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## Brain Battle: Current Affairs Challenge Class: X

### ➤ National Affairs (2025)

1. Q: What advanced infrastructure technology did Indian Railways trial at Banaras Locomotive Works?

**A: India commissioned the first removable solar panel system between tracks at BLW, Varanasi.**

2. Q: Which lottery-affiliated platform did the government launch to streamline newspaper and periodical registrations?

**A: 'Press Sewa' portal, launched by the Press Registrar General.**

3. Q: What bill did the Rajya Sabha pass to modernize India's maritime law?

**A: The Indian Ports Bill, 2025, replacing the outdated 1908 Act to make India a maritime leader by 2047.**

4. Q: What constitutional amendment bill introduced by Amit Shah proposes removal of detained ministers after 30 days?

**A: The 130th Amendment Bill, enabling removal of PM, CMs, and ministers detained for 30 consecutive days.**

5. Q: Which act passed in August 2025 establishes legal governance standards for Indian sports bodies?

**A: The National Sports Governance Act, 2025, aligning sports governance with Olympic/Paralympic charters.**

6. Q: Which state became India's first to achieve complete digital literacy by August 2025?

**A: Kerala, achieving full digital literacy.**

7. Q: What next-gen parliamentary reform tool was implemented in 30 states to optimize PDS?

**A: The "Anna-Chakra" supply chain tool for PDS optimization.**

8. Q: What landmark e-sports regulation was enacted in 2025?

**A: Passage of the Online Gaming Bill, encouraging e-sports while banning real-money gaming.**

9. Q: Which historic agricultural export of India debuted in Saudi Arabia in 2025?

**A: Kargil apricots, showcasing India's One District One Product (ODOP) initiative.**

10. Q: What innovation was introduced on August 11 for Gram Sabha processes?

**A: 'SabhaSaar', an AI tool for Gram Sabhas.**

11. Q: Which railway express achieved record speed in 2025?

**A: Longest-route Vande Bharat Express, launched on a new corridor.**

12. Q: What milestone did the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) achieve by FY 2024-25 end?

**A: Crossed ₹5.4 lakh crore in Gross Merchandise Value (GMV).**

13. Q: What innovative railway trial was conducted involving freight coaches?

**A: A trial of Asia's longest freight train, named 'Rudrastra'.**

14. Q: With which nation did India celebrate a 6-day Cinema Festival in 2025?  
**A: Sri Lanka, marking cultural ties.**
15. Q: What pedestrian expressway was inaugurated to decongest Delhi in August 2025?  
**A: The Urban Extension Road-II and Dwarka Expressway section.**
16. Q: What wildlife initiative was inaugurated at Rashtrapati Bhavan in 2025?  
**A: Launch of the Plumeria Garden, Banyan Grove, and Babbling Brook.**
17. Q: What significant environmental milestone did India achieve under ALMM?  
**A: 100 GW Solar PV manufacturing milestone reached.**
18. Q: Which facility was launched for pharmaceutical accreditation in 2025?  
**A: NABL's medical application portal for ISO 15189:2022.**
19. Q: What tribal leadership initiative was launched in 2025?  
**A: Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan, the world's largest Tribal Leadership Programme.**
20. Q: What digital service did NHAI launch for seamless highway travel?  
**A: The FASTag Annual Pass.**

### ➤ International Affairs ( 2025)

1. Q: What major water infrastructure project in Tibet has raised alarms in India in 2025?  
**A: China's mega-dam on the Brahmaputra (Yarlung Zangbo), potentially reducing dry-season flows by 85%, prompting India to fast-track its Upper Siang Dam.**
2. Q: Which historic trade route is set to reopen between India and China?  
**A: Shipki-La pass in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur district.**
3. Q: What enhancements are being made to India's inflation data system?  
**A: CPI to include price data directly from e-commerce platforms like Amazon and Flipkart; plus a new Index of Services Production (ISP) from mid-2026.**
4. Q: How did Fed Chair Jerome Powell's recent comments impact Indian markets?  
**A: Raised concerns about a global slowdown; gold may benefit, but India's resilient economy should remain relatively insulated.**
5. Q: What GDP growth target did India's Finance Ministry set in response to global uncertainties?  
**A: An 8% annual growth target over the next decade, raising investment-to-GDP ratio to 35%.**
6. Q: What international alliance does Tony Abbott warn is being endangered by Trump's tariffs on India?  
**A: The Quad alliance — India, U.S., Australia, Japan — threatened by U.S. policy instability.**
7. Q: Which high-level diplomatic engagement marked a thaw in India-China relations?  
**A: Chinese FM Wang Yi's visit to Delhi, pledging resumed flights, visas, trade, and cultural exchanges.**
8. Q: According to Time Magazine, what shift has occurred due to U.S.-India friction?  
**A: India moved closer to China and Russia, rebuilding multipolar strategic ties.**
9. Q: What summit declaration did 58 countries, including India and China, sign in 2025?  
**A: The Statement on Inclusive and Sustainable Artificial Intelligence at the AI Action Summit.**

10. Q: Which humanitarian mission did India launch for disaster relief in Myanmar?  
**A: Operation Brahma, dispatched Indian medical and rescue teams post-earthquake.**
11. Q: What is the significance of the AI Action Summit for global AI governance?  
**A: Shared principles for accessible, ethical, transparent AI; notably, the U.S. and U.K. declined to sign.**
12. Q: What challenges did the Washington Post highlight in India–Pakistan relations despite a ceasefire?  
**A: Persisting nationalist rhetoric, regional instability, and China's influence via CPEC posing long-term threats.**
13. Q: What broader trend is seen as a response to U.S. policy volatility, per analysts?  
**A: India's pivot toward regional strategic autonomy, deepening ties with China, Russia, and BRICS+.**
14. Q: What role did India underscore at the AI Action Summit?  
**A: Advocacy for inclusive and sustainable AI in global governance.**
15. Q: What implications does China's mega-dam have beyond water flow?  
**A: Flood control and earthquake risks due to seismic activity; India responding with Upper Siang Dam and diplomacy.**
16. Q: How are U.S. tariffs affecting India's export strategies?  
**A: Targeting labour-intensive sectors; pushing India toward diversified markets and domestic demand growth.**
17. Q: What international security body did India participate in at the AI Action Summit?  
**A: A multi-country commitment to ethical AI—India co-signed the Paris Summit declaration.**
18. Q: Which global forum did Wang Yi's Delhi visit pave the way for?  
**A: The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit later in 2025.**
19. Q: What early disaster relief role did India play in 2025?  
**A: Major rescue and medical operations in Myanmar following a devastating earthquake.**
20. Q: How might Powell's Fed concerns influence gold and Indian investments?  
**A: Global slowdown fears could lift gold prices and modestly impact foreign capital flows to India.**

### ➤ **Business & Economy (New 20 Q&A – 2025)**

1. Q: What reform package did the CII release to advance India's "Viksit Bharat" vision?  
**A: A comprehensive roadmap proposing simplified GST, tariff rationalisation, modern employment policies, and enhanced global trade competitiveness.**
2. Q: What dual objective did RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra emphasize at a recent banking conference?  
**A: That financial policy must support economic growth while ensuring price stability.**
3. Q: What level of tariffs is looming from the U.S., and what impact is it having on the rupee and bond yields?  
**A: A 25% U.S. tariff is imminent, causing pressure on the rupee and pushing 10-year government bond yields up significantly.**

4. Q: How much financial support is included in the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) launched in the 2025-26 budget?

**A: ₹25,000 crore package over six years, including Niryat Protsahan and Niryat Disha schemes.**

5. Q: What notable message did PM Modi deliver at the ET World Leadership Forum in 2025?

**A: That India is now poised to contribute ~20% to global economic growth through reform-driven leaps.**

6. Q: What energy efficiency scheme was rolled out in Andhra Pradesh for MSMEs in 2025?

**A: ADEETIE – a ₹1,000 crore program offering interest subsidies and support for energy-efficient tech adoption.**

7. Q: What growth rate has India's Finance Ministry targeted for the next decade, and what investment rate increase is required?

**A: An 8% annual growth, needing investment rate to rise from 31% to 35% of GDP.**

8. Q: Which country's company forecasts in India saw the steepest earnings downgrades in Asia due to U.S. tariffs?

**A: Indian firms had Asia's largest earnings downgrades—1.2% drop in two weeks—prompted by looming U.S. tariffs.**

9. Q: What GST reform did PM Modi propose to reduce prices starting October 2025?

**A: Simplifying slabs: eliminating the 28% bracket, moving many goods to 5%, potentially reducing inflation.**

10. Q: What long-term agricultural program did the 2025 budget introduce for pulses and cotton output?

**A: A six-year plan guaranteeing procurement of pulses and boosting cotton yields through R&D and urea plant investments.**

11. Q: What personal tax change did the 2025-26 budget introduce to stimulate consumption?

**A: Income tax exemption raised to ₹12.8 lakh, up from ₹7 lakh, lifting middle-class disposable income.**

12. Q: What export-related risk did the Finance Ministry warn about in its July monthly report?

**A: Global slowdown and U.S. tariff uncertainties could dampen exports; goods exports in June fell to a near-record low.**

13. Q: What broader budget reforms did experts highlight following the presentation of Union Budget 2025-26?

**A: Balanced focus: middle-class tax relief, capex support, rural welfare, and measures supporting EVs and renewable energy.**

14. Q: What initiative did PM Modi launch on Independence Day 2025 to counter tariff and supply challenges?

**A: A GST cut, self-reliance push in semiconductors & defense ("Sudarshan Chakra"), and pledges to protect farmers.**

15. Q: What setback did India's PLI manufacturing incentives face in 2025?

**A: The \$23 billion PLI scheme is set to lapse; only 37% of output targets achieved and under 8% subsidy disbursed.**

16. Q: What are the main goals of the National Broadband Mission 2.0 (2025-30)?  
**A: Connect 2.7 lakh villages with OFC, ensure 100 Mbps speeds nationally, reduce Right-of-Way process times, and power 30% of towers with sustainable energy.**
17. Q: What large private-sector investment was announced at the Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025?  
**A: Tata Group's ₹27,000 crore semiconductor facility in Assam, the region's largest such investment.**
18. Q: What is the CGTMSE's enhanced MSME loan coverage as of December 2024-2025?  
**A: Over ₹5.2 lakh crore in guarantees across 1 crore-plus loans; introduced AI-driven assessments and MSME Credit Cards.**
19. Q: In what sectors are investor opportunities presented, according to Bloomberg's 2025 India guide?  
**A: GCCs (growing into \$110B by 2030), aerospace & defense (6.8% CAGR), and fast-rising consumer goods market.**
20. Q: What change to tax filing did the Budget 2025 introduce?  
**A: No income tax up to ₹12 lakh under the new regime; extended return filing window to 4 years with structured penalties.**

## ➤ Sports (2025)

1. Q: Which franchise-based tournament, modeled after IPL, is set to launch in November to spotlight Indian shooters?  
**A: The Shooting League of India (SLI), featuring 6–8 teams, will debut near Delhi with international and Indian talent.**
2. Q: Which cricket great announced his retirement from all formats in August 2025?  
**A: Cheteshwar Pujara, a noted Test specialist, retired at age 37, receiving widespread tributes.**
3. Q: Why did Dream11 end its lucrative jersey sponsorship with the BCCI?  
**A: Following the new ban on real-money online gaming under India's Online Gaming Bill, the sponsorship was mutually terminated.**
4. Q: Which batter is making a strong statement with a blazing 42-ball century ahead of Asia Cup 2025?  
**A: Sanju Samson smashed a 42-ball ton in the Kerala Cricket League, strengthening his claim for Asia Cup selection.**
5. Q: What shocking selection omission stirred controversy in India's Asia Cup 2025 squad?  
**A: Shreyas Iyer was left out, prompting criticism and allegations of favoritism within the team management.**
6. Q: Which popular cricketer missed the Asia Cup 2025 due to a foot injury?  
**A: Rishabh Pant, sidelined by a fractured foot sustained during the Test series against England.**
7. Q: Who will captain India's women's team at the ODI World Cup 2025, with Smriti Mandhana as vice-captain?  
**A: Harmanpreet Kaur will lead the side, with fresh faces like Renuka Thakur and Pratika Rawal included.**

8. Q: What landmark event is happening for para-sports in India in September–October 2025?

**A: India will host its first World Para Athletics Championships, introducing the mascot "Viraaaj."**

9. Q: Where will the 2025 FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup be hosted?

**A: In Chennai and Madurai, India, with an expanded lineup of 24 teams.**

10. Q: Who smashed a record T20I score of 135 off 54 balls, becoming India's top-ranked player?

**A: Abhishek Sharma, whose superstar innings against England elevated him to world No. 1.**

11. Q: Which Indian archer broke the mixed-team world record at the World Cup in Madrid?

**A: Rishabh Yadav, alongside Jyothi Surekha Vennam, shattered the record with a 1431 score.**

12. Q: What historic Formula 2 achievement did Indian racer Kush Maini accomplish?

**A: He became the first Indian to win an F2 race, triumphing in the Monaco Sprint.**

13. Q: Who smashed the world record in the men's F42 javelin throw at the Paralympic Grand Prix in Switzerland?

**A: Mahendra Gurjar, with a throw of 61.17m; he also bagged gold in long jump.**

14. Q: Which ground-breaking relay team completed the 7 Summits challenge, making them the youngest Indian to do so?

**A: Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti, achieving remarkable climbs including Everest.**

15. Q: Which state triumphed in the 2024–25 Vijay Hazare Trophy?

**A: Karnataka, winning their fifth title by beating Vidarbha.**

16. Q: Which East African nation's athlete won the men's elite race at the 2025 Mumbai Marathon?

**A: Berhane Tesfay of Eritrea emerged victorious in the elite men's category.**

17. Q: Which nation swept both titles in the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2025?

**A: India, winning in both men's and women's categories.**

18. Q: Who was appointed chairperson of the Athletics Federation of India's Athletes Commission?

**A: Anju Bobby George, supported by a panel of elite athletes.**

19. Q: Which team won the 2025 Women's Premier League title, and who was named MVP?

**A: Mumbai Indians clinched the title; Nat Sciver-Brunt was named tournament MVP.**

20. Q: Which track athlete won gold in the men's 10,000m at the Asian Athletics Championships?

**A: Gulveer Singh, clocking 28:38.63 for India's third gold in this event.**

## ➤ Security & Terrorism ( 2025)

1. Q: What surveillance licensing approval did Starlink receive in India in 2025, and under what key condition?

**A: Starlink received a unified license from the DoT, with the condition that no user data is mirrored or decrypted on foreign servers, ensuring compliance with Indian cyber laws.**

2. Q: Which new collaborative initiative was signed between TGCSB and ISB to fight cyber-financial crimes?

**A: A MoU focusing on AI-driven risk modeling, training law enforcement, and researching fraud like mule accounts and digital money laundering.**

3. Q: What warning did the India Cyber Threat Report 2025 issue regarding cyberattacks in key sectors?

**A: It cautioned of spiking AI-powered attacks, deepfakes, and supply chain vulnerabilities targeting healthcare and finance sectors.**

4. Q: What advanced capabilities did the Indian Coast Guard commit to improving as of February 2025?

**A: They aimed to combat cyber-attacks, GPS spoofing, signal jamming, and radar disruption, besides traditional threats – backed by a 26% budget increase.**

5. Q: What diplomatic milestone did India and Malaysia reach in security cooperation?

**A: They launched the first India-Malaysia Security Dialogue, institutionalizing annual meetings in fields such as counter-terrorism, cybersecurity, and maritime security.**

6. Q: Which cyber surveillance project involving 1,400 AI-powered detection nodes was deployed across critical infrastructure?

**A: India's 2025 cybersecurity strategy under MeitY deployed these nodes with a 92.3% preemptive success rate.**

7. Q: What amendment to the UAPA was enacted in March 2025?

**A: The UAPA was amended to extend detention of terror suspects up to 180 days; in 2024, 2,300 individuals were prosecuted.**

8. Q: What bilateral agreement was proposed to enhance counterterrorism with ASEAN nations?

**A: India proposed T20 (Twenty Against Terrorism), a coalition of Global South countries to tackle cyber-terrorism, radicalization, and terror financing.**

9. Q: Which destructive Maoist operation was conducted in Chhattisgarh–Telangana border in April–May 2025?

**A: Operation Black Forest, where 31 Maoists were killed, 22 arrested, and 450 IEDs and 2 tonnes of explosives seized.**

10. Q: What key technological advance was fast-tracked post-Operation Sindoor?

**A: India accelerated the launch of a 52-satellite military surveillance constellation under the Space-Based Surveillance Phase-III project.**

11. Q: What operational reform was recognized as India's strategic priority in 2025?

**A: The roll-out of Integrated Theatre Commands, cyber and space domains development, and adoption of AI, hypersonics, and robotics under "Year of Reforms".**

12. Q: Why did India abstain from voting on a \$1 billion IMF tranche for Pakistan?  
**A: India objected, citing Pakistan's track record and concerns about misuse of funds for terrorism.**
13. Q: What did FM Nirmala Sitharaman urge banks and insurance firms during the India–Pakistan tensions?  
**A: She called for heightened cyber vigilance, real-time reporting, and continuity of services along with staff safety.**
14. Q: What accusation did India level against Pakistan involving drone attacks?  
**A: India claimed Pakistan used civilian planes as shields during drone attacks, prompting retaliation targeting Pakistani air defense sites.**
15. Q: What major treaty did India suspend following a terror attack in J&K?  
**A: India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty and revoked Pakistani visas, protesting cross-border terrorism.**
16. Q: How has internal security focus in India shifted, according to the Economic Times?  
**A: From hotspots to modern threats—faceless and borderless terrorism, cyber threats, radicalization, organized crime, and diaspora-led extremism.**
17. Q: What border security upgrade was announced post-Kathua attack?  
**A: India rolled out plans to fully electronically surveil the India–Pakistan border within four years, incorporating anti-drone and tunnel detection systems.**
18. Q: At the UN, what stance did EAM Jaishankar reaffirm regarding terrorism?  
**A: He emphasized India's "zero tolerance" policy on terrorism and opposition to its normalization.**
19. Q: What role did unmanned systems play in intelligence sharing between India and Malaysia?  
**A: (Note: This question is a twist—India-Malaysia dialogue focused on counter-terrorism; drones/UAVs were not explicitly mentioned in sources.)**
20. Q: What does the term "Red Corridor" refer to, and how many districts are included as of March 2025?  
**A: It refers to Naxalite-affected regions; as of March 2025, 18 districts across seven states are included.**

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## **Brain Battle Current Affairs Challenge**

### **Rules & Evaluation**

#### **General Instructions:**

##### **1. The quiz will consist of 5 sections:**

- Sports
- National Affairs
- International Affairs
- Business & Economy
- Science & Technology

##### **2. 10 questions will be asked from each section.**

##### **➤ Rules of Participation**

1. Each question carries 5 marks.
2. The team that responds first will get the first chance to answer.
3. Team members will get 30 seconds to discuss the answer before responding.
4. The answer will be accepted only once from the team, whether correct or incorrect.
5. If the answer is incorrect, the question will be forwarded to another team for a bonus chance (only once).
6. The team that responds first to the forwarded question will get the bonus chance.
7. If this team also gives a wrong answer, the question will not be forwarded further and will be cancelled.
8. Negative Marking of -5 applies to both the first attempt and the bonus attempt.

##### **➤ Evaluation & Scoring**

1. Correct Answer (First Team) → +5 points
2. Wrong Answer (First Team) → -5 points
3. Wrong Answer (Bonus Chance) → -5 points
4. Each question will be asked only once, no repetition.
5. At the end, the team with the highest score will be declared the winner.

##### **➤ Winner Declaration**

The team with the highest total score will be the Winning Team.  
In case of a tie, a Tie-breaker Question will be asked.