

**ST ANNE'S SR. SEC. SCHOOL, JODHPUR**  
**CLASS- VIII**  
**GK UPDATES FOR PERIODIC ASSESSMENT 1**

**WATER BODIES**

1. **BAY**-a broad, sheltered coastal body of water partially enclosed by land, typically formed by ocean erosion or coastal submersion.
2. **GULF**- a large, deep inlet of an ocean or sea that extends into land, typically characterized by a narrow opening compared to a bay.
3. **DELTA**- a fan-shaped or triangular wetland landform created by the deposition of sediment (sand, silt, clay) at the mouth of a river as it enters a slower-moving or standing water body, such as an ocean, sea, lake, or, rarely, another river.
4. **LAGOON**- shallow, sheltered bodies of brackish or salt water separated from the ocean by natural barriers like sandbars, barrier islands, or coral reefs.
5. **STRAIT**- a narrow, natural waterway connecting two larger bodies of water, crucial for maritime navigation and trade.
6. **MARSH** - productive, shallow water bodies are fed by surface runoff, groundwater, or tidal flow, and play a crucial role in filtering water and buffering shorelines from storms.
7. **SEA**- a large, defined body of saline water, often partly enclosed by land and generally smaller than an ocean, covering much of Earth's surface.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

1. **Divya Singh** became the first Indian woman and second woman globally to reach Mount Everest Base Camp by bicycle.
2. **Jannik Sinner**, a tennis player, won the Monte Carlo Masters 2026 title.
3. **New Moon counts of Saturn (285) and Jupiter (101)** are revealed in recent scientific studies.
4. **Lieutenant General Susan Coyle** was appointed as the first woman to head the Australian Army in its 125 years history.
5. **India's first Hydrogen Train Trial** commenced on the Jind-Sonipat route in Haryana, marking a key advancement in India's green transportation sector.
6. **Exercise Cyclone -IV** is conducted between India and Egypt. The Indian contingent consists of 25 personnel from Special Forces units, training alongside Egyptian Special Forces.
7. **Telangana** has been declared Naxal free after the surrender of 42 cadres of Communist Party of India.