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## DAILY QUIZ — SOLVED ANSWER KEY

# Current Affairs Quiz — April 24, 2026

24 April 2026 · 15 Questions · Answers &amp; Explanations Included

**Question 1** of 15

Pakistan withdrew from SAFF Women's Championship 2026 citing failure to obtain which document?

- A Visa clearance from Indian High Commission
- B No Objection Certificate (NOC) from relevant Pakistani authorities ✓
- C FIFA approval for participation
- D SAARC Secretariat clearance

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

**EXPLANATION**

The Pakistan Football Federation stated it could not obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from relevant Pakistani authorities due to India-Pakistan diplomatic tensions following the 2025 Pahalgam terror attack.

**CONCEPT NOTE**

SAFF Women's Championship 2026 will now proceed with 6 teams — India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives.

**Q1**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 2** of 15

The SAFF Women's Championship 2026 is scheduled to be held at which venue?

- A Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
- B Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata
- C Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Margao, Goa ✓
- D Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The SAFF Women's Championship 2026 is scheduled at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Margao, Goa, from May 25 to June 6, 2026.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

SAFF is a sub-confederation of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

**Q2**

 **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 3**

of 15

ReNew Energy Global is setting up a 6.5 GW solar ingot-wafer manufacturing facility in which location?

**A** Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh

**B** Anakapalli, Andhra Pradesh ✓

**C** Nellore, Andhra Pradesh

**D** Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

ReNew Energy Global is investing ₹4,200 crore to build a 6.5 GW solar ingot-wafer manufacturing facility in Anakapalli district (near Visakhapatnam), Andhra Pradesh. CM N. Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

In solar PV manufacturing, the sequence is polysilicon → ingot → wafer → cell → module.

**Q3**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 4** of 15

In solar photovoltaic manufacturing, which is the correct sequence from raw material to finished product?

- A Wafer → Ingot → Polysilicon → Cell → Module
- B Polysilicon → Ingot → Wafer → Cell → Module ✓**
- C Cell → Wafer → Ingot → Module → Polysilicon
- D Module → Cell → Wafer → Ingot → Polysilicon

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The correct solar manufacturing sequence is Polysilicon → Ingot (silicon block) → Wafer (thin slices) → Solar Cell → Solar Module (panel). ReNew's facility covers the ingot and wafer steps.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

China controls ~90% of global ingot-wafer manufacturing — India's PLI scheme aims to build upstream capability.

**Q4**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 5**

of 15

The first-ever Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE) was launched by which body?

- A Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B NITI Aayog
- C National Statistics Office (NSO) under MoSPI ✓
- D Ministry of Commerce and Industry

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

NSO (National Statistics Office) under MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation) launched ASISSE in April 2026 — the first-ever annual survey of incorporated services sector enterprises, covering ~1.21 lakh enterprises with FY 2024–25 as reference period.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

NSO was formed in 2019 by merging the Central Statistics Office (CSO) and National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).

**Q5**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 6**

of 15

The Manipur ethnic conflict that began on May 3, 2023, is primarily between which two communities?

**A** Naga and Kuki-Zo communities

**B** Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities ✓

**C** Meitei and Naga communities

**D** Bodo and Meitei communities

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The Manipur ethnic conflict since May 3, 2023 is primarily between the Meitei community (valley-based, ~53% of population) and the Kuki-Zo ethnic groups (hill-based, ~16%). The trigger was a High Court order directing the state to consider extending ST status to Meiteis.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

As of March 2026 — 217 killed; 58,821 displaced.

**Q6**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 7** of 15

Which constitutional provision is most directly associated with Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) in northeastern India?

**A** Fifth Schedule

**B** Sixth Schedule ✓

**C** Article 371

**D** Article 244A

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

**✓ EXPLANATION**

The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution provides for Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) in tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram. The Fifth Schedule applies to tribal areas in other (non-NE) states.

**📖 CONCEPT NOTE**

Manipur hill areas do not come under the Sixth Schedule — this is a grievance of Kuki-Zo groups who seek greater autonomy.

**Q7**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 8**

of 15

According to IMD, a "heatwave" on the plains of India is declared when temperatures reach:

- A  $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$  AND  $\geq 3^{\circ}\text{C}$  above normal
- B  $\geq 40^{\circ}\text{C}$  AND  $\geq 4.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  above normal ✓
- C  $\geq 42^{\circ}\text{C}$  AND  $\geq 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  above normal
- D  $\geq 45^{\circ}\text{C}$  only, regardless of departure from normal

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

IMD defines a heatwave on plains as temperature  $\geq 40^{\circ}\text{C}$  AND  $\geq 4.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  above normal. A severe heatwave is when departure is  $\geq 6.4^{\circ}\text{C}$  above normal.

If actual temperature reaches  $\geq 45^{\circ}\text{C}$ , it qualifies regardless of departure from normal.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

IMD uses colour-coded alerts — Yellow (Watch), Orange (Alert), Red (Warning) — for heatwave events.

**Q8**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 9** of 15

India's first city-level Heat Action Plan (HAP) was developed for which city?

- A Delhi
- B Chennai
- C Ahmedabad ✓
- D Nagpur

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

Ahmedabad developed India's first city-level Heat Action Plan in 2013, following the deadly 2010 heatwave. It includes colour-coded alerts linked to IMD forecasts, pre-cooling of hospitals, cooling centres, and public awareness — and has been credited with reducing heat deaths by ~40%.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Ahmedabad's HAP has served as a model for other Indian cities and globally.

**Q9**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 10** of 15

According to the State of India's Environment 2026 report by CSE, how many of the nine planetary boundaries have been breached globally?

A 4

B 5

C 6

**D 7 ✓**

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The CSE State of India's Environment 2026 report notes that 7 of the 9 planetary boundaries have been breached globally, including climate change, biodiversity, land-system change, freshwater use, biogeochemical flows, novel entities, and aerosol loading.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Planetary boundaries framework was developed by Johan Rockström (Stockholm Resilience Centre, 2009).

**Q10**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 11** of 15

The invasive plant *Lantana camara* is a concern in India primarily because it:

- A Releases toxins that pollute groundwater
- B Occupies forest scrublands, suppresses native grasses, and intensifies human-wildlife conflict ✓
- C Causes allergic reactions in humans and livestock
- D Blocks rivers and wetlands, disrupting fisheries

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

*Lantana camara* now covers ~50% of India's forest scrublands, suppressing native grasses that serve as prey habitat. This reduces prey availability for tigers, which then prey on cattle, increasing human-tiger conflict. It is listed as an invasive alien species by IUCN.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

*Lantana camara* was introduced during the British era from tropical Americas.

**Q11**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 12** of 15

The "1,000-day window" in nutrition science refers to which period?

**A** Ages 1 to 3 years

**B** From conception to age 2 ✓

**C** From birth to age 3

**D** The first year of life only

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The "first 1,000 days" refers to the period from conception to a child's second birthday — approximately 270 days of pregnancy plus 730 days (two years). This period is considered most critical for brain and physical development, and malnutrition during this window can have irreversible consequences.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

India's POSHAN 2.0 and Poshan Pakhwada campaigns specifically target nutrition in this critical window.

**Q12**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 13** of 15

The 8th edition of Poshan Pakhwada 2026 was organised by which ministry?

- A Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B Ministry of Education
- C Ministry of Women and Child Development ✓
- D NITI Aayog

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

Poshan Pakhwada is organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) under the POSHAN 2.0 framework. The 8th edition ran from April 9–23, 2026 with the theme "Maximising Brain Development in the First Six Years of Life."

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month) is observed in September every year.

**Q13**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 14** of 15

According to NFHS-5 (2019-21), what is the approximate percentage of children under 5 years who are stunted in India?

A 25.5%

**B 35.5% ✓**

C 45.5%

D 19.3%

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

**✓ EXPLANATION**

NFHS-5 (2019–21) found that 35.5% of children under 5 in India are stunted (low height-for-age, reflecting chronic malnutrition). The wasting rate (acute malnutrition) is 19.3%. India's stunting rate remains among the highest in the world.

**📌 CONCEPT NOTE**

19.3% is the wasting rate (not stunting). Don't confuse the two in UPSC questions.

**Q14**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 15** of 15

SAFF — the organiser of the SAFF Women's Championship — is a sub-confederation of which body?

- A FIFA directly
- B Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
- C Asian Football Confederation (AFC) ✓
- D SAARC Secretariat

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) is a sub-confederation of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), which is one of FIFA's six continental confederations. SAFF covers eight South Asian nations.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The six FIFA confederations are UEFA (Europe), CONMEBOL (S. America), AFC (Asia), CAF (Africa), CONCACAF (N/C America), OFC (Oceania).

**Q15**  **CONCEPT KIT**



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