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Questions (75)

1. Denkanikottai, where 3,000-year-old rock paintings were reported in October 2026, lies in which district?

(A) Dharmapuri
(B) Krishnagiri
(C) Tirupathur
(D) Salem

2. The field study of these paintings was carried out for the professional training / PG research of which university?

(A) University of Madras
(B) Bharathidasan University
(C) Periyar University, Salem
(D) Tamil University, Thanjavur

3. Which megalithic burial marker was found on the southern part of the same rock?

(A) Dolmen
(B) Menhir
(C) Urn burial
(D) Stone circle

4. Bhimbetka rock shelters – which is/are correct?

1. They are in Madhya Pradesh.
2. V.S. Wakankar discovered them.
3. UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2003.

(A) 1, 2 and 3
(B) 1 only
(C) 1 and 2 only
(D) 2 and 3 only

5. Which of these Tamil Nadu rock-art sites is located in Krishnagiri district?

(A) Mallapadi
(B) Kilvalai
(C) Karikkiyur
(D) Sethavarai

6. The Tamil Nadu Police Academy, venue of the DSP passing-out parade on 7 Oct 2026, is located at

(A) Vellore
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Oonamancheri (near Vandalur)
(D) Tiruchirappalli

7. How many direct-recruit DSPs of the 14th batch completed training and joined service?

(A) 25
(B) 35
(C) 52
(D) 14

8. In the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, 'Police' is placed in which list?

(A) Union List
(B) State List
(C) Concurrent List
(D) Residuary powers

9. Direct recruitment of Deputy Superintendents of Police in Tamil Nadu is made through which examination?

(A) TNPSC Group II
(B) TNPSC Group IV
(C) UPSC Civil Services Exam
(D) TNPSC Group I

10. Tamil Nadu's first all-women police station was opened in 1992 in which part of Chennai?

(A) Egmore
(B) Mylapore
(C) Thousand Lights
(D) Adyar

11. Which edition is the 'Windergy India' event held at the Chennai Trade Centre on 7–9 Oct 2026?

(A) 5th
(B) 8th
(C) 10th
(D) 3rd

12. Which body organises 'Windergy India' together with PDA Ventures?

(A) MNRE (Union Ministry)
(B) NIWE (National Institute)
(C) IWTMA (Manufacturers' body)
(D) IREDA (Finance company)

13. The National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) under MNRE is located in which city?

(A) Pune
(B) Gandhinagar
(C) Bengaluru
(D) Chennai

14. Muppandal, one of India's largest onshore wind farms, is in which district?

(A) Kanyakumari
(B) Tirunelveli
(C) Theni
(D) Coimbatore

15. Statements – which is/are correct?

1. India's wind capacity crossed 58 GW in Aug 2026.
2. A record 6.05 GW was added in 2025–26.
3. India's 2030 wind target is 500 GW.

(A) 1 only
(B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 2 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

16. Which body runs the 'Thozhi' hostels?

(A) Tamil Nadu Housing Board
(B) TAHDCO
(C) State Social Welfare Board
(D) Tamil Nadu Working Women's Hostels Corporation

17. In which year were the first 'Thozhi' hostels (in nine districts) opened?

(A) 2021
(B) 2022
(C) 2023
(D) 2024

18. According to the World Bank article, how many 'Thozhi' hostels are now operating?

(A) 19
(B) 25
(C) 38
(D) 50

19. Under Tamil Nadu's 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme, who receive ₹1,000 a month?

(A) Govt-school girls in higher education
(B) Working women
(C) Pregnant women
(D) Women's self-help groups

20. The Centre's working women's hostel scheme 'Sakhi Niwas' falls under which mission?

(A) Mission Indradhanush
(B) Mission Poshan 2.0
(C) Mission Karmayogi
(D) Mission Shakti

21. On which date did Narendra Modi first become Chief Minister of Gujarat?

(A) 26 May 2014
(B) 22 December 2002
(C) 7 October 2001
(D) 1 January 2001

22. In March 2026, Modi passed whose record as the longest-serving elected head of government in India?

(A) Pawan Kumar Chamling
(B) Jyoti Basu
(C) Naveen Patnaik
(D) Manik Sarkar

23. Which Article says the Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha?

(A) Article 74(1)
(B) Article 75(3)
(C) Article 78
(D) Article 164(2)

24. Who has served the longest total time as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

(A) M.G. Ramachandran (B) K. Kamaraj

(C) J. Jayalalithaa (D) M. Karunanidhi

25. The word 'Cabinet' appears in the Constitution of India only in which Article?

(A) Article 74 (B) Article 75

(C) Article 352 (D) Article 356

26. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit will be which Chief of the Air Staff of the IAF?

(A) 29th (B) 27th

(C) 28th (D) 31st

27. What post did Ashutosh Dixit hold when his appointment was announced?

(A) Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (B) Vice Chief of the Air Staff

(C) AOC-in-C, Western Air Command (D) Defence Secretary

28. Which body approves the appointment of the chiefs of the armed forces?

(A) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) (B) Union Public Service Commission

(C) Defence Acquisition Council (D) National Security Council

29. Who is the only officer to hold the 5-star rank 'Marshal of the Air Force' in India?

(A) Subroto Mukerjee (B) Idris Hasan Latif

(C) Arjan Singh (D) Pratap Chandra Lal

30. The BrahMos-armed Su-30MKI 'Tigersharks' squadron is based at which air base in Tamil Nadu?

(A) Sulur (B) Tambaram

(C) Madurai (D) Thanjavur

31. Which company delivered the 'TROUT' underwater ROVs to the Indian Navy?

(A) Garden Reach Shipbuilders (B) Tata Advanced Systems

(C) Larsen & Toubro (D) EyeROV (IROV Technologies), Kochi

32. Under which defence-innovation programme was the 'TROUT' ROV developed?

(A) iDEX (DISC-7 SPRINT) (B) Technology Development Fund (TDF)

(C) DRDO Young Scientist Lab (D) Startup India Seed Fund

33. Up to what depth can the 'TROUT' ROV operate?

(A) 100 m (B) 1,000 m

(C) 300 m (D) 6,000 m

34. Which institute is building the 'Matsya-6000' submersible of the 'Samudrayaan' mission?

(A) INCOIS, Hyderabad (B) NIOT, Chennai

(C) NIO, Goa (D) ISRO, Bengaluru

35. Statements – which is/are correct?

1. An ROV is tethered and piloted from the surface.
2. An AUV runs on its own without live human control.

(A) 1 only (B) 2 only

(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

36. According to the World Bank report, how much was private AI investment in India in 2025?

(A) $1.2 billion (B) $2.5 billion

(C) $4.1 billion (D) $10 billion

37. As per the report, roughly what share of Indian firms use AI in some form?
(A) 23%
(B) 43%
(C) 10%
(D) 60%

38. What is the outlay of the 'IndiaAI Mission' approved in March 2024?
(A) ₹7,500 crore
(B) ₹21,000 crore
(C) ₹1 lakh crore
(D) ₹10,371.92 crore

39. Which city hosted the 'India AI Impact Summit' in February 2026?
(A) New Delhi
(B) Paris
(C) Seoul
(D) Bletchley Park

40. World Bank – which statements are correct?
1. World Bank & IMF – Bretton Woods, 1944.
2. Headquarters – Washington DC.
3. IDA lends to middle-income nations.
(A) 1 only
(B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 2 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

41. After the 7 Oct 2026 policy, what are the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate?
(A) 5.25%
(B) 5.50%
(C) 5.75%
(D) 6.00%

42. In this policy, the RBI changed its stance from 'neutral' to
(A) Accommodative
(B) Calibrated tightening
(C) Withdrawal of accommodation
(D) No change

43. Monetary Policy Committee – which statements are correct?
1. 6 members; 3 from the RBI.
2. Governor has a casting vote in a tie.
3. The RBI alone sets the inflation target.
(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

44. Who, born in Tiruchirappalli, served as RBI Governor in 1992–97?
(A) Y.V. Reddy
(B) D. Subbarao
(C) Bimal Jalan
(D) C. Rangarajan

45. The Reserve Bank of India was set up on the recommendation of which commission?
(A) Hunter Commission
(B) Hilton Young Commission
(C) Simon Commission
(D) Narasimham Committee

46. What does the Coast Guard exercise 'SAREX' stand for?
(A) Surface Attack and Rocket Exercise
(B) Sea Area Reconnaissance Exercise
(C) Strategic Air Response Exercise
(D) Search and Rescue Exercise

47. Paradip port, venue of SAREX-2026, lies in which State and at the mouth of which river?
(A) Odisha – Mahanadi
(B) Andhra Pradesh – Godavari
(C) West Bengal – Hooghly
(D) Odisha – Brahmani

48. Observers from how many friendly countries attended SAREX-2026?
(A) 12
(B) 22
(C) 30
(D) 50

49. In which year was the Indian Coast Guard formally constituted by an Act of Parliament?
(A) 1976 (B) 1978
(C) 1972 (D) 1986

50. Which of these is NOT one of the Coast Guard's three Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres (MRCCs)?
(A) Mumbai (B) Chennai
(C) Port Blair (D) Kolkata

51. Mahesh Kakde, winner of the 2026 Ramanujan Prize, is a professor at
(A) IIT Madras (B) TIFR, Mumbai
(C) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (D) ISI, Kolkata

52. The ICTP, which gives the Ramanujan Prize, is located in which city?
(A) Geneva (B) Trieste
(C) Paris (D) Vienna

53. Mahesh Kakde's work is linked to which conjecture?
(A) Brumer–Stark conjecture (B) Riemann hypothesis
(C) Poincaré conjecture (D) Goldbach conjecture

54. Where was Srinivasa Ramanujan born?
(A) Kumbakonam (B) Thanjavur
(C) Madurai (D) Erode

55. What is the upper age limit for the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize given by SASTRA University, Kumbakonam?
(A) 40 years (B) 45 years
(C) 32 years (D) 35 years

56. The 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded for
(A) Click chemistry (B) Non-linear effects & autocatalysis
(C) Quantum dots (D) Metal–organic frameworks

57. Pairs of non-superimposable mirror-image molecules are called
(A) Isotopes (B) Isobars
(C) Enantiomers (D) Allotropes

58. Which drug is known for one form acting as medicine and its mirror form causing birth defects?
(A) Paracetamol (B) Penicillin
(C) Aspirin (D) Thalidomide

59. Who first observed molecular chirality in 1848 by separating tartaric acid crystals?
(A) Louis Pasteur (B) August Kekulé
(C) Dmitri Mendeleev (D) John Dalton

60. Which Chidambaram-born scientist won the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry?
(A) C.V. Raman (B) Har Gobind Khorana
(C) S. Chandrasekhar (D) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan

61. Which country is NOT among the seven confirmed by the IOC for the 2036 Olympics?
(A) Qatar (B) Germany
(C) Australia (D) Hungary

62. Which city has India proposed for the 2036 Olympics?
(A) Ahmedabad
(B) New Delhi
(C) Mumbai
(D) Bhubaneswar

63. Kirsty Coventry, the IOC's first woman and first African president, is from which country?
(A) South Africa
(B) Kenya
(C) Zimbabwe
(D) Namibia

64. Where is the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee?
(A) Paris
(B) Geneva
(C) Athens
(D) Lausanne

65. Where was the 44th Chess Olympiad, the first held in India, staged in 2022?
(A) Kochi
(B) Mamallapuram
(C) Goa
(D) Bengaluru

66. Which anniversary does the Indian Air Force celebrate on 8 Oct 2026?
(A) 94th
(B) 92nd
(C) 93rd
(D) 95th

67. The IAF motto 'Nabhah Sprisham Deeptam' is taken from which text?
(A) Rig Veda
(B) Bhagavad Gita
(C) Mundaka Upanishad
(D) Katha Upanishad

68. Hindon Air Force Station, venue of the main 2026 Air Force Day parade, is in which State?
(A) Haryana
(B) Rajasthan
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Punjab

69. Who was the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Air Force?
(A) Arjan Singh
(B) Idris Hasan Latif
(C) Aspy Engineer
(D) Subroto Mukerjee

70. India's first Tejas squadron, No. 45 'Flying Daggers', is based at which Tamil Nadu air base?
(A) Sulur
(B) Thanjavur
(C) Tambaram
(D) Madurai

71. When is World Sight Day observed every year?
(A) Second Thursday of October
(B) 10 October
(C) First Monday of October
(D) 8 October every year

72. What is the theme of World Sight Day 2026?
(A) Hope in Sight
(B) Eye Care Everywhere
(C) Love Your Eyes
(D) Vision First

73. In which city did Dr G. Venkataswamy found the Aravind Eye Hospital in 1976?
(A) Chennai
(B) Madurai
(C) Coimbatore
(D) Vellore

74. Octopus – which statements are correct?
1. It has three hearts.
2. Its blood is blue due to haemocyanin.
3. It belongs to phylum Arthropoda.
(A) 1 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1, 2 and 3
(D) 1 and 2 only

75. Which is India's first marine biosphere reserve (1989), home to octopus and other cephalopods?

(A) Gulf of Kutch
(B) Sundarbans
(C) Gulf of Mannar
(D) Pichavaram

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51 **C**	52 **B**	53 **A**	54 **D**	55 **C**	56 **B**	57 **C**	58 **D**	59 **A**	60 **D**
61 **C**	62 **A**	63 **C**	64 **D**	65 **B**	66 **A**	67 **B**	68 **C**	69 **D**	70 **A**
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Answers & explanations

1. (B) Krishnagiri – Denkanikottai taluk is in Krishnagiri district, which was carved out of Dharmapuri in 2004.

2. (C) Periyar University, Salem – History students of Government Men's Arts College, Krishnagiri, led by Prof. Venkateswaran, did the field study for Periyar University, Salem's professional training / PG research; the university was set up in 1997.

3. (A) Dolmen – Dolmens lie on the southern part of the same rock. A dolmen is a burial marker of upright stones capped by a large flat slab – an Iron Age / megalithic marker.

4. (A) 1, 2 and 3 – All three are correct. Wakankar found Bhimbetka (Raisen district) in 1957; UNESCO listed it in 2003.

5. (A) Mallapadi – Mallapadi – Krishnagiri; Kilvalai and Sethavarai – Villupuram; Karikkiyur – Nilgiris.

6. (C) Oonamancheri (near Vandalur) – The Tamil Nadu Police Academy is at Oonamancheri near Vandalur, in Chengalpattu district.

7. (A) 25 – 25 officers (14 men, 11 women) finished 52 weeks of training; '52' is the number of weeks and '14' the batch number.

8. (B) State List – 'Police' is Entry 2 and 'Public order' Entry 1 of the State List, so police administration rests with the State.

9. (D) TNPSC Group I – TNPSC Group I fills posts such as Deputy Collector, DSP and Assistant Commissioner. UPSC recruits IPS officers.

10. (C) Thousand Lights – It opened at Thousand Lights in 1992. India's first all-women police station opened at Kozhikode in 1973.

11. (B) 8th – It is the 8th edition; the theme is 'Wind – Powering India's Energy Resilience'.

12. (C) IWTMA (Manufacturers' body) – IWTMA and PDA Ventures organise it, with MNRE support. IREDA is the finance company that lends to renewable projects.

13. (D) Chennai – NIWE (formerly C-WET, 1998) is in Chennai; it assesses wind resources and tests and certifies turbines.

14. (A) Kanyakumari – Muppandal is in Kanyakumari district near the Aralvaimozhi gap, which funnels strong winds.

15. (B) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. 3 is wrong: the wind target is 100 GW; 500 GW is the total non-fossil capacity goal for 2030.

16. (D) Tamil Nadu Working Women's Hostels Corporation – TNWWHCL runs the government-owned hostels through public–private partnership.

17. (C) 2023 – In July 2023, the first 11 hostels opened across nine districts: Chennai, Chengalpattu, Salem, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Villupuram, Perambalur and Thanjavur.

18. (B) 25 – 25 hostels (2,282 beds) are running and 22 more are being built. 38 is the number of districts.

19. (A) Govt-school girls in higher education – Launched in 2022, the scheme (Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme) helps girls who studied Classes 6–12 in government schools to pursue higher education.

20. (D) Mission Shakti – Sakhi Niwas is under the 'Samarthya' arm of Mission Shakti; its 'Sambal' arm covers One Stop Centres and the 181 women's helpline.

21. (C) 7 October 2001 – He took office on 7 Oct 2001, so he completes 25 years as head of government on 7 Oct 2026. 26 May 2014 is when he first became PM.

22. (A) Pawan Kumar Chamling – Sikkim CM Pawan Chamling (1994–2019, 8,930 days); Naveen Patnaik (Odisha, 24 yrs) and Jyoti Basu (West Bengal, 23 yrs) come next.

23. (B) Article 75(3) – 75(3) – collective responsibility to the Lok Sabha. 164(2) does the same for a State ministry and its Assembly; 74(1) – aid and advice; 78 – PM's duties.

24. (D) M. Karunanidhi – Karunanidhi was CM five times (between 1969 and 2011), about 19 years in all. Jayalalithaa was sworn in six times but served about 14 years.

25. (C) Article 352 – Added to Article 352 by the 44th Amendment (1978): a national emergency can be proclaimed only on the Cabinet's written advice.

26. (A) 29th – He is the 29th chief; the 28th, Amar Preet Singh, retires on 31 Oct 2026.

27. (B) Vice Chief of the Air Staff – He was Vice Chief of the Air Staff; earlier he served as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC).

28. (A) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) – The ACC, headed by the PM with the Home Minister, clears top appointments; the President is supreme commander (Art. 53(2)).

29. (C) Arjan Singh – Arjan Singh, who led the IAF in the 1965 war, received the 5-star rank in 2002. In the Army, Sam Manekshaw and K.M. Cariappa were Field Marshals.

30. (D) Thanjavur – No. 222 Squadron 'Tigersharks' was raised at Thanjavur in January 2020 and guards the Indian Ocean region.

31. (D) EyeROV (IROV Technologies), Kochi – Kochi start-up EyeROV delivered the first 2 of 5 systems; it is India's first military-grade ROV.

32. (A) iDEX (DISC-7 SPRINT) – iDEX began in 2018 and is run by the DIO. TROUT came out of the Navy's SPRINT challenge in DISC-7.

33. (C) 300 m – Down to 300 m, even in strong currents and poor visibility. 6,000 m is Matsya-6000's target depth.

34. (B) NIOT, Chennai – NIOT (1993) at Pallikaranai, Chennai, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, is building it for 3 people and 6,000 m.

35. (C) Both 1 and 2 – Both are correct. ROV = Remotely Operated Vehicle; AUV = Autonomous Underwater Vehicle, used for mine hunting and seabed mapping.

36. (C) $4.1 billion – It more than tripled from $1.2 billion in 2024 to $4.1 billion in 2025.

37. (A) 23% – About 23% in India against about 43% in the US; the report urges better infrastructure and skills to close the gap.

38. (D) ₹10,371.92 crore – ₹10,371.92 crore over 5 years, with 7 pillars including compute, innovation, datasets and skilling.

39. (A) New Delhi – It was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi – the first such summit in the Global South. Earlier: Bletchley (2023), Seoul (2024), Paris (2025).

40. (B) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. 3 is wrong: IDA gives concessional loans to the poorest countries; IBRD lends to middle-income ones.

41. (C) 5.75% – MSF and Bank Rate are 25 bps above the 5.50% repo at 5.75%; SDF is 25 bps below at 5.25%.

42. (B) Calibrated tightening – 'Calibrated tightening' signals more hikes are possible to fight inflation; the Governor said cuts are off the table for now.

43. (A) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. 3 is wrong: the Centre sets the CPI 4% (±2%) target in consultation with the RBI (Section 45ZA).

44. (D) C. Rangarajan – Dr C. Rangarajan (b. 1932, Trichy) led the RBI in the post-1991 reform years; later Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Chairman of the 12th Finance Commission.

45. (B) Hilton Young Commission – On the Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance (Hilton Young, 1926), the RBI Act 1934 was passed and the RBI opened on 1 April 1935.

46. (D) Search and Rescue Exercise – SAREX = Search and Rescue Exercise; it tests how many agencies work together to save lives in maritime disasters.

47. (A) Odisha – Mahanadi – Paradip is in Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha, at the Mahanadi mouth; it became a major port in 1966.

48. (C) 30 – 32 observers from 30 countries took part; Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth opened it.

49. (B) 1978 – The Coast Guard Act came on 18 Aug 1978; the interim force began on 1 Feb 1977, now ICG Day.

50. (D) Kolkata – The MRCCs are Mumbai, Chennai and Port Blair. Kolkata hosts the North-East Region headquarters.

51. (C) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru – He has been at IISc Bengaluru since 2019; IISc was founded in 1909 through Jamsetji Tata's vision.

52. (B) Trieste – ICTP was founded in 1964 by Nobel laureate Abdus Salam at Trieste, Italy; the prize is given jointly with the IMU.

53. (A) Brumer–Stark conjecture – His work (with Samit Dasgupta) on the Gross–Stark and Brumer–Stark conjectures bears on Hilbert's 12th problem. The Poincaré conjecture was solved by Perelman (2003).

54. (D) Erode – He was born at Erode on 22 Dec 1887 (at his maternal grandparents' home) and grew up in Kumbakonam. His birthday is National Mathematics Day.

55. (C) 32 years – The limit is 32, the age at which Ramanujan died; given since 2005. The ICTP prize limit is 45.

56. (B) Non-linear effects & autocatalysis – Kagan (non-linear effect) and Soai (autocatalysis). Click chemistry – 2022; quantum dots – 2023; MOFs – 2025.

57. (C) Enantiomers – Enantiomers are chemically alike but can act differently in the body; they rotate light in opposite directions.

58. (D) Thalidomide – Thalidomide (1957–61) was given for morning sickness; thousands of babies were born with limb defects.

59. (A) Louis Pasteur – Pasteur sorted the two mirror-image crystals by hand. Lord Kelvin later coined the word 'chirality' (1894).

60. (D) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan – Venki Ramakrishnan won the 2009 Chemistry Nobel for ribosome structure. Raman and Chandrasekhar won in Physics; Khorana in Medicine (1968).

61. (C) Australia – Australia (Brisbane) already hosts 2032. The seven: India, Qatar, South Africa, Germany, Hungary, Turkey, South Korea.

62. (A) Ahmedabad – Ahmedabad also hosts the 2030 Commonwealth Games, seen as a step towards the Olympics.

63. (C) Zimbabwe – The Zimbabwean Olympic swimming champion became the 10th IOC president in June 2025, after Thomas Bach.

64. (D) Lausanne – Founded in Paris in 1894, the IOC has been based in Lausanne, Switzerland, since 1915 – the 'Olympic Capital'.

65. (B) Mamallapuram – It was held at Mamallapuram, 28 July–10 Aug 2022; mascot 'Thambi' (a knight). India's B team won bronze.

66. (A) 94th – Founded on 8 Oct 1932, it marks its 94th year in 2026; the theme is 'Infallible, Impervious and Precise'.

67. (B) Bhagavad Gita – It is from Chapter 11 of the Bhagavad Gita, meaning 'Touch the sky with glory'. 'Satyameva Jayate' comes from the Mundaka Upanishad.

68. (C) Uttar Pradesh – Hindon is at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh – one of Asia's largest air bases and home to C-17 and C-130J aircraft.

69. (D) Subroto Mukerjee – Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee took charge on 1 Apr 1954 – the 'Father of the IAF'; he died in Tokyo in 1960.

70. (A) Sulur – Sulur in Coimbatore district hosts Tejas squadrons No. 45 (raised 2016; at Sulur since 2018) and No. 18 (2020). Thanjavur has Su-30MKIs.

71. (A) Second Thursday of October – The second Thursday of October – 8 Oct in 2026. 10 Oct is World Mental Health Day; 8 Oct fits only this year.

72. (C) Love Your Eyes – 'Love Your Eyes' urges personal eye care and eye tests for all. 'Hope in Sight' was the 2020 theme.

73. (B) Madurai – It began in Madurai with 11 beds; its mix of free and paid care is world-famous. Chennai's Egmore eye institute (1819) is Asia's oldest.

74. (D) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. 3 is wrong: the octopus is a mollusc (class Cephalopoda); crabs and insects are arthropods.

75. (C) Gulf of Mannar – The Gulf of Mannar, with 21 islands between Thoothukudi and Rameswaram, became a biosphere reserve in 1989; its marine national park dates from 1986.

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