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1. With reference to the Supreme Court's ruling concerning the Bar Council of India, consider the following statements:

1. The Court held that the Bar Council's disciplinary authority over a person begins after enrolment as an advocate.
2. The Court held that this authority extends to all conduct of a person before enrolment.

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

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The Indian Express reported that the Supreme Court limited Bar Council authority to the period after a law graduate is enrolled as an advocate. It did not accept jurisdiction over student conduct before enrolment. Thus statement 1 captures the ruling, while statement 2 reverses its scope. The distinction is important because professional disciplinary jurisdiction depends on the legal status created by enrolment.

2. Consider the following statements regarding the Pichavaram mangrove valuation reported on 3 September 2026:

1. The study estimated the Total Economic Value of the ecosystem at about ₹2,485.38 crore.
2. The study treated only commercially marketed fishery products as ecosystem services.

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

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The reported ISEC study placed Pichavaram's Total Economic Value at ₹2,485.38 crore and considered a broad range of ecological and livelihood benefits. Mangrove valuation can include regulating services such as coastal protection and carbon storage, not merely marketed fisheries. Therefore statement 1 is correct and statement 2 is too narrow.

3. Regarding the India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement discussed on 3 September 2026, consider the following:

1. India said it would finalise the BTA after obtaining preferential tariff treatment relative to competitors.
 2. The reported position was that tariff treatment was irrelevant because the agreement text had already been fully implemented.
- A) A. Neither 1 nor 2
 B) B. 2 only
 C) C. 1 only
 D) D. Both 1 and 2

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said India would finalise and announce the BTA details once Washington provides preferential tariff terms compared with India's competitors. The agreement remained under negotiation and had not been implemented. Hence statement 1 reflects the reported position, while statement 2 incorrectly treats the deal as already operational.

4. With reference to the new National Accounts Statistics series, consider the following statements:

1. The revised national accounts use 2022–23 as the base year.
 2. The earlier base year was 2011–12.
 3. The revised publication includes production, consumption and expenditure aggregates.
- A) A. 1, 2 and 3
 B) B. 2 and 3 only
 C) C. 1 and 2 only
 D) D. 1 and 3 only

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The 2026 National Accounts Statistics publication shifted the base year from 2011–12 to 2022–23. It also presents a broad set of national-accounting aggregates covering production, value added, consumption, expenditure, savings and other sectors. All three statements therefore follow the reported structure of the revised series.

5. With reference to the sharp-tailed sandpiper sighting reported from Delhi-NCR, consider the following statements:

1. It was reported at Najafgarh Lake.
2. It is a migratory bird associated with the Siberian region.
3. The report concerned a resident tropical forest bird of peninsular India.

- A) A. 2 and 3 only
 B) B. 1 and 2 only
 C) C. 1, 2 and 3
 D) D. 1 and 3 only

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The Indian Express described the bird as a rare Siberian visitor spotted at Najafgarh Lake in Delhi-NCR. That makes statements 1 and 2 consistent with the report. Statement 3 is incorrect because the bird is notable precisely as a migratory visitor rather than a resident tropical forest species of peninsular India.

6. Consider the following statements about the UNEP climate overshoot pathway reported in The Hindu:

1. It accepts that the 1.5°C threshold is likely to be crossed in the coming years.
2. It advocates limiting the peak and duration of the overshoot.
3. It treats current policies as sufficient to keep warming close to 1.5°C by 2100.

- A) A. 1, 2 and 3
 B) B. 1 and 3 only
 C) C. 1 and 2 only
 D) D. 2 and 3 only

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The UNEP pathway recognises that the 1.5°C threshold is likely to be breached and focuses on keeping any overshoot as small and brief as possible before temperatures decline. The report does not say current policies are sufficient for 1.5°C; the reported current-policy trajectory is much higher. Hence statements 1 and 2 are correct.

7. Regarding fishing-vessel movement between Tamil Nadu's territorial waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone, consider the following:

1. Tamil Nadu regulates fishing within its territorial waters through its marine-fishing rules.
2. The Union framework governs fishing in the EEZ beyond the territorial sea.
3. The Supreme Court directed Tamil Nadu to create a specified channel for vessels transiting towards the EEZ.

- A) A. 2 and 3 only
B) B. 1 and 3 only
C) C. 1 and 2 only
D) D. 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

• The Hindu reported that the Court distinguished the State's regulatory domain in territorial waters from the Union framework applicable to the EEZ. To reconcile the two, the Supreme Court directed Tamil Nadu to formulate a specified channel for transit. The case therefore illustrates how maritime jurisdiction and fisheries regulation can intersect in a federal system.

8. Consider the following statements about Pichavaram mangroves:

1. They are located in Tamil Nadu.
2. The reported valuation included blue-carbon benefits.
3. The study surveyed households in mangrove-dependent villages.
4. The valuation was limited to tourism receipts alone.

- A) A. 1, 2 and 3 only
B) B. 2 and 3 only
C) C. 1 and 4 only
D) D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

• The Pichavaram assessment was a broad ecosystem-services valuation in Tamil Nadu. It included blue carbon, ecological functions and livelihood-related benefits and drew primary information from households in five dependent villages. Tourism was only one component, so statement 4 is incorrect. The case illustrates the idea of Total Economic Value in environmental economics.

9. Consider the following statements about the 1.5°C overshoot pathway:

1. It is based on an overshoot followed by a decline in global temperature.
2. Deep emissions reductions remain important even under an overshoot scenario.
3. Carbon removal becomes relevant to bringing temperatures back down.
4. The pathway means the Paris temperature goal has been formally abandoned.

- A) A. 1 and 2 only
B) B. 1, 2 and 3 only
C) C. 1, 2, 3 and 4
D) D. 2, 3 and 4 only

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

• The UNEP approach does not abandon the Paris temperature goal; it addresses how to minimise damage if the threshold is temporarily exceeded. It combines deep emissions cuts with measures such as carbon removal and methane reduction. Thus statements 1, 2 and 3 reflect the reported pathway, whereas statement 4 overstates its meaning.

10. With reference to the India-Belgium engagement reported on 3 September 2026, consider the following areas:

1. Defence cooperation
2. Semiconductors
3. Maritime security
4. Military hardware and emerging defence technologies

- A) A. 2, 3 and 4 only
B) B. 1 and 2 only
C) C. 1, 2, 3 and 4
D) D. 1, 2 and 3 only

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

• The Indian Express reported that India and Belgium discussed stronger cooperation across defence and semiconductors, with maritime security and military hardware also forming part of the engagement. The story therefore went beyond a narrow diplomatic exchange and highlighted technology and security cooperation. All four listed areas were part of the reported discussion.

11. Consider the following statements about India's revised GDP framework reported on 3 September 2026:

1. The base-year revision is intended to make national-account estimates more representative of the contemporary economy.
2. National accounts revisions can incorporate updated source data and methods.
3. A higher real GDP growth rate automatically means every household became proportionately richer.
4. GDP measures the value of final goods and services produced within the relevant accounting boundary.

- A) A. 2 and 3 only
- B) B. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- C) C. 1 and 3 only
- D) D. 1, 2 and 4 only

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- The reported GDP debate centred on a revised base year and updated national-accounting methods. Such revisions can improve representation by incorporating newer data and methodology. GDP is a production measure and does not by itself establish equal changes in household income or welfare. Therefore statement 3 is the conceptual error, while 1, 2 and 4 are valid.

12. Assertion (A): The Supreme Court's fishing-vessel direction requires Tamil Nadu to frame a specified transit channel towards the EEZ.

Reason (R): State and Union regulatory regimes operate over different maritime zones relevant to fishing.

- A) A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) B. A is true, but R is false.
- C) C. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- D) D. A is false, but R is true.

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The Court's direction arose from the distinction between State regulation in territorial waters and the Union's framework for fisheries in the EEZ. A specified transit channel can reconcile movement through the State-regulated zone with fishing activity intended beyond it. Thus both propositions are true, and the jurisdictional distinction explains the Court's direction.

13. Assertion (A): The Pichavaram study demonstrates why mangrove conservation can be viewed as economic infrastructure.

Reason (R): Mangroves provide services such as coastal protection and carbon storage that can have substantial economic value even without ordinary market prices.

- A) A. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- B) B. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- C) C. A is false, but R is true.
- D) D. A is true, but R is false.

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The valuation of Pichavaram placed monetary values on ecological services beyond direct market transactions. Coastal protection, carbon storage and livelihood support are examples of benefits that conventional accounts may overlook. The reason therefore explains why the study can frame mangroves as economically valuable natural infrastructure rather than merely as timber-producing vegetation.

14. Assertion (A): A temporary temperature overshoot necessarily means that all climate mitigation targets become irrelevant.

Reason (R): The UNEP pathway specifically focuses on limiting the magnitude and duration of overshoot and returning temperatures below the threshold.

- A) A. A is true, but R is false.
- B) B. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- C) C. A is false, but R is true.
- D) D. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The assertion is false because an overshoot pathway is designed precisely to preserve the possibility of reducing warming after a temporary breach. The UNEP report emphasises minimising the peak and duration of overshoot and subsequently lowering temperatures. The reason is therefore true and directly contradicts the assertion's claim that mitigation targets become irrelevant.

15. Assertion (A): India's demand for preferential tariff treatment in the proposed US trade agreement reflects concern about relative export competitiveness.

Reason (R): A tariff advantage compared with competing countries can affect the price competitiveness of Indian exports in the US market.

- A) A. A is true, but R is false.
- B) B. A is false, but R is true.
- C) C. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- D) D. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- The Times of India reported that India wanted preferential tariff terms compared with competitors before finalising the BTA. Such a preference is economically linked to relative competitiveness: two exporters facing different tariffs may have different landed prices even when production costs are similar. The reason therefore provides the economic logic behind the reported negotiating position.

16. Match

List I with

List II:

- List I — 1. Pichavaram
2. Najafgarh Lake
3. Bishkek
4. Kyiv

- List II — A. Ukraine
B. Tamil Nadu mangrove ecosystem
C. Kyrgyzstan
D. Delhi-NCR wetland

- A) A. 1-B, 2-D, 3-C, 4-A
- B) B. 1-B, 2-C, 3-D, 4-A
- C) C. 1-D, 2-B, 3-A, 4-C
- D) D. 1-C, 2-D, 3-B, 4-A

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- Pichavaram is the Tamil Nadu mangrove ecosystem discussed in the valuation study; Najafgarh Lake in Delhi-NCR was the site of the rare bird sighting. Bishkek is the capital of Kyrgyzstan and hosted the SCO summit, while Kyiv is the Ukrainian capital visited by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. The locations therefore map as 1-B, 2-D, 3-C and 4-A.

17. Match the institution with the subject associated with it in the 3 September news cycle:

- List I — 1. MoSPI
2. UNEP
3. Supreme Court
4. ISEC

- List II — A. Pichavaram economic valuation study
B. National accounts
C. Climate overshoot pathway
D. Fishing-vessel/Bar Council litigation

- A) A. 1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-D
B) B. 1-B, 2-C, 3-D, 4-A
C) C. 1-D, 2-A, 3-C, 4-B
D) D. 1-A, 2-D, 3-B, 4-C

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- MoSPI is the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and was associated with the revised national accounts. UNEP reported the climate overshoot pathway. The Supreme Court featured in the fisheries and Bar Council matters, while ISEC, Bengaluru, was associated with the Pichavaram valuation. Hence the first matching sequence is correct.

18. Match the term with its best description:

- List I — 1. Blue carbon
2. Base year
3. EEZ
4. Overshoot

- List II — A. Reference year used in constant-price comparisons
B. Carbon stored in coastal and marine ecosystems
C. Maritime zone beyond territorial waters where a coastal State has specified resource rights
D. Temporary warming beyond a threshold before decline

- A) A. 1-B, 2-C, 3-A, 4-D
B) B. 1-A, 2-B, 3-D, 4-C
C) C. 1-B, 2-A, 3-C, 4-D
D) D. 1-C, 2-A, 3-B, 4-D

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- Blue carbon refers to carbon captured and stored in coastal and marine ecosystems such as mangroves. A base year is the reference point for constant-price economic comparisons. The EEZ is a maritime zone associated with coastal-State resource

rights, while climate overshoot describes warming temporarily exceeding a threshold. The concepts therefore match as 1-B, 2-A, 3-C and 4-D.

19. Match the news item with the principal policy or conceptual area:

List I — 1. India-US BTA

2. Water-data governance

3. FLY91 aircraft order

4. Bar Council ruling

List II — A. Civil aviation connectivity

B. Trade policy

C. Professional legal regulation

D. Data-driven water management

A) A. 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C

B) B. 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B

C) C. 1-D, 2-B, 3-C, 4-A

D) D. 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

• The reported stories connect the proposed India-US BTA with trade policy, the Prime Minister's call with integrated water-data governance, FLY91's ATR order with regional aviation, and the Supreme Court ruling with professional legal regulation. These are distinct policy domains even though several involve institutional or regulatory questions.

20. Match the source-specific figure or detail with the corresponding story:

List I — 1. 7.8%

2. ₹2,485.38 crore

3. ₹1,612.40 crore

4. 40 ATR aircraft

List II — A. Pichavaram Total Economic Value

B. FLY91 order

C. Reported Q1 FY27 GDP growth

D. Pichavaram blue-carbon asset value

A) A. 1-C, 2-A, 3-D, 4-B

B) B. 1-D, 2-A, 3-C, 4-B

C) C. 1-A, 2-C, 3-B, 4-D

D) D. 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

• The revised national accounts discussion reported 7.8% GDP growth for Q1 FY27. The Pichavaram study estimated Total Economic Value at ₹2,485.38 crore and the blue-carbon asset value at ₹1,612.40 crore. Separately, FLY91 announced an order for 40 ATR aircraft. These figures therefore map uniquely to the listed stories.

21. Consider the following pairs:

1. Bart De Wever — Prime Minister of Belgium
 2. S. Jaishankar — External Affairs Minister of India
 3. Piyush Goyal — Commerce and Industry Minister of India
 4. Surya Kant — Chief Justice of India
- A) A. Only one pair is correctly matched
 - B) B. All four pairs are correctly matched
 - C) C. Only three pairs are correctly matched
 - D) D. Only two pairs are correctly matched

Correct Answer is : B**Explanation :**

- The 3 September news cycle associated Bart De Wever with Belgium's premiership, S. Jaishankar with India's External Affairs Ministry, and Piyush Goyal with Commerce and Industry. Justice Surya Kant was reported as the Chief Justice of India in the Bar Council context. All four pairs are correctly matched, making D the appropriate choice.

22. Consider the following pairs:

1. Pichavaram — Tamil Nadu
 2. Najafgarh Lake — Delhi-NCR
 3. Bishkek — Kyrgyzstan
 4. Kyiv — Ukraine
- A) A. Only pairs 1, 2 and 3 are correct
 - B) B. Only pairs 1 and 2 are correct
 - C) C. All four pairs are correct
 - D) D. Only pairs 2 and 3 are correct

Correct Answer is : C**Explanation :**

- All four geographical associations appeared in the day's reporting. Pichavaram is in Tamil Nadu; Najafgarh Lake is in Delhi-NCR; Bishkek is in Kyrgyzstan and hosted the SCO summit; and Kyiv is the capital of Ukraine, where India's External Affairs Minister travelled. The locations also connect environment, diplomacy and regional security themes.

23. Consider the following pairs of economic concepts and their usual interpretation:

1. Real GDP — output adjusted for price changes
2. Nominal GDP — output measured at current prices
3. Base year — reference year for constant-price estimates
4. Tariff preference — necessarily a subsidy paid directly by the importing government

- A) A. 2 and 3 only
- B) B. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- C) C. 1 and 4 only
- D) D. 1, 2 and 3 only

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

• The GDP revision story provides a natural link to national-accounting concepts. Real GDP attempts to separate volume changes from price changes, while nominal GDP is valued at current prices. A base year is used for constant-price comparisons. A tariff preference is a customs treatment, not automatically a direct subsidy. Hence only statements 1, 2 and 3 are correct.

24. Consider the following pairs related to maritime regulation:

1. Territorial waters — State marine-fishing regulation can operate within the relevant coastal jurisdiction
2. EEZ — Union legal framework governs India's resource rights in the zone
3. Specified channel — mechanism for vessel transit towards the EEZ
4. EEZ — extends only up to 12 nautical miles from the coast

- A) A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B) B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C) C. 1 and 2 only
- D) D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

• The fisheries litigation distinguished the territorial sea, where State marine-fishing rules operate, from the EEZ, where the Union framework applies. The Supreme Court's specified-channel direction addressed transit through the State-regulated area towards the EEZ. The 12-nautical-mile figure describes the territorial sea, not the full EEZ. Thus statement 4 is incorrect.

25. Consider the following pairs:

1. UNEP — climate overshoot pathway
2. ISEC Bengaluru — Pichavaram valuation
3. MoSPI — National Accounts Statistics
4. CSIR-NPL — India's national time reference

- A) A. Only pairs 1 and 2 are correct
- B) B. All four pairs are correct
- C) C. Only pairs 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- D) D. Only pairs 2 and 3 are correct

Correct Answer is : B**Explanation :**

- Each pairing reflects the institutions highlighted in the 3 September reporting. UNEP was associated with the overshoot pathway; ISEC, Bengaluru, with the Pichavaram valuation; MoSPI with National Accounts Statistics; and CSIR-NPL with the national time-reference discussion. The set therefore combines environment, statistics, ecology and metrology without treating the institutions as interchangeable.

26. Consider the following table:**Item | Reported detail****I. Pichavaram | ₹2,485.38 crore TEV****II. Pichavaram | ₹1.83 crore per hectare****III. Pichavaram | ₹1,612.40 crore blue-carbon asset value****IV. Pichavaram | 40 ATR aircraft ordered****Which rows are correctly matched?**

- A) A. I, II, III and IV
- B) B. I and II only
- C) C. I, II and III only
- D) D. II, III and IV only

Correct Answer is : C**Explanation :**

- The reported Pichavaram study gave a Total Economic Value of ₹2,485.38 crore and a per-hectare value of about ₹1.83 crore. It also estimated the blue-carbon asset at ₹1,612.40 crore. The 40-ATR figure belongs to FLY91, not Pichavaram. Therefore rows I, II and III are correct.

27. Consider the following table of reported institutional roles:**Institution | Role****I. MoSPI | National accounts**

II. UNEP | Climate overshoot assessment

III. Supreme Court | Judicial determination in fisheries jurisdiction

IV. FLY91 | Statutory regulator of civil aviation

Which rows are correctly matched?

- A) A. II, III and IV only
- B) B. I, II, III and IV
- C) C. I and II only
- D) D. I, II and III only

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- MoSPI publishes national accounts, UNEP produced the climate overshoot pathway discussed in the news, and the Supreme Court issued the fisheries-related direction. FLY91 is an airline, not a statutory civil-aviation regulator. The regulator role belongs to institutions such as DGCA. Thus I, II and III are correct.

28. Consider the following table of maritime zones and regulatory context:

Zone/context | Description

I. Territorial waters | Coastal-State jurisdiction is relevant

II. EEZ | Resource jurisdiction extends beyond the territorial sea

III. Specified channel | Facilitates transit towards the EEZ

IV. EEZ | Identical in legal extent to territorial waters

Which rows are correctly matched?

- A) A. I, II and III only
- B) B. II, III and IV only
- C) C. I and II only
- D) D. I, II, III and IV

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The Supreme Court fisheries matter highlighted the distinction between territorial waters and the EEZ and directed Tamil Nadu to create a specified channel for transit. These are not legally identical maritime zones. The fourth row therefore fails, while the first three capture the regulatory issue reported in the case.

29. Case Study: A coastal State wants to conserve fisheries within its territorial waters, while fishermen seek to transit those waters to reach fishing grounds in the EEZ. The State fears regulated fishing gear could be used inside its waters under the guise of transit.

Which institutional response best reflects the Supreme Court's reported approach?

- A) A. Prohibit all vessels from entering the EEZ
- B) B. Create a specified transit channel while preserving the separate regulatory regimes
- C) C. Transfer all coastal fisheries regulation to private associations
- D) D. Abolish State fisheries rules within territorial waters

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The reported Supreme Court approach did not erase either legal regime. Instead, it directed Tamil Nadu to formulate a specified channel for vessels moving towards the EEZ, while recognising the State's regulatory authority within territorial waters and the Union framework beyond them. This is an example of harmonising overlapping jurisdictions rather than replacing one with the other.

30. Case Study: A policymaker argues that a temporary breach of 1.5°C means climate policy should shift entirely from mitigation to adaptation. The UNEP overshoot pathway is cited during the discussion.

Which response is most consistent with the reported pathway?

- A) A. Treat 1.5°C as a target that no longer has scientific relevance
- B) B. Stop emissions reductions because overshoot is unavoidable
- C) C. Combine deep emissions cuts with measures to limit the peak and duration of overshoot and pursue cooling
- D) D. Focus only on carbon removal while allowing emissions to rise

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The UNEP pathway is not a permission slip for continued emissions. It recognises the risk of overshoot while emphasising deep emissions reductions, limiting the peak and duration, and eventually reducing temperatures. Carbon removal and methane reduction can contribute, but they complement rather than replace emissions cuts. Hence B best reflects the reported approach.

31. Case Study: An analyst compares India's exports with those of a competing country in the US market. Both firms have similar production costs, but one faces a lower import tariff after a negotiated preference.

Which conclusion best connects the scenario with India's reported BTA position?

- A) A. A tariff preference is identical to an export subsidy
- B) B. Market access is unrelated to trade negotiations
- C) C. Tariffs cannot influence landed prices
- D) D. The tariff difference can affect relative price competitiveness

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- The Times of India reported India's request for preferential tariff treatment relative to competitors before finalising the BTA. In trade economics, a lower tariff can reduce the import-side tax burden and improve relative price competitiveness. It is not automatically an export subsidy. The scenario therefore captures the commercial logic behind the reported negotiating demand.

32. Case Study: A statistical office updates its national-account base year and incorporates newer source information. A commentator concludes that the revision itself proves that every previous estimate was fraudulent.

Which assessment is most appropriate?

- A) A. Base-year revision is a normal statistical exercise and does not by itself imply fraud
- B) B. A new base year eliminates the need for revisions
- C) C. Base-year revision is prohibited once GDP is published
- D) D. National accounts cannot use revised source data

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The 3 September reporting on India's national accounts involved a revised base year and updated estimates. Statistical systems periodically revise methods and source data to improve measurement. Such revision is not evidence of fraud by itself. The broader lesson is that national accounts are living statistical estimates subject to methodological improvement and incorporation of better information.

33. The National Accounts Statistics 2026 publication shifted India's national-account base year to which year?

- A) A. 2004–05
- B) B. 2022–23
- C) C. 2017–18
- D) D. 2011–12

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The 2026 National Accounts Statistics publication adopted 2022–23 as the new base year, replacing 2011–12. A base-year change is used to update the price and production structure underlying constant-price estimates. The reported revision therefore reflects an effort to make the national-account framework more representative of the contemporary economy.

34. Which Union ministry is associated with the publication of National Accounts Statistics?

- A) A. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- B) B. Ministry of Finance
- C) C. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D) D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- National Accounts Statistics are published by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, or MoSPI. The 3 September reporting linked the revised GDP series and its new base year to this statistical institution. The Finance Ministry uses national-account data for policy, but publication of the national accounts is a MoSPI function.

35. The reported Q1 FY27 GDP growth rate discussed in the National Accounts context was:

- A) A. 7.1%
- B) B. 8.6%
- C) C. 6.4%
- D) D. 7.8%

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- The revised national-account discussion reported real GDP growth of 7.8% for the April–June 2026 quarter, i.e. Q1 of FY27. The figure became part of the debate over the new base year and revised statistical framework. It should not be confused with nominal GDP growth or with an annual full-year growth rate.

36. Why can changing the GDP base year alter measured real growth even when the underlying physical economy has not changed?

- A) A. It can change the relative weights and price structure used in constant-price calculations
- B) B. It converts nominal GDP into fiscal deficit
- C) C. It automatically changes the number of factories
- D) D. It eliminates all source-data revisions

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- A base-year revision can change the price structure and weights used to express economic activity in constant prices. Consequently, measured real growth can change because the statistical representation changes, even without a mechanical change in physical production. This is why comparisons across national-account series must consider the methodology and base year.

37. The rare sharp-tailed sandpiper was reported from which Delhi-NCR location?

- A) A. Sultanpur National Park
- B) B. Najafgarh Lake
- C) C. Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary
- D) D. Yamuna Biodiversity Park

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The Indian Express reported the rare sharp-tailed sandpiper at Najafgarh Lake in Delhi-NCR. The sighting was notable because the bird is a migratory visitor associated with northern breeding grounds. The question connects a current biodiversity report with wetland habitats that can serve as important stopover sites for migratory birds.

38. The sharp-tailed sandpiper sighting was significant primarily because the bird was described as a:

- A) A. Desert mammal
- B) B. Resident Himalayan predator
- C) C. Rare Siberian visitor
- D) D. Marine turtle species

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The Indian Express described the sharp-tailed sandpiper as a rare Siberian visitor. Such sightings can be important for documenting migration patterns and the ecological value of urban and peri-urban wetlands. The other options belong to unrelated ecological groups and do not correspond to the reported species.

39. Pichavaram's reported Total Economic Value was approximately:

- A) A. ₹1,224.6 crore
- B) B. ₹16,124 crore
- C) C. ₹248.5 crore
- D) D. ₹2,485.38 crore

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- The reported ISEC study estimated Pichavaram's Total Economic Value at ₹2,485.38 crore. The figure aggregates several ecosystem-service benefits rather than representing a single revenue stream. The study is useful for understanding environmental economics because many services supplied by mangroves do not have conventional market prices.

40. The reported per-hectare economic value of Pichavaram mangroves was approximately:

- A) A. ₹1.83 crore
- B) B. ₹8.13 crore
- C) C. ₹18.3 lakh
- D) D. ₹13.8 crore

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The Pichavaram valuation was reported at about ₹1.83 crore per hectare. Per-hectare valuation helps compare the intensity of ecosystem-service value across areas of different size. It should not be mistaken for an annual cash income earned by the forest or by local households.

41. Which component was reported as a separate major asset in the Pichavaram study?

- A) A. Foreign-exchange reserves
- B) B. Blue carbon
- C) C. Urban land value
- D) D. Mineral royalty

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The Pichavaram study specifically assessed blue carbon, meaning carbon stored in coastal and marine ecosystems such as mangroves. This captures a climate-regulation service that may not appear in conventional market accounts. Mineral royalties, foreign-exchange reserves and urban land values are unrelated to the reported ecosystem valuation.

42. The Pichavaram study's primary survey covered how many households?

- A) A. 502
- B) B. 102
- C) C. 302
- D) D. 202

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The reported study collected primary information from 302 households across five mangrove-dependent villages. Household-level evidence helps capture livelihood and social benefits that may be missed by a purely biophysical assessment. The number should be distinguished from the count of villages, which was five.

43. Pichavaram is best described as a:

- A) A. Cold desert wetland
- B) B. Inland grassland
- C) C. Himalayan alpine meadow
- D) D. Coastal mangrove ecosystem

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- Pichavaram is a prominent mangrove ecosystem on the Tamil Nadu coast. Mangroves occupy intertidal environments and provide habitat, shoreline protection, carbon storage and livelihood support. Its reported valuation therefore naturally connects environmental conservation with ecosystem-service economics.

44. Why is carbon stored in mangrove sediments especially relevant to blue-carbon accounting?

- A) A. Waterlogged sediments can retain organic carbon for long periods
- B) B. Sediments are fossil-fuel deposits
- C) C. Sediments prevent all greenhouse-gas exchange
- D) D. Carbon in sediments has no ecological function

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- Mangrove soils are often waterlogged and oxygen-poor, conditions that can slow decomposition and allow substantial organic carbon to accumulate. This makes below-ground sediment carbon an important part of blue-carbon assessments. The concept does not imply that sediments eliminate greenhouse-gas exchange or that they are fossil fuels.

45. The Supreme Court directed Tamil Nadu to formulate a specified channel in connection with:

- A) A. Inland river navigation
- B) B. Fishing-vessel transit towards the EEZ
- C) C. Highway toll collection
- D) D. Airport runway safety

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The reported Supreme Court order concerned fishing vessels seeking to transit Tamil Nadu's territorial waters towards fishing grounds in the Exclusive Economic Zone. The specified channel was intended to address the jurisdictional and conservation concerns arising from movement through State-regulated waters.

46. Under the maritime framework discussed in the fishing-vessel case, the territorial sea of a coastal State extends to:

- A) A. 24 nautical miles
- B) B. 3 nautical miles
- C) C. 12 nautical miles
- D) D. 6 nautical miles

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The territorial sea extends up to 12 nautical miles from the baseline under the standard law-of-the-sea framework. The fisheries case distinguished this State-regulated maritime space from the EEZ beyond it. The 24-nautical-mile figure is associated with the contiguous zone, not the territorial sea.

47. The Exclusive Economic Zone of a coastal State generally extends up to:

- A) A. 24 nautical miles
- B) B. 100 nautical miles
- C) C. 12 nautical miles
- D) D. 200 nautical miles

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- An EEZ generally extends up to 200 nautical miles from the baseline, subject to the law-of-the-sea framework and maritime delimitation with other States. It is not equivalent to the territorial sea. The fishing-vessel litigation illustrates why different legal regimes can apply across these zones.

48. What is the central federal issue illustrated by the Tamil Nadu fishing-vessel case?

- A) A. Different levels of government exercise regulatory authority over different maritime zones
- B) B. The Union has no role beyond 12 nautical miles
- C) C. States possess unlimited jurisdiction over the high seas
- D) D. Fisheries are constitutionally excluded from all State regulation

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The case illustrates regulatory overlap: State marine-fishing rules operate within the State's coastal jurisdiction, while the Union framework governs fisheries in the EEZ. The Supreme Court sought a practical mechanism for transit without erasing either regime. This is a concrete example of jurisdictional coordination in a federal setting.

49. The India-Belgium engagement on 3 September 2026 highlighted cooperation particularly in defence and:

- A) A. Tea exports
- B) B. Semiconductors
- C) C. Postal banking
- D) D. Antarctic tourism

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The Indian Express reported stronger India-Belgium cooperation in defence and semiconductors, alongside maritime security and military-technology areas. The pairing is significant because semiconductor capability has strategic importance for both civilian industry and defence supply chains.

50. Belgium's Prime Minister associated with the reported India visit was:

- A) A. Guy Verhofstadt
- B) B. Alexander De Croo
- C) C. Bart De Wever
- D) D. Charles Michel

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The Indian Express identified Bart De Wever as Belgium's Prime Minister and reported that the visit was his first to India since taking office in February 2025. The question is factual but also links the bilateral engagement to the contemporary European political leadership structure.

51. Which of the following best explains why semiconductors were treated as a strategic issue in India-Belgium discussions?

- A) A. They are synonymous with crude oil
- B) B. They have no supply-chain relevance
- C) C. They are used only in agricultural fertilisers
- D) D. They underpin electronics, communications, computing and many defence systems

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- Semiconductors are foundational components for electronics, telecommunications, computing, automobiles and advanced defence systems. Their strategic importance arises from concentrated supply chains and technological dependence. The India-Belgium discussion therefore fits the broader trend of treating semiconductor capability as both an industrial and strategic-security issue.

52. India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's 3 September visit included Ukraine and:

- A) A. Poland
- B) B. Romania
- C) C. Norway
- D) D. Hungary

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The Times of India reported that S. Jaishankar was on a three-day visit to Ukraine and Poland from 3 to 5 September 2026. The visit included bilateral consultations and came amid India's diplomatic engagement concerning the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

53. What diplomatic position did Jaishankar reiterate regarding the Russia-Ukraine conflict?

- A) A. India opposed all dialogue
- B) B. India was ready to help efforts to end the war in any manner possible
- C) C. India withdrew from all mediation-related discussion
- D) D. India recognised only military means

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- Jaishankar said in Kyiv that India was ready to contribute to efforts to end the Russia-Ukraine war in any manner possible. The reported position was consistent with India's emphasis on dialogue and diplomacy while maintaining independent relations with the parties to the conflict.

54. The proposed India-US BTA issue highlighted by Piyush Goyal concerned India's demand for:

- A) A. Withdrawal from the WTO
- B) B. A ban on all US imports
- C) C. Preferential tariff treatment relative to competitors
- D) D. A common currency with the US

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- Piyush Goyal said India would finalise the BTA after Washington provided preferential tariff terms compared with competitors. The issue is about market access and relative tariff competitiveness, not withdrawal from the WTO or monetary integration. It shows how bilateral trade agreements can be shaped by comparative tariff conditions.

55. Why can preferential tariff treatment matter even when two countries have already agreed on an agreement's text?

- A) A. A signed text automatically makes every product duty-free
- B) B. Competitors cannot receive different tariff treatment
- C) C. Tariffs are unrelated to market access
- D) D. Commercial benefits depend partly on the actual tariff terms applied to competing exporters

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- The reported BTA story showed that India was still seeking a comparative tariff advantage. Even if broad agreement exists on text, the economic value of market access depends on the tariff treatment actually available to exporters. Different countries can face different rates under trade arrangements, making relative preference commercially significant.

56. The Prime Minister's call for robust water-data governance emphasised the use of which technology for data collection and analysis?

- A) A. Artificial intelligence
- B) B. Blockchain mining only
- C) C. Quantum teleportation
- D) D. Optical fibre as the sole analytical tool

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The Indian Express reported that the Prime Minister recommended using AI for water-sector data collection and analysis through a uniform format. The objective was to bring fragmented water data together and make it systematically managed and usable for decision-making.

57. A uniform format for water-sector data would primarily help address which problem?

- A) A. Elimination of rainfall variability
- B) B. Interoperability and comparability of data from different sources
- C) C. Removal of all groundwater extraction
- D) D. Creation of new rivers

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- A uniform data format allows information collected by different agencies and systems to be combined, compared and analysed more effectively. The Prime Minister's reported emphasis on data governance was therefore institutional and technological rather than an attempt to alter the physical water cycle.

58. The regional airline FLY91 placed an order for how many ATR aircraft, according to The Indian Express?

- A) A. 60
- B) B. 20
- C) C. 40
- D) D. 30

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The Indian Express reported that FLY91 placed an order for 40 ATR aircraft. The airline had a fleet of six aircraft at the time and said the order would support its ambition to expand substantially. ATR aircraft are particularly associated with regional connectivity because of their turboprop design.

59. The FLY91 order was linked most directly to India's push for:

- A) A. Inland waterway dredging
- B) B. High-speed rail only
- C) C. Deep-sea mining
- D) D. Regional air connectivity

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- The reported FLY91 aircraft order was framed in the context of regional connectivity. Smaller turboprop aircraft can economically serve shorter routes and airports that may not support large jets. The story therefore connects private airline fleet expansion with the broader policy objective of improving air access beyond major metropolitan hubs.

60. Why are ATR-type turboprop aircraft often associated with regional connectivity?

- A) A. They are designed for efficient operation on relatively short regional routes
- B) B. They are exclusively military aircraft
- C) C. They can operate only in polar regions
- D) D. They require intercontinental runways for every operation

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- ATR aircraft are turboprop regional airliners designed for relatively short routes and regional airports. Their operating economics can suit lower-demand sectors better than larger jets. This explains why the FLY91 order was reported in the context of expanding regional connectivity rather than long-haul international aviation.

61. The Supreme Court ruling reported on 3 September limited Bar Council disciplinary authority in relation to:

- A) A. Sitting judges of the Supreme Court
- B) B. Law students before enrolment as advocates
- C) C. All government employees
- D) D. Foreign diplomats

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The Indian Express reported that the Supreme Court held the Bar Council's authority begins when a law graduate is enrolled as an advocate and does not extend to student conduct before enrolment. The ruling therefore turns on the legal status of the individual within the professional regulatory framework.

62. The constitutional provision discussed in relation to appointment of a 'distinguished jurist' to the Supreme Court is:

- A) A. Article 280
- B) B. Article 76
- C) C. Article 124(3)(c)
- D) D. Article 148

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The 3 September current-affairs discussion highlighted Article 124(3)(c), which provides the constitutional qualification route for a distinguished jurist to be appointed as a Supreme Court judge. The provision is distinct from the other listed articles, which concern offices such as the Attorney General, CAG and Finance Commission.

63. Why is Article 124(3)(c) notable in the current debate on Supreme Court appointments?

- A) A. It abolished the collegium system
- B) B. It applies only to High Court chief justices
- C) C. It automatically appoints every senior advocate
- D) D. The distinguished-jurist route has not been used in the constitutional history of the Court

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- The current-affairs discussion noted that the distinguished-jurist route in Article 124(3)(c) has never been invoked to appoint a Supreme Court judge. Its existence is therefore constitutionally significant even though appointments have developed through other mechanisms. It does not automatically appoint senior advocates or abolish the collegium framework.

64. The climate report discussed by The Hindu was released by which UN body?

- A) A. UNEP
- B) B. UNDP
- C) C. UNESCO
- D) D. UNCTAD

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The Hindu reported on a UNEP pathway addressing the likely breach of the 1.5°C warming threshold. UNEP is the United Nations Environment Programme, the UN system's principal body focused on environmental issues. The report's emphasis was climate mitigation, overshoot management and temperature decline.

65. Under the UNEP pathway, current policies were associated with a projected warming level by 2100 of approximately:

- A) A. 1.1°C
- B) B. 2.6°C
- C) C. 4.8°C
- D) D. 1.5°C

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The reported UNEP assessment put the current-policy trajectory at around 2.6°C warming by 2100, with a wider uncertainty range. This contrasts with the Paris Agreement's temperature goals and explains why the report focuses on an overshoot-and-decline pathway rather than assuming that present policies are sufficient.

66. The UNEP report said full implementation of national climate plans and net-zero targets would still imply a peak warming level of about:

- A) A. 3.8°C
- B) B. 1.0°C
- C) C. 1.8°C
- D) D. 2.6°C

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The reported pathway indicated that even full delivery of national climate plans and net-zero targets would place peak warming around 1.8°C. This is why the report discusses overshoot management and eventual cooling. The figure should not be confused with the higher trajectory associated with continuation of current policies.

67. Which of the following is most directly relevant to reducing the duration of climate overshoot?

- A) A. Expanding methane emissions
- B) B. Delaying mitigation until 2100
- C) C. Increasing unabated fossil-fuel use
- D) D. Rapid reduction of greenhouse-gas emissions

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- The UNEP pathway emphasises deep emissions cuts because the amount and duration of overshoot depend strongly on cumulative and continuing greenhouse-gas emissions. Carbon removal can assist later cooling, but it does not remove the need for rapid mitigation. The policy implication is therefore a combination of emissions reduction and carefully managed removal.

68. The SCO summit referred to in the 3 September Indian Express coverage was held in:

- A) A. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- B) B. Astana, Kazakhstan
- C) C. Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- D) D. Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The Indian Express reported on India's participation in the 26th SCO Summit held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The SCO is a Eurasian regional organisation whose membership includes India, China, Russia and other states. The location is therefore important both geographically and diplomatically.

69. Which of the following is a founding-era characteristic of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation?

- A) A. It is an African monetary union
- B) B. It is a Eurasian regional organisation centred on security and cooperation
- C) C. It is a UN specialised agency
- D) D. It is a military alliance equivalent to NATO

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The SCO is a Eurasian regional organisation with a broad agenda covering security, political cooperation and economic and people-to-people links. It is not a UN specialised agency and is not structurally equivalent to NATO. India's participation reflects its multi-aligned engagement across Eurasian institutions.

70. The 3 September reporting linked the proposed India-US BTA delay partly to which US trade mechanism?

- A) A. The US National Labor Relations Act
- B) B. Section 230 of the Communications Act
- C) C. Section 301 investigations
- D) D. The US Clean Air Act

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The Times of India reported that ongoing US Section 301 trade investigations were cited as a remaining hurdle in the BTA process. Section 301 is a US trade-law mechanism concerning unfair trade practices or restrictions. It is therefore directly relevant to tariff and market-access negotiations, unlike the other listed provisions.

71. A trade agreement gives one country's exporters a lower tariff than competing exporters. The most direct economic effect is likely to be:

- A) A. Guaranteed increase in domestic wages
- B) B. Abolition of all non-tariff barriers
- C) C. Automatic elimination of exchange-rate risk
- D) D. Improved relative market access for those exporters

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- A lower tariff can reduce the tax component of an imported product's landed cost and improve the exporting country's relative competitive position. It does not automatically eliminate currency risk, raise wages or remove non-tariff barriers. This is the economic logic behind India's reported request for preferential tariff treatment.

72. Which organisation is responsible for India's national time and frequency metrology function highlighted in the IST Rules discussion?

- A) A. CSIR-NPL
- B) B. RBI
- C) C. ISRO
- D) D. SEBI

Correct Answer is : A

Explanation :

- The Indian Express discussion on the legally enforceable Indian Standard Time framework identified CSIR-NPL's time and frequency metrology role. The National Physical Laboratory provides the scientific basis for India's national time reference. ISRO, RBI and SEBI have different institutional mandates.

73. Which one of the following sequences correctly represents the broad chain involved in the reported climate overshoot approach?

- A) A. Emissions increase → permanent warming acceleration → no mitigation
- B) B. Emissions reduction → overshoot management → temperature decline
- C) C. Water governance → aviation expansion → climate neutrality
- D) D. Tariff reduction → GDP revision → carbon removal

Correct Answer is : B

Explanation :

- The UNEP pathway is framed around reducing emissions, limiting the magnitude and duration of any unavoidable overshoot, and eventually bringing temperatures down. The other sequences mix unrelated policy domains. The concept is therefore a pathway from mitigation through controlled overshoot toward eventual temperature decline.

74. Which of the following combinations best captures the three distinct themes represented by the Pichavaram, BTA and water-data stories respectively?

- A) A. Space exploration — taxation — judicial appointments
- B) B. Defence procurement — monetary policy — aviation safety
- C) C. Ecosystem valuation — trade competitiveness — data governance
- D) D. GDP accounting — biodiversity law — nuclear diplomacy

Correct Answer is : C

Explanation :

- The Pichavaram story concerned the monetary valuation of ecosystem services and blue carbon. The BTA story centred on preferential tariffs and export competitiveness. The water story focused on integrating sectoral data and using AI for analysis. These three themes are distinct but all relate to policy design and evidence-based decision-making.

75. A student wants to revise one static concept directly linked to the Pichavaram story and one directly linked to the BTA story. Which pair is most appropriate?

- A) A. Fiscal deficit and monsoon onset
- B) B. Ocean salinity and judicial review
- C) C. Plate tectonics and parliamentary privilege
- D) D. Blue carbon and tariff preference

Correct Answer is : D

Explanation :

- Pichavaram naturally connects with blue carbon because mangroves store carbon in biomass and sediments. The BTA naturally connects with tariff preference because India was seeking preferential treatment relative to competitors. The other pairs are not the principal static concepts arising from those two specific reports.

