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Interesting Facts about India

- India never invaded any country in her last 100000 years of history.
- When many cultures were only nomadic forest dwellers over 5000 years ago, Indians established Harappan culture in Sindhu Valley (Indus Valley Civilization)
- The name 'India' is derived from the River Indus, the valleys around which were the home of the early settlers. The Aryan worshippers referred to the river Indus as the Sindhu.
- The Persian invaders converted it into Hindu. The name 'Hindustan' combines Sindhu and Hindu and thus refers to the land of the Hindus.
- Chess was invented in India.
- Algebra, Trigonometry and Calculus are studies, which originated in India.
- The 'Place Value System' and the 'Decimal System' were developed in India in 100 B.C.
- The World's First Granite Temple is the Brihadeswara Temple at Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu. The shikhara of the temple is made from a single 80-tonne piece of granite. This magnificent temple was built in just five years, (between 1004 AD and 1009 AD) during the reign of Rajaraja Chola.
- India is the largest democracy in the world, the 7th largest Country in the world, and one of the most ancient civilizations.
- The game of Snakes & Ladders was created by the 13th century poet saint Gyandev. It was originally called 'Mokshapat'. The ladders in the game represented virtues and the snakes indicated vices. The game was played with cowrie shells and dices. In time, the game underwent several modifications, but its meaning remained the same, i.e. good deeds take people to heaven and evil to a cycle of re-births.
- The world's highest cricket ground is in Chail, Himachal Pradesh. Built in 1893 after leveling a hilltop, this cricket pitch is 2444 meters above sea level.
- India has the largest number of Post Offices in the world.

Current Affairs

1.Middle East War Escalation: Tensions peaked in late February with a military conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran.

2.Artemis II Lunar Mission: NASA successfully launched the Artemis II mission in April, the first crewed flight beyond low Earth orbit since 1972.

3.2026 FIFA World Cup: Scheduled for June and July, co-hosted by the USA, Mexico, and Canada with an expanded 48-team format.

4.Indian Economy: India's Union Budget 2026focused on "Viksit Bharat," with projected GDP growth of 7.4% for FY26.

5. Distance Record: The crew broke the record for the furthest humans have ever been from Earth, reaching over 252,700 miles as they orbited the far side of the moon.

