3 external members ✓**
- C 5 members — RBI Governor + 2 RBI officials + 2 government nominees
- D 7 members — Finance Ministry + RBI officials

EXPLANATION

The MPC has 6 members: the RBI Governor (chair), two RBI Deputy Governors, and three external members nominated by the Central Government in consultation with the RBI. They serve 4-year terms and cannot be re-nominated. The framework was mandated by the 2016 amendment to the RBI Act.

CONCEPT

The Flexible Inflation Targeting (FIT) framework, adopted in 2016, sets 4% CPI as the primary target with a $\pm 2\%$ tolerance band (2–6%). If inflation remains outside the band for three consecutive quarters, the RBI must submit an explanation and corrective action plan to the government.

Q 4

Bharat Taxi, India's first cooperative ride-hailing platform launched in February 2026, is registered under which law?

- A Cooperative Societies Act, 1912
- B Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 ✓**
- C Companies Act, 2013
- D Consumer Protection Act, 2019

EXPLANATION

Bharat Taxi is registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, enabling it to operate across multiple states. It was incorporated on June 6, 2025, with pilot operations from December 2, 2025. Drivers (called Sarathis) receive 80% of fare revenue.

CONCEPT

The cooperative sector is a concurrent subject under Entry 32 of the Concurrent List (Seventh Schedule). The 97th Constitutional Amendment (2011) added Article 43B (directive principle for cooperative societies) and Part IXB — but the Supreme Court struck down Part IXB as applicable only to multi-state cooperatives. Single-state cooperatives remain under state jurisdiction.

Q 5 Agni-III, tested from Chandipur in February 2026, is classified as which type of ballistic missile?

- A Short-Range Ballistic Missile (SRBM)
- B Medium-Range Ballistic Missile (MRBM)
- C Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) ✓
- D Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)

EXPLANATION

Agni-III is an Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) with a range of 3,000–5,000 km and payload capacity of approximately 1.5 tonnes. Agni-V (5,000–8,000+ km) is India's ICBM, inducted in 2024. The test was supervised by the Strategic Forces Command at ITR, Chandipur, Odisha.

CONCEPT

India's Strategic Forces Command (SFC), established January 2003, is a tri-service command under the Nuclear Command Authority (NCA). India follows a No First Use (NFU) nuclear doctrine and a Minimum Credible Deterrence posture. The NCA consists of a Political Council (chaired by PM) and Executive Council (chaired by NSA) — civilian control is a fundamental principle.

Q 6 The DPIIT revised startup recognition framework in February 2026 introduced a "Deep Tech Startup" category. What is the turnover cap set for Deep Tech startups?

- A Rs 100 crore
- B Rs 200 crore
- C Rs 300 crore ✓
- D Rs 500 crore

EXPLANATION

Deep Tech startups have a turnover cap of Rs 300 crore and an extended recognition period of 20 years. General startups have a revised turnover cap of Rs 200 crore (up from Rs 100 crore) and recognition period of 10 years. India has 2 lakh+ recognised startups and 120+ unicorns.

CONCEPT

Startups registered under the DPIIT framework can avail Section 80-IAC of the Income Tax Act (3-year tax holiday in first 10 years). The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), established under the ANRF Act 2023, coordinates research and innovation with a Rs 1 lakh crore RDI Fund over 5 years.

Q 7

India paid USD 35.18 million to the UN Regular Budget in February 2026. What percentage of the total UN Regular Budget does India's assessed contribution represent?

- A 0.5%
- B 0.823%
- C 1.016% ✓**
- D 2.5%

EXPLANATION

India's assessed contribution is USD 38.223 million, representing 1.016% of the total UN Regular Budget of USD 3.45 billion for 2026. After offsetting staff income tax credits of USD 3.091 million, the net payment was USD 35.18 million. India joined 51 other member states on the honour roll for timely payment.

CONCEPT

UN assessed contributions are calculated based on a member state's capacity to pay (GDP, per capita income, external debt). The USA is the largest contributor (~22% of UN Regular Budget). The five P5 members (USA, UK, France, Russia, China) collectively pay about 40% of the UN budget. India's contribution has been growing as its GDP rises.

Q 8

The Global Teacher Prize 2026 (USD 1 million) was awarded to Rouble Nagi of India. Which organisation presents this prize?

- A UNESCO alone
- B Varkey Foundation in collaboration with UNESCO ✓**
- C Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- D UNICEF and World Bank jointly

EXPLANATION

The Global Teacher Prize is awarded by the Varkey Foundation (established 2014 by Sunny Varkey of GEMS Education) in collaboration with UNESCO. Rouble Nagi, from Mumbai, has established 800+ learning centres and won the USD 1 million prize at the World Government Summit in Dubai in 2026.

CONCEPT

GEMS Education (Global Education Management Systems) was established in 1959 and is headquartered in Dubai, UAE. UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) is a specialized UN agency headquartered in Paris, France, established in 1945.

Q 9 The Prakash Singh judgment (2006) of the Supreme Court relates to reforms in which area of governance?

- A Judicial appointments and collegium system
- B Police reforms and DGP appointments ✓
- C Electoral reforms and ECI independence
- D Prison reforms and undertrial prisoners

EXPLANATION

The Prakash Singh judgment (2006) mandated comprehensive police reforms including merit-based, UPSC-panel-selected DGP appointments with a minimum 2-year fixed tenure, independent Police Complaints Authorities at state and district levels, and separation of investigation from law and order. The Supreme Court flagged ongoing violations of this judgment in February 2026.

CONCEPT

Police is a State subject (Entry 2, State List, Seventh Schedule). However, the Supreme Court's directions under Article 32/142 are binding on states. Many states have passed state police acts but have been criticised for diluting key Prakash Singh directions, particularly on DGP appointment independence and fixed tenures.

Q 10 Which of the following statements about the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) is correct?

- A It was launched in 1991 under Dr. V.K. Saraswat
- B [object Object] ✓
- C IGMDP is still active as of 2026 with new missile development
- D Agni-V was developed under IGMDP

EXPLANATION

IGMDP was launched in 1983 under Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and produced five missiles: Agni (surface-to-surface strategic), Prithvi (tactical battlefield), Akash (surface-to-air medium range), Trishul (surface-to-air short range), and Nag (anti-tank). IGMDP was formally closed in 2008 after achieving its objectives. Agni-V was developed later as a separate programme.

CONCEPT

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (1931–2015), known as the "Missile Man of India," led IGMDP before becoming Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister, then DRDO Chief, and later Principal Scientific Adviser. He served as President of India from 2002 to 2007. Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL), Hyderabad continues to develop next-generation missiles including Agni-VI.

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