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The bill introduced in July 2026 concerning Vande Mataram seeks to amend which Act?

- ☐ A The Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950
- ☒ B The Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 ✓
- ☐ C The Citizenship Act, 1955
- ☐ D The Official Languages Act, 1963

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

FACT: The bill seeks to amend the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, to extend to the national song Vande Mataram the criminal protection currently given to the National Anthem. **ANALYSIS:** The 1971 Act already covers the National Flag, the Constitution and the National Anthem.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the first day of the Monsoon Session, July 20, 2026.

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

GS2 polity, national symbols.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

national symbols, freedom of expression, national song vs anthem.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the National Song with the National Anthem.

**EXAM TIP**

the parent law is the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.

**INTERVIEW**

National symbols and citizenship.

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Vande Mataram, the national song, was written by:

- ☐ **A** Rabindranath Tagore
- ☒ **B** Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay ✓
- ☐ **C** Sarojini Naidu
- ☐ **D** Muhammad Iqbal

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Vande Mataram was written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and was published in his novel Anandamath (1882). **ANALYSIS:** The Constituent Assembly gave it a status of honour equal to the National Anthem, Jana Gana Mana, on January 24, 1950.

 CONCEPT NOTE

In *Bijoe Emmanuel v. State of Kerala* (1986), the Supreme Court held that no one can be compelled to sing.

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

GS1 modern history and culture, GS2 rights.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

national song, freedom of conscience.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

attributing Vande Mataram to Tagore (who wrote the Anthem).

**EXAM TIP**

Vande Mataram = Bankim Chandra, from Anandamath.

**INTERVIEW**

Symbols and the freedom struggle.

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The e200X, unveiled in July 2026, is India's first full-scale prototype of what kind of aircraft?

- ☐ A A supersonic jet
- ☒ B An electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) air taxi ✓
- ☐ C A hydrogen-powered airliner
- ☐ D A solar-powered drone

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The e200X, from the IIT Madras-incubated The ePlane Company, is India's first full-scale electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) air-taxi prototype. **ANALYSIS:** The roughly 2.2-tonne aircraft carries one pilot and two passengers or about 200 kg of cargo.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The ePlane Company is described as the first to receive a Design Organisation Approval from the DGCA for an electric aircraft.

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

GS3 science-tech.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

urban air mobility, deep-tech start-ups, decarbonising transport.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing eVTOL with conventional drones.

**EXAM TIP**

e200X is an eVTOL air taxi.

**INTERVIEW**

Regulating novel aircraft.

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The ePlane Company, developer of the e200X, is incubated at which institution?

A IISc Bengaluru

B IIT Madras ✓

C IIT Bombay

D ISRO

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

FACT: The ePlane Company is a Chennai-based start-up incubated at IIT Madras. ANALYSIS: The e200X is intended for air taxi, urban cargo and air-ambulance uses, with high indigenous content.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The prototype, PT-01, moves the company from simulation to physical flight testing.

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

GS3 science-tech, innovation ecosystem.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

incubation, Atmanirbhar aerospace.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

attributing it to ISRO.

**EXAM TIP**

The ePlane Company is incubated at IIT Madras.

**INTERVIEW**

Academic incubators and deep tech.

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The Rs 37,500 crore scheme in focus in July 2026, implemented by the Ministry of Coal, promotes:

- ☐ A Coal-fired power plants
- ☒ B Surface coal and lignite gasification ✓
- ☐ C Coal exports
- ☐ D Underground coal mining only

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects, with an outlay of Rs 37,500 crore, aims to convert coal into gas for value-added products rather than direct burning. **ANALYSIS:** Downstream products include synthetic natural gas, methanol, ammonia and synthetic fuels.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

It aligns with the national target of gasifying 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030.

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

GS3 economy and energy.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

coal gasification, import substitution, energy security.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing gasification with coal-fired power.

**EXAM TIP**

the scheme promotes coal and lignite gasification.

**INTERVIEW**

Cleaner use of coal.

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Coal gasification, promoted by the 2026 scheme, primarily produces which of the following?

- ☐ A Only electricity
- ☒ B Synthetic natural gas, methanol and ammonia ✓
- ☐ C Crude oil
- ☐ D Nuclear fuel

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Coal gasification converts coal into synthesis gas, which is used to make synthetic natural gas (SNG), methanol, ammonia, direct reduced iron and synthetic fuels and chemicals. **ANALYSIS:** This adds value and can substitute imports of methanol and ammonia.

📌 CONCEPT NOTE

The scheme is expected to catalyse Rs 2.5 to 3 lakh crore of investment.

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

GS3 economy and energy.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

value addition, import substitution, emissions trade-off.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

thinking gasification only makes power.

**EXAM TIP**

gasification yields SNG, methanol and ammonia.

**INTERVIEW**

Balancing coal use and emissions.

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India's rank in the world in cotton, as highlighted by the Mission for Cotton Productivity, is:

A First in cotton-growing area ✓

B First in cotton yield per hectare

C Third in cotton area

D Fifth in cotton production

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: India ranks first in the world in cotton-growing area, at about 114.84 lakh hectares (roughly 38 per cent of the world's cotton area), and is among the top two in production and consumption. **ANALYSIS:** However, India's per-hectare yield lags the world average, which the Mission for Cotton Productivity aims to raise.

📌 CONCEPT NOTE

Cotton supports about 6 million farmers; the Mission runs from 2026-27 to 2030-31.

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

GS3 economy and agriculture.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

productivity, value chain, farmer incomes.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming India leads in yield (it leads in area).

**EXAM TIP**

India is first in cotton area, not yield.

**INTERVIEW**

Raising farm productivity.

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The Kasturi Cotton Bharat initiative, linked to India's cotton sector, is primarily about:

- ☐ A Cotton export subsidies
- ☒ B Branding and traceability of Indian cotton ✓
- ☐ C Banning cotton imports
- ☐ D Genetically modified cotton seeds

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Kasturi Cotton Bharat is a branding and traceability initiative for Indian cotton, aimed at establishing quality and a distinct identity in global markets. **ANALYSIS:** It complements the Mission for Cotton Productivity and the Minimum Support Price operations of the Cotton Corporation of India.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

India's cotton yield per hectare lags the world average, a key focus of the productivity mission.

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

GS3 economy and agriculture.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

branding, traceability, value addition.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

treating Kasturi Cotton as a seed variety.

**EXAM TIP**

Kasturi Cotton Bharat is a branding and traceability initiative.

**INTERVIEW**

Adding value to farm produce.

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Batukeshwar Dutt, remembered on his death anniversary in July, is associated with which 1929 event?

- ☐ A The Chittagong armoury raid
- ☒ B The Central Legislative Assembly bombing with Bhagat Singh ✓
- ☐ C The Kakori train action
- ☐ D The Chauri Chaura incident

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Batukeshwar Dutt, along with Bhagat Singh, threw non-lethal bombs and leaflets in the Central Legislative Assembly on April 8, 1929, courting arrest to publicise the revolutionary cause. **ANALYSIS:** Both were members of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA).

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Dutt was imprisoned in the Cellular Jail and took part in the historic 1929 hunger strike with Jatin Das.

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 **CONCEPT KIT**

CROSS-PAPER

GS1 modern history and the freedom struggle.


MAINS KEYWORDS

revolutionary nationalism, HSRA, propaganda by deed.


COMMON MISTAKE

confusing the Assembly bombing with the Kakori action.


EXAM TIP

Dutt and Bhagat Singh carried out the 1929 Assembly bombing.


INTERVIEW

Revolutionary vs Gandhian methods.


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Batukeshwar Dutt was a member of which revolutionary organisation?

- ☐ A The Anushilan Samiti
- ☒ B The Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) ✓
- ☐ C The Ghadar Party
- ☐ D The Indian National Army

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Batukeshwar Dutt was a member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA), the organisation associated with Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad and others. **ANALYSIS:** The HSRA combined revolutionary action with a socialist vision for free India.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The slogan "Inquilab Zindabad" is closely associated with this group.

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

GS1 modern history.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

revolutionary movements, HSRA, socialism.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the HSRA with the Ghadar Party or INA.

**EXAM TIP**

Dutt and Bhagat Singh belonged to the HSRA.

**INTERVIEW**

Ideology of the revolutionaries.

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Angen, in the news in July 2026, is notable as the first National Award-winning film in which language?

A Bhojpuri

B Santhali ✓

C Tulu

D Bodo

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Angen, directed by Ravi Raj Murmu, became the first Santhali-language film to win a National Award, taking the Best Debut Film of a Director (Non-Feature). **ANALYSIS:** Santhali is a language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, spoken by the Santhal tribal community.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The short film draws on an indigenous folktale.

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

GS1 art, culture and society.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

tribal culture, linguistic diversity, Eighth Schedule.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

misidentifying the language.

**EXAM TIP**

Angen is the first Santhali film to win a National Award.

**INTERVIEW**

Cinema and tribal identity.

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Santhali, the language of the film Angen, is:

- ☐ A Not recognised by the Constitution
- ☒ B A language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution ✓
- ☐ C A dialect of Bengali
- ☐ D An official language only in Odisha

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Santhali is one of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, spoken by the Santhal, a major tribal community of eastern India. **ANALYSIS:** It was added to the Eighth Schedule by the 92nd Amendment in 2003, along with Bodo, Dogri and Maithili.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Santhali is written in the Ol Chiki script.

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

GS1 society, GS2 Constitution.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

Eighth Schedule, linguistic rights, tribal identity.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

treating Santhali as a dialect of another language.

**EXAM TIP**

Santhali is an Eighth Schedule language (added 2003).

**INTERVIEW**

Protecting tribal languages.

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The Reserve Bank of India, in mid-2026, revised its FY27 real GDP growth forecast to about:

A 5.5 per cent

B 6.6 per cent ✓

C 7.5 per cent

D 8.0 per cent

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The RBI trimmed its real GDP growth forecast for 2026-27 to about 6.6 per cent, citing global uncertainty and trade headwinds. **ANALYSIS:** It held the repo rate at 5.25 per cent with a neutral stance.

 CONCEPT NOTE

Growth and inflation projections are set by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

Q13 **CONCEPT KIT**

 CROSS-PAPER	GS3 economy.
 MAINS KEYWORDS	growth forecast, monetary policy, global headwinds.
 COMMON MISTAKE	confusing the growth forecast with the repo rate.
 EXAM TIP	RBI FY27 forecast about 6.6 per cent.
 INTERVIEW	Reading central-bank signals.

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The national flag of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on which date?

A August 15, 1947

B July 22, 1947 ✓

C January 26, 1950

D November 26, 1949

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

FACT: The Constituent Assembly adopted the national flag, the tricolour, on July 22, 1947. **ANALYSIS:** The design is based on the Swaraj flag, with the Ashok Chakra, a 24-spoke wheel, replacing the charkha.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The Ashok Chakra is taken from the Lion Capital of Ashoka at Sarnath.

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

GS1 modern history, national symbols.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

national flag, Constituent Assembly.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing flag adoption (July 22, 1947) with Independence Day.

**EXAM TIP**

the flag was adopted on July 22, 1947.

**INTERVIEW**

Symbols of the nation.

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Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, whose election is marked on July 21, served as the:

- ☐ **A** First President of India
- ☒ **B** Sixth President of India, elected unopposed ✓
- ☐ **C** First Vice-President of India
- ☐ **D** First Speaker of the Lok Sabha only

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Neelam Sanjiva Reddy was declared elected as the sixth President of India, notably unopposed, on July 21, 1977. **ANALYSIS:** He had earlier served as the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

 CONCEPT NOTE

He remains the only President of India to have been elected unopposed.

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

GS2 polity, constitutional offices.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

President, election, constitutional history.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

misremembering his ordinal number.

**EXAM TIP**

Neelam Sanjiva Reddy was the 6th President, elected unopposed.

**INTERVIEW**

The office of the President.

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