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DAILY QUIZ — SOLVED ANSWER KEY

Current Affairs Quiz “ April 23, 2026

23 April 2026 · 30 Questions · Answers & Explanations Included

Question 1 of 30

Which wetland has been designated as India's 99th Ramsar site?

- A Chilika Lake, Odisha
- B Loktak Lake, Manipur
- C Shekha Jheel, Uttar Pradesh ✓
- D Wular Lake, J&K

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary in Aligarh district, Uttar Pradesh was designated as India's 99th Ramsar site. It is a freshwater monsoonal wetland in the Gangetic Plain.

CONCEPT NOTE

India's first Ramsar sites (1981) were Chilika Lake and Keoladeo Ghana.

Q1  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 2 of 30

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was signed in which year and city?

A 1972, Stockholm

B 1971, Ramsar (Iran) ✓

C 1975, Geneva

D 1992, Rio de Janeiro

ANSWER & ANALYSIS**✓ EXPLANATION**

The Ramsar Convention was signed on February 2, 1971 in Ramsar, Iran. It entered into force in 1975. February 2 is observed as World Wetlands Day.

📄 CONCEPT NOTE

Ramsar Secretariat is in Gland, Switzerland.

Q2  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 3

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Which constitutional provision directs the state to provide early childhood care and education (ECCE) for children up to age six?

A Article 21A

B Article 45 (DPSP) ✓

C Article 39(f)

D Article 15(3)

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

After the 86th Constitutional Amendment (2002), Article 45 was amended to direct the state to provide early childhood care and education for children until age six. Article 21A (fundamental right) covers ages 6-14.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Article 21A = enforceable right (ages 6-14); Article 45 = directive (ages 0-6).

Q3  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 4

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The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act was enacted in which year?

A 2002

B 2005

C 2009 ✓

D 2012

ANSWER & ANALYSIS**✓ EXPLANATION**

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (RTE Act) was enacted in 2009 to implement Article 21A. It mandates free and compulsory education for children aged 6-14 and requires 25% seats in private schools for EWS/disadvantaged children.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

86th Amendment inserted Article 21A in 2002; the RTE Act implementing it came in 2009.

Q4  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 5

of 30

The CERC proposal for "market coupling" in India's electricity sector designates which entity as the Market Coupling Operator?

- A Indian Energy Exchange (IEX)
- B Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- C Grid India ✓
- D Central Transmission Utility (CTU)

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

CERC proposed Grid India (formerly POSOCO) as the Market Coupling Operator (MCO). Grid India is the neutral entity that operates the National Load Despatch Centre (NLDC) and manages the national electricity grid.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Market coupling aggregates bids from all exchanges (IEX, PXIL, HPX) to determine a single uniform price.

Q5  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 6

of 30

How much has India's short-term electricity market grown from 2009-10 to 2024-25 (in Billion Units)?

- A From 45 BU to 150 BU
- B From 65.90 BU to 238.35 BU ✓
- C From 100 BU to 300 BU
- D From 80 BU to 200 BU

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

India's short-term electricity market grew from 65.90 BU in 2009-10 to 238.35 BU in 2024-25 — nearly 4x growth, reflecting rising power demand and market development.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

IEX controls over 90% of the Day-Ahead Market in India.

Q6  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 7

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The newly discovered plant species *Stauranthera aureoglossa* belongs to which family?

A Orchidaceae

B Fabaceae

C Gesneriaceae ✓

D Solanaceae

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

Stauranthera aureoglossa belongs to the family Gesneriaceae (the African violet family). It was discovered in mid-elevation evergreen forests of Arunachal Pradesh.

Aureoglossa means "golden tongue" in Latin.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The Botanical Survey of India (BSI) is est. 1890, under MoEFCC is responsible for documenting India's plant diversity.

Q7  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 8

of 30

Arunachal Pradesh lies within which global biodiversity hotspot?

A Western Ghats + Sri Lanka

B Himalaya

C Indo-Burma ✓

D Sundaland

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

Arunachal Pradesh lies within the Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot, which covers Northeast India, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and parts of South China. India has four biodiversity hotspots: Indo-Burma, Himalaya, Western Ghats+Sri Lanka, and Sundaland (Andaman & Nicobar).

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

India's 4 hotspots: Indo-Burma, Himalaya, Western Ghats+Sri Lanka, Sundaland.

Q8

 **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 9

of 30

The Online Gaming Authority of India (OGAI) was notified under which ministry?

- A Ministry of Finance
- B Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) ✓
- C Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

ANSWER & ANALYSIS**✓ EXPLANATION**

OGAI was established under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) through the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Rules 2026, effective May 1, 2026.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Gambling is a State List subject (Entry 34, Schedule VII); Centre regulates through IT Act framework.

Q9  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 10 of 30

Under the Indian Constitution, "gambling and betting" falls under which list in the Seventh Schedule?

- | LIST I | LIST II |
|--|---------|
| <input type="radio"/> A Union List (List I) | |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> B State List (List II) ✓ | |
| <input type="radio"/> C Concurrent List (List III) | |
| <input type="radio"/> D It is an unspecified residuary subject | |

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

Gambling and betting is a State List subject under Entry 34 of List II (Seventh Schedule). This is why different states have different laws on online gaming and why central regulation comes through IT Act framework rather than a direct gambling law.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The Centre regulated online gaming via IT (Intermediary Guidelines) Amendment 2023 before the OGAI framework.

Q10  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 11 of 30

India's kharif season urea requirement in 2026 is 19.4 MT. What is the approximate available supply?

A 12 MT

B 5.5 MT ✓

C 9 MT

D 15 MT

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

India's kharif urea requirement is 19.4 million tonnes, but only 5.5 million tonnes are currently available (April 2026), creating a massive supply gap of ~13.9 MT due to global price shocks from West Asia conflict and Hormuz disruptions.

📌 CONCEPT NOTE

India is 100% import-dependent for MOP (Muriate of Potash) as it has no domestic potash reserves.

Q11  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 12 of 30

Which fertiliser is covered under India's Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme?

- A Urea only
- B DAP, MOP, SSP, and other P&K fertilisers (not urea) ✓
- C All fertilisers including urea
- D Only organic fertilisers

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme (introduced 2010) covers P&K fertilisers — DAP, MOP, SSP, and complex fertilisers. Urea remains under a separate controlled MRP regime and is not under NBS. Urea MRP is ~₹1,242/45-kg bag.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

PM PRANAM scheme incentivises states to reduce chemical fertiliser use.

Q12  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 13 of 30

INS Nireekshak, deployed for DIVEX 2026 with Sri Lanka, is which type of naval vessel?

- A Stealth frigate
- B Submarine
- C Diving support and salvage vessel ✓
- D Amphibious assault ship

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

INS Nireekshak is a diving support and salvage vessel capable of saturation diving, underwater rescue, and submarine rescue operations. It was deployed to Colombo for DIVEX 2026 (India-Sri Lanka Diving Exercise).

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

BHISM (Bharatiya Health Stack for Management) mobile medical cube was also deployed during DIVEX 2026.

Q13  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 14 of 30

Which tri-lateral coast guard exercise involves India, Sri Lanka, and Maldives?

A MALABAR

B SLINEX

C DOSTI ✓

D SIMBEX

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

DOSTI is a tri-lateral coast guard exercise involving India, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives. SLINEX is the primary India-Sri Lanka bilateral naval exercise.

MALABAR involves India, USA, and Japan.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

India's SAGAR vision (Security And Growth for All in the Region) announced in 2015 in Mauritius guides its Indian Ocean policy.

Q14  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 15 of 30

What does SAGAR stand for in the context of India's Indian Ocean policy?

- A Safety And Global Access for the Region
- B Security And Growth for All in the Region ✓
- C Sustainable And Governance Arrangement for Resources
- D Strategic Alliance for Growth and Resources

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

SAGAR stands for Security And Growth for All in the Region “India's vision for the Indian Ocean, announced by PM Modi in Mauritius in 2015. It emphasises collective maritime security, humanitarian assistance, and anti-piracy cooperation.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

India aims to be the "net security provider" in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

Q15  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 16 of 30

The Hambantota Port in Sri Lanka was leased to China for how many years in 2017?

- A 25 years
- B 50 years
- C 99 years ✓
- D 75 years

ANSWER & ANALYSIS**✓ EXPLANATION**

Sri Lanka leased Hambantota Port to China's CMPort on a 99-year lease in 2017, granting China strategic access in the Indian Ocean. This is a key concern for India's maritime security in the region.

📄 CONCEPT NOTE

India provided ~\$4 billion to Sri Lanka during its 2022 economic crisis — the largest bilateral support.

Q16  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 17 of 30

The 4th DefSpace Symposium 2026 was held at which venue in New Delhi?

- A Vigyan Bhavan
- B The Manekshaw Centre ✓
- C India Habitat Centre
- D National Defence College

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The 4th DefSpace Symposium 2026 was held at The Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi (April 23-24, 2026), focusing on integrating space technology into India's national defence strategy.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Space is increasingly recognised as a decisive theatre of national security.

Q17  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 18

of 30

Which of the following correctly describes India's four biodiversity hotspots?

- A Western Ghats, Eastern Ghats, Himalaya, Indo-Burma
- B Indo-Burma, Himalaya, Western Ghats+Sri Lanka, Sundaland ✓
- C Deccan Plateau, Indo-Burma, Himalaya, Andaman Islands
- D Western Ghats, Indo-Burma, Assam Valley, Himalaya

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

India has four recognized biodiversity hotspots: (1) Indo-Burma — Northeast India; (2) Himalaya — the Himalayan arc; (3) Western Ghats + Sri Lanka — peninsular India; and (4) Sundaland — Andaman and Nicobar Islands. These are among the 36 global biodiversity hotspots defined by Conservation International.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

A biodiversity hotspot must have 1,500+ endemic vascular plant species AND have lost 70%+ of its original habitat.

Q18  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 19 of 30

IFFCO Nano Urea, launched in 2021, offers which key advantage over conventional urea?

- A It completely replaces conventional urea at the same dosage
- B One 500 ml bottle is equivalent to one 45-kg bag of conventional urea ✓
- C It is made from renewable biomass feedstocks
- D It is applied via drip irrigation only

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

IFFCO Nano Urea Liquid (2021) provides nitrogen in nanoparticle form absorbed through leaves. One 500 ml bottle is equivalent to one 45-kg bag of conventional urea.

It reduces groundwater pollution from urea run-off and improves efficiency, though it cannot yet fully replace conventional urea for all crops.

CONCEPT NOTE

PM PRANAM (Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth) promotes reduced chemical fertiliser use.

Q19  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 20 of 30

India's NEP 2020 defines the "Foundational Stage" of school education as covering which age group?

- A Ages 3-6 only (pre-primary)
- B Ages 6-8 (Grades 1-2)
- C Ages 3-8 (pre-primary + Grades 1-2) ✓
- D Ages 5-10 (KG to Grade 5)

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

NEP 2020 defines the Foundational Stage as ages 3-8, covering three years of pre-primary (3-6) and Grades 1-2 (6-8). This integrated stage emphasises play-based learning and early childhood care and education (ECCE).

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

NCERT's Jaadui Pitara (2023) provides play-based learning materials for the foundational stage (ages 3-8).

Q20  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 21 of 30

Which Supreme Court case established that a game involving substantial skill is not gambling under Indian law?

- A Kesavananda Bharati (1973)
- B **K.R. Lakshmanan v. State of Tamil Nadu (1996)** ✓
- C Dream11 Fantasy Sports case (2021)
- D Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association case (2019)

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

In *K.R. Lakshmanan v. State of Tamil Nadu (1996)*, the Supreme Court held that horse racing and games of skill are not "gambling" under law. This principle was extended in the *Dream11* case (2021) where fantasy cricket was held to be a game of skill.

OGAI 2026 uses this principle to distinguish skill games from prohibited money games.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Gambling is a State List subject (Entry 34) — states can regulate; Centre uses IT Act framework.

Q21  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 22 of 30

What is the primary feedstock used to produce Compressed Biogas (CBG) under India's SATAT scheme?

- A Coal tar
- B Petroleum coke
- C Agricultural residue, cattle dung, and municipal solid waste (organic) ✓
- D Natural gas

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

CBG under SATAT is produced by anaerobic digestion of organic feedstocks: agricultural residue (paddy straw, sugarcane bagasse), cattle dung, municipal solid waste, press mud, and sewage sludge. This converts waste into clean fuel while addressing stubble burning and organic waste management.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

SATAT = Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation; launched October 2018; target 5,000 CBG plants.

Q22  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 23 of 30

Which of the following correctly states India's Ramsar-related position?

- A India has the most Ramsar sites globally
- B India joined Ramsar in 1971 as a founding signatory
- C India's first two Ramsar sites (1981) were Chilika Lake and Keoladeo Ghana ✓
- D The Ramsar Secretariat is in New Delhi

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

India's first two Ramsar sites, designated in 1981, were Chilika Lake (Odisha) and Keoladeo Ghana National Park (Rajasthan). India joined the Ramsar Convention in 1982 (not 1971). The Ramsar Secretariat is in Gland, Switzerland, not New Delhi.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

UK has the most Ramsar sites globally (175+). India currently has 99.

Q23  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 24 of 30

The Botanical Survey of India (BSI) is under which ministry?

- A Ministry of Science and Technology
- B Ministry of Agriculture
- C Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ✓
- D Ministry of Earth Sciences

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The Botanical Survey of India (BSI), established in 1890 with headquarters in Kolkata, functions under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). It is responsible for surveying and documenting India's plant diversity, including discoveries like *Stauranthera aureoglossa*.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) is also under MoEFCC and is responsible for animal diversity documentation.

Q24  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 25 of 30

India's MOP (Muriate of Potash) import dependence is:

- A About 50%
- B About 70%
- C Nearly 100% (no significant domestic reserves) ✓
- D About 30%

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

India imports nearly 100% of its Muriate of Potash (MOP/potassium chloride) requirement as it has no significant domestic potash reserves. Key suppliers are Canada, Belarus, Russia, and Jordan. This makes India highly vulnerable to global supply disruptions and geopolitical crises affecting potash-exporting nations.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

India's urea import dependence is ~25-30%; DAP ~50%+; MOP ~100%.

Q25  **CONCEPT KIT**

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Which of the following statements about BHISM is correct?

- A BHISM is India's satellite-based navigation system
- B BHISM is a mobile field hospital cube deployable within 12 minutes ✓
- C BHISM is the name of India's first nuclear submarine
- D BHISM is a scheme for housing for military veterans

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

BHISM (Bharatiya Health Stack for Management / Arogya Maitri Disaster Management Cube) is India's modular mobile hospital system, deployable within 12 minutes. It contains surgical equipment, ICU, pharmacy, and oxygen supply.

It was first deployed internationally during the Turkey earthquake relief operation in 2023 and was used during DIVEX 2026 with Sri Lanka.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

India uses BHISM as a tool of humanitarian diplomacy ("Neighbourhood First").

Q26  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 27 of 30

The National Education Policy 2020 introduced "Balvatika" — what is it?

- A A new post-doctoral research fellowship
- B Pre-primary grade attached to government primary schools for ages 3-6 ✓
- C A digital library for school students
- D A mid-day meal scheme for children under 6

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

Balvatika is a new pre-primary grade introduced under NEP 2020, attached to government primary schools, targeting children aged 3-6. It is part of NEP's foundational stage, providing structured ECCE before Grade 1.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Jaadui Pitara (2023) provides NCERT play-based learning material for Balvatika/foundational stage.

Q27  **CONCEPT KIT**

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How many power exchanges operate in India's short-term electricity market?

- A One (IEX)
- B Two (IEX + PXIL)
- C Three (IEX, PXIL, HPX) ✓
- D Four (IEX, PXIL, HPX, REX)

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

India has three operational power exchanges: Indian Energy Exchange (IEX), Power Exchange India Ltd (PXIL), and Hindustan Power Exchange (HPX). IEX dominates with 90%+ of the Day-Ahead Market. CERC's market coupling proposal would aggregate bids from all three for a single uniform price.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

CERC = Central Electricity Regulatory Commission; regulates inter-state electricity tariffs and markets.

Q28  **CONCEPT KIT**

Question 29 of 30

Which exercise is the primary bilateral naval exercise between India and Sri Lanka (distinct from DIVEX)?

A MALABAR

B SLINEX ✓

C VARUNA

D SIMBEX

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

SLINEX (Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise) is the primary bilateral naval exercise between India and Sri Lanka, involving warships and maritime helicopters. DIVEX is a more specialised diving and salvage exercise. VARUNA is India-France and SIMBEX is India-Singapore.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

MALABAR is India-USA-Japan (Australia joined 2020).

Q29  **CONCEPT KIT**

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The SATAT scheme for Compressed Biogas (CBG) was launched in which year and by which ministry?

A 2016, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

B 2018, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas ✓

C 2019, Ministry of Agriculture

D 2021, Ministry of Environment

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

SATAT (Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation) was launched in October 2018 by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Oil Marketing Companies (IOC, BPCL, HPCL) are committed to purchase CBG at assured floor prices, with a target of 5,000 CBG plants.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

GOBARdhan scheme (Galvanising Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) under SBM/Jal Jeevan Mission supports village-level CBG plants.

Q30  **CONCEPT KIT**



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