

South Asia's June 2026: Festivals, Economy, and Climate Action Converge

South Asia · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. In June 2026, which major Islamic festival, symbolising faith, obedience, and charity, will be observed across many parts of South Asia?

- A) Eid al-Fitr
- B) Eid al-Adha (Bakrid)**
- C) Mawlid
- D) Ramadan

2. Which Indian festival, celebrating the harvest and the onset of the monsoon, is observed in June and is dedicated to Bhudevi, the Earth Goddess?

- A) Onam
- B) Pongal
- C) Pahili Raja (Raja Parba)**
- D) Bihu

3. The World Bank forecasts South Asia's economic growth to slow to what percentage in 2026, down from an estimated higher rate in 2025?

- A) 6.3%**
- B) 5.8%
- C) 6.0%
- D) 6.5%

4. Which of these significant religious events, involving the procession of deities on elaborately decorated chariots, is scheduled to take place in June 2026 in India?

- A) Ganesh Chaturthi
- B) Durga Puja
- C) Ratha Yatra**
- D) Janmashtami

5. What is a primary focus of the Asian Climate & Environment Summit 2026 (ACE Summit), taking place in June 2026?

- A) Digital transformation and AI
- B) Oceans, Energy, and Climate Finance**
- C) Space exploration and technology
- D) Global trade agreements

6. Which country in South Asia is projected to have its economic growth upgraded to 3.5% in 2026, driven by strong tourism and service exports?

- A) India
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Nepal
- D) Sri Lanka**

7. What significant political event is scheduled for February 2026 in Bangladesh, aimed at establishing a firmer economic footing after a period of uncertainty?

- A) Presidential election
- B) General election**
- C) Local council elections
- D) Constitutional referendum

8. The Seventh Global Conference on Climate and SDG Synergies will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, in late June 2026. What is a major concern highlighted as impacting the world and necessitating integrated solutions?

- A) Declining birth rates
- B) Rising energy costs due to conflict, climate impacts, and environmental degradation**
- C) Lack of technological innovation
- D) Global population decrease

9. In June 2026, the South Asian Theatre Festival is scheduled to take place. Which region is hosting this event?

- A) New Jersey, USA**
- B) London, UK
- C) New Delhi, India
- D) Kathmandu, Nepal

10. According to World Bank projections, what is a significant risk factor that could further weaken South Asia's economic outlook in 2026, due to the region's dependence on imports?

- A) Deforestation
- B) Disruptions in global energy markets**
- C) Over-reliance on tourism
- D) Low birth rates