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Questions (90)

1. Under G.O. 179, residential buildings up to what floor area can get permits through third-party certification?
(A) 300 sq m
(B) 500 sq m
(C) 750 sq m
(D) 1,500 sq m

2. Under G.O. 180, to what limit was the residential permit ceiling raised for corporations and municipalities?
(A) 10,000 sq ft
(B) 12,912 sq ft
(C) 5,380 sq ft
(D) 16,140 sq ft

3. Which Tamil Nadu department issued both these Government Orders?
(A) Municipal Administration
(B) Housing & Urban Development
(C) Rural Development
(D) Revenue

4. 'Urban planning' and 'regulation of construction of buildings' are municipal functions listed in which Schedule?
(A) 12th Schedule
(B) 11th Schedule
(C) 10th Schedule
(D) 9th Schedule

5. What does 'SIPCOT' stand for?
(A) Small Industries Promotion Council of TN
(B) State Infrastructure Planning Corp. of TN
(C) State Industries Promotion Corp. of TN
(D) State Industrial Power Corp. of TN

6. What is the name of the State-level TB team launched along with the field manual?
(A) TB Mukt Yodha
(B) TB-Free JOSH
(C) Ni-kshay Mitra
(D) Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam

7. How many village panchayats in Tamil Nadu have been recognised as 'TB-free panchayats'?
(A) 2,390
(B) 1,250
(C) 12,525
(D) 388

8. Which district is NOT in the first phase of the 'TB-Free JOSH' team?
(A) Madurai
(B) Cuddalore
(C) Theni
(D) Dharmapuri

9. World TB Day (24 March) marks the announcement of the TB bacterium. Who discovered it?
(A) Louis Pasteur
(B) Alexander Fleming
(C) Robert Koch
(D) Edward Jenner

10. ICMR's National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT) is located in
(A) Pune
(B) Bengaluru
(C) New Delhi
(D) Chennai

11. In the ₹212.58 crore police modernisation package, which item gets the largest share?
(A) Weapons
(B) Communication equipment
(C) CCTV monitoring
(D) Information technology

12. How many special four-wheelers will be bought for the ERSS with ₹55 crore?
(A) 100
(B) 250
(C) 500
(D) 1,000

13. What is the single nationwide emergency number of the ERSS?

(A) 112 (B) 100

(C) 108 (D) 181

14. How much of this allocation is for weapons and related equipment?

(A) ₹55 crore (B) ₹99.03 crore

(C) ₹30.51 crore (D) ₹3.33 crore

15. The Emergency Response Support System (ERSS – 112) is implemented under which fund?

(A) PM CARES Fund (B) Nirbhaya Fund

(C) National Disaster Response Fund (D) CAMPA Fund

16. What is the capacity of the Perur desalination plant?

(A) 100 MLD (B) 150 MLD

(C) 265 MLD (D) 400 MLD

17. Which technology does the Perur plant use to remove salt from seawater?

(A) Multi-stage flash distillation (B) Solar distillation

(C) Reverse osmosis (D) Electrodialysis

18. Which foreign agency is financing the Perur desalination plant?

(A) JICA (Japan) (B) World Bank

(C) Asian Development Bank (D) KfW (Germany)

19. Where was Chennai's first desalination plant (100 MLD, 2010) built?

(A) Nemmeli (B) Minjur (Kattupalli)

(C) Perur (D) Ennore

20. In which district is the Perur desalination plant located?

(A) Kancheepuram (B) Tiruvallur

(C) Villupuram (D) Chengalpattu

21. The Ladakh snow leopard safari was launched during which observance?

(A) Wildlife Week (B) Van Mahotsav

(C) Earth Hour (D) Ozone Day

22. Which is one of the first areas of the snow leopard safari?

(A) Gulmarg (B) Spiti

(C) Rumbak (D) Tawang

23. According to the SPAI assessment, roughly how many snow leopards does India have?

(A) 477 (B) 718

(C) 1,200 (D) 3,682

24. What is the snow leopard's status on the IUCN Red List?

(A) Critically Endangered (B) Endangered

(C) Vulnerable (D) Near Threatened

25. On which date did Ladakh become a Union Territory?

(A) 5 August 2019 (B) 26 January 2020

(C) 15 August 2019 (D) 31 October 2019

26. What trade-margin cap is the Centre setting for anti-cancer drugs?

(A) 10% of MRP (B) 30% of MRP

(C) 42% of MRP (D) 70% of MRP

27. How many non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs are covered by this decision?
(A) 42 (B) 384
(C) 526 (D) 110

28. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) works under which ministry?
(A) Chemicals and Fertilizers (B) Health and Family Welfare
(C) Commerce and Industry (D) Finance

29. The DPCO 2013 is issued under which Act?
(A) Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940 (B) Competition Act 2002
(C) Essential Commodities Act 1955 (D) Consumer Protection Act 2019

30. Who founded the Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai, in 1954?
(A) Dr V. Shanta (B) Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy
(C) Dr S. Krishnamurthi (D) Dr A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar

31. Mahendragiri, home of the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), is in which district?
(A) Kanyakumari (B) Tirunelveli
(C) Thoothukudi (D) Tenkasi

32. 4 October, the first day of World Space Week, marks the launch of which spacecraft?
(A) Sputnik-1 (1957) (B) Apollo 11 (1969)
(C) Aryabhata (1975) (D) Vostok-1 (1961)

33. What is the theme of World Space Week 2026?
(A) Living in Space (B) Space and Climate Change
(C) Rocket Revolution (D) Women in Space

34. The spaceport coming up at Kulasekarapattinam, Thoothukudi, is meant for which launch vehicle?
(A) PSLV (B) LVM3 (GSLV Mk III)
(C) Reusable Launch Vehicle (D) SSLV (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle)

35. From where was India's first rocket launched in 1963?
(A) Sriharikota (B) Thumba (TERLS)
(C) Chandipur (D) Balasore

36. Which edition of the India Mobile Congress began in October 2026?
(A) 8th (B) 9th
(C) 10th (D) 11th

37. Where is 'Yashobhoomi', the venue of IMC 2026?
(A) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi (B) Dwarka, New Delhi
(C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat (D) Navi Mumbai

38. What is the theme of the 10th India Mobile Congress?
(A) Scale Without Boundaries (B) Transform to Thrive
(C) The Future is Now (D) Connect, Create, Innovate

39. Which bodies jointly organise the India Mobile Congress?
(A) TRAI and DoT (B) MeitY and NASSCOM
(C) C-DOT and BSNL (D) DoT and COAI

40. In which year were 5G services launched in India at the India Mobile Congress?
(A) 2020 (B) 2021
(C) 2022 (D) 2023

41. Which officer heads the Keralam Police 'Speak Up' task force?
(A) IGP Ajitha Begum
(B) DGP R. Sreelekha
(C) IGP P. Vijayan
(D) ADGP Manoj Abraham

42. Which Article of the Constitution empowers Parliament to change the name of a State?
(A) Article 1
(B) Article 2
(C) Article 3
(D) Article 5

43. On which date was Madras State renamed 'Tamil Nadu'?
(A) 1 November 1956
(B) 14 January 1969
(C) 26 January 1950
(D) 18 July 1967

44. In which year was the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act enacted?
(A) 1961
(B) 2013
(C) 2019
(D) 2005

45. Which section of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) punishes cruelty to a woman by her husband or relatives?
(A) Section 85
(B) Section 103
(C) Section 64
(D) Section 498

46. Why is World Hydrogen Day on 8 October?
(A) First fuel cell's invention
(B) Green Hydrogen Mission launch
(C) Hydrogen's atomic weight 1.008
(D) Discoverer's birthday

47. What is the 2030 production-capacity target of the National Green Hydrogen Mission?
(A) 1 MMT a year
(B) 5 MMT a year
(C) 3 MMT a year
(D) 10 MMT a year

48. What is the initial outlay of the National Green Hydrogen Mission?
(A) ₹10,371 crore
(B) ₹26,275 crore
(C) ₹1 lakh crore
(D) ₹19,744 crore

49. Who, the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, was chief guest at the MNRE hydrogen event?
(A) Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood
(B) Dr K. VijayRaghavan
(C) Dr V.K. Saraswat
(D) Dr Jitendra Singh

50. Which Tamil Nadu port was chosen to be developed as a green hydrogen hub?
(A) Chennai Port
(B) Kamarajar Port (Ennore)
(C) V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Thoothukudi)
(D) Kattupalli Port

51. Which GST Council meeting was held on 8 Oct 2026?
(A) 57th
(B) 55th
(C) 56th
(D) 58th

52. Under the new practice, annual GST rate changes will take effect from which date?
(A) 1 January
(B) 1 April
(C) 1 July
(D) 1 October

53. Which Article of the Constitution provides for the GST Council?
(A) Article 246A
(B) Article 269A
(C) Article 279A
(D) Article 270

54. Which constitutional amendment introduced GST?

(A) 99th
(B) 100th
(C) 103rd
(D) 101st

55. Who chairs the GST Council?

(A) Prime Minister
(B) Union Finance Minister
(C) RBI Governor
(D) Chairman of the Finance Commission

56. To what level has the threshold for GST prosecution been raised?

(A) ₹2 crore
(B) ₹50 lakh
(C) ₹5 crore
(D) ₹10 crore

57. When do the GST changes, including removal of arrest power, take effect?

(A) 1 November 2026
(B) 1 January 2027
(C) 1 July 2027
(D) 1 April 2027

58. Under the 57th Council's decision, the GST general penalty was cut to

(A) ₹10,000
(B) ₹5,000
(C) ₹15,000
(D) ₹20,000

59. Which GST applies to inter-State supply of goods?

(A) CGST
(B) IGST
(C) SGST
(D) UTGST

60. What are the two main slabs of 'GST 2.0', in force from 22 Sept 2025?

(A) 5% and 18%
(B) 5% and 12%
(C) 12% and 18%
(D) 18% and 28%

61. How many of Andhra Pradesh's 26 districts were declared drought-hit?

(A) 13
(B) 21
(C) 26
(D) 18

62. Roughly what rainfall deficit did Andhra Pradesh record in June–August 2026?

(A) 21%
(B) 34.5%
(C) 53.4%
(D) 74.3%

63. Which Union ministry issues the 'Manual for Drought Management'?

(A) Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(B) Home Affairs
(C) Jal Shakti
(D) Earth Sciences

64. Which rain-shadow region of Andhra Pradesh faces frequent drought?

(A) Coastal Andhra
(B) Uttarandhra
(C) Telangana
(D) Rayalaseema

65. Which monsoon gives Tamil Nadu most of its rainfall?

(A) North-east monsoon
(B) South-west monsoon
(C) Western disturbances
(D) Mango showers

66. What is the minimum water-supply cut in Maharashtra from 16 October?

(A) 10%
(B) 5%
(C) 20%
(D) 30%

67. Under the new order, industries must reuse or recycle at least what share of their water?

(A) 10%
(B) 20%
(C) 30%
(D) 50%

68. Which phenomenon, which tends to weaken the monsoon, did Maharashtra factor into its water planning?

(A) La Niña
(B) El Niño
(C) Positive Indian Ocean Dipole
(D) Western disturbance

69. Marathwada in Maharashtra lies in the rain shadow of which range?

(A) Satpura
(B) Aravalli
(C) Vindhya
(D) Western Ghats (Sahyadri)

70. Which was the first State to make rainwater harvesting compulsory in all buildings, in 2003?

(A) Keralam
(B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Karnataka
(D) Gujarat

71. Anne Carson, winner of the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature, is from which country?

(A) USA
(B) Britain
(C) Canada
(D) Australia

72. Anne Carson is mainly a scholar of which field?

(A) Classics (ancient Greek)
(B) Physics
(C) Economics
(D) Sanskrit

73. Which Canadian writer won the Literature Nobel before Anne Carson?

(A) Margaret Atwood
(B) Alice Munro
(C) Michael Ondaatje
(D) Leonard Cohen

74. In which year did Rabindranath Tagore win the Nobel Prize in Literature?

(A) 1901
(B) 1930
(C) 1979
(D) 1913

75. In which year was Tamil declared India's first classical language?

(A) 2004
(B) 2005
(C) 2008
(D) 2013

76. What was Nana Patekar's real name?

(A) Narayan Patekar
(B) Vinayak Patekar
(C) Vishwanath Patekar
(D) Vasant Patekar

77. Which film won Nana Patekar the National Award for Best Actor?

(A) Parinda
(B) Krantiveer
(C) Agni Sakshi
(D) Welcome

78. In which year was Nana Patekar awarded the Padma Shri?

(A) 2008
(B) 2010
(C) 2016
(D) 2013

79. In which Rajinikanth Tamil film did Nana Patekar play the villain?

(A) Kaala
(B) Kabali
(C) Petta
(D) Darbar

80. Whom does the NAAM Foundation, started by Nana Patekar, help?

(A) Street children
(B) Cancer patients
(C) Wildlife
(D) Drought-hit farmers

81. The UPU, whose founding World Post Day marks, was set up in 1874 in which city?

(A) Paris
(B) Geneva
(C) Vienna
(D) Bern

82. What is the theme of World Post Day 2026?

(A) One postal network, infinite possibilities
(B) Post for People
(C) Innovate to Recover
(D) Together for Trust

83. Who introduced the Postal Index Number (PIN) in India in 1972?

(A) Vikram Sarabhai
(B) Shriram Bhikaji Velankar
(C) Sam Pitroda
(D) M. Visvesvaraya

84. In which year was the law that replaced the Indian Post Office Act 1898 enacted?

(A) 2019
(B) 2021
(C) 2023
(D) 2024

85. PIN codes beginning with '6' belong to which States?

(A) Andhra Pradesh, Telangana
(B) Karnataka
(C) Maharashtra, Goa
(D) Tamil Nadu, Keralam

86. When is World Egg Day observed every year?

(A) 9 October
(B) Second Friday of October
(C) 16 October
(D) First Monday of October

87. What is the theme of World Egg Day 2026?

(A) Eggs for a Healthy Future
(B) United by Eggs
(C) The Mighty Egg
(D) Protein that Powers and Protects

88. When and where did World Egg Day begin?

(A) 1990, Rome
(B) 2000, Geneva
(C) 1996, Vienna
(D) 2005, London

89. Which place in Tamil Nadu is called the 'Egg City'?

(A) Namakkal
(B) Erode
(C) Tiruppur
(D) Palladam

90. In which year did M.G.R.'s Nutritious Noon Meal scheme begin in Tamil Nadu?

(A) 1956
(B) 1972
(C) 1982
(D) 1989

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Answers & explanations

1. (C) 750 sq m – Up to 750 sq m (about 8,070 sq ft). The limit is 300 sq m for commercial buildings and 2,500 sq m for factories.

2. (D) 16,140 sq ft – From 10,000 to 16,140 sq ft (1,500 sq m). Town and village panchayats get 12,912 sq ft; commercial buildings 5,380 sq ft.

3. (B) Housing & Urban Development – The Housing and Urban Development Department; CMDA and DTCP work under it.

4. (A) 12th Schedule – 12th Schedule (74th Amendment, 1992) – 18 subjects. 11th – panchayats; 10th – anti-defection.

5. (C) State Industries Promotion Corp. of TN – SIPCOT – State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (1971); it develops large industrial parks. SIDCO serves small industries.

6. (B) TB-Free JOSH – JOSH = Joint Squad for Health; young people spread awareness and identify and refer people with symptoms. Ni-kshay Mitra is the Centre's volunteer scheme.

7. (A) 2,390 – 2,390 panchayats were verified under national guidelines and recognised. 12,525 is Tamil Nadu's total number of village panchayats.

8. (A) Madurai – First-phase districts: Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Tiruchi, Theni and Thoothukudi. Madurai is not among them.

9. (C) Robert Koch – Robert Koch announced Mycobacterium tuberculosis in 1882 and won the 1905 Nobel in Medicine. Fleming – penicillin; Jenner – smallpox vaccine.

10. (D) Chennai – It began in Chennai in 1956 as the Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre; the 'Madras study' proving home treatment works was done here.

11. (B) Communication equipment – Communication gets ₹99.03 crore – nearly half the total. Weapons get only ₹3.33 crore.

12. (C) 500 – 500 special vehicles – to respond faster to emergency calls.

13. (A) 112 – 112 covers police, fire and ambulance. 108 is the ambulance line; 181 is the women's helpline.

14. (D) ₹3.33 crore – Weapons get ₹3.33 crore; most of the money goes to communication, vehicles and CCTV.

15. (B) Nirbhaya Fund – The Nirbhaya Fund (2013) is for women's safety; ERSS-112 and Safe City projects come under it.

16. (D) 400 MLD – 400 million litres a day; the Minjur plant that opened in 2010 is 100 MLD.

17. (C) Reverse osmosis – Seawater reverse osmosis (SWRO) forces water through a membrane under pressure, leaving the salt behind.

18. (A) JICA (Japan) – The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is lending; CMWSSB is implementing.

19. (B) Minjur (Kattupalli) – Minjur opened in 2010 and Nemmeli in 2013. The 400 MLD Perur plant is under construction.

20. (D) Chengalpattu – Chengalpattu district (Thiruporur taluk); Chengalpattu was carved out of Kancheepuram in 2019. Mamallapuram is in the same district.

21. (A) Wildlife Week – It was launched at Leh on 7 Oct during Wildlife Week (2–8 Oct). Van Mahotsav is in the first week of July.

22. (C) Rumbak – First phase: Rumbak, Shang and Uley, where snow leopards are often seen. Hemis and Nubra come next.

23. (B) 718 – India has 718, of which 477 are in Ladakh. 3,682 is the 2022 tiger census figure.

24. (C) Vulnerable – 'Vulnerable'; under Indian law it has the highest protection in Schedule I.

25. (D) 31 October 2019 – From 31 Oct 2019 (Sardar Patel's birthday) under the J&K Reorganisation Act 2019; 5 Aug 2019 was when the Article 370 change was announced.

26. (B) 30% of MRP – A 30% cap, which could cut prices by up to 70%. '42' is the number of drugs capped in 2019.

27. (D) 110 – 110 drugs (35 patented). 384 is the NLEM 2022 count; 526 is the number of brands cut in 2019.

28. (A) Chemicals and Fertilizers – The NPPA (1997) is under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers; drug quality control (CDSCO) is under the Health Ministry.

29. (C) Essential Commodities Act 1955 – The DPCO is issued under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act 1955. The 1940 Act regulates drug quality.

30. (B) Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy – Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy, India's first woman legislator, founded it; Dr V. Shanta built it into a major centre.

31. (B) Tirunelveli – IPRC is at Mahendragiri in Tirunelveli district; it tests cryogenic and liquid engines.

32. (A) Sputnik-1 (1957) – 4 Oct 1957 – Sputnik-1, the first satellite. 10 Oct 1967 – the Outer Space Treaty took effect; the week spans these two dates.

33. (C) Rocket Revolution – 2026 – 'Rocket Revolution'; 2025 – 'Living in Space'; 2024 – 'Space and Climate Change'; 2021 – 'Women in Space'.

34. (D) SSLV (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle) – India's second spaceport, for SSLV; foundation laid in Feb 2024. It was chosen for its southern, near-equator location suited to southward launches.

35. (B) Thumba (TERLS) – 21 Nov 1963 – Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station near Thiruvananthapuram, Keralam, chosen for its nearness to the magnetic equator.

36. (C) 10th – The 10th edition (7–10 Oct 2026); the PM opened it on 8 Oct. The first IMC was held in 2017.

37. (B) Dwarka, New Delhi – Yashobhoomi is the India International Convention and Expo Centre at Dwarka (2023). Bharat Mandapam is at Pragati Maidan.

38. (A) Scale Without Boundaries – 'Scale Without Boundaries', with four pillars: Srishti, Samvardhan, Sashakt and Suraksha.

39. (D) DoT and COAI – The Department of Telecommunications and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) run it. TRAI is the regulator.

40. (C) 2022 – On 1 Oct 2022, at the 6th IMC, PM Modi launched 5G services. 'Bharat 6G Vision' followed in March 2023.

41. (A) IGP Ajitha Begum – On the Home Department's order, IGP Ajitha Begum IPS is in charge; Minister Ramesh Chennithala announced it.

42. (C) Article 3 – Article 3. Kerala became 'Keralam' (25 Aug 2026). Article 2 admits new territories; Article 1 says 'India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States'.

43. (B) 14 January 1969 – 14 January 1969 (first day of Thai) under the Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act 1968. 18 July 1967 – the Assembly resolution (Anna); 1 Nov 1956 – linguistic reorganisation.

44. (D) 2005 – Enacted in 2005, in force from 26 Oct 2006. 1961 – Dowry Prohibition Act; 2013 – the workplace sexual harassment (POSH) Act.

45. (A) Section 85 – BNS Section 85 (formerly IPC 498A); Section 86 defines 'cruelty'. BNS 103 – murder; 64 – rape.

46. (C) Hydrogen's atomic weight 1.008 – Because hydrogen's atomic weight is 1.008 – the 8th day of the 10th month. Henry Cavendish identified hydrogen as an element (1766).

47. (B) 5 MMT a year – 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen a year by 2030, with about 125 GW of linked renewable capacity.

48. (D) ₹19,744 crore – Approved in January 2023 with ₹19,744 crore, most of it for the SIGHT incentive scheme. ₹10,371 crore is the IndiaAI Mission.

49. (A) Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood – Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood has been PSA since 2022, after K. VijayRaghavan. Jitendra Singh is the Minister of State for Science and Technology.

50. (C) V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Thoothukudi) – Three major ports – Deendayal (Kandla), Paradip and V.O.C. (Thoothukudi) – were chosen as hydrogen hubs.

51. (A) 57th – The 57th meeting – no rate changes, focused on process reforms.

52. (B) 1 April – 1 April – start of the financial year. 1 July is when GST began (2017), marked as 'GST Day'.

53. (C) Article 279A – 279A – GST Council. 246A – power to legislate on GST; 269A – IGST; 270 – sharing of Union taxes with States.

54. (D) 101st – The 101st Amendment (2016). 99th – NJAC; 100th – India–Bangladesh land boundary; 103rd – 10% EWS reservation.

55. (B) Union Finance Minister – The Union Finance Minister chairs it; the Union MoS for Revenue or Finance and all State finance ministers are members.

56. (C) ₹5 crore – From ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore – a fivefold rise.

57. (D) 1 April 2027 – From 1 April 2027. Only the refund on input services starts earlier, from 1 Nov 2026.

58. (A) ₹10,000 – Cut from ₹25,000 to ₹10,000; no notice will be sent for tax below ₹10,000 either.

59. (B) IGST – IGST (Integrated GST) is collected by the Centre and shared with the destination State (Article 269A). Intra-State sales attract CGST + SGST.

60. (A) 5% and 18% – 5% and 18% are the main slabs, with 40% for luxury and sin goods. Earlier there were four: 5, 12, 18 and 28%.

61. (B) 21 – 388 mandals in 21 districts (283 severe, 105 moderate). Andhra went from 13 to 26 districts in 2022.

62. (C) 53.4% – About 53.4% – 'deficient' (−20% to −59%) on the IMD scale.

63. (A) Agriculture and Farmers Welfare – The Agriculture Ministry (2016, revised 2020). For other disasters, the Home Ministry is the nodal ministry.

64. (D) Rayalaseema – Rayalaseema (Anantapur, Kurnool, Kadapa, Chittoor) is in the Western Ghats' rain shadow; Telangana has been a separate State since 2014.

65. (A) North-east monsoon – The north-east monsoon (Oct–Dec) brings about 48% of Tamil Nadu's annual rain. During the south-west monsoon most of Tamil Nadu is in the rain shadow.

66. (A) 10% – At least 10% in all urban and rural local bodies; drinking water gets top priority.

67. (C) 30% – At least 30%; every dam will also hold a 10% emergency reserve.

68. (B) El Niño – El Niño – warming of the Pacific – often means a weaker Indian monsoon. A positive IOD usually helps rainfall.

69. (D) Western Ghats (Sahyadri) – South-west monsoon winds from the Arabian Sea rain on the Sahyadri's western slope; Marathwada to the east gets little.

70. (B) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – made it compulsory for all buildings by ordinance in 2003; it helped raise groundwater levels.

71. (C) Canada – Canada – born in Toronto in 1950; she also holds Icelandic citizenship.

72. (A) Classics (ancient Greek) – A professor of classics who translated and reworked Sappho, Euripides and others.

73. (B) Alice Munro – Alice Munro – 2013, the 'master of the contemporary short story'. Atwood has often been tipped; Ondaatje won the Booker.

74. (D) 1913 – 1913 – for 'Gitanjali'; India's only Literature Nobel. 1930 – C.V. Raman (Physics); 1979 – Mother Teresa (Peace).

75. (A) 2004 – 12 Oct 2004. Later Sanskrit (2005), Telugu and Kannada (2008), Malayalam (2013), Odia (2014), and five more in 2024.

76. (C) Vishwanath Patekar – Vishwanath Patekar; born on 1 January 1951 at Murud-Janjira, Maharashtra.

77. (B) Krantiveer – 'Krantiveer' (1994) – Best Actor. 'Parinda' (1989) and 'Agni Sakshi' (1996) won him Best Supporting Actor.

78. (D) 2013 – Padma Shri in 2013. Padma awards date from 1954; the Padma Shri is the fourth-highest civilian award.

79. (A) Kaala – Pa. Ranjith's 'Kaala' (2018), set in Mumbai's Dharavi; Nana Patekar played 'Hari Dada'.

80. (D) Drought-hit farmers – Started in 2015 with Makarand Anaspure – helps drought-hit farmers in Maharashtra and families of farmers who died.

81. (D) Bern – Bern, Switzerland – the Treaty of Bern, 9 Oct 1874; the UPU is still headquartered there.

82. (A) One postal network, infinite possibilities – 'One postal network, infinite possibilities' – stressing the post office as a one-stop shop for many services.

83. (B) Shriram Bhikaji Velankar – 15 Aug 1972 – Shriram Bhikaji Velankar; a 6-digit code with 9 PIN zones. Sam Pitroda led the telecom revolution.

84. (C) 2023 – The Post Office Act 2023, in force from 18 June 2024.

85. (D) Tamil Nadu, Keralam – 6 – Tamil Nadu and Keralam (with Puducherry and Lakshadweep); 5 – Andhra, Telangana, Karnataka; 4 – Maharashtra, Goa and others.

86. (B) Second Friday of October – The second Friday of October – 9 Oct in 2026. 16 Oct is World Food Day.

87. (D) Protein that Powers and Protects – 'Protein that Powers and Protects' – the 30th year; it highlights choline, vitamin D, B12 and selenium.

88. (C) 1996, Vienna – It was decided at the International Egg Commission (IEC) conference in Vienna in 1996; 2026 is its 30th year.

89. (A) Namakkal – Namakkal – a hub of poultry farms and egg exports, also known for its lorry industry. Palladam is a broiler hub.

90. (C) 1982 – It began in 1982. 1956 is when Kamaraj expanded the mid-day meal; the national Mid-Day Meal scheme came in 1995.

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