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The Teesta Stage-VI hydropower project, site of a July 2026 tunnel disaster, is located in which state?

A Uttarakhand

B Sikkim ✓

C Himachal Pradesh

D Arunachal Pradesh

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

FACT: The Teesta Stage-VI Hydroelectric Project, where a suspected methane burst and explosion in the Head Race Tunnel trapped 25 workers, at least 22 of whom died, is in Namchi district, South Sikkim, on the Teesta river, developed by NHPC. ANALYSIS: The accident underlined the hazards of hydropower construction in the young, fragile Himalaya.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The Teesta basin also saw the 2023 Teesta-III glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF).

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

GS1 geography, GS3 disaster management.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

Himalayan hydropower, tunnel safety, disaster preparedness.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

placing the Teesta in another state.

**EXAM TIP**

the Teesta flows through Sikkim and West Bengal.

**INTERVIEW**

Dams in fragile mountains.

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The Teesta river, in the news in July 2026, is a transboundary river shared with:

A Nepal

B Bangladesh ✓

C Bhutan

D Myanmar

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The Teesta is a major transboundary river shared between India and Bangladesh, and water-sharing on it is a long-standing bilateral issue. **ANALYSIS:** The Teesta Stage-VI project is a run-of-river plant on this river in Sikkim.

 CONCEPT NOTE

Methane (CH₄) is a flammable and asphyxiant gas, a hazard in tunnelling.

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

GS1 geography, GS2 India-Bangladesh.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

transboundary rivers, water diplomacy.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

associating the Teesta with Nepal.

**EXAM TIP**

the Teesta is shared with Bangladesh.

**INTERVIEW**

River-water sharing with neighbours.

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By joining the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies in July 2026, India became the:

- ☐ A First member to ratify it
- ☒ B 123rd member to accept it ✓
- ☐ C Last member to join
- ☐ D Only developing country member

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: India deposited its Instrument of Acceptance of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, becoming the 123rd member to do so. **ANALYSIS:** The agreement is the first WTO pact with an environmental-sustainability objective, curbing subsidies for illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The agreement was adopted at the 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) in Geneva in 2022 and entered into force on September 15, 2025.

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

GS2 international institutions, GS3 environment.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

WTO, sustainability, blue economy, fisher livelihoods.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

thinking it is a purely trade pact.

**EXAM TIP**

the AFS is the first environment-focused WTO agreement.

**INTERVIEW**

Trade and sustainability.

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The World Trade Organization (WTO) is headquartered in and headed by:

- ☐ A New York; Antonio Guterres
- ☒ B Geneva; Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala ✓
- ☐ C Washington; Kristalina Georgieva
- ☐ D Paris; Mathias Cormann

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The WTO is headquartered in Geneva and is headed by Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, who received India's Instrument of Acceptance of the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement. **ANALYSIS:** India has sought stronger special and differential treatment for small and traditional fishers.

📄 CONCEPT NOTE

The Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies targets IUU fishing and subsidies for overfished stocks.

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

GS2 international institutions.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

WTO, special and differential treatment, distant-water fleets.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the WTO with the IMF or UN.

**EXAM TIP**

WTO is in Geneva; DG is Okonjo-Iweala.

**INTERVIEW**

India at the WTO.

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The ICMR technologies licensed in July 2026 include SHetA2, a targeted therapeutic against which condition?

A Tuberculosis

B Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (linked to HPV) ✓

C Malaria

D Diabetes

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: SHetA2, a first-in-class anti-HPV therapeutic for cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN), was licensed by ICMR to Emcure Pharmaceuticals under its Patent Mitra initiative. **ANALYSIS:** HPV (human papillomavirus) causes most cervical cancer, a high-burden cancer among Indian women.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

ICMR also licensed next-generation typhoid vaccine technologies from ICMR-NIRBI, Kolkata to Biological E.

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

GS3 science-tech and health.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

technology transfer, Atmanirbhar health, cervical-cancer elimination.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing HPV with other pathogens.

**EXAM TIP**

SHetA2 targets HPV-linked cervical neoplasia.

**INTERVIEW**

Lab-to-market in health.

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The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is the apex body for biomedical research under which ministry?

- ☐ **A** Ministry of Science and Technology
- ☒ **B** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ✓
- ☐ **C** Ministry of Education
- ☐ **D** Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The ICMR is the apex body for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research in India, functioning under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. **ANALYSIS:** Its Patent Mitra initiative supports commercialisation of publicly funded innovations.

 CONCEPT NOTE

ICMR-NIRBI, Kolkata was formerly known as NICED.

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

GS3 science-tech.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

research institutions, technology transfer.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

placing ICMR under the science ministry.

**EXAM TIP**

ICMR is under the Health Ministry.

**INTERVIEW**

Public research and innovation.

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Mission Golden Spice, launched in July 2026, aims to build a value chain for which product?

A Assam tea

B Lakadong turmeric of Meghalaya ✓

C Kashmiri saffron

D Coorg coffee

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Mission Golden Spice, a Rs 175.45 crore five-year mission under the Ministry of DoNER, aims to build a global GI-tagged value chain for Lakadong turmeric from the Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya. **ANALYSIS:** Lakadong turmeric has one of the world's highest curcumin contents, about 7 to 12 per cent.

📌 CONCEPT NOTE

The mission mandates about 99 per cent women participation in processing.

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

GS3 economy and agriculture.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

GI tag, value chains, women-led FPOs, North-East development.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Lakadong turmeric with another spice.

**EXAM TIP**

Lakadong turmeric is from Meghalaya, high curcumin.

**INTERVIEW**

Premiumising farm produce.

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Lakadong turmeric is prized mainly for its high content of:

- ☐ A Capsaicin
- ☒ B Curcumin ✓
- ☐ C Caffeine
- ☐ D Piperine

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Lakadong turmeric is prized for its high curcumin content, about 7 to 12 per cent, among the highest in the world, which gives it strong colour, flavour and medicinal value. **ANALYSIS:** This makes it valuable for nutraceutical and spice exports under a GI-tagged value chain.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

It comes from the Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya in the North East.

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

GS3 agriculture.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

curcumin, nutraceuticals, GI branding.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing curcumin with capsaicin (chillies).

**EXAM TIP**

turmeric's key compound is curcumin.

**INTERVIEW**

Value addition in spices.

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Shabdalok, inaugurated in July 2026 at the National Library, Kolkata, is:

- ☐ A A new science city
- ☒ B India's first immersive language museum ✓
- ☐ C A digital archive of newspapers
- ☐ D A film institute

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

FACT: Shabdalok, the "Museum of the Word", inaugurated at the National Library in Kolkata, is described as India's first immersive language museum, with galleries celebrating India's languages, including the 22 in the Eighth Schedule. **ANALYSIS:** It uses holograms and AI to showcase linguistic heritage.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The National Library, Kolkata is India's largest library and a library of public record.

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 CONCEPT KIT**CROSS-PAPER**

GS1 art, culture and society.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

linguistic diversity, Eighth Schedule, cultural preservation.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

misidentifying the museum's theme.

**EXAM TIP**

Shabdlok is India's first language museum, in Kolkata.

**INTERVIEW**

Preserving India's languages.

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The Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, celebrated at Shabdlok, currently lists how many languages?

A 18 languages

B 22 languages ✓

C 14 languages

D 28 languages

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Eighth Schedule currently lists 22 languages; it originally had 14, and the latest additions, Bodo, Dogri, Maithili and Santhali, were made by the 92nd Amendment in 2003. **ANALYSIS:** Shabdlok celebrates these scheduled languages and India's wider linguistic heritage.

📌 CONCEPT NOTE

There are demands to include more languages, such as Bhojpuri, in the Eighth Schedule.

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

GS2 Constitution, GS1 society.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

Eighth Schedule, linguistic rights.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

misremembering the count (22, not 18).

**EXAM TIP**

the Eighth Schedule has 22 languages.

**INTERVIEW**

Language and identity.

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France's 2026 law on children and social media is notable because France became the:

- ☐ A First country in the world to set an age limit
- ☒ B First European Union country to ban social media for under-15s ✓
- ☐ C First country to ban the internet for minors
- ☐ D Only country to allow unlimited access

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: France passed a law making it the first European Union country to ban social media for children under 15, with new accounts blocked from around September 2026. **ANALYSIS:** Australia was the first country globally to legislate an age limit (under-16, in 2025).

📄 CONCEPT NOTE

In India, the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 requires verifiable parental consent for processing the data of those under 18.

Q11 **CONCEPT KIT**

 CROSS-PAPER	GS2 governance and social issues.
 MAINS KEYWORDS	online child safety, age verification, data protection.
 COMMON MISTAKE	thinking France was first globally (Australia was).
 EXAM TIP	France is the first EU country to ban under-15 social media.
 INTERVIEW	Protecting children online.

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India's framework for protecting children's data online is primarily provided by:

- ☐ A The Information Technology Act, 2000 only
- ☒ B The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 ✓
- ☐ C The Juvenile Justice Act, 2015
- ☐ D The Consumer Protection Act, 2019

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 governs the processing of personal data, including special protections for children, requiring verifiable parental consent for those under 18. **ANALYSIS:** It is India's main reference point when comparing global moves like France's under-15 social-media ban.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The Information Technology Rules, 2021 also impose due-diligence duties on intermediaries.

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

GS2 governance, data protection.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

DPDP Act, parental consent, online harms.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

attributing child-data rules only to the IT Act.

**EXAM TIP**

children's data is covered by the DPDP Act, 2023.

**INTERVIEW**

Balancing safety and privacy.

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The national flag of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly, with the resolution moved by, on July 22, 1947 by:

A B R Ambedkar

B Jawaharlal Nehru ✓

C Sardar Patel

D Rajendra Prasad

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The Constituent Assembly adopted the national flag on July 22, 1947, with the resolution moved by Jawaharlal Nehru. **ANALYSIS:** The tricolour 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.

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

GS1 modern history, national symbols.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

national flag, Constituent Assembly.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the mover of the resolution.

**EXAM TIP**

Nehru moved the flag resolution on July 22, 1947.

**INTERVIEW**

The making of national symbols.

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The Naying Hydroelectric Project cleared in July 2026 is on the Siyom river, a tributary system linked to which major river?

- ☐ A The Ganga
- ☒ B The Brahmaputra (Siang / Yarlung Tsangpo) ✓
- ☐ C The Godavari
- ☐ D The Indus

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The roughly 1,000 MW Naying project in West Siang, Arunachal Pradesh, is on the Siyom river in the Siang basin; the Siang is the Indian name for the Yarlung Tsangpo, which becomes the Brahmaputra. **ANALYSIS:** The basin is strategically significant given China's planned mega-dam on the Yarlung Tsangpo.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India; the developer is NEEPCO.

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

GS1 geography, GS2 IR, GS3 energy.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

hydropower, water security, transboundary rivers.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

not linking the Siang to the Yarlung Tsangpo.

**EXAM TIP**

Siang = Yarlung Tsangpo = Brahmaputra.

**INTERVIEW**

Water and strategic security.

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India's first dengue vaccine, approved in July 2026, received marketing authorisation from:

- ☐ A The ICMR
- ☒ B The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) ✓
- ☐ C The WHO
- ☐ D NITI Aayog

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), India's national drug regulator, granted marketing authorisation for a dengue vaccine (Qdenga), reported as India's first. **ANALYSIS:** Dengue, spread by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito and having four serotypes, is a high-burden disease in India.

📄 CONCEPT NOTE

A vaccine complements, but does not replace, vector-control measures.

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

GS2 health, GS3 science-tech.

**MAINS KEYWORDS**

vaccines, vector-borne disease, drug regulation.

**COMMON MISTAKE**

attributing approval to the ICMR or WHO.

**EXAM TIP**

CDSCO is India's drug regulator.

**INTERVIEW**

Fighting vector-borne disease.

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