

INDIA & ASSAM CURRENT AFFAIRS — JANUARY 2026

Competitive Examination Special

Period: 1 January – 31 January 2026

Total MCQs: 25

Coverage: India + Assam & Northeast

Section A — India Current Affairs

Q1. The 77th Republic Day of India was celebrated on which date in 2026?

- A. 24 January
- B. 25 January
- C. 26 January
- D. 27 January

Answer: C. 26 January

Explanation: India celebrated its 77th Republic Day on 26 January 2026. The Republic Day celebrations commemorated the adoption of the Constitution of India, which came into effect on 26 January 1950.

Q2. What was the central theme of the Republic Day Parade 2026?

- A. Viksit Bharat
- B. 150 Years of Vande Mataram
- C. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
- D. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Answer: B. 150 Years of Vande Mataram

Explanation: The theme of the 2026 Republic Day celebrations was “150 Years of Vande Mataram”, commemorating 150 years of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's iconic national song.

Q3. Who were the chief guests at India's Republic Day celebrations in 2026?

- A. President of France and Chancellor of Germany
- B. President of the European Council and President of the European Commission
- C. President of Japan and Prime Minister of Australia
- D. President of Brazil and President of South Africa

Answer: B. President of the European Council and President of the European Commission

Explanation: António Costa, President of the European Council, and Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, attended the Republic Day celebrations. Their joint presence was significant in the context of India–EU relations.

Q4. The India–European Union Free Trade Agreement negotiations were concluded in which month of 2026?

- A. January
- B. February
- C. March
- D. April

Answer: A. January

Explanation: India and the European Union concluded negotiations on their long-awaited Free Trade Agreement in January 2026. The agreement was regarded as a major development in India's global trade engagement.

Q5. India's GDP growth for FY 2025–26 was estimated at what rate in the Economic Survey 2025–26?

- A. 6.5%
- B. 6.9%
- C. 7.4%
- D. 8.1%

Answer: C. 7.4%

Explanation: The Economic Survey 2025–26 estimated India's real GDP growth at 7.4% for

Q6. How many Padma Awards were announced for 2026?

- A. 101
- B. 111
- C. 121
- D. 131

Answer: D. 131

Explanation: The Government announced 131 Padma Awards for 2026, comprising Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awards.

Q7. How many Padma Vibhushan awards were announced in 2026?

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 7
- D. 9

Answer: B. 5

Explanation: The 2026 Padma Awards included 5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri awards.

Q8. The Budget Session of Parliament 2026 commenced on:

- A. 25 January
- B. 26 January
- C. 28 January
- D. 30 January

Answer: C. 28 January

Explanation: The Budget Session of Parliament began on 28 January 2026. The Economic Survey was scheduled for presentation on January 29 and the Union Budget on February 1.

Q9. The Economic Survey 2025–26 was scheduled to be presented in Parliament on:

- A. 28 January 2026
- B. 29 January 2026
- C. 30 January 2026
- D. 1 February 2026

Answer: B. 29 January 2026

Explanation: The Economic Survey was presented during the opening phase of the Budget Session, on 29 January 2026.

Q10. Which organisation launched the Export Preparedness Index 2024 in January 2026?

- A. RBI
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. SEBI
- D. Finance Commission

Answer: B. NITI Aayog

Explanation: NITI Aayog released the Export Preparedness Index 2024, assessing states and Union Territories on their export readiness and related capabilities.

Q11. January 2026 marked the implementation of which major EU climate-related trade mechanism?

- A. EU Green Deal
- B. Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
- C. European Green Tax
- D. Green Import Levy

Answer: B. Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

Explanation: The EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) entered its definitive phase in 2026. It is particularly relevant to Indian exporters of carbon-intensive goods such as steel and aluminium.

Q12. National Voters' Day is observed in India on:

- A. 24 January
- B. 25 January
- C. 26 January
- D. 27 January

Answer: B. 25 January

Explanation: National Voters' Day is observed on 25 January, commemorating the foundation day of the Election Commission of India in 1950.

Q13. Which organisation conducted the PSLV-C62 mission that failed in January 2026?

- A. DRDO
- B. ISRO
- C. HAL
- D. IN-SPACe

Answer: B. ISRO

Explanation: The PSLV-C62 mission was an ISRO mission that experienced a failure in January 2026. The mission also attracted attention in the Northeast because the satellite LACHIT-1, described as the Northeast's first satellite, was among the payloads lost.

Q14. What was the name of the Northeast's satellite lost in the PSLV-C62 mission?

- A. AssamSat-1
- B. LACHIT-1
- C. Pragjyotish-1
- D. Brahmaputra-1

Answer: B. LACHIT-1

Explanation: LACHIT-1 was identified as the Northeast's first satellite and was lost when the PSLV-C62 mission failed.

Section B — Assam & Northeast Current Affairs

Q15. Who is the Chief Minister of Assam as of January 2026?

- A. Sarbananda Sonowal
- B. Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C. Bhupen Kumar Borah
- D. Atul Bora

Answer: B. Himanta Biswa Sarma

Explanation: Himanta Biswa Sarma was serving as the Chief Minister of Assam in January 2026.

Q16. Who is the Governor of Assam as of January 2026?

- A. Gulab Chand Kataria
- B. Jagdish Mukhi
- C. Lakshman Prasad Acharya
- D. R.N. Ravi

Answer: C. Lakshman Prasad Acharya

Explanation: Lakshman Prasad Acharya was serving as the Governor of Assam. He participated in the state's Republic Day celebrations at Khanapara, Guwahati.

Q17. The 77th Republic Day celebrations in Assam were centrally held at which place in Dibrugarh?

- A. Chowkidingi Field
- B. Khanikar Playground
- C. Nehru Maidan

D. Duliajan Stadium

Answer: B. Khanikar Playground

Explanation: Assam's Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma unfurled the national flag at Khanikar Playground in Dibrugarh during the 77th Republic Day celebrations.

Q18. Assam's tableau at the 2026 Republic Day Parade highlighted which traditional craft village?

A. Sualkuchi

B. Majuli

C. Asharikandi

D. Sarthebari

Answer: C. Asharikandi

Explanation: Assam's tableau showcased Asharikandi village of Dhubri district, renowned for its traditional terracotta craft.

Q19. Asharikandi is particularly famous for which traditional craft?

A. Bell metal

B. Terracotta

C. Muga silk

D. Bamboo weaving

Answer: B. Terracotta

Explanation: Asharikandi is one of India's best-known centres of traditional terracotta craftsmanship and was highlighted in Assam's Republic Day tableau.

Q20. Approximately how many dancers were expected to participate in the mass Bagurumba performance planned in Guwahati in January 2026?

A. 2,000

B. 5,000

C. 10,000

D. 20,000

Answer: C. 10,000

Explanation: A mass Bagurumba dance performance involving around 10,000 dancers was planned at Sarusajai Sports Complex in Guwahati.

Q21. Which former Union Minister and BJP leader from Assam passed away in January 2026 at the age of 95?

- A. Kabindra Purkayastha
- B. Paban Singh Ghatowar
- C. Ramen Deka
- D. Bijoya Chakravarty

Answer: A. Kabindra Purkayastha

Explanation: Kabindra Purkayastha, former Union Minister and BJP leader, passed away in January 2026 at the age of 95.

Q22. Assam University conferred an honorary DLitt on which industrialist in January 2026?

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Anand Mahindra
- C. Mukesh Ambani
- D. Gautam Adani

Answer: B. Anand Mahindra

Explanation: Assam University conferred the honorary Doctor of Letters (DLitt) on Anand Mahindra during its 23rd convocation in January 2026.

Q23. The Assam University mobile planetarium launched in January 2026 was primarily intended to promote:

- A. Medical education
- B. Astronomy and science education
- C. Agricultural research
- D. Sports training

Answer: B. Astronomy and science education

Explanation: Assam University planned the mobile planetarium to promote science education and astronomy outreach, particularly across the Barak Valley and neighbouring regions.

Q24. In January 2026, how many tea gardens were selected for the first phase of labour-line land allotment to tea workers in Assam?

- A. 53
- B. 75
- C. 103

D. 150

Answer: C. 103

Explanation: The Assam government planned the first phase of land allotment for tea workers, with 103 tea gardens selected. The first phase was planned for completion before the Assembly elections.

Q25. Which Northeast organisation urged the States of the region to maintain a database of students studying outside the Northeast?

A. NEDA

B. NESO

C. NERPC

D. NEC

Answer: B. NESO

Explanation: The North East Students' Organisation (NESO) urged Northeast States to maintain a database of students studying outside the region, partly in the context of concerns over their safety.

January 2026 — Quick Revision

77th Republic Day → 26 January 2026.

Republic Day theme → 150 Years of Vande Mataram.

Republic Day chief guests → António Costa and Ursula von der Leyen.

Padma Awards 2026 → 131.

Padma Vibhushan → 5.

Budget Session → 28 January 2026.

Economic Survey → 29 January 2026.

FY 2025-26 GDP growth estimate → 7.4%.

Export Preparedness Index → NITI Aayog.

PSLV-C62 → ISRO mission.

Northeast satellite → LACHIT-1.

Assam CM → Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Assam Governor → Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

Republic Day central celebration in Assam → Khanikar Playground, Dibrugarh.

Assam Republic Day tableau → Asharikandi terracotta craft.

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Former Union Minister who died → Kabindra Purkayastha.

Assam University honorary DLitt → Anand Mahindra.

First phase tea-worker land allotment → 103 gardens.

Northeast students' organisation → NESO.

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