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The first women cadets to be commissioned through which route were commissioned into the Army at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) passing-out parade in June 2026?

- A Officers Training Academy (OTA)
- B National Defence Academy (NDA) ✓
- C Technical Entry Scheme
- D Short Service Commission only

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: The June 2026 IMA passing-out parade commissioned the first women cadets who entered through the National Defence Academy (NDA), admitted in 2022 after the Supreme Court opened the NDA to women in 2021.

ANALYSIS: This completes the premier NDA-to-IMA pipeline for women, the traditional route for permanent-cadre Army officers.

CONCEPT NOTE

The IMA, Dehradun, was founded in 1932. Women were admitted to the NDA after the 2021 Supreme Court order in the line of litigation associated with *Kush Kalra v. Union of India*.

The *Babita Puniya* case (2020) had earlier secured Permanent Commission for women officers on par with men.

Q1  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (fundamental rights, judiciary), GS1 (women in society).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

gender equality, Articles 14-15-16, judicial review.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the OTA route (Short Service Commission) with the NDA route (permanent cadre).

 **EXAM TIP**

remember IMA = 1932, NDA opened to women = 2021.

 **INTERVIEW**

should women be inducted into the combat arms?

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Consider the following statements about the appointment of the Chief of Army Staff (COAS):\n1. The COAS is appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.\n2. The COAS and the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) are the same post.\nWhich is/are correct?

- A** 1 only ✓
- B** 2 only
- C** Both 1 and 2
- D** Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is wrong: the COAS is the professional head of the Army, while the CDS (created in 2019) is the single-point military adviser and head of the Department of Military Affairs.

ANALYSIS: Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth was named the 31st COAS, to take charge on June 30, 2026.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The CDS post was created in 2019 on the recommendations tracing to the Kargil Review Committee (1999) and the Group of Ministers (2001); General Bipin Rawat became the first CDS in January 2020. The CDS heads the Department of Military Affairs and drives theaterisation.

Q2  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 (security, defence reforms), GS2 (executive appointments).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

theaterisation, jointness, higher defence management.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

conflating COAS with CDS.

 **EXAM TIP**

joint commands = Andaman and Nicobar Command + Strategic Forces Command.

 **INTERVIEW**

has the CDS reform delivered jointness?

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The Indore Declaration adopted in June 2026 is associated with which grouping?

A G7

B SCO

C BRICS ✓

D Quad

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Indore Declaration on food security and climate-resilient agriculture was adopted at the 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting held in Indore on June 12-13, 2026, under India's BRICS Chairship. **ANALYSIS:** It launched four new cooperation platforms, including a BRICS network on digital agriculture.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

BRICS originally comprised Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, expanding in 2024 to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, and Indonesia in 2025. The bloc controls about 42 percent of global agricultural land. The meeting was chaired by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Q3

CONCEPT KIT

CROSS-PAPER

GS2 (groupings), GS3 (food security, agriculture).

MAINS KEYWORDS

Global South, climate-resilient agriculture, farmers' rights.

COMMON MISTAKE

attributing the declaration to the G20 or a domestic scheme.

EXAM TIP

Indore = India's cleanest city; India holds the 2026 BRICS chairship.

INTERVIEW

can BRICS shape global food governance?

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The Grand Challenge launched in June 2026 to develop affordable iron-rich foods against anaemia was a partnership between the Gates Foundation and which Indian body?

- A NITI Aayog
- B Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) ✓
- C Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- D Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The ICMR and the Gates Foundation launched the challenge, offering grants of up to Rs 1 crore for iron-rich food prototypes, with applications open until July 3, 2026. **ANALYSIS:** It marks a shift from iron-folic-acid supplementation toward food-based solutions.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Anaemia affects nearly half (about 50 percent) of India's women of reproductive age. India's existing strategy includes Anaemia Mukh Bharat (the 6x6x6 framework), POSHAN Abhiyaan, weekly iron-folic-acid supplementation and food fortification.

ICMR is India's apex biomedical research body.

Q4  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS2 (health governance, PPP), GS3 (food technology).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

micronutrient deficiency, food fortification, public-private partnership.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing ICMR (medical research) with ICAR (agricultural research).

 **EXAM TIP**

Anaemia Mukt Bharat uses the 6x6x6 framework.

 **INTERVIEW**

why has anaemia been so hard to reduce despite supplementation?

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In June 2026, which state announced free education from kindergarten (KG) to postgraduate (PG) level across all government institutions?

- A Kerala
- B Tamil Nadu
- C Odisha ✓
- D Chhattisgarh

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Odisha, marking two years of its government under CM Mohan Charan Majhi, announced free education from KG to PG in all government institutions, with an education allocation of about Rs 42,565 crore (13.7 percent of the budget). **ANALYSIS:** This extends free provision well beyond the elementary stage guaranteed by the RTE framework.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Article 21A (added by the 86th Amendment, 2002) guarantees free and compulsory education for ages 6 to 14, operationalised by the RTE Act, 2009. Directive Principles, Articles 41 and 45, and SDG 4 also bear on education. Free education up to PG goes beyond the constitutional minimum.

Q5  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS2 (education policy, federalism), governance.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

right to education, fiscal sustainability, competitive federalism.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming the RTE Act covers up to PG; it covers only ages 6 to 14.

 **EXAM TIP**

Article 21A = 86th Amendment, 2002.

 **INTERVIEW**

is universal free higher education fiscally sustainable?

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PM Modi's June 2026 visit was historic as the first by an Indian Prime Minister to which country?

- A Slovenia
- B Slovakia ✓
- C Croatia
- D Serbia

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: PM Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Slovakia (June 14-16, 2026), at the invitation of Slovak PM Robert Fico. **ANALYSIS:** The visit deepens India's engagement with Central Europe against the backdrop of India-EU FTA negotiations.

CONCEPT NOTE

Slovakia's capital is Bratislava; it uses the Euro and is a member of the EU and NATO. It became independent in 1993 when Czechoslovakia split peacefully into the Czech Republic and Slovakia, an event known as the Velvet Divorce.

Q6  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (India and Europe, bilateral relations).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

India-EU FTA, Central Europe, strategic autonomy.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Slovakia (capital Bratislava) with Slovenia (capital Ljubljana).

 **EXAM TIP**

Velvet Divorce = peaceful split of Czechoslovakia, 1993.

 **INTERVIEW**

why court smaller EU states?

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World Blood Donor Day, observed on June 14, marks the birth anniversary of which scientist?

A Alexander Fleming

B Karl Landsteiner ✓

C Jonas Salk

D Robert Koch

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ **EXPLANATION**

FACT: World Blood Donor Day (June 14) marks the birthday of Karl Landsteiner, who discovered the ABO blood group system and won the Nobel Prize in 1930. **ANALYSIS:** The 2026 theme is "One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives."

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

In India, voluntary blood donation is coordinated under the National Blood Transfusion Council and tracked through the e-Rakt Kosh portal. World Blood Donor Day is observed annually under the WHO.

Q7  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS2 (health), GS3 (science).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

voluntary donation, blood safety, public health infrastructure.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Landsteiner (blood groups) with Fleming (penicillin).

 **EXAM TIP**

ABO system = Landsteiner, Nobel 1930.

 **INTERVIEW**

how to move from replacement to voluntary blood donation?

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The Advanced Weapon System Complex inaugurated in June 2026 at the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex is located in which city, and under which organisation?

- A Pune, under DRDO
- B Hyderabad, under DRDO ✓
- C Bengaluru, under ISRO
- D Chandigarh, under HAL

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Advanced Weapon System Complex at the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), part of the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex in Hyderabad, built by DRDO. **ANALYSIS:** It supports next-generation indigenous missile and air-defence development under the self-reliance agenda.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

DRDL is a premier DRDO missile laboratory. India's indigenous missile and air-defence systems, including those cited from Operation Sindoor, are developed within the DRDO ecosystem under the Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence push.

Q8  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 (defence technology, indigenisation).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Atmanirbhar Bharat, missile ecosystem, import substitution.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

placing the missile complex in Bengaluru (ISRO) rather than Hyderabad (DRDO).

 **EXAM TIP**

DRDL = DRDO missile lab, Hyderabad.

 **INTERVIEW**

how self-reliant is India in air defence?

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The PLI Scheme that added 22 new applicants in its Round-3 in June 2026, focused on man-made fibre apparel, fabrics and technical textiles, belongs to which sector?

A Electronics

B Textiles ✓

C Pharmaceuticals

D Automobiles

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
EXPLANATION

FACT: The Ministry of Textiles cleared 22 new applicants under Round-3 of the PLI Scheme for Textiles, taking the Round-3 total to 96 companies, focused on man-made fibre (MMF) apparel, MMF fabrics and technical textiles.

ANALYSIS: The scheme targets high-value segments where India has lagged China.

CONCEPT NOTE

The PLI Scheme for Textiles was approved in 2021 with an outlay of Rs 10,683 crore. PLI schemes are an industrial-policy tool to incentivise domestic manufacturing, raise competitiveness and create jobs across sectors.

Q9

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**


GS3 (economy, industrial policy, manufacturing).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

PLI, MMF, technical textiles, employment.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming PLI is one scheme; it is sector-specific.

 **EXAM TIP**

Textiles PLI focus = MMF and technical textiles.

 **INTERVIEW**

has PLI shifted India up the value chain?

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The ASI epigraphical survey reported in June 2026 documented inscriptions linked to the Vijayanagara Empire and the Srisailam temple in which forest region?

- A Gir forest
- B Nallamala forest ✓
- C Sundarbans
- D Simlipal

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Archaeological Survey of India documented stone inscriptions, copper plates and rock art, many from the Vijayanagara era (14th to 17th centuries CE), many linked to the Vijayanagara Empire and the Srisailam temple, in the Nallamala forest of the Eastern Ghats. **ANALYSIS:** Inscriptions were received via the Chenchu tribal community.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Nallamala spans Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and is home to the Chenchu, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). Srisailam is a major Shaivite jyotirlinga site.

The scripts include Telugu and Devanagari. Epigraphy is the study of inscriptions, a key source of medieval history.

Q10  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS1 (art and culture, medieval history), GS3 (tribal-conservation overlap).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

epigraphy, Vijayanagara, PVTG, heritage conservation.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the Vijayanagara and Bahmani inscriptions.

 **EXAM TIP**

Srisailam = Shaivite jyotirlinga; Chenchu = PVTG.

 **INTERVIEW**

how to balance heritage, ecology and tribal rights?

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The "8th Pay Commission" reform debated in editorials links to which broader idea?

- A Abolishing all public-sector pay revisions
- B Replacing episodic decadal revisions with a permanent compensation authority ✓
- C Privatising central government jobs
- D Linking salaries only to GDP growth

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: Editorial commentary argued that India should replace episodic, decadal pay-commission revisions with a permanent compensation authority using transparent, principle-based benchmarks. **ANALYSIS:** This would make public-sector pay more equitable, fiscally sustainable and continuously reviewed.

CONCEPT NOTE

Pay Commissions are set up roughly every decade to revise central government employee salaries and pensions; the 7th Pay Commission's recommendations took effect from 2016. A standing body would smooth the fiscal and administrative shocks of one-time revisions.

Q11  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS2 (governance, civil services), GS3 (public finance).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

pay commission, fiscal sustainability, administrative reform.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

treating Pay Commissions as constitutional bodies; they are executive-appointed.

 **EXAM TIP**

7th Pay Commission effective 2016.

 **INTERVIEW**

should government pay be benchmarked to the private sector?

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A Down to Earth analysis in June 2026 noted that India's fossil-fuel subsidy bill had grown to exceed which other budget head?

A Defence budget

B Health budget ✓

C Education budget

D Railways budget

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The analysis showed India's fossil-fuel subsidies now exceed its health budget, even as heatwaves drive rising hospital admissions and lost labour productivity, citing the Lancet Countdown. **ANALYSIS:** It argued for redirecting these funds toward climate-resilient health infrastructure.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Fossil-fuel subsidies sustain demand for emissions-intensive energy and divert fiscal resources. The Lancet Countdown tracks the health impacts of climate change.

The argument connects energy policy, public health and climate adaptation.

Q12  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS3 (environment, energy, economy), GS2 (health).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

fossil-fuel subsidy reform, climate-health nexus, just transition.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming subsidies are only consumer-side.

 **EXAM TIP**

Lancet Countdown = climate-and-health tracker.

 **INTERVIEW**

how to phase out fossil-fuel subsidies justly?

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Which constitutional articles were central to the judicial reasoning that opened the National Defence Academy and Permanent Commission to women?

A Articles 14, 15 and 16 ✓

B Articles 19 and 21

C Articles 25 and 26

D Articles 32 and 226

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: The judgments rested on Articles 14 (equality before law), 15 (no discrimination on grounds of sex) and 16 (equality of opportunity in public employment). **ANALYSIS:** The Court read the forces' recruitment rules against these guarantees and found the exclusion of women indefensible.

CONCEPT NOTE

The Babita Puniya case (2020) secured Permanent Commission for women officers; the 2021 order opened the NDA. Both treated the exclusion of women as gender stereotyping inconsistent with the equality code of the Constitution.

Q13  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (fundamental rights, judiciary), GS1 (gender).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

equality code, judicial review, gender stereotyping.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

citing Article 21 alone; the core is the 14-15-16 equality code.

 **EXAM TIP**

Article 15 bars sex-based discrimination; Article 16 covers public employment.

 **INTERVIEW**

can formal equality alone deliver substantive equality?

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Which of the following correctly pairs a 2026 development with its body or location?

- A Indore Declaration paired with G20 Summit
- B Advanced Weapon System Complex paired with DRDL, Hyderabad ✓**
- C Anaemia Grand Challenge paired with FSSAI
- D Free KG-to-PG education paired with Kerala

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: The Advanced Weapon System Complex was inaugurated at the DRDL in Hyderabad. The other pairings are wrong: the Indore Declaration was a BRICS (not G20) outcome, the anaemia challenge was ICMR-Gates (not FSSAI), and free KG-to-PG education was announced by Odisha (not Kerala).


ANALYSIS: A composite recall check across the day's items.


CONCEPT NOTE


Composite matching questions are common in Prelims. Anchor each fact to its correct institution: BRICS (Indore Declaration), DRDO/DRDL (weapon complex), ICMR-Gates (anaemia), Odisha (free education).


Q14  **CONCEPT KIT**

 **CROSS-PAPER** all GS papers (current affairs recall).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS** institutional mapping.

 **COMMON MISTAKE** mismatching scheme to ministry or body.

 **EXAM TIP** practise matching events to their exact institution.

 **INTERVIEW** none (factual recall).

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