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The National Data Governance Framework Policy (NDGFP) 2026, approved in July 2026, deals mainly with which type of data?

- A Personal data of citizens
- B Anonymised, non-personal government data ✓
- C Classified defence data
- D Real-time financial transaction data

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The NDGFP 2026, approved by the Union Cabinet, creates a unified framework for sharing anonymised, non-personal government datasets to fuel India AI research and innovation. **ANALYSIS:** Personal data remains governed separately by the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The policy is implemented through the India Data Management Office (IDMO) under MeitY, with datasets hosted on the India Datasets Platform, and aligns with the IndiaAI Mission.

Q1

CONCEPT KIT

 **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 governance and GS3 science and technology.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

data as a public good, sovereign AI, data democratisation.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing NDGFP (non-personal data) with the DPDP Act (personal data).

 **EXAM TIP**

NDGFP runs through the IDMO under MeitY.

 **INTERVIEW**

Balancing data sharing with privacy.

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According to the UDISE+ 2025-26 data released in July 2026, India school-teacher count crossed which milestone for the first time?

- A 50 lakh
- B 75 lakh
- C One crore ✓
- D Two crore

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
EXPLANATION

FACT: The UDISE+ 2025-26 data showed India school-teacher count crossing one crore for the first time, reaching about 1.02 crore. **ANALYSIS:** Dropout rates fell, with secondary-level dropout down from 8.2 per cent to 7 per cent, and the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 grades states on a 10-tier framework.

CONCEPT NOTE

UDISE+ (Unified District Information System for Education Plus) is maintained by the Ministry of Education and replaced the earlier DISE system.

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

GS2 education governance.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

NEP 2020, dropout, retention, SDG 4.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing UDISE+ with the ASER survey.

 **EXAM TIP**

teacher count crossed 1 crore in 2025-26; PGI 2.0 is 10-tier.

 **INTERVIEW**

Access versus quality in schooling.

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SpudCell, reported in July 2026, is best described as:

- A A new species of potato
- B The first synthetic cell built from non-living chemicals ✓
- C A quantum computing chip
- D A gene-editing tool

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: SpudCell, assembled by University of Minnesota researchers, is the first cell built bottom-up from individually purified, non-living chemical components that can run a complete cell cycle: grow, replicate its DNA and divide.

ANALYSIS: It is a liposome containing purified enzymes, ribosomes and a genome of about 90,000 base pairs.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Crucially, SpudCell is **NOT** considered alive: it cannot feed itself, survive without external inputs, or evolve. It is a milestone in bottom-up synthetic biology.

Q3  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS3 science and technology and biotech.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

synthetic biology, bottom-up cell construction, bioethics.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

calling SpudCell a living organism.

 **EXAM TIP**

SpudCell = synthetic, not alive; ~90,000 base pairs.

 **INTERVIEW**

The dual-use risks of synthetic biology.

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A CREA report in July 2026 warned that El Nino could open a power-generation gap of about how much in India in 2026-27?

A 2 TWh

B 18 TWh ✓

C 100 TWh

D 270 TWh

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: A Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) analysis warned that a developing El Nino could open a power-generation gap of nearly 18 TWh in India in 2026-27, most likely filled by coal, adding roughly 17 million tonnes of carbon dioxide. **ANALYSIS:** Higher temperatures could raise demand by about 10 TWh, while a weaker monsoon could cut hydropower by about 2.9 TWh and wind by about 4.9 TWh.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

El Nino is the abnormal warming of the central and eastern Pacific Ocean and is the warm phase of the El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO); India peak demand touched about 270 GW.

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

GS3 environment, energy and disaster management.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

climate variability, cooling demand, coal lock-in, grid resilience.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing 18 TWh (energy) with 270 GW (peak capacity).

 **EXAM TIP**

El Nino = warm ENSO phase; CREA projects ~18 TWh gap.

 **INTERVIEW**

Climate risk to energy security.

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Cooperative societies in India fall under which List of the Seventh Schedule?

- A Union List
- B State List ✓
- C Concurrent List
- D Residuary powers

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Cooperative societies are a State subject, under Entry 32 of the State List. **ANALYSIS:** The Ministry of Cooperation, created on July 6, 2021, marked its fifth Foundation Day in July 2026 with a "Cooperation 2.0" roadmap, working within this federal framework under the model of "Sahkar Se Samridhi".

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The 97th Constitutional Amendment (2011) inserted Part IX-B and Article 43-B (a Directive Principle) on the promotion of cooperative societies.

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


GS2 polity and federalism, GS3 rural economy.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

cooperatives, PACS, Sahkar Se Samridhhi, federalism.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

placing cooperatives in the Concurrent List.

 **EXAM TIP**

cooperatives = State List (Entry 32); 97th Amendment added Part IX-B.

 **INTERVIEW**

Reviving the cooperative movement.

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Where is the Secretariat of BIMSTEC located?

A New Delhi, India

B Dhaka, Bangladesh ✓

C Bangkok, Thailand

D Kathmandu, Nepal

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The BIMSTEC Secretariat is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh. **ANALYSIS:** India hosted the 7th BIMSTEC Senior Officials Meeting in New Delhi on July 7 to 8, 2026, chaired by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, ahead of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit later in 2026.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) has 7 members, was founded in 1997 (Bangkok Declaration), and its Charter entered into force on 20 May 2024; India leads the Security sector.

Q6

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 international relations and neighbourhood.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Bay of Bengal, Neighbourhood First, Act East, SAARC contrast.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

placing the Secretariat in Bangkok.

 **EXAM TIP**

BIMSTEC Secretariat is in Dhaka; 7 members; Charter 2024.

 **INTERVIEW**

BIMSTEC versus SAARC.

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Which two countries are members of BIMSTEC but **NOT** of SAARC?

A Pakistan and Afghanistan

B Thailand and Myanmar ✓

C China and Japan

D Maldives and Sri Lanka

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Thailand and Myanmar are members of BIMSTEC but not of SAARC. ANALYSIS: BIMSTEC bridges South Asia and Southeast Asia around the Bay of Bengal, and unlike SAARC it does not include Pakistan, which is why India has increasingly favoured it.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

BIMSTEC members are India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar, Nepal and Bhutan; the Maldives and Afghanistan are in SAARC but not BIMSTEC.

Q7

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 regional groupings.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

BIMSTEC, SAARC, Bay of Bengal, connectivity.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

thinking Pakistan is a BIMSTEC member.

 **EXAM TIP**

Thailand and Myanmar = BIMSTEC not SAARC.

 **INTERVIEW**

Why India prefers BIMSTEC.

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INS Mahendragiri, set for commissioning in July 2026, belongs to which class of warships?

- A Project 15B destroyers
- B Project 17A stealth frigates ✓
- C Kalvari-class submarines
- D Visakhapatnam-class destroyers

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: INS Mahendragiri is the sixth and final Project 17A stealth frigate, built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and named after a peak in the Eastern Ghats in Odisha. **ANALYSIS:** It has over 75 per cent indigenous content and carries the BrahMos anti-ship missile and the Barak-8 surface-to-air missile.

CONCEPT NOTE

Project 17A is the follow-on to Project 17 (the Shivalik class), comprising seven ships designed by the Navy Warship Design Bureau.

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

GS3 security and defence indigenisation.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Atmanirbhar Bharat, warship building, Project 17A.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

classing it as a destroyer.

 **EXAM TIP**

Project 17A = stealth frigates; INS Mahendragiri is the sixth.

 **INTERVIEW**

Indigenous warship design.

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The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), which received an additional government commitment in 2026, was set up in which year?

A 2015 ✓

B 2019

C 2021

D 2024






ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The NIIF was set up in 2015 and is India sovereign-anchored (quasi-sovereign wealth) fund, in which the Government of India holds a 49 per cent stake. **ANALYSIS:** The Union Cabinet in mid-2026 approved an additional Rs 30,000 crore, taking the government total commitment to about Rs 60,000 crore.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

NIIF is managed by NIIF Limited and runs the Master Fund, the Fund of Funds and the Strategic Opportunities Fund.

Q9  **CONCEPT KIT**

 CROSS-PAPER	GS3 economy and infrastructure financing.
 MAINS KEYWORDS	sovereign wealth fund, infrastructure, public investment.
 COMMON MISTAKE	thinking the government holds a majority stake (it is 49 per cent).
 EXAM TIP	NIIF set up 2015; government stake 49 per cent.
 INTERVIEW	Funding India infrastructure gap.

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The Char Kaman, whose restoration was sanctioned in July 2026, is a heritage structure of which dynasty?

- A The Mughals
- B The Qutb Shahi dynasty ✓
- C The Nizams of Hyderabad
- D The Kakatiyas

ANSWER & ANALYSIS






✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Char Kaman (four arches) near the Charminar in Hyderabad were built in the late 16th century under the Qutb Shahi dynasty, which ruled Golconda. **ANALYSIS:** Telangana sanctioned their restoration as part of preserving the Qutb Shahi heritage of the Old City.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The Charminar was built in 1591 by Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah; the Qutb Shahi monuments are on UNESCO Tentative List.

Q10  **CONCEPT KIT**

 CROSS-PAPER	GS1 history, art and culture.
 MAINS KEYWORDS	Qutb Shahi, Indo-Islamic architecture, heritage conservation.
 COMMON MISTAKE	attributing the Charminar to the Nizams.
 EXAM TIP	Char Kaman and Charminar = Qutb Shahi dynasty.
 INTERVIEW	Conserving urban heritage.

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The government lifted emergency natural-gas supply curbs in July 2026 mainly because:

- A Domestic gas production surged
- B LNG shipments through the Strait of Hormuz resumed after the West Asia ceasefire ✓
- C Gas demand collapsed
- D A new pipeline from Russia opened

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas removed the emergency provisions of the Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026 (imposed on March 9, 2026 under the Essential Commodities Act) as liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipments through the Strait of Hormuz resumed after the West Asia ceasefire. **ANALYSIS:** India imports about half of its natural gas as LNG, and about a third of global LNG transits the Strait of Hormuz.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The Essential Commodities Act allows the government to regulate the supply of essential goods during emergencies.

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

GS3 economy and energy security.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

LNG, chokepoints, Essential Commodities Act, energy imports.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the lifting with the earlier March disruption.

 **EXAM TIP**

emergency gas order lifted as Hormuz LNG resumed.

 **INTERVIEW**

Managing energy-supply shocks.

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The relationship described as moving "beyond cricket, curry and Commonwealth" in a July 2026 editorial concerns India and which country?

A The United Kingdom

B Australia ✓

C South Africa

D New Zealand

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The phrase "beyond cricket, curry and Commonwealth" describes the maturing of India-Australia ties, around a July 2026 visit, into cooperation on defence, critical minerals, energy, trade, education and Indo-Pacific multilateralism. **ANALYSIS:** The two countries have a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and an economic cooperation agreement, and both are members of the Quad.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Australia is a key partner for India in critical-minerals supply chains such as lithium and cobalt.

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

GS2 international relations.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, Quad, critical minerals, Indo-Pacific.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

attributing the "three Cs" to India-UK ties.

 **EXAM TIP**

three Cs (cricket, curry, Commonwealth) = India-Australia.

 **INTERVIEW**

Diversifying India strategic partnerships.

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A July 2026 editorial on state cash-transfer schemes argued that they:

- A Should completely replace all other welfare
- B Cushion consumption in the short term but cannot substitute for stronger income growth ✓
- C Have no fiscal cost
- D Are unconstitutional

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The editorial argued that expanding state cash-transfer schemes act as a vital safety net and cushion consumption in the short term, but cannot substitute for stronger, sustained income growth, and raise fiscal-sustainability concerns amid rising state borrowing. **ANALYSIS:** States market borrowing rose about 15 per cent in FY26 as such schemes expanded.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

The debate ties into direct benefit transfers, the "freebies versus welfare" question, and state fiscal health.

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

GS3 economy and fiscal policy, GS2 governance.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

cash transfers, fiscal sustainability, DBT, welfare.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

treating cash transfers as costless.

 **EXAM TIP**

cash transfers cushion demand but strain state finances.

 **INTERVIEW**

Welfare versus fiscal prudence.

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A July 2026 catalogue that ranked all 239 recognised human-infective virus species assessed them by their:

- A Genome length
- B Pandemic risk ✓
- C Discovery date
- D Geographic origin

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: A new catalogue ranked all 239 recognised human-infective RNA virus species by their pandemic risk, explaining why some, such as coronaviruses, spread widely while others, such as rabies, rarely transmit human-to-human. **ANALYSIS:** Such prioritisation could help spot the next pandemic pathogen before it takes hold.

CONCEPT NOTE

This links to the One Health approach and virome surveillance for pandemic preparedness.

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

GS3 science and technology and health, GS2 health governance.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

pandemic preparedness, One Health, virome, spillover.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

thinking all viruses carry equal pandemic risk.

 **EXAM TIP**

239 human-infective RNA virus species ranked by pandemic risk.

 **INTERVIEW**

Predicting the next pandemic.

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The India Data Management Office (IDMO), which implements the National Data Governance Framework Policy, functions under which ministry?

- A Ministry of Home Affairs
- B Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ✓
- C Ministry of Finance
- D Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The India Data Management Office (IDMO) functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and implements the National Data Governance Framework Policy 2026. **ANALYSIS:** It coordinates the anonymisation of non-personal datasets from multiple ministries onto the India Datasets Platform.

📄 CONCEPT NOTE

The policy aligns with the IndiaAI Mission (about Rs 10,372 crore, approved March 2024), while personal data is governed by the DPDP Act, 2023.

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

GS2 governance, GS3 science and technology.

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

data governance, IDMO, India Datasets Platform, sovereign AI.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

placing the IDMO under the Finance Ministry.

 **EXAM TIP**

IDMO is under MeitY.

 **INTERVIEW**

Institutional design for data governance.

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