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Vikram-1, launched in July 2026, is significant because it is:

- ☐ A India's first reusable rocket
- ☒ B India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket ✓
- ☐ C India's first satellite navigation system
- ☐ D India's first crewed spacecraft

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

FACT: Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1, launched on July 18, 2026 from Sriharikota, is India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket, placing payloads in a low-earth orbit of about 450 km. ANALYSIS: It made India the third country, after the United States and China, to reach orbit with a privately built launch vehicle.

 CONCEPT NOTE

Skyroot earlier flew Vikram-S, India's first private rocket, on a sub-orbital mission in November 2022.

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

GS3 science-tech and economy.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

private space economy, space reforms, public-private synergy.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Vikram-1 (orbital) with the sub-orbital Vikram-S.

**EXAM TIP**

Vikram-1 is India's first private orbital rocket.

**INTERVIEW**

Opening space to private players.

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Which body is the single-window regulator that authorises private space activity in India?

☐ A ISRO

☒ B IN-SPACe ✓

☐ C DRDO

☐ D NSIL only

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: IN-SPACe, the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre, is the single-window regulator under the Department of Space that authorises and enables private space activity, including Skyroot's access to ISRO facilities. **ANALYSIS:** It was set up after the 2020 space-sector reforms; NSIL is the commercial arm.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

India targets a space economy of about USD 44 billion by 2033.

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

GS3 science-tech.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

space reforms, regulation, commercialisation.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

treating ISRO as the regulator of private firms.

**EXAM TIP**

IN-SPACe authorises private space activity.

**INTERVIEW**

Balancing regulation and innovation.

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In the West Bengal SIR case (July 2026), the Supreme Court held that:

- ☐ A Deletion from the electoral roll automatically ends citizenship
- ☒ B Deletion from the electoral roll does not amount to loss of citizenship ✓
- ☐ C The Election Commission alone can finally decide citizenship
- ☐ D Electoral rolls cannot be revised at all

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Supreme Court held that deletion from the electoral roll does not strip a person of citizenship, and that the Election Commission may assess citizenship only for electoral purposes, not make the final determination.

ANALYSIS: Doubtful cases must be referred to the Central Government under the Citizenship Act, 1955.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The bench was led by Chief Justice Surya Kant; the matter was adjourned to August 2026.

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

GS2 polity and governance.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

electoral rolls, citizenship, due process.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

conflating electoral-roll status with citizenship.

**EXAM TIP**

citizenship is decided under the Citizenship Act, 1955, not by the ECI.

**INTERVIEW**

Protecting the right to vote.

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The Election Commission of India derives its powers of superintendence of elections from which Article?

A Article 324 ✓

B Article 356

C Article 280

D Article 148

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

FACT: Article 324 vests the superintendence, direction and control of elections in the Election Commission of India, a constitutional body. **ANALYSIS:** In the West Bengal SIR case, the Court clarified the ECI's role in electoral rolls is distinct from deciding citizenship.

 CONCEPT NOTE

Elections and electoral rolls are governed by the Representation of the People Acts, 1950 and 1951; Article 326 guarantees adult suffrage.

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

GS2 constitutional bodies.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

ECI, electoral administration, adult suffrage.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Article 324 (ECI) with 280 (Finance Commission).

**EXAM TIP**

ECI = Article 324.

**INTERVIEW**

Independence of the Election Commission.

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The Investment Friendliness Index released in July 2026 was published by which body?

A The Reserve Bank of India

B NITI Aayog ✓

C The World Bank

D The Ministry of Finance

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ **EXPLANATION**

FACT: NITI Aayog released the first Investment Friendliness Index (IFI), ranking States and Union Territories on their investment environment using 84 indicators across 8 pillars. **ANALYSIS:** It is aimed at fostering competitive federalism and complements the World Bank's B-READY assessment.

 CONCEPT NOTE

It covers 28 States and 8 Union Territories; Gujarat was the top performer.

Q5

 CONCEPT KIT**CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 federalism, GS3 economy.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

competitive federalism, ease of doing business, investment climate.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

attributing the index to the World Bank.

**EXAM TIP**

the IFI is a NITI Aayog index.

**INTERVIEW**

States competing for investment.

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The Investment Friendliness Index 2026 is built on how many pillars?

- ☐ A 4 pillars
- ☒ B 8 pillars ✓
- ☐ C 12 pillars
- ☐ D 20 pillars

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

FACT: The Investment Friendliness Index uses 84 indicators grouped into 8 pillars to rank States and UTs.

ANALYSIS: Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Goa and Odisha were among the top performers, with category toppers including Uttarakhand among Hilly and Northeastern states.

 CONCEPT NOTE

NITI Aayog also publishes the SDG India Index, Fiscal Health Index and Export Preparedness Index.

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

GS3 economy.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

indicators, sub-national ranking, investment.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

misremembering the pillar count.

**EXAM TIP**

IFI has 8 pillars and 84 indicators.

**INTERVIEW**

Measuring investment readiness.

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The nationalisation of 14 major commercial banks, whose 57th anniversary falls on July 19, 2026, took place in which year?

A 1955

B 1969 ✓

C 1980

D 1991

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The government led by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi nationalised 14 major commercial banks on July 19, 1969, by an ordinance later given effect by the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970. **ANALYSIS:** These banks then held about 85 per cent of national deposits.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

A second round in 1980 nationalised 6 more banks, taking the total to 20.

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

GS3 economy and banking.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

financial inclusion, priority-sector lending, social banking.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing 1969 (14 banks) with 1980 (6 banks).

**EXAM TIP**

bank nationalisation began July 19, 1969.

**INTERVIEW**

Banking for the masses vs efficiency.

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How many commercial banks were nationalised across the two rounds of 1969 and 1980 combined?

A 14 banks

B 20 banks ✓

C 27 banks

D 6 banks

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

FACT: 14 banks were nationalised in 1969 (deposits above Rs 50 crore) and 6 more in 1980 (deposits above Rs 200 crore), taking the total to 20. ANALYSIS: Nationalisation enabled priority-sector lending and rural branch expansion.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The State Bank of India was already state-associated from 1955, formed from the Imperial Bank of India.

Q8
 **CONCEPT KIT**

CROSS-PAPER

GS3 economy.


MAINS KEYWORDS

priority-sector lending, branch expansion, PSB reform.


COMMON MISTAKE

counting only the 1969 round.


EXAM TIP
 $14 + 6 = 20$ banks nationalised.

INTERVIEW

The legacy of public-sector banking.


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Priority-sector lending norms, a legacy of bank nationalisation, currently require domestic banks to lend what share of Adjusted Net Bank Credit to priority sectors?

A 20 per cent

B 40 per cent ✓

C 60 per cent

D 10 per cent

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Under RBI norms, domestic banks are generally required to lend 40 per cent of their Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) to priority sectors such as agriculture, micro and small enterprises and weaker sections. **ANALYSIS:** This framework flows from the social-banking objectives of nationalisation.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Priority-sector lending is a key channel of financial inclusion, alongside Jan Dhan and Direct Benefit Transfer.

Q9 **CONCEPT KIT****CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 economy.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

priority-sector lending, financial inclusion, credit.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

misremembering the 40 per cent figure.

**EXAM TIP**

PSL target is 40 per cent of ANBC for domestic banks.

**INTERVIEW**

Directing credit to the underserved.

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Kaziranga National Park, affected by the July 2026 Assam floods, is most associated with which animal?

- ☐ A Asiatic lion
- ☒ B One-horned rhinoceros ✓
- ☐ C Snow leopard
- ☐ D Great Indian bustard

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Kaziranga National Park in Assam is famous for the one-horned rhinoceros and, during the annual Brahmaputra floods, animals move to artificial highlands and the Karbi Anglong hills for safety. ANALYSIS: Flood management there combines disaster response with wildlife protection.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and state agencies operate under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

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

GS1 geography, GS3 disaster management.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

flood management, wildlife protection, climate resilience.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

associating Kaziranga with the lion or snow leopard.

**EXAM TIP**

Kaziranga = one-horned rhinoceros.

**INTERVIEW**

Protecting wildlife during disasters.

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The apex body for disaster management in India, referenced during the Assam floods, is:

A The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) ✓

B The Central Water Commission

C The India Meteorological Department

D The Brahmaputra Board

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), chaired by the Prime Minister, is the apex body for disaster management under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, with the NDRF as its operational force. **ANALYSIS:** Assam's recurring Brahmaputra floods test the coordination between central and state disaster agencies.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The Brahmaputra's heavy silt load and braided channel make Assam especially flood-prone.

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

GS3 disaster management, GS1 geography.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

NDMA, flood mitigation, embankments.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the NDMA with the Central Water Commission.

**EXAM TIP**

NDMA is the apex disaster-management body (2005 Act).

**INTERVIEW**

Building flood resilience.

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World Chess Day, observed on July 20, marks the founding of which body?

- ☐ **A** The International Olympic Committee
- ☒ **B** The International Chess Federation (FIDE) ✓
- ☐ **C** The Asian Chess Federation
- ☐ **D** The All India Chess Federation

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

FACT: World Chess Day, observed on July 20, marks the founding of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924. **ANALYSIS:** Chess is believed to trace its roots to the ancient Indian game of chaturanga.

 CONCEPT NOTE

Nelson Mandela International Day is observed two days earlier, on July 18.

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

GS1 art and culture.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

sporting heritage, soft power.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing FIDE with the IOC.

**EXAM TIP**

World Chess Day (July 20) marks FIDE's founding (1924).

**INTERVIEW**

India's rise in chess.

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The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) is:

- ☐ A A constitutional body under Article 338
- ☒ B A statutory body under the 1992 Act ✓
- ☐ C A private trust
- ☐ D A body under the Election Commission

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

FACT: The National Commission for Minorities is a statutory body set up under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, functioning under the Ministry of Minority Affairs. **ANALYSIS:** It safeguards the interests of notified minority communities and advises on their welfare.

 CONCEPT NOTE

Unlike the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (Article 338), the NCM is statutory, not constitutional.

Q13

 CONCEPT KIT**CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 statutory bodies.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

minority rights, welfare, institutions.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

calling the NCM a constitutional body.

**EXAM TIP**

NCM is statutory (1992 Act).

**INTERVIEW**

Institutions for minority welfare.

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The Reserve Bank of India's repo rate, as reflected in mid-July 2026, stood at:

A 6.5 per cent

B 5.25 per cent ✓

C 4.0 per cent

D 7.0 per cent

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The RBI held the repo rate at 5.25 per cent with a neutral stance in mid-2026, after an earlier cut, balancing growth and price stability. **ANALYSIS:** Retail CPI inflation was about 4.38 per cent in June 2026, near the 4 per cent target midpoint.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The RBI's inflation-targeting band is 4 per cent plus or minus 2 per cent.

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

GS3 economy, monetary policy.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

repo rate, inflation targeting, MPC.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the repo rate with the inflation target.

**EXAM TIP**

repo rate was 5.25 per cent (neutral stance).

**INTERVIEW**

The growth-inflation balance.

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Hornbills, such as the Malabar pied hornbill sighted in Kerala, are ecologically important mainly as:

- ☐ A Apex predators
- ☒ B Seed dispersers and indicators of forest health ✓
- ☐ C Pollinators of crops
- ☐ D Pest controllers in farmland

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Hornbills are important seed dispersers and are treated as indicators of forest health, so the sighting of Malabar pied hornbills near the Muvvattupuzha river in Kerala points to a healthy riverine habitat. **ANALYSIS:** Their presence reflects the ecological condition of the surrounding forest.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The Malabar pied hornbill is associated with the Western Ghats and eastern forests.

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

GS3 environment and biodiversity.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

seed dispersal, indicator species, forest health.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

classifying hornbills as apex predators.

**EXAM TIP**

hornbills are key seed dispersers.

**INTERVIEW**

Umbrella and indicator species.

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