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19 March 2026 · 10 Questions · Answers & Explanations Included

Q 1 What is the full form of BHAVYA, the scheme approved by the Union Cabinet in March 2026?

A Bharat Advanced Vision for Youth and Advancement

B Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna ✓

C Bharat Agriculture and Village Youth Advancement

D Bharat Audyogik Viksit Yojana

EXPLANATION

BHAVYA stands for Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna. The Union Cabinet approved it with an outlay of Rs 33,660 crore to develop 100 plug-and-play industrial parks across India.

CONCEPT

The scheme is implemented by NICDC (National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Ltd) under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It aims to create ready-to-use industrial parks with pre-cleared land, single-window clearances, and built-in infrastructure to attract manufacturing investments.

Q 2 Which agency implements the BHAVYA industrial parks scheme?

A NITI Aayog

B Ministry of Finance

C National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Ltd (NICDC) ✓

D National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

EXPLANATION

NICDC (National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Ltd) under DPIIT implements the BHAVYA scheme. NICDC was originally established in 2013 as DMICDC and renamed in 2022.

CONCEPT

NICDC implements all of India's industrial corridor projects: DMIC (Delhi-Mumbai), CBIC (Chennai-Bengaluru), AKIC (Amritsar-Kolkata), VCIC (Vizag-Chennai), HNIC (Hyderabad-Nagpur), and HWIC (Hyderabad-Warangal). Its ownership is 51% Government of India and 49% JBIC (Japan Bank for International Cooperation).

Q 3

The Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme approved in March 2026 targets approximately how much capacity by 2031?

- A 500 MW
- B 3,000 MW
- C 1,500 MW ✓**
- D 5,000 MW

EXPLANATION

The Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme targets installation of approximately 1,500 MW of small hydro capacity during FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31, with an outlay of Rs 2,584.60 crore.

CONCEPT

The scheme covers projects of 1-25 MW capacity. North Eastern states and border districts receive higher central assistance: Rs 3.6 crore/MW or 30% of project cost (max Rs 30 crore/project), while other states get Rs 2.4 crore/MW or 20% of project cost (max Rs 20 crore/project). It is administered by MNRE (Ministry of New and Renewable Energy).

Q 4

IOS SAGAR stands for Indian Ocean Ship — Security and Growth for All in the Region. When was the SAGAR doctrine first articulated by PM Modi?

- A During the inaugural QUAD summit in 2021
- B At the UN General Assembly in 2014
- C During PM Modi's visit to Mauritius in March 2015 ✓**
- D At the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg in 2023

EXPLANATION

PM Modi articulated the SAGAR doctrine during his visit to Mauritius on March 12, 2015. SAGAR = Security and Growth for All in the Region.

CONCEPT

SAGAR has five pillars: Security, Growth, Rule-based order, Blue economy, and Connectivity. In 2025, India upgraded it to MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security Across the Regions) — extending its scope beyond the Indian Ocean. IOS SAGAR is the naval programme operationalising this doctrine.

Q 5

Which forum did India assume the chairmanship of in February 2026, in the context of the IOS SAGAR initiative?

- A QUAD (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue)
- B Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)
- C Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) ✓
- D Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)

EXPLANATION

India assumed the chairmanship of IONS (Indian Ocean Naval Symposium) in February 2026. IONS was founded in 2008, proposed by India, and has 25+ member navies from Indian Ocean littoral states.

CONCEPT

IONS focuses on maritime security coordination, HADR (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response), and information sharing. The IOS SAGAR second edition involves 16 IONS nations training together on an Indian Naval Ship. IONS differs from QUAD: IONS is broader (25+ members including non-Western navies), while QUAD (India, US, Japan, Australia) is a strategic grouping.

Q 6

The Barabanki-Bahraich NH-927 highway project was approved under which financing model?

- A Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC)
- B Toll Operate Transfer (TOT)
- C Build Operate Transfer (BOT) Toll
- D Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) ✓

EXPLANATION

The Barabanki-Bahraich NH-927 (101.5 km; Rs 6,969 crore) was approved under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM). Under HAM, the government pays 40% upfront and the remaining 60% as annuity over 15 years.

CONCEPT

HAM combines features of EPC and BOT: the private developer handles construction (like EPC) but receives annuity payments (like BOT). Traffic/revenue risk remains with the government; construction risk with the developer. HAM is preferred for highways in areas with uncertain traffic projections.

Q 7

Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), which procures cotton under MSP operations, functions under which Ministry?

A Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

B Ministry of Textiles ✓

C Ministry of Commerce and Industry

D Ministry of Finance

EXPLANATION

Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Textiles. It procures cotton at MSP when market prices fall below the support price to protect farmers from distress sales.

CONCEPT

India is the world's largest cotton producer with approximately 6 million cotton farmers and 6.5 million hectares under cultivation. Major cotton-growing states: Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Punjab. The Price Support Scheme (PSS) enables government agencies like CCI to procure at MSP.

Q 8

The Collegium system for judicial appointments in India evolved primarily through which landmark cases?

A Kesavananda Bharati Case, Minerva Mills Case, and Waman Rao Case

B ADM Jabalpur Case, Maneka Gandhi Case, and Bachan Singh Case

C First, Second, and Third Judges Cases (1981, 1993, 1998) ✓

D Vishaka Case, S.R. Bommai Case, and Indra Sawhney Case

EXPLANATION

The Collegium system evolved through the Three Judges Cases: S.P. Gupta Case (1981), SCAORA Case (1993), and Presidential Reference (1998). These progressively shifted appointment authority from the executive to the judiciary.

CONCEPT

The National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) — created by the 99th Constitutional Amendment (2014) — was struck down by the Supreme Court in 2015 (4th Judges Case) as violating the basic structure doctrine (independence of judiciary). The Collegium system consists of the 5 senior-most judges of the Supreme Court including the CJI for SC appointments, and the 5 senior-most judges of each HC for HC appointments.

Q 9

Yashobhoomi, where the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 is being held, is India's flagship venue for which purpose?

A India International Convention and Expo Centre (MICE infrastructure) ✓

B Headquarters of the Ministry of Power

C National Sports complex and stadium

D India International Science and Technology Fair

EXPLANATION

Yashobhoomi (officially India International Convention and Expo Centre — IICC) in Dwarka, New Delhi, is India's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions) infrastructure, inaugurated in 2023.

CONCEPT

Yashobhoomi competes with Pragati Maidan (now ITPO Exhibition Complex) as India's premier exhibition venue. India is positioning itself as a global MICE destination under the Tourism and Hospitality sector push. The Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 (March 19-22) is organised by CII in partnership with the Ministry of Power.

Q 10

India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant was commissioned in which year?

A 2019

B 2020

C 2022 ✓

D 2024

EXPLANATION

INS Vikrant, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, was commissioned on September 2, 2022. It was built at Cochin Shipyard Limited, making India one of only 6 countries capable of designing and building an aircraft carrier.

CONCEPT

INS Vikrant (IAC-1) displaces ~45,000 tonnes and can carry up to 30 aircraft including MiG-29K fighters and helicopters. India also operates INS Vikramaditya (ex-Russian Admiral Gorshkov; commissioned 2013). A third carrier (IAC-2) is planned. The Indian Navy is one of very few navies with two operational aircraft carriers.

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