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Q 1

The NALSA v. Union of India (2014) judgment, which recognised transgender persons as a third gender, was delivered by which bench of the Supreme Court?

- A Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- B Justice K.S. Radhakrishnan and Justice A.K. Sikri ✓
- C Justice J.S. Khehar and Justice S.A. Bobde
- D Justice Dipak Misra and Justice R.F. Nariman

EXPLANATION

The NALSA v. Union of India judgment was delivered on April 15, 2014, by a two-judge bench comprising Justice K.S. Radhakrishnan and Justice A.K. Sikri. It recognised the right to self-identification of gender under Article 21.

CONCEPT

This landmark judgment directed the government to treat transgender persons as socially and educationally backward classes and provide reservation. It also recognised gender identity as part of the right to personal liberty under Article 21.

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Q 2

Which initiative announced in Union Budget 2026-27 has an allocation of Rs 10,000 crore to boost India's biologics and biosimilars production?

- A Pharma Vision 2030
- B Biopharma SHAKTI ✓
- C National Biopharma Mission
- D Make in India Pharma

EXPLANATION

Biopharma SHAKTI (Strategy for Healthcare Advancement through Knowledge, Technology, and Innovation) was announced with Rs 10,000 crore allocation to position India as a global biomanufacturing hub.

CONCEPT

Despite being the Pharmacy of the World in generics (20% of global supply) and vaccines (60% of global supply), India holds only about 3.2% of the global biosimilars market. Biopharma SHAKTI aims to bridge this gap.

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Q 3 How many NIPERs (National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research) currently exist in India?

A 5

B 6

C 7 ✓

D 10

EXPLANATION

There are 7 NIPERs currently functioning in India — at S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Hajipur, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Raebareli. Biopharma SHAKTI proposes 3 new ones.

CONCEPT

NIPERs were established under the NIPER Act, 1998. The first NIPER at Mohali was established in 1998, and six more were added after the Act was amended in 2007. They function as institutes of national importance under the Department of Pharmaceuticals.

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Q 4 The Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 is being hosted in which state?

A Jharkhand

B Odisha

C Madhya Pradesh

D Chhattisgarh ✓

EXPLANATION

The first-ever Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 is being hosted in Chhattisgarh from March 25 to April 6, 2026, across three cities — Raipur, Jagdalpur, and Sarguja — with over 2,300 athletes.

CONCEPT

Chhattisgarh has one of the highest tribal population proportions in India at 30.6% (Census 2011). The state is home to major tribal groups including Gond, Baiga, Abhuj Maria, and Birhor. The Fifth Schedule of the Constitution covers tribal areas in Chhattisgarh.

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Q 5 In the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025 released by Transparency International, what is India's rank?

A 79th

B 91st ✓

C 96th

D 103rd

EXPLANATION

India ranked 91st out of 182 countries in CPI 2025 with a score of 39 out of 100, improving from 96th rank in 2024. Transparency International is headquartered in Berlin, Germany, and was founded in 1993.

CONCEPT

CPI scores countries on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean). The global average dropped to 42 in 2025 — the lowest in a decade. India's improvement was attributed to Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and e-governance reducing middleman corruption.

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Q 6 Under the Indian Railways Reform Express initiative, up to how many minutes before departure can passengers upgrade their travel class?

A 15 minutes

B 30 minutes ✓

C 60 minutes

D 120 minutes

EXPLANATION

Under the new passenger convenience reforms announced in March 2026, passengers can upgrade their travel class up to 30 minutes before departure through the IRCTC platform.

CONCEPT

The Reform Express framework has introduced 9 total reforms in 2026 — covering cargo (salt and automobile transport), construction quality (bid security at 2% of project cost), and passenger convenience (cancellation timelines of 72, 24, and 8 hours).

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Q 7 Which state became the first in India to establish a Senior Citizens Commission?

A Tamil Nadu

B Goa

C Kerala ✓

D Karnataka

EXPLANATION

Kerala became the first Indian state to pass a law creating a Senior Citizens Commission under the Kerala State Senior Citizens Commission Bill 2025. Former Rajya Sabha MP K. Somaprasad was appointed as the first Chairperson.

CONCEPT

Kerala is aging more rapidly than the national average — people over 60 constitute 12.6% of the state population compared to the national average of 8.6% (Census 2011). Kerala's Total Fertility Rate is 1.8, below the replacement level of 2.1.

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Q 8 The RISE Centre, which received Rs 1.55 crore from NITI Aayog for rural women entrepreneurship, is located in which state?

A Telangana

B Andhra Pradesh ✓

C Karnataka

D Tamil Nadu

EXPLANATION

NITI Aayog sanctioned Rs 1.55 crore to the RISE (Rural Innovations, Incubation, Skilling and Entrepreneurship) Centre at Guntupalli in Ibrahimpatnam block, NTR district, Andhra Pradesh.

CONCEPT

NITI Aayog was established on January 1, 2015, replacing the Planning Commission. It is chaired by the Prime Minister. The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) operates under NITI Aayog to promote innovation and entrepreneurship.

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Q 9 What is the full form of SHAKTI in the Biopharma SHAKTI initiative?

- A Strengthening Healthcare and Knowledge Through Innovation
- B Strategy for Healthcare Advancement through Knowledge, Technology, and Innovation ✓
- C Scientific Healthcare Advancement and Knowledge Transfer Initiative
- D Sustainable Healthcare Access through Knowledge and Technological Innovation

EXPLANATION

SHAKTI stands for Strategy for Healthcare Advancement through Knowledge, Technology, and Innovation. It was announced in Union Budget 2026-27 with a Rs 10,000 crore allocation.

CONCEPT

The initiative includes establishing 3 new NIPERs, upgrading 7 existing ones, creating 1,000+ accredited clinical trial sites, and strengthening CDSCO with a dedicated scientific review cadre. India currently holds only about 3.2% of the global biosimilars market.

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Q 10 The SHG-Bank Linkage Programme, for which Karnataka Grameena Bank received a national award, was launched in 1992 by which institution?

- A Reserve Bank of India
- B SIDBI
- C NABARD ✓
- D State Bank of India

EXPLANATION

The SHG-Bank Linkage Programme was launched in 1992 by NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development). It is the largest microfinance programme in the world.

CONCEPT

NABARD was established in 1982. Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) like Karnataka Grameena Bank are established under the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976, and are jointly owned by the Central Government (50%), State Government (15%), and Sponsor Bank (35%).

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