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Questions (90)

1. Under the Telugu Ganga agreement, how much Krishna water must Chennai receive each year (after losses)?
(A) 5 TMC
(B) 8 TMC
(C) 15 TMC
(D) 12 TMC

2. In which reservoir is Telugu Ganga water first stored in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Poondi (Sathyamurthy Sagar)
(B) Chembarambakkam
(C) Veeranam
(D) Cholavaram

3. The Telugu Ganga agreement (1983) was between which two Chief Ministers?
(A) Karunanidhi – Naidu
(B) MGR – NTR
(C) Jayalalithaa – YSR
(D) Kamaraj – Sanjiva Reddy

4. Where does the Krishna river originate?
(A) Trimbakeshwar
(B) Talakaveri
(C) Mahabaleshwar
(D) Amarkantak

5. Which Article of the Constitution deals with inter-State river water disputes?
(A) Article 262
(B) Article 263
(C) Article 131
(D) Article 246

6. Which department invited applications for Tamil Nadu's 2025 Environment Awards?
(A) Forest Department
(B) Department of Environment and Climate Change
(C) Rural Development Department
(D) Municipal Administration Department

7. What is the first prize in each category of the 2025 Environment Awards?
(A) ₹1,00,000
(B) ₹25,000
(C) ₹50,000
(D) ₹2,00,000

8. Which Tamil Nadu IAS officer won UNEP's 'Champions of the Earth' 2025 award?
(A) Supriya Sahu
(B) Gagandeep Singh Bedi
(C) J. Radhakrishnan
(D) T. Udhayachandran

9. Where is the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) headquartered?
(A) Geneva
(B) Bonn
(C) Paris
(D) Nairobi

10. Which campaign did Tamil Nadu launch in 2021 to promote cloth bags over single-use plastic?
(A) Green Tamil Nadu
(B) Meendum Manjappai
(C) Namma Ooru Superu
(D) Thooimai Tamil Nadu

11. Where is Tamil Nadu's ornamental fisheries priority cluster under PMMSY?
(A) Thoothukudi
(B) Ramanathapuram
(C) Madurai
(D) Nagapattinam

12. Hazaribagh, home to the PMMSY pearl cluster, is in which State?
(A) Jharkhand
(B) Odisha
(C) West Bengal
(D) Bihar

13. In which year was the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) launched?
(A) 2015
(B) 2018
(C) 2022
(D) 2020

14. On which date is National Fish Farmers' Day observed?

(A) 21 November
(B) 10 July
(C) 8 June
(D) 5 April

15. Which Chennai locality is regarded as the main hub of India's ornamental fish trade?

(A) Kasimedu
(B) Ennore
(C) Kolathur
(D) Pulicat

16. What is the international extreme poverty line as revised by the World Bank in June 2025?

(A) $1.90 a day
(B) $2.15 a day
(C) $3.00 a day
(D) $4.20 a day

17. According to the Oct 2026 World Bank brief, what was India's extreme poverty rate ($3/day) in 2023?

(A) 2.6%
(B) 16.1%
(C) 11.28%
(D) 27.1%

18. Which dimension is NOT part of NITI Aayog's Multidimensional Poverty Index?

(A) Health
(B) Education
(C) Standard of living
(D) Per-capita income

19. Who is the current President of the World Bank?

(A) Kristalina Georgieva
(B) Ajay Banga
(C) David Malpass
(D) Gita Gopinath

20. Which committee re-estimated India's poverty line in 2014?

(A) Tendulkar Committee
(B) Lakdawala Committee
(C) Rangarajan Committee
(D) Alagh Committee

21. Under the struck-down Karnataka law, total reservation had risen to what percentage?

(A) 50%
(B) 69%
(C) 56%
(D) 60%

22. Which Supreme Court judgment set the 50% ceiling on reservation?

(A) Indra Sawhney (1992)
(B) Champakam Dorairajan (1951)
(C) M. Nagaraj (2006)
(D) Janhit Abhiyan (2022)

23. Which constitutional amendment placed Tamil Nadu's 69% reservation law in the Ninth Schedule?

(A) 73rd Amendment
(B) 77th Amendment
(C) 93rd Amendment
(D) 76th Amendment

24. Which constitutional amendment introduced the Ninth Schedule?

(A) 7th Amendment (1956)
(B) 1st Amendment (1951)
(C) 24th Amendment (1971)
(D) 42nd Amendment (1976)

25. Which provision requires States to consult the National Commission for SCs on major policy matters affecting SCs?

(A) Article 338(9)
(B) Article 340
(C) Article 341
(D) Article 46

26. Which was the first Union Territory declared 'fully literate' under ULLAS?

(A) Lakshadweep
(B) Puducherry
(C) Ladakh
(D) Chandigarh

27. What minimum literacy rate makes a State/UT 'fully literate' under ULLAS?
(A) 100%
(B) 95%
(C) 90%
(D) 85%

28. What does 'ULLAS' stand for?
(A) Universal Literacy and Learning for All Students
(B) Union Literacy Linked Adult Scheme
(C) Upgraded Learning for Literate Adult Society
(D) Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society

29. Which channel separates Lakshadweep's Minicoy island from the Maldives?
(A) 8° Channel
(B) 9° Channel
(C) 10° Channel
(D) Palk Strait

30. As per Census 2011, which district had the highest literacy in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Chennai
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Kanniyakumari
(D) Thoothukudi

31. Where was the new headquarters of the International Big Cat Alliance opened?
(A) Lodhi Estate, New Delhi
(B) Mysuru
(C) Dehradun
(D) Gurugram

32. Which of IBCA's seven big cats is NOT found in the wild in India?
(A) Snow leopard
(B) Lion
(C) Leopard
(D) Jaguar

33. The event where IBCA was announced marked 50 years of what?
(A) Wildlife (Protection) Act
(B) Project Tiger
(C) Project Elephant
(D) Stockholm Conference

34. In which national park were cheetahs reintroduced in 2022?
(A) Kanha
(B) Ranthambore
(C) Kuno
(D) Gir

35. Which of these is NOT a tiger reserve in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Sathyamangalam
(B) Bandipur
(C) Kalakad–Mundanthurai
(D) Srivilliputhur–Megamalai

36. The INDRA exercise is held between India and which country?
(A) Russia
(B) Indonesia
(C) Israel
(D) Italy

37. Which Indian ship is taking part in INDRA 2026?
(A) INS Trishul
(B) INS Tarkash
(C) INS Sahyadri
(D) INS Vikrant

38. In which Russian city is INDRA 2026 being held?
(A) Murmansk
(B) St Petersburg
(C) Sevastopol
(D) Vladivostok

39. INS Sahyadri belongs to which class?
(A) Talwar class
(B) Shivalik class (Project-17)
(C) Kolkata class (Project-15A)
(D) Kalvari class (Project-75)

40. India's 'MAHASAGAR' maritime vision expands which earlier vision?
(A) SAGAR (2015)
(B) Sagarmala
(C) Look East Policy
(D) Blue Economy

41. Which three countries take part in IBSAMAR?
(A) India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka
(B) India, Brazil, South Africa
(C) India, Indonesia, Singapore
(D) India, France, UAE

42. At which South African naval base is IBSAMAR IX (2026) being held?
(A) Durban
(B) Port Elizabeth
(C) Simon's Town
(D) Richards Bay

43. Which 2003 declaration set up the IBSA Dialogue Forum?
(A) Durban Declaration
(B) Delhi Declaration
(C) Cape Town Declaration
(D) Brasilia Declaration

44. Which Indian ship is taking part in IBSAMAR IX?
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(B) INS Sahyadri
(C) INS Mangrol
(D) INS Talwar

45. Which European rounded the Cape of Good Hope and reached Calicut, India, in 1498?
(A) Bartolomeu Dias
(B) Ferdinand Magellan
(C) Vasco da Gama
(D) Christopher Columbus

46. Which body will supply 'Bharat Rice' to the Army from 2026–27?
(A) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
(B) NAFED
(C) Kendriya Bhandar
(D) CSD canteens

47. What was the per-kg price of 'Bharat Rice' for the public at its Feb 2024 launch?
(A) ₹25
(B) ₹34
(C) ₹40
(D) ₹29

48. Who gave the slogan 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan'?
(A) Lal Bahadur Shastri
(B) Jawaharlal Nehru
(C) Indira Gandhi
(D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

49. In which year was the Food Corporation of India set up?
(A) 1947
(B) 1955
(C) 1965
(D) 1977

50. In which year was the National Food Security Act enacted?
(A) 2005
(B) 2016
(C) 2009
(D) 2013

51. Where is ICMR's first high-altitude medicine research centre being set up?
(A) Leh, Ladakh
(B) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh
(C) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
(D) Joshimath, Uttarakhand

52. Under what name was ICMR first set up in 1911?
(A) Indian Medical Association
(B) All India Institute of Hygiene
(C) Indian Medical Service
(D) Indian Research Fund Association

53. Which life-threatening condition at high altitude involves fluid in the lungs?
(A) HAPE
(B) HACE
(C) ARDS
(D) COPD

54. Which tunnel links Manali with Lahaul valley all year round?
(A) Zojila Tunnel
(B) Jawahar Tunnel
(C) Atal Tunnel
(D) Sela Tunnel

55. NIRT, an ICMR institute in Chennai, is known for research on which disease?
(A) Malaria
(B) Tuberculosis
(C) Leprosy
(D) Dengue

56. Who chaired the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting?
(A) Rajnath Singh
(B) S. Jaishankar
(C) Ajit Doval
(D) Amit Shah

57. Where is the BIMSTEC Secretariat?
(A) Dhaka
(B) Kathmandu
(C) Bangkok
(D) Colombo

58. Which of these is NOT a BIMSTEC member?
(A) Bhutan
(B) Maldives
(C) Myanmar
(D) Nepal

59. In which year did the BIMSTEC Charter come into force?
(A) 1997
(B) 2022
(C) 2024
(D) 2025

60. In which city was the 1997 declaration that founded BIMSTEC signed?
(A) Dhaka
(B) New Delhi
(C) Yangon
(D) Bangkok

61. Which UK company partners CDFD in the India–UK Genomics Centre of Excellence?
(A) Oxford Nanopore Technologies
(B) Genomics England
(C) Wellcome Trust
(D) AstraZeneca

62. In which city is the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD)?
(A) Bengaluru
(B) Pune
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Lucknow

63. How many Indians' whole genomes were sequenced under the Genome India project?
(A) 1,000
(B) 1 lakh
(C) 1 crore
(D) 10,000

64. Who invented DNA fingerprinting?
(A) James Watson
(B) Alec Jeffreys
(C) Frederick Sanger
(D) Kary Mullis

65. Who is called the 'father of DNA fingerprinting in India'?
(A) Dr Lalji Singh
(B) Dr M.S. Swaminathan
(C) Dr Har Gobind Khorana
(D) Dr G.N. Ramachandran

66. What global growth did the IMF project for 2026 in its Oct 2026 WEO?
(A) 3.4%
(B) 3.1%
(C) 2.8%
(D) 7.0%

67. In which city are the 2026 IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings being held?
(A) Washington DC
(B) Marrakech
(C) Singapore
(D) Bangkok

68. Who has been the IMF's Chief Economist since August 2026?
(A) Gita Gopinath
(B) Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas
(C) Silvana Tenreyro
(D) Indermit Gill

69. At which 1944 conference were both the IMF and the World Bank created?
(A) Bretton Woods Conference
(B) Yalta Conference
(C) San Francisco Conference
(D) Havana Conference

70. Which organisation publishes the 'World Economic Outlook'?
(A) World Bank
(B) International Monetary Fund
(C) World Economic Forum
(D) OECD

71. What is the theme of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026?
(A) Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future
(B) Early Warning for All
(C) Invest in Resilience
(D) Resilience Starts at Home

72. In which city was the 2015–2030 disaster risk reduction framework adopted?
(A) Sendai
(B) Hyogo
(C) Paris
(D) Rio de Janeiro

73. Who chairs India's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)?
(A) Union Home Minister
(B) The President
(C) The Prime Minister
(D) Cabinet Secretary

74. In which year did India launch the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)?
(A) 2015
(B) 2019
(C) 2005
(D) 2023

75. Which disaster, which hit Tamil Nadu hard, led to India's Disaster Management Act 2005?
(A) Odisha super cyclone (1999)
(B) Gujarat earthquake (2001)
(C) Chennai floods (2015)
(D) Indian Ocean tsunami (2004)

76. On which date is World Standards Day observed?
(A) 14 October
(B) 15 March
(C) 24 December
(D) 17 May

77. World Standards Day 2026 spotlights which Sustainable Development Goal?
(A) SDG 3 – Good health
(B) SDG 13 – Climate action
(C) SDG 6 – Clean water
(D) SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy

78. In which year was the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) founded?
(A) 1946
(B) 1947
(C) 1906
(D) 1970

79. The Bureau of Indian Standards works under which ministry?
(A) Commerce & Industry
(B) Science & Technology
(C) Consumer Affairs
(D) Heavy Industries

80. Which quality mark is given to agricultural produce in India?
(A) Agmark
(B) ISI mark
(C) Hallmark
(D) Ecomark

81. On which date was the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan launched?
(A) 15 Aug 2021
(B) 17 Sept 2022
(C) 13 Oct 2021
(D) 1 Feb 2022

82. Where is BISAG-N, which built the PM GatiShakti GIS platform, located?

(A) Bengaluru (B) Gandhinagar

(C) Hyderabad (D) Dehradun

83. Which is NOT one of PM GatiShakti's '7 engines'?

(A) Ports (B) Waterways

(C) Airports (D) Power generation

84. In which year was the National Logistics Policy released?

(A) 2022 (B) 2021

(C) 2019 (D) 2024

85. Where is the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (central university)?

(A) Lucknow (B) Nagpur

(C) Chennai (D) Vadodara

86. On which date did the RTI Act 2005 come fully into force?

(A) 15 June 2005 (B) 12 Oct 2005

(C) 26 Jan 2006 (D) 15 Aug 2005

87. Under the RTI Act, what is the time limit for information concerning life or liberty?

(A) 30 days (B) 7 days

(C) 48 hours (D) 24 hours

88. The Supreme Court has held the right to information to be part of which fundamental right?

(A) Article 19(1)(a) (B) Article 14

(C) Article 32 (D) Article 25

89. Who is India's Chief Information Commissioner as of October 2026?

(A) Wajahat Habibullah (B) Heeralal Samariya

(C) Y.K. Sinha (D) Raj Kumar Goyal

90. Which States enacted right-to-information laws in 1997, before the 2005 central Act?

(A) Kerala and Karnataka (B) Tamil Nadu and Goa

(C) Rajasthan and Maharashtra (D) Delhi and Assam

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Answers & explanations

1. (D) 12 TMC – 12 TMC – 8 TMC in July–Oct and 4 TMC in Jan–Apr. It was first 15 TMC (5 TMC each from three States).

2. (A) Poondi (Sathyamurthy Sagar) – Poondi, Tiruvallur district; from there water goes to Puzhal and Chembarambakkam. Veeranam (Cuddalore district) gets Cauvery water.

3. (B) MGR – NTR – M.G. Ramachandran (Tamil Nadu) and N.T. Rama Rao (Andhra Pradesh), 1983.

4. (C) Mahabaleshwar – Mahabaleshwar (Maharashtra). Trimbakeshwar – Godavari; Talakaveri – Cauvery; Amarkantak – Narmada.

5. (A) Article 262 – Article 262 – Parliament may bar the Supreme Court's jurisdiction in such disputes; the River Water Disputes Act 1956. 263 – Inter-State Council; 131 – the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction.

6. (B) Department of Environment and Climate Change – The Department of Environment and Climate Change – Director's office, Nandanam, Chennai.

7. (C) ₹50,000 – ₹50,000; second ₹30,000; third ₹20,000. ₹1 lakh is the TNPCB Green Champion Award.

8. (A) Supriya Sahu – Supriya Sahu, who served as Additional Chief Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forests.

9. (D) Nairobi – Nairobi, Kenya – set up after the 1972 Stockholm Conference. Bonn hosts the UNFCCC secretariat.

10. (B) Meendum Manjappai – Meendum Manjappai (Dec 2021). The Green Tamil Nadu Mission targets 33% green cover.

11. (C) Madurai – Madurai – the Melur area. Other priority clusters: Hazaribagh (pearl), Lakshadweep (seaweed), Andaman (tuna).

12. (A) Jharkhand – Jharkhand – freshwater pearl culture. Lakshadweep has the seaweed cluster.

13. (D) 2020 – 10 Sept 2020 – ₹20,050 crore. 2018 saw the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF).

14. (B) 10 July – 10 July – the 1957 induced-breeding feat (Hiralal Chaudhury, Alikunhi). 21 Nov – World Fisheries Day; 8 June – World Oceans Day; 5 April – National Maritime Day.

15. (C) Kolathur – Kolathur – hundreds of ornamental fish units. Kasimedu is a fishing harbour.

16. (C) $3.00 a day – $3.00 a day (2021 PPP). $2.15 was the previous line (2017 PPP); $1.90 the one before (2011 PPP); $4.20 is the lower-middle-income line.

17. (A) 2.6% – 2.6% (2023); it was 27.1% in 2011. 16.1% is at the $4.20 line; 11.28% is NITI Aayog's MPI (2022–23).

18. (D) Per-capita income – The MPI covers health, education and living standards (three dimensions, 12 indicators); income is not included.

19. (B) Ajay Banga – Ajay Banga (since June 2023), of Indian origin. Georgieva is the IMF Managing Director; Malpass was his predecessor.

20. (C) Rangarajan Committee – Rangarajan Committee (2014). Tendulkar – 2009; Lakdawala – 1993; Alagh – 1979.

21. (C) 56% – 56% – SC 17 + ST 7 + OBC 32. EWS 10% is not counted in this. 69% is Tamil Nadu's.

22. (A) Indra Sawhney (1992) – Indra Sawhney (Mandal case, 1992). Champakam Dorairajan (Madras) led to the 1st Amendment (1951); Nagaraj – reservation in promotions; Janhit – EWS.

23. (D) 76th Amendment – The 76th Amendment (1994). 77th – SC/ST reservation in promotions (Art 16(4A)); 93rd – reservation in private educational institutions (Art 15(5)).

24. (B) 1st Amendment (1951) – The 1st Amendment (1951) – Article 31B and the Ninth Schedule, to protect land-reform laws. I.R. Coelho (2007) – laws added after 1973 are reviewable.

25. (A) Article 338(9) – Article 338(9) – SC Commission; 338A(9) – ST Commission. 340 – Backward Classes Commission; 341 – list of SCs; 46 – educational and economic interests of weaker sections (DPSP).

26. (C) Ladakh – Ladakh – June 2024. Lakshadweep is the second UT (Oct 2026). The first State was Mizoram (May 2025).

27. (B) 95% – 95%. Lakshadweep is described as '100%' because all 1,113 identified learners passed.

28. (D) Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society – Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society – the Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (2022–27), for those aged 15+.

29. (A) 8° Channel – The 8° Channel. 9° separates Minicoy from the rest of Lakshadweep; 10° separates Andaman from Nicobar; the Palk Strait lies between India and Sri Lanka.

30. (C) Kanniyakumari – Kanniyakumari (about 91.7%). The State average was 80.09%; the lowest was Dharmapuri.

31. (A) Lodhi Estate, New Delhi – 55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi – 12 Oct 2026. Mysuru – the 2023 launch; Gurugram – ISA headquarters.

32. (D) Jaguar – The jaguar lives in the Americas (as does the puma). Lion – Gir (Gujarat); snow leopard – the Himalaya.

33. (B) Project Tiger – Project Tiger (1973) – Mysuru, 9 Apr 2023. The Wildlife Act dates from 1972; Project Elephant from 1992.

34. (C) Kuno – Kuno National Park (MP) – 17 Sept 2022, from Namibia. Gandhi Sagar sanctuary was added later.

35. (B) Bandipur – Bandipur is in Karnataka (adjoining Mudumalai). Tamil Nadu's 5: Mudumalai, Anamalai, Sathyamangalam, Kalakad–Mundanthurai, Srivilliputhur–Megamalai.

36. (A) Russia – Russia – since 2003. Indonesia – 'Samudra Shakti' (navy), 'Garuda Shakti' (army).

37. (C) INS Sahyadri – INS Sahyadri – Shivalik class. Tarkash is at IBSAMAR 2026; Trishul at KONKAN-26 (UK).

38. (D) Vladivostok – Vladivostok – the Pacific Fleet base, linked to Chennai by the 'Eastern Maritime Corridor'.

39. (B) Shivalik class (Project-17) – Shivalik class – indigenous stealth frigates built by Mazagon Dock. Kalvari – submarines; Kolkata – destroyers.

40. (A) SAGAR (2015) – SAGAR – Security and Growth for All in the Region (2015, Mauritius). Sagarmala is a port-development programme.

41. (B) India, Brazil, South Africa – The IBSA countries – India, Brazil, South Africa; since 2008. There is an India–France–UAE trilateral too, but that is not IBSAMAR.

42. (C) Simon's Town – Simon's Town – False Bay, Western Cape, near the Cape of Good Hope.

43. (D) Brasilia Declaration – The Brasilia Declaration – 6 June 2003. A 'Delhi Declaration' was adopted at the BIMSTEC Home Ministers' meeting (Oct 2026).

44. (A) INS Tarkash – INS Tarkash, with a Chetak helicopter. IBSAMAR VIII (2024) had INS Talwar; Sahyadri is at INDRA 2026.

45. (C) Vasco da Gama – Vasco da Gama (Portugal), 1498. Bartolomeu Dias first rounded the cape in 1488.

46. (B) NAFED – NAFED, directly to Army Supply Depots. A separate MoU with FCI covers warehouse use.

47. (D) ₹29 – ₹29/kg through NAFED, NCCF and Kendriya Bhandar. In phase 2 (Nov 2024) it was about ₹34.

48. (A) Lal Bahadur Shastri – Lal Bahadur Shastri (1965). Vajpayee added 'Jai Vigyan' in 1998; Modi added 'Jai Anusandhan' in 2019.

49. (C) 1965 – 1965 – under the Food Corporations Act 1964; its first district office was at Thanjavur.

50. (D) 2013 – 2013 – covering up to 75% of the rural and 50% of the urban population. Tamil Nadu implemented NFSA in 2016 but kept its universal PDS.

51. (B) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh – Keylong – headquarters of Lahaul–Spiti district, about 3,080 m high.

52. (D) Indian Research Fund Association – The Indian Research Fund Association (IRFA) – 1911; renamed ICMR in 1949. It is one of the world's oldest medical research bodies.

53. (A) HAPE – HAPE – High Altitude Pulmonary Oedema (lungs). HACE – High Altitude Cerebral Oedema (brain). Both are caused by hypoxia.

54. (C) Atal Tunnel – Atal Tunnel (Rohtang), Oct 2020. Zojila – J&K–Ladakh; Sela – Arunachal; Jawahar – Banihal (J&K).

55. (B) Tuberculosis – Tuberculosis – the National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (begun 1956). Chennai also has the National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE).

56. (D) Amit Shah – Union Home Minister Amit Shah – 13 Oct 2026, New Delhi; the 'Delhi Declaration' was adopted.

57. (A) Dhaka – Dhaka (2014). Kathmandu hosts the SAARC Secretariat; Bangkok saw the 1997 founding declaration.

58. (B) Maldives – The Maldives is in SAARC, not BIMSTEC. Members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand.

59. (C) 2024 – 20 May 2024. It was signed at the Colombo Summit in 2022; 1997 was the Bangkok Declaration.

60. (D) Bangkok – The Bangkok Declaration – 6 June 1997; first called BIST-EC (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand).

61. (A) Oxford Nanopore Technologies – Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT) – nanopore DNA sequencing technology.

62. (C) Hyderabad – Hyderabad – under DBT's BRIC. Hyderabad also hosts the CCMB.

63. (D) 10,000 – 10,000 – the data was released on 9 Jan 2025 and is held at IBDC, Faridabad.

64. (B) Alec Jeffreys – Alec Jeffreys (1984, UK). Watson – DNA double helix (1953); Sanger – DNA sequencing; Mullis – PCR.

65. (A) Dr Lalji Singh – Dr Lalji Singh – CCMB, Hyderabad. G.N. Ramachandran – the 'Ramachandran plot' (protein structure), University of Madras.

66. (B) 3.1% – 3.1% (3.0% in July). 3.4% is for 2027; 7.0% is India.

67. (D) Bangkok – Bangkok, Thailand (12–18 Oct 2026). Marrakech hosted 2023; Singapore saw Georgieva's curtain-raiser speech (7 Oct).

68. (C) Silvana Tenreyro – Silvana Tenreyro (since 10 Aug 2026), succeeding Gourinchas. Gita Gopinath was an earlier Chief Economist and later First Deputy MD; Indermit Gill is at the World Bank.

69. (A) Bretton Woods Conference – Bretton Woods (New Hampshire, USA), July 1944. San Francisco (1945) – UN Charter; Havana (1948) – ITO Charter.

70. (B) International Monetary Fund – The IMF, twice a year (April and October). The World Bank publishes 'Global Economic Prospects'; the WEF publishes the Global Competitiveness and Global Gender Gap reports.

71. (D) Resilience Starts at Home – 2026 – 'Resilience Starts at Home' (announced by UNDRR in June 2026) – focusing on safe housing.

72. (A) Sendai – Sendai, Japan – 18 Mar 2015; 7 targets, 4 priorities. Hyogo – the 2005–2015 framework; Paris – the climate agreement (2015).

73. (C) The Prime Minister – The Prime Minister – under the DM Act 2005; the CM chairs the State authority and the Collector the district authority.

74. (B) 2019 – 23 Sept 2019 – UN Climate Action Summit, New York; secretariat in New Delhi. 2015 saw the International Solar Alliance announced.

75. (D) Indian Ocean tsunami (2004) – The 26 Dec 2004 tsunami – Nagapattinam was worst hit. The Disaster Management Act followed in Dec 2005.

76. (A) 14 October – 14 October. 15 March – World Consumer Rights Day; 24 Dec – National Consumer Day (India); 17 May – World Telecommunication Day.

77. (D) SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy – SDG 7 – 'Shared vision for a better world: Spotlight on SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy'.

78. (B) 1947 – 1947 (HQ Geneva). 1946 – the London meeting (14 Oct); 1906 – IEC; 1970 – the first World Standards Day.

79. (C) Consumer Affairs – Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution – Department of Consumer Affairs. BIS Act 2016; HQ Manak Bhavan, New Delhi.

80. (A) Agmark – Agmark – Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act 1937. ISI – industrial goods; Hallmark – gold and silver; Ecomark – eco-friendly products (1991).

81. (C) 13 Oct 2021 – 13 Oct 2021 – Pragati Maidan. 17 Sept 2022 – the National Logistics Policy.

82. (B) Gandhinagar – Gandhinagar, Gujarat – Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics. Dehradun hosts the Survey of India.

83. (D) Power generation – The 7 engines – roads, railways, ports, waterways, airports, mass transport, logistics; power generation is not one.

84. (A) 2022 – 17 Sept 2022 – targeting a top-25 LPI rank by 2030.

85. (D) Vadodara – Vadodara, Gujarat (2022) – for transport and logistics education; formerly the National Rail and Transportation Institute.

86. (B) 12 Oct 2005 – 12 Oct 2005 – hence the anniversary on 12 Oct (21 years in 2026). 15 June 2005 was the date of Presidential assent.

87. (C) 48 hours – 48 hours (Section 7(1)); normally 30 days; 40 days if third-party information is involved.

88. (A) Article 19(1)(a) – Article 19(1)(a) – speech and expression; Raj Narain (1975) and later cases. 14 – equality; 32 – constitutional remedies; 25 – freedom of religion.

89. (D) Raj Kumar Goyal – Raj Kumar Goyal – since 15 Dec 2025. Wajahat Habibullah was the first CIC (2005); Heeralal Samariya was his predecessor.

90. (B) Tamil Nadu and Goa – Tamil Nadu and Goa – 1997. Rajasthan (2000), Karnataka (2000), Delhi (2001) and Maharashtra (2002) followed.

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