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## Brain Battle: Current Affairs Challenge Class: IX

### ➤ National Affairs

1. Q: Which plan is India fast-tracking to counter China's new Yarlung Zangbo dam threat?  
**A: Upper Siang Multipurpose Storage Dam in Arunachal Pradesh**
2. Q: Who was appointed as Deputy National Security Adviser on August 24, 2025?  
**A: Former CRPF DG Anish Dayal Singh**
3. Q: How many modern SSB border outposts were inaugurated in Jaynagar, Bihar in 2025?  
**A: Eight**
4. Q: Over the next 5 years, how many CISF jawans will be recruited?  
**A: 70,000**
5. Q: Which conference highlighted the threat of urban Naxals aiming to raise "Lal Salaam" at Red Fort?  
**A: A national conference at VNIT, Nagpur by IG (Anti-Naxal Ops) Sandip Patil**
6. Q: From where did India's Anti-Terrorism Squad proceed to bring back a gangster on Red Corner Notice?  
**A: Baku, Azerbaijan**
7. Q: At what cost were the SSB border outposts in Jaynagar constructed?  
**A: Over ₹27 crore**
8. Q: Which two elements of China's new dam pose environmental as well as displacement risks?  
**A: Displacing over 10,000 villagers and affecting over 100,000 more**
9. Q: Which force aims to expand strength to 2,20,000 personnel by adding recruitment?  
**A: CISF**
10. Q: Name one key security concern highlighted by former Karnataka ADGP Bhaskar Rao.  
**A: Fake currency, lax SIM sales, jail crime—any is acceptable**
11. Q: Who emphasized operational modernization and improved conditions for SSB personnel?  
**A: Union MoS Home Affairs Nityanand Rai**
12. Q: Which security official warned of Maoist ideology's urban sympathizer mobilization?  
**A: IG Sandip Patil**

13. Q: 70,000 CISF recruits will support security in which critical sectors?

**A: Aviation, ports, thermal/nuclear power, hydropower, industrial hubs**

14. Q: Which two countries does the dam dispute over Yarlung Zangbo involve?

**A: China and India (with implications for Bangladesh)**

15. Q: Who is the current Deputy NSA as of late August 2025?

**A: Anish Dayal Singh**

16. Q: What ideological group is cited as India's most serious internal security threat?

**A: CPI (Maoist)**

17. Q: Where is India building a dam to counteract China's upstream hydropower?

**A: Arunachal Pradesh—Upper Siang dam**

18. Q: Which security body's role includes disaster management alongside surveillance?

**A: Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**

19. Q: What action demonstrates India's collaboration in extradition despite diplomatic strains?

**A: Sending Anti-Terrorism Squad to Baku to repatriate a gangster**

20. Q: What combination of threats did IG Patil highlight in the urban Naxal context?

**A: Youth radicalization, urban networks, Maoist ideology components**

## ➤ **International Affairs**

1. Q: Which two countries are signaling a warming of ties despite U.S. pressure?

**A: India and China**

2. Q: What diplomatic benefits are being resumed between India and China?

**A: Trade, direct flights, journalist visas, cultural exchanges**

3. Q: Who visited Delhi, paving the way for improved Indo-China relations?

**A: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi**

4. Q: What geopolitical factor is pushing India toward diversifying its partnerships?

**A: U.S. tariffs under Trump, especially on Russian oil purchases**

5. Q: Around how much water annual diversion is feared from China's dam?

**A: Up to 40 billion cubic meters annually**

6. Q: Which body of water's downstream flow is at risk due to China's dam?

**A: Brahmaputra River**

7. Q: Which strategic discourse did India emphasize refusing to sign at SCO 2025?

**A: A draft that downplayed terrorism — asserting strategic autonomy**

8. Q: Which security equipments/systems were discussed between India and Russia in SCO context?

**A: S-400 missile systems and Su-30MKI upgrades including AESA radar**

9. Q: What kind of delegations are being sent to highlight India's counterterror response globally?

**A: Multi-party delegations to over 25 countries, including future UN Security Council members**

10. Q: After Operation Sindoor, what did India embark on internationally?

**A: Diplomatic campaign via multi-party delegations**

11. Q: India reaffirmed its right to defend itself against terrorism on which platform?

**A: Statements by EAM S. Jaishankar (context of India's sovereign right)**

12. Q: How has India's framing of terrorism in political rhetoric evolved post-2019?

**A: Nationalist framing combining military valor, sovereignty, and ideological assault**

13. Q: India's response to nuclear threats issued from U.S. soil was described as what?

**A: Reaffirming zero-tolerance and sovereign right to defend**

14. Q: Which dam project is symbolic of "weaponizing water" in India-China tensions?

**A: China's Yarlung Zangbo dam; India's Upper Siang dam counter-project**

15. Q: Which international summit is Modi expected to attend following Wang Yi's visit?

**A: Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit**

16. Q: Which U.S. policy move inadvertently hastened India-China rapprochement?

**A: Trump's secondary tariffs on Indian goods**

17. Q: What objective did India emphasize when refusing a terrorism-minimizing statement at SCO?

**A: Maintaining anti-terror credibility and strategic autonomy**

18. Q: What global repercussion accompanied China and India's improving ties?

**A: Potential shift in Asia's strategic balance and multipolar order**

19. Q: What environmental concern is tied to China's dam in Tibet beyond geopolitics?

**A: Seismic and climate risks in dam regions**

20. Q: India's diplomatic campaign post-Sindoor targeted which global body members?

**A: Current and future members of the UN Security Council**

## ➤ **Business & Economy ( 2025)**

1. Q: Which major scheme was launched under the Union Budget 2025–26 with a ₹25,000 crore support package for exporters?

**A: The Export Promotion Mission (EPM), including the Niryat Protsahan and Niryat Disha schemes.**

2. Q: What did RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra emphasize regarding monetary policy priorities in 2025?

**A: That growth objectives remain a priority alongside price stability, and monetary policy will be framed considering both.**



3. Q: What did PM Modi underscore at the ET World Leadership Forum (WLF) 2025 regarding India's growth strategy?

**A: That adapting with global pace and pursuing reform-oriented leaps has positioned India to contribute about 20% to global economic growth.**

4. Q: What is the ADEETIE scheme introduced for MSMEs in Andhra Pradesh?

**A: It's the "Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries and Establishments," aiming to enhance energy efficiency among MSMEs with ₹1,000 crore budget.**

5. Q: What economic challenge is the Indian rupee—and bond market—currently facing, as reported in August 2025?

**A: Pressure from upcoming U.S. tariffs of up to 25%, contributing to rupee depreciation and a spike in bond yields.**

6. Q: What economic model did Navi Radjou advocate for at ET WLF 2025?

**A: A frugal economy model that emphasizes resource efficiency, innovation, and sustainability.**

7. Q: Why are Indian companies facing earnings downgrades in 2025?

**A: Because U.S. tariffs are slashing earnings forecasts—especially in labor-intensive sectors—potentially reducing GDP growth by ~1 percentage point.**

8. Q: What did banking tycoon Uday Kotak suggest to PM Modi in response to U.S. tariff shocks?

**A: He called for enhanced fiscal support to MSMEs in manufacturing, R&D, and tech to counteract the threat posed by steep tariffs.**

9. Q: According to Nitin Gadkari, how will India achieve its \$5 trillion economy goal?

**A: Through world-class infrastructure focused on roads, connectivity, and logistical efficiency.**

10. Q: What growth rate does India's Finance Ministry say is needed amid uncertainties?

**A: An annual growth rate of 8% over the next decade to achieve the Viksit Bharat vision by 2047.**

11. Q: Which international body upgraded its India growth forecast to 6.4% for both 2025 and 2026?

**A: The International Monetary Fund (IMF).**

12. Q: How are escalating U.S. tariffs undermining the Make in India initiative?

**A: They threaten the competitiveness of exporters in sectors like textiles and jewelry, risking client loss and potential relocation of production.**

13. Q: What was India's GDP growth in FY25 and projections for FY26, according to the Economic Survey?

**A: GDP grew at 6.4% in FY25; projected between 6.3%–6.8% for FY26.**

14. Q: By how much did exports grow, and how did NPAs trend in FY25?

**A: Exports rose by 6%, services exports were up 11.6%, and gross NPAs were at a 12-year low of 2.6%.**

15. Q: What were India's FDI inflows and forex reserves at end FY25?

**A: FDI inflows were \$55.6 billion; foreign reserves stood at \$640.3 billion (10.9 months of imports).**

16. Q: What share of payment volume did UPI hold by end-2024, and what was its CAGR over five years?

**A: UPI accounted for 83% of payment volume, with a CAGR of 89.3% in volume and 86.5% in value.**

17. Q: What is the National Broadband Mission 2.0, launched in 2025 aiming to achieve?

**A: Extend broadband to 2.70 lakh villages, 90% of anchor institutions, and improve speeds to 100 Mbps by 2030.**

18. Q: What targets are set for India's technology industry by 2026–27?

**A: Revenues of \$300 billion and addition of ~126,000 new jobs, total tech workforce reaching 5.8 million.**

19. Q: What financial milestone did the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) cross by FY25 end?

**A: It crossed ₹5 lakh crore in Gross Merchandise Value (GMV), driven by reduced fees and AI-enabled search.**

20. Q: Which scheme offers bank insurance cover to home loan borrowers, and which entities launched it?

**A: The 'Group Asset Secure' credit life insurance, launched through Canara HSBC Life Insurance in partnership with GIC Housing Finance.**

## ➤ Sports

1. Q: Who received the Khel Ratna, becoming the youngest Indian shooter to receive it in 2025?

**A: Manu Bhaker**

2. Q: Which major multi-sport event took place in Uttarakhand from 28 January to 14 February 2025?

**A: 38th National Games of India**

3. Q: Khelo India Youth Games 2025 was held in which state?

**A: Bihar (Patna, Rajgir, Gaya, Bhagalpur & Begusarai)**

4. Q: At the 2025 World Games in Chengdu, India secured how many medals overall?

**A: Three (1 silver, 2 bronze), finishing 65th**

5. Q: Which Indian athlete reached the women's Wushu final at the 2025 World Games, a first for the country?

**A: Namrata Batra**

6. Q: In which sport did India win its first men's team gold at the 2025 ISTAF World Cup held in Bihar?

**A: Sepaktakraw (men's regu)**

7. Q: Who inaugurated the 38th National Games of India?

**A: Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

8. Q: Who was the chief guest at the closing ceremony of the National Games?

**A: Home Minister Amit Shah**

9. Q: Name one para-athlete recognized for resilience in a 2025 state-level athletics championship.

**A: Nikhil Rajput or Pooja Garg**

10. Q: Which shooter, chess champion, and hockey captain were honoured at the National Sports Awards 2025?

**A: Manu Bhaker, D. Gukesh, and Harmanpreet Singh**

11. Q: How many states/UTs participated in the Khelo India Youth Games 2025?

**A: Athletes from 36 states and UTs**

12. Q: Who won a silver medal in archery at the 2025 World Games?

**A: Rishabh Yadav (men's individual compound)**

13. Q: Which Indian won a bronze medal in track speed skating (men's 1,000 m) at the same event?

**A: Anandkumar Velkumar**

14. Q: The motto of the 38th National Games of India was "Sankalp Se Shikhar Tak". True or false?

**A: True**

15. Q: How many sports were contested at the National Games?

**A: 35 sports**

16. Q: Which state-level athletics championship saw para-athlete successes in javelin and kayaking?

**A: The 15th State-level Athletics Championship in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**

17. Q: Which event marked India's most successful ISTAF World Cup campaign in 2025?

**A: First men's regu gold with total 1 gold, 1 silver, 5 bronze medals**

18. Q: In which year did Manu Bhaker win two Olympic bronze medals, leading to her Khel Ratna recognition in 2025?

**A: At the 2024 Paris Olympics**

19. Q: Who took the athlete's oath for the National Games?

**A: Lakshya Sen**

20. Q: The Khelo India Youth Games 2025 included which non-traditional sport as demonstration?

**A: Esports**



## ➤ Security & Terrorism

1. Q: When and where did the deadliest attack on Indian civilians since 2008 occur, claiming 26 lives?

**A: On 22 April 2025, in Pahalgam's Baisaran Valley, Jammu & Kashmir. The attack targeted Hindu tourists with AK-47s and M4s.**

2. Q: Which terrorist outfit claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack?

**A: The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), initially claimed responsibility.**

3. Q: What was India's military retaliation following the Pahalgam attack?

**A: Operation Sindoor, executed in May 2025, targeted nine terror camps in Pakistan and PoK, eliminating over 100 terrorists.**

4. Q: Who documented Operation Sindoor in a new book, detailing deep strikes inside Pakistan?

**A: Lt Gen K.J.S. Dhillon, in Operation Sindoor: The Untold Story of India's Deep Strikes Inside Pakistan.**

5. Q: What major civil defense initiative did India conduct on 7 May 2025?

**A: Operation Abhyaas, a nationwide civil defence mock drill across 244 districts to prepare for hostile threats.**

6. Q: What is Bharatpol, launched in 2025?

**A: A crime-monitoring portal by the CBI, aimed at enabling swift information-sharing among national and international law enforcement.**

7. Q: Which international body has India engaged with to list TRF (The Resistance Front) as a terrorist entity?

**A: The UN, including the UNOCT and CTED, following the Pahalgam attack.**

8. Q: As per 2024 data, by what percentage did terror incidents decline over the past decade?

**A: They declined by 70% due to India's zero-tolerance approach and strong counter-terror policies.**

9. Q: What futuristic defence program did India unveil to counter terrorism threats?

**A: The Sudarshan Chakra Mission, featuring predictive tech and precision systems for counter-terror actions.**

10. Q: What significant security event occurred at the RSS headquarters in Nagpur in August 2025?

**A: A ban on photos, videography, and drone use near the RSS HQ from 25 August to 23 October to strengthen security.**

11. Q: What national counter-terrorism policy is India developing?

**A: A unified Zero-Tolerance national counter-terror policy and strategy for central and state agencies, to be rolled out in 2025.**

12. Q: According to IG Patil, what is the urban Naxalite's ultimate goal?

**A: To hoist the “Lal Salaam” flag at Delhi’s Red Fort, showcasing their expansion into urban zones.**

13. Q: How many civilians and security personnel has the Maoist insurgency claimed?

**A: Over 6,000 civilians and 2,900 security personnel.**

14. Q: What alarming internal security issues did former Karnataka ADGP Bhaskar Rao mention?

**A: Fake currency, lax SIM card sales, jail crime, and the need for tighter KYC, fusion centers, and rural development.**

15. Q: What development boosted border surveillance in Bihar’s Jaynagar?

**A: Inauguration of eight modern SSB border outposts at a cost of over ₹27 crore.**

16. Q: How many CISF jawans are to be recruited over the next five years?

**A: 70,000 jawans, enhancing CISF strength to 2,20,000, including female representation.**

17. Q: Where did India dispatch its Anti-Terrorism Squad for extradition efforts?

**A: To Baku, Azerbaijan, to bring back a gangster listed under a Red Corner Notice.**

18. Q: What militant group did Punjab Police recently dismantle modules of?

**A: Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), suspected to be ISI-backed; hand grenade recovered during arrests.**

19. Q: What major anti-Naxal operation occurred in April–May 2025 along the Chhattisgarh–Telangana border?

**A: Operation Black Forest (or Kagar): killed 31 Maoists, arrested 22, seized 450 IEDs and 2 tons of explosives.**

20. Q: What deadly Maoist attack occurred on 6 January 2025?

**A: A 60–70 kg IED blast in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh, killed eight DRG personnel and a civilian driver.**

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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.