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## DAILY QUIZ — SOLVED ANSWER KEY

# Current Affairs Quiz — May 3, 2026

3 May 2026 · 10 Questions · Answers &amp; Explanations Included

**Question 1** of 10

According to the SIPRI Military Expenditure Report 2026, India is ranked as the world's \_\_\_ largest military spender with spending of \$92.1 billion in 2025.

 A 3rd

 B 4th

 C 5th ✓

 D 6th

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

SIPRI's 2026 report places India 5th globally with \$92.1 billion in military spending for 2025 — an 8.9% year-on-year increase. The top five are USA, China, Russia, Germany, and India, accounting for 58% of global military spending. India overtook Saudi Arabia and UK to enter the top five. Global military spending reached \$2,887 billion — the 11th consecutive annual increase.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

SIPRI = Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, based in Solna, Sweden, founded 1966. India entered the top 5 military spenders for the first time in 2025 data.

**Q1**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 2** of 10

World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on May 3. What is the correct 2026 conference theme announced by UNESCO?

- A "Workers of the World Unite"
- B "Shaping a Future at Peace" ✓**
- C "Information as a Public Good"
- D "Press Freedom in the Digital Age"

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

World Press Freedom Day is observed on May 3 every year — declared by UNESCO's General Conference in 1993 and endorsed by UNGA. The 2026 conference theme is "Shaping a Future at Peace." It should not be confused with "Information as a Public Good" (2021 theme). RSF (Reporters Sans Frontières) releases the World Press Freedom Index on this date annually.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

"Information as a Public Good" was the 2021 theme — a common confusion in MCQs. Always verify the current year's theme before examination.

**Q2**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 3**

of 10

Reporters Without Borders (RSF) ranked India \_\_\_ out of 180 countries in the World Press Freedom Index 2026 — a six-place drop from 2025.

A 148th

B 151st

**C 157th ✓**

D 163rd

**ANSWER & ANALYSIS**
**✓ EXPLANATION**

India was ranked 157th out of 180 countries in the RSF World Press Freedom Index 2026 — a six-place drop from 151st in 2025 (which was itself an improvement from 159th in 2024). RSF cited judicial harassment of journalists, use of criminal defamation and national security laws, and concentrated media ownership. India ranks below Pakistan (153rd), Bangladesh (149th), and Sri Lanka (139th) in South Asia.

**📖 CONCEPT NOTE**

Article 19(1)(a) guarantees freedom of speech and expression, which the SC has interpreted to include freedom of the press (*Bennett Coleman v. Union of India*, 1972). Press Council of India is the statutory body under Press Council Act, 1978.

**Q3**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 4** of 10

On May 3, 2026, the Andaman & Nicobar Administration set a Guinness World Record for the tallest underwater human stack. How tall was the stack and how many people formed it?

- A 15.5 metres, 10 people
- B 19.7 metres, 12 people
- C 22.3 metres, 14 people ✓
- D 25.1 metres, 18 people

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

On May 3, 2026, a Guinness World Record was set for the tallest underwater human stack — 22.3 metres tall, formed by 14 people including Lt. Governor D.K. Joshi, sustained for 3 minutes underwater. This followed May 2's record for the largest national flag unfurled underwater: a 60×40m (2,400 sq m) Tricolour at Radhanagar Beach (Swaraj Dweep / Havelock Island), involving 223 divers.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Radhanagar Beach is Blue Flag certified. Blue Flag certification is issued by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), Denmark.

India has 13 Blue Flag certified beaches (2025). Havelock Island was renamed Swaraj Dweep; Neil Island was renamed Shaheed Dweep; Ross Island was renamed Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Dweep.

**Q4**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 5** of 10

DRDO's Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile (LR-AShM), tested in Phase-II trials, is best described as which type of weapon system?

- A Supersonic cruise missile
- B Boost-glide hypersonic system ✓
- C Ballistic re-entry vehicle
- D Loitering munition

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The LR-AShM is a boost-glide hypersonic system — it uses a rocket to boost the missile to high altitude and speed (up to Mach 10), then glides at hypersonic speeds (Mach 5+) to the target. This is distinct from: a supersonic cruise missile like BrahMos (ramjet propulsion, ~Mach 3); a ballistic re-entry vehicle (parabolic arc); or a loitering munition (kamikaze drone).

Hypersonic is defined as Mach 5 or above.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Two main hypersonic weapon types: (1) Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (HGV) — boost then glide; LR-AShM design. (2) Hypersonic Cruise Missile (HCM) — uses scramjet throughout; DRDO's HSTDV tested Sept 7, 2020 is in this category.

**Q5**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 6**

of 10

According to WRI's Global Forest Watch report (2026 data), at what rate is tropical primary forest being lost?

- A 6 football fields per minute
- B 11 football fields per minute ✓
- C 18 football fields per minute
- D 25 football fields per minute

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**ANSWER & ANALYSIS**


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 **EXPLANATION**

WRI's 2026 report found that 4.3 million hectares of tropical primary forest are being lost annually — equivalent to the area of Denmark — at a rate of 11 football fields per minute. This is a 36% decline from the 2024 peak, largely due to Brazil's 41% reduction under stricter enforcement.

The rate is still 70% above the pace needed to meet the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration target of halting deforestation by 2030 (COP26).

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Primary tropical forest = naturally regenerated native species forest with no visible human activity. REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) is the UNFCCC mechanism to incentivise conservation.

India's NDC commits to an additional 2.5-3 billion tonne CO<sub>2</sub> sink through forests by 2030.

**Q6**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 7**

of 10

Who was appointed RBI Deputy Governor effective May 3, 2026, succeeding T. Rabi Sankar?

**A** M. Rajeshwar Rao

**B** Swaminathan J.

**C** Rohit Jain ✓

**D** Michael Debabrata Patra

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

Rohit Jain was appointed Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for a three-year term effective May 3, 2026, succeeding T. Rabi Sankar (who retired in April 2026). Jain previously served as Executive Director at RBI. M. Rajeshwar Rao and Swaminathan J. (S. Swaminathan) are other serving RBI Deputy Governors. Michael Patra is the Deputy Governor responsible for monetary policy.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

RBI has four Deputy Governors. The Governor and Deputy Governors are appointed by the Central Government under Section 8(1)(b) of the RBI Act, 1934.

The Deputy Governor in charge of regulation is conventionally a career RBI official; one post is reserved for the commercial banking sector.

**Q7**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 8**

of 10

Which constitutional provision specifically provides for the Hill Areas Committee in Manipur — a mechanism distinct from the Sixth Schedule?

- A Article 371(A) — Special provision for Nagaland
- B Article 371(B) — Special provision for Assam
- C Article 371(C) — Special provision for Manipur ✓
- D Article 244 — Scheduled and Tribal Areas

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

Article 371(C) is the special constitutional provision for Manipur — it empowers the President to ensure the Governor has a special responsibility for the Hill Areas Committee (HAC), a legislative committee of elected MLAs from hill constituencies. The Sixth Schedule (which provides Autonomous District Councils with legislative and judicial powers) does NOT apply to Manipur.

Article 371(A) = Nagaland; Article 371(B) = Assam; Article 244 covers Fifth and Sixth Schedule generally.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Sixth Schedule applies to Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram. The lack of Sixth Schedule protection in Manipur's hills — and the weaker HAC mechanism instead — is a grievance central to the Kuki-Zo demand for separate administration. Manipur's Inner Line Permit (ILP) provides some demographic protection but not land rights protection equivalent to tribal designation.

**Q8**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 9** of 10

May 3, 2026 marks the third anniversary of Manipur's ethnic violence. Which organisation conducted the march on May 3, 2023 that triggered the conflict?

- A Thadou Inpi Manipur
- B All Tribal Students Union Manipur (ATSUM) ✓
- C United Naga Council (UNC)
- D Meitei Leepun

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The All Tribal Students Union Manipur (ATSUM) conducted a "Tribal Solidarity March" in Churachandpur on May 3, 2023, protesting against the proposed Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for the Meitei community. The march turned violent, triggering the broader ethnic conflict.

Thadou Inpi Manipur is the apex body of the Thadou-Kuki community. United Naga Council represents Naga interests.

Meitei Leepun is a Meitei community organisation.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Meiteis currently have OBC status; ST status would grant them tribal land rights in hill areas, which Kuki-Zo communities fear would lead to valley encroachment into their land. Over 250 people died and 60,000+ were displaced in the resulting conflict.

**Q9**  **CONCEPT KIT**

**Question 10** of 10

The "duck curve" problem in India's power grid refers to which specific challenge?

- A Electricity theft by consumers in duck-shaped metering devices
- B The steep evening ramp in power demand when solar generation falls off after sunset, straining thermal plants ✓
- C The shape of coal supply routes forming a duck pattern on the map
- D Seasonal variation in hydropower generation creating a duck-shaped annual curve

## ANSWER &amp; ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

The "duck curve" refers to the daily demand pattern in grids with high solar penetration: solar generation reduces midday net demand (the "belly" of the duck), but when the sun sets, ~150 GW of solar goes offline simultaneously while cooling demand remains high, creating a steep evening ramp (the "neck" of the duck) that thermal plants must meet quickly. India hit 256.11 GW peak demand on April 25, 2026. The CEA targets 47 GW of BESS + 27 GW pumped hydro storage by 2031-32 to address this.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) charge during the solar midday surplus and discharge during the evening peak — flattening the duck curve. The PLI scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) battery manufacturing (₹18,100 crore) supports domestic BESS manufacturing.

**Q10**  **CONCEPT KIT**



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