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1. UPESSC Assistant Professor 1936 Vacancies: 1.27 Lakh Candidates, Exam on 19-20 Nov, Admit Card from 15 Nov

- Nodal Body: Uttar Pradesh Education Service Selection Commission (UPESSC)
- Total Vacancies: 1,936
- Total Candidates: 1,27,571
- Exam Dates: 19-20 November 2026
- Admit Card Release: 15 November 2026

Uttar Pradesh Education Service Selection Commission (UPESSC) is recruiting 1,936 Assistant Professors for government-aided colleges. The written exam for 1,27,571 candidates is on 19-20 November 2026. Exam city intimation slips are out; admit cards will be available from 15 November.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5696-upessc-assistant-professor-1936-vacancies-127-lakh-candidates

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2. Bihar Gaurav Park: ₹15 Crore Waste-to-Wonder Project with 38 Artifacts on 9 Acres in Patna

- Nodal body: Bihar Urban Development Corporation (Budko)
- Project cost: ₹15 crore
- Number of artifacts: 38
- Area: 9 acres
- Location: Bans Ghat, Patna (along Ganga)

A 'waste-to-wonder' park named Dr. Rajendra Prasad 'Bihar Gaurav Park' is being built on about 9 acres along the Ganga in Patna. Rajendra Prasad 'Bihar Gaurav Park' is being built on 9 acres along the Ganga in Patna at a cost of ₹15 crore. It will feature 38 sculptures of Bihar's historical monuments, great personalities, and wildlife, all made from scrap material, to promote environmental awareness and the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5701-bihar-gaurav-park-15-crore-waste-wonder-project

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3. Net Zero transition: India's opportunity for indigenous technology development, not just import

- Full form of TRL: Technology Readiness Level
- Key challenge identified: Bridging the gap between lab validation (TRL 3-4) and industrial demonstration (TRL 7+)
- Sectors for indigenous tech opportunity: Green hydrogen, carbon capture and utilisation, energy storage, sustainable fuels, new materials, circular manufacturing

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- Current context: Opinion piece by Prof. Ramakrishna R Sonde (Professor Emeritus, BITS Pilani & Goa) on India's technology development challenge

India's Net Zero transition is a strategic opportunity to develop indigenous technology across green hydrogen, carbon capture, energy storage and sustainable manufacturing, moving beyond importing equipment to owning the underlying intellectual property. The news identifies five structural reasons India struggles to convert lab research into industrial deployment and argues for shared risk mechanisms, deep-tech incubators and a national mission approach.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5693-net-zero-transition-india-s-opportunity-indigenous-technology

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4. India's AI Strategy Must Address Job Disruption for Youth and Workers

- Nodal body proposed: National AI and Work Observatory
- Key recommendation: Sectoral apprenticeship arrangements with paid, supervised AI experience
- Data point: 90% of young workers in India earn less than ₹20,000/month

India's AI policy must address the risk of job disruption, especially for its large youth population. The news argues that AI threatens the IT-services-led development model, reduces junior hiring, and weakens the middle class, while redistributive tools like UBI are unavailable. It calls for a national AI and Work Observatory, sectoral apprenticeships, and democratic representation in adoption.

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5. SAI Funding Crisis: Indian Badminton Players Left to Fend for Themselves on European Tour

- Nodal Body: Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- National Federation: Badminton Association of India (BAI)
- Sports Spending 2014-15: ₹1,156 crore
- Sports Spending 2026-27: ₹4,479 crore
- Event Mentioned: Arctic Open (Finland), World Junior Championships (Cairo)

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) declined funding for India's badminton contingent just days before the Arctic Open in Finland, leaving players to finance their own European tour. This highlights a systemic failure in athlete support despite a fourfold increase in government sports spending from ₹1,156 crore (2014-15) to ₹4,479 crore (2026-27).

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5694-sai-funding-crisis-indian-badminton-players-left-fend

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Practice questions

1. Which commission is responsible for the recruitment of Assistant Professors in government-aided colleges of Uttar Pradesh?

(A) Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC)

(B) Uttar Pradesh Education Service Selection Commission (UPESSC)

(C) National Testing Agency (NTA)

(D) Uttar Pradesh Staff Selection Commission (UPSSSC)

2. Consider the following statements regarding the UPESSC Assistant Professor recruitment:

1. The written exam consists of 120 multiple-choice questions carrying a total of 360 marks.

2. The interview carries 40 marks and is conducted before the written exam.

3. Admit cards for the exam will be available from 15 November 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

3. Which state government agency is responsible for the construction of the Bihar Gaurav Park?

(A) Bihar Tourism Development Corporation

(B) Bihar Urban Development Corporation (Budko)

(C) Patna Municipal Corporation

(D) Bihar State Infrastructure Development Corporation

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4. Consider the following statements regarding Bihar Gaurav Park:

1. It is being built on a 9-acre plot along the Ganga in Patna.

2. The park will feature 38 artifacts made entirely from new materials.

3. The park is a dream project of BJP national president Nitin Naveen.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

5. Which policy vision is directly linked to the news's call for India to own technology IPRs and design capabilities, not just manufacture equipment?

(A) Digital India
(B) Make in India
(C) Startup India
(D) Atmanirbhar Bharat

6. Consider the following statements regarding Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) as discussed in the news:

1. Indian academia operates effectively up to approximately TRL 7 or later.

2. Industry prefers to enter technology development around TRL 7 or later.

3. The gap between laboratory validation and industrial demonstration remains inadequately funded.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 2 and 3
(D) All three

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7. Which of the following is a key characteristic of India's post-liberalisation development model that the news identifies as vulnerable to AI?

(A) Central role of IT services and entry-level cognitive work

(B) Heavy reliance on agricultural exports

(C) Large-scale manufacturing for global supply chains

(D) Public sector-led industrialisation

8. Consider the following statements regarding the impact of AI on India's labour market, as discussed in the news:

1. AI is likely to increase the quality of work for all workers in India.

2. Unemployment is substantially higher among young graduates than among young people as a whole.

3. The news proposes a National AI and Work Observatory to track the transition.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 2 and 3

(D) All three

9. Which body is primarily responsible for providing financial support to Indian athletes for international competitions?

(A) Badminton Association of India (BAI)

(B) Indian Olympic Association (IOA)

(C) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

(D) Sports Authority of India (SAI)

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10. Consider the following statements regarding the funding crisis in Indian badminton:

1. The government's sports budget has increased from ₹1,156 crore in 2014-15 to ₹4,479 crore in 2026-27.

2. The entire badminton contingent for the European tour was funded by the Badminton Association of India (BAI) without any SAI support.

3. P V Sindhu criticized the lack of institutional backing for younger players like Ayush Shetty and Tanvi Sharma.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 1 and 3
(C) Only 2 and 3
(D) All three

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Answer key

1. (B) Uttar Pradesh Education Service Selection Commission (UPESSC)

UPESSC is the state body that recruits teachers for government-aided colleges in Uttar Pradesh. UPPSC recruits for civil services, UPSSSC for other state posts, and NTA conducts national-level exams.

2. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: 120 MCQs for 360 marks (3 marks each). Statement 2 is incorrect: the interview is conducted after the written exam, based on shortlisting. Statement 3 is correct: admit cards will be available from 15 November 2026.

3. (B) Bihar Urban Development Corporation (Budko)

Budko (Bihar Urban Development Corporation) is the nodal agency for the park's construction; therefore option B is correct.

4. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the park is on 9 acres along the Ganga. Statement 2 is incorrect: the artifacts are made from scrap/waste, not new materials. Statement 3 is correct: it is Nitin Naveen's dream project. Hence option C is correct.

5. (D) Atmanirbhar Bharat

Atmanirbhar Bharat, launched in 2020, aims for self-reliance including indigenous technology ownership. Make in India focuses on manufacturing, Digital India on digital infrastructure, and Startup India on entrepreneurship. The news explicitly links its argument to Atmanirbhar Bharat.

6. (C) Both 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect: Indian academia operates effectively up to roughly TRL 3 or 4, not TRL 7. Statement 2 is correct: industry prefers to enter around TRL 7 or later. Statement 3 is correct: the intermediate stage between lab validation and industrial demonstration remains inadequately funded. Hence option C is correct.

7. (A) Central role of IT services and entry-level cognitive work

'IT services and entry-level cognitive work have been central to India's post-liberalisation development model and the creation of its middle class.' Agriculture, manufacturing, and public sector-led industrialisation are not the primary focus of this argument.

8. (C) Both 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect because 'the impact of technology is likely to show up as an increase in lower-quality work.' Statement 2 is correct as 'unemployment is substantially higher among young graduates than among young people as a whole.' Statement 3 is correct as the news calls for 'a national AI and Work Observatory to track the transition.' Hence option C is correct.

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9. (D) Sports Authority of India (SAI)

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is the nodal body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports responsible for funding and supporting athletes. The Ministry is the parent body, but SAI directly implements programs. BAI is the badminton federation, and IOA oversees Olympic participation.

10. (B) Only 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct as per the news: sports spending grew from ₹1,156 crore to ₹4,479 crore. Statement 2 is incorrect because SAI declined funding, leaving players to fend for themselves; BAI scrambled for funds for the junior contingent only. Statement 3 is correct: Sindhu pointed to the need for institutional support for younger players.

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