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The I-2SEA submarine cable system, whose construction began in July 2026, connects India to which region?

A East Africa

B Southeast Asia ✓

C The Gulf

D Europe

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The I-2SEA (India-Southeast Asia) Submarine Cable System is a 3,600 km undersea fibre-optic cable linking Singapore and Kuala Lumpur to two landing stations on India east coast, Machilipatnam and South Chennai.

ANALYSIS: It is purpose-built for AI training workloads and hyperscale cloud data, with Ready-for-Service targeted for Q4 2029.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The consortium comprises Lightstorm, Microsoft, Singtel and Tata Communications. About 95 per cent of intercontinental data moves through subsea cables.

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


GS3 infrastructure and S and T, GS2 international relations.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

digital sovereignty, subsea cable security, data localisation.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

thinking most data crosses oceans via satellite.

 **EXAM TIP**

I-2SEA lands at Machilipatnam and South Chennai.

 **INTERVIEW**

How does India secure critical undersea infrastructure.

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ACME Group signed major July 2026 export deals with Japanese firms for which products?

- A Solar modules and lithium cells
- B Green ammonia and green methanol ✓
- C Semiconductors and rare earths
- D Coal and natural gas

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: ACME Group signed a 10-year deal for 405,000 tonnes per year of green ammonia to IHI Corporation and a deal for 100,000 tonnes per year of green methanol (worth about \$1 billion) to Mitsubishi Gas Chemical. **ANALYSIS:** The deals position India as a clean-fuel export hub under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The green methanol comes from ACME Paradeep facility in Odisha and complies with EU RFNBO norms and IMO marine-fuel standards.

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

GS3 economy and energy, GS2 international relations.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

green hydrogen, energy transition, hard-to-abate sectors.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing green ammonia with grey ammonia.

 **EXAM TIP**

NGHM (2023), MNRE, 5 MMT green hydrogen per year by 2030.

 **INTERVIEW**

India as a green-fuel exporter.

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The National Green Hydrogen Mission targets what annual green hydrogen production by 2030?

- A 1 million metric tonnes
- B 5 million metric tonnes ✓
- C 20 million metric tonnes
- D 50 million metric tonnes

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), launched in 2023 by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, targets 5 million metric tonnes (MMT) of green hydrogen production per year by 2030. **ANALYSIS:** The mission also aims to add associated renewable-energy capacity and includes the SIGHT programme for incentives.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Green hydrogen is produced by electrolysis of water using renewable electricity, unlike grey hydrogen made from fossil fuels.

Q3

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 energy and environment.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

electrolysis, decarbonisation, SIGHT.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the 5 MMT hydrogen target with the RE-capacity figure.

 **EXAM TIP**

NGHM launched 2023, MNRE.

 **INTERVIEW**

Green hydrogen for steel and shipping.

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The Drugs (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2026 brought which of the following under central licensing?

A Ayurvedic and homeopathic medicines

B Gene, cell and xenograft therapies ✓

C Over-the-counter painkillers

D Veterinary vaccines

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: The Drugs (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2026 brought cell and stem-cell products, gene therapeutic products (including CAR-T and gene-editing therapies) and xenografts under the Central License Approving Authority (CLAA) framework. **ANALYSIS:** These are termed Advanced Therapeutic Products (ATPs), ensuring uniform national regulation.

CONCEPT NOTE

The parent statute is the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940; the advisory body is the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) and the regulator is the CDSCO.

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

GS3 science and technology and biotech, GS2 health governance.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

frontier biotech, CAR-T, xenotransplantation, patient safety.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

thinking gene therapies were already centrally licensed.

 **EXAM TIP**

CLAA framework; DTAB advises; CDSCO regulates.

 **INTERVIEW**

Balancing innovation and safety in gene therapy.

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Under the Delhi EV Policy 2.0, from which date will only electric two-wheelers be registered?

A 1 January 2027

B 1 April 2028 ✓

C 1 January 2030

D 1 April 2026

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: Under the Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy 2.0, operational from July 1, 2026, only electric two-wheelers will be registered from April 1, 2028, while only electric three-wheelers and N1-category goods vehicles will be registered from January 1, 2027. **ANALYSIS:** The policy targets 30 per cent fleet electrification by March 2030.

CONCEPT NOTE

The policy offers an electric two-wheeler subsidy of up to Rs 30,000 in Year 1 and a road-tax waiver for EVs priced up to Rs 30 lakh.

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


GS3 environment and economy, GS2 governance.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

transport decarbonisation, mandates versus incentives, charging infrastructure.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

swapping the two-wheeler and three-wheeler cut-off dates.

 **EXAM TIP**

3W from Jan 2027, 2W from April 2028.

 **INTERVIEW**

Can mandates outpace charging and grid readiness.

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Which state became the first in India to legally recognise women as independent farmers in July 2026?

A Kerala

B Maharashtra ✓

C Telangana

D Sikkim

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ **EXPLANATION**

FACT: On July 2, 2026, the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly unanimously passed the Maharashtra Women Farmers Empowerment Bill, 2026, making Maharashtra the first Indian state to grant women legal recognition as independent farmers. **ANALYSIS:** It introduces a "Women Farmer Certificate" that delinks access to farm-welfare schemes from land ownership.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Women perform an estimated 65 to 75 per cent of farm labour in India but own less than 14 per cent of agricultural land, the feminisation of agriculture.

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

GS1 society (women), GS2 governance and social justice.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

feminisation of agriculture, land rights, gender-responsive welfare.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming welfare access already followed farm work, not land title.

 **EXAM TIP**

Women Farmer Certificate; Maharashtra State Women Farmers Fund.

 **INTERVIEW**

Recognising invisible women farmers.

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INS Trikand, which foiled a piracy attempt in July 2026, operated in which body of water?

A Bay of Bengal

B Gulf of Aden ✓

C South China Sea

D Persian Gulf

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: On July 1 to 2, 2026, the stealth frigate INS Trikand foiled a piracy attempt on the bulk carrier MV Golden Arsenal in the Gulf of Aden, about 300 nautical miles east-north-east of Djibouti, with MARCOS commandos sanitising the vessel. **ANALYSIS:** The action underscores India role as a net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The Gulf of Aden connects the Red Sea, via the Bab-el-Mandeb strait, to the Arabian Sea, and carries roughly 11 per cent of global maritime trade.

Q7

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 security, GS2 international relations.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

SLOC protection, net security provider, mission-based deployment.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

placing the Gulf of Aden inside the Persian Gulf.

 **EXAM TIP**

INS Trikand is a Talwar-class stealth frigate; MARCOS are Marine Commandos.

 **INTERVIEW**

India as first responder in the IOR.

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The Gulf of Aden is connected to the Red Sea through which strait?

A Strait of Hormuz

B Bab-el-Mandeb ✓

C Strait of Malacca

D Palk Strait

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Gulf of Aden connects to the Red Sea through the Bab-el-Mandeb strait, which lies between Yemen on the Arabian Peninsula and Djibouti and Eritrea in the Horn of Africa. **ANALYSIS:** This chokepoint is vital for shipping between Europe, via the Suez Canal, and Asia.

📌 CONCEPT NOTE

The Strait of Hormuz links the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman; the Strait of Malacca links the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

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

GS1 geography, GS3 security.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

maritime chokepoints, SLOCs, Suez route.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Bab-el-Mandeb with the Strait of Hormuz.

 **EXAM TIP**

Bab-el-Mandeb = Red Sea to Gulf of Aden.

 **INTERVIEW**

Why chokepoints shape naval strategy.

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India first commercial matcha tea, reported in July 2026, was produced in which state?

A West Bengal

B Assam ✓

C Tamil Nadu

D Himachal Pradesh

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Assam became the first Indian state to commercially produce matcha tea, at the Chota Tingrai Tea Estate in Tinsukia district, after a decade of collaboration with Japanese tea experts. **ANALYSIS:** The first batch was sold through the Guwahati Tea Auction Centre.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Matcha is a shade-grown, stone-ground green tea; it originated in China and became central to the Japanese tea ceremony.

Q9

CONCEPT KIT

CROSS-PAPER

GS3 economy and agriculture, GS1 culture.

MAINS KEYWORDS

value addition, tea diversification, India-Japan collaboration.

COMMON MISTAKE

assuming matcha is a Japanese-only crop.

EXAM TIP

Chota Tingrai Estate, Tinsukia, Assam.

INTERVIEW

Diversifying India tea economy.

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According to the IRENA report on renewable power costs in 2025, which was the cheapest source of new electricity?

A Offshore wind

B Onshore wind ✓

C Nuclear

D Natural gas

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) report found that onshore wind was the cheapest source of new electricity in 2025, at about USD 33 per MWh, with solar photovoltaic at around USD 44 per MWh.

ANALYSIS: More than 90 per cent of newly added utility-scale renewable capacity in 2025 was cheaper than the cheapest fossil-fuel option.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Renewables avoided about USD 480 billion in fossil-fuel costs and around 8.4 gigatonnes of carbon-dioxide emissions in 2025. IRENA is headquartered in Abu Dhabi.

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

GS3 energy and environment.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

levelised cost of energy, energy transition, grid integration.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming offshore wind is cheaper than onshore.

 **EXAM TIP**

onshore wind about USD 33/MWh in 2025.

 **INTERVIEW**

What cheap renewables mean for coal.

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The GST Council, in the news with June 2026 collections rising 13.9 per cent, is constituted under which constitutional article?

A Article 280

B Article 279A ✓

C Article 356

D Article 370

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The GST Council is constituted under Article 279A of the Constitution. **ANALYSIS:** Gross GST collection in June 2026 was about Rs 1,94,812 crore, up 13.9 per cent year on year, the fastest monthly growth in 13 months, though import GST surged 34.6 per cent.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Article 280 relates to the Finance Commission; the GST Council is chaired by the Union Finance Minister with state finance ministers as members.

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

GS2 polity (federalism), GS3 economy.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

cooperative federalism, GST buoyancy, imported inflation.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Article 279A (GST Council) with Article 280 (Finance Commission).

 **EXAM TIP**

GST Council under Article 279A.

 **INTERVIEW**

What GST growth reveals about demand.

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The "Pashujanya Yudh Abhyas" mock drill conducted in July 2026 relates to which concept?

A Nuclear disaster response

B One Health and zoonotic-disease preparedness ✓

C Border security

D Cyclone evacuation

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Pashujanya Yudh Abhyas was a national One Health mock drill held at Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying to test preparedness for zoonotic-disease outbreaks and animal-health emergencies. **ANALYSIS:** It was conducted under the National One Health Mission.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

One Health is an integrated approach linking human, animal and environmental health; World Zoonoses Day falls on July 6.

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

GS2 health governance, GS3 science and technology.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

One Health, zoonoses, spillover, preparedness.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

treating animal and human health as separate policy silos.

 **EXAM TIP**

Pashujanya Yudh Abhyas, Vidisha; National One Health Mission.

 **INTERVIEW**

Why One Health matters after COVID.

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Consider the following statements about green hydrogen:\n1. It is produced by the electrolysis of water using renewable electricity.\n2. It can be converted into green ammonia and green methanol for export and shipping fuel.\n

Which of the statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Both statements are correct. Green hydrogen is made by electrolysis of water powered by renewable electricity, and it can be converted into green ammonia and green methanol, which are easier to transport and can serve as low-carbon shipping fuels.

ANALYSIS: ACME July 2026 deals with Japan are for exactly these derivatives.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Grey hydrogen, by contrast, is produced from natural gas and emits carbon dioxide.

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

GS3 energy and environment.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

electrolysis, derivatives, IMO shipping fuel.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

thinking hydrogen itself is easy to ship.

 **EXAM TIP**

ammonia and methanol are hydrogen carriers.

 **INTERVIEW**

Decarbonising global shipping.

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The security of undersea submarine cables, highlighted by the I-2SEA project, is important mainly because:

- A They carry most of the world satellite signals
- B They carry the bulk of intercontinental internet and data traffic ✓
- C They are used only for military communication
- D They transmit electricity between continents

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Submarine cables carry about 95 per cent of intercontinental internet and data traffic, making them critical digital infrastructure. **ANALYSIS:** Incidents such as cable cuts in the Red Sea and the Baltic have raised concerns about the resilience of these cables against accidental damage and sabotage.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The I-2SEA cable is purpose-built for AI and cloud workloads and reflects India push for digital sovereignty and data-transit capacity.

Q14  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 infrastructure and internal security, GS2 IR.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

digital sovereignty, critical infrastructure, sabotage.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

believing satellites carry most global data.

 **EXAM TIP**

about 95 per cent of intercontinental data via subsea cables.

 **INTERVIEW**

Protecting the physical internet.

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The feminisation of agriculture in India refers to:

- A A decline in the number of women in farming
- B A rising share of women in agricultural work even as men migrate to non-farm jobs ✓
- C Government schemes exclusively for women
- D The mechanisation of farm work

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The feminisation of agriculture refers to the rising share of women in agricultural labour as men increasingly migrate to non-farm and urban jobs, leaving women to do most farm work. **ANALYSIS:** Maharashtra July 2026 law recognising women as independent farmers directly addresses this, since women do 65 to 75 per cent of farm labour but own under 14 per cent of land.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Recognition as farmers gives women access to institutional credit, crop insurance, subsidies and procurement in their own right.

Q15  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS1 society, GS2 governance, GS3 agriculture.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

feminisation, land rights, credit access.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

reading feminisation as fewer women in farming.

 **EXAM TIP**

women own under 14 per cent of farmland.

 **INTERVIEW**

Making women farmers visible in policy.

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