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Questions (110)

1. In which area of Coimbatore is 'Periyar Arivulagam', opened on 16 Oct 2026, located?
(A) Peelamedu
(B) R.S. Puram
(C) Ukkadam
(D) Gandhipuram

2. In which year was Thanthai Periyar E.V. Ramasamy born?
(A) 1879
(B) 1869
(C) 1889
(D) 1891

3. In which year did Periyar launch the Self-Respect Movement?
(A) 1919
(B) 1921
(C) 1944
(D) 1925

4. The Vaikom Satyagraha, which earned Periyar the title 'Vaikom Veerar', took place in which present-day State?
(A) Tamil Nadu
(B) Karnataka
(C) Kerala
(D) Andhra Pradesh

5. The Kalaignar Centenary Library, opened in July 2023, is in which city?
(A) Chennai
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Tiruchirappalli
(D) Madurai

6. The team that identified Mars-analogue sites in Tamil Nadu belongs to which institution?
(A) University of Kerala
(B) IIT Madras
(C) Anna University
(D) PRL, Ahmedabad

7. Where in Tamil Nadu was 'melanterite', a mineral that helps explain short-lived wet conditions on Mars, found?
(A) Neyveli
(B) Sithampoondi
(C) Kudankulam
(D) Yercaud

8. Chemically, what is 'gypsum', found in the Tiruchi badlands and Atacama?
(A) Calcium carbonate
(B) Hydrated calcium sulphate
(C) Sodium chloride
(D) Iron sulphide

9. India's Mangalyaan (Mars Orbiter Mission) was launched by which launch vehicle?
(A) PSLV-C25
(B) GSLV-F10
(C) GSLV Mk III-M1
(D) PSLV-C11

10. The anorthosite soil ISRO used for Chandrayaan landing tests came from which Tamil Nadu district?
(A) Salem
(B) Krishnagiri
(C) Namakkal
(D) Dharmapuri

11. What amount has been sanctioned for 2026–27 for Tamil Nadu's 'Cotton Revival Mission'?
(A) ₹10.48 crore
(B) ₹26.21 crore
(C) ₹52.42 crore
(D) ₹126 crore

12. In which year was Bt cotton approved for commercial cultivation in India?
(A) 2002
(B) 1998
(C) 2006
(D) 2010

13. Which soil type is best suited for growing cotton?

(A) Laterite soil
(B) Alluvial soil
(C) Black (regur) soil
(D) Red soil

14. Which city, known for its many spinning mills, is called the 'Manchester of South India'?

(A) Madurai
(B) Tiruppur
(C) Salem
(D) Coimbatore

15. What is the outlay of the 'Mission for Cotton Productivity' approved by the Union Cabinet in May 2026?

(A) ₹1,500 crore
(B) ₹10,000 crore
(C) ₹2,750 crore
(D) ₹5,659 crore

16. After the addition of Sukhna wetland and Sauj Jheel (Oct 2026), how many Ramsar sites does India have?

(A) 101
(B) 100
(C) 103
(D) 105

17. Sauj Jheel, the new Ramsar site, is in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

(A) Aligarh
(B) Mainpuri
(C) Etah
(D) Ballia

18. In which country was the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands signed in 1971?

(A) Switzerland
(B) Iran
(C) Brazil
(D) Japan

19. Chandigarh's Sukhna Lake, created in 1958, lies at the foot of which hill range?

(A) Aravalli
(B) Satpura
(C) Vindhya
(D) Shivalik

20. Which State has the most Ramsar sites in India?

(A) Tamil Nadu
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Odisha
(D) West Bengal

21. What was the total value of the contracts for GSAT-7C and Varunastra signed by the Defence Ministry on 15 Oct 2026?

(A) ₹2,563 crore
(B) ₹1,543 crore
(C) ₹5,400 crore
(D) ₹4,106 crore

22. Which DRDO laboratory developed the 'Varunastra' heavyweight torpedo?

(A) NSTL, Visakhapatnam
(B) DRDL, Hyderabad
(C) NPOL, Kochi
(D) ARDE, Pune

23. With which company was the GSAT-7C satellite contract for the Air Force signed?

(A) HAL
(B) NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL)
(C) BEL
(D) L&T

24. Who chairs the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)?

(A) Prime Minister
(B) Chief of Defence Staff
(C) Defence Secretary
(D) Defence Minister

25. Which of the following is NOT a node of the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor?

(A) Hosur
(B) Madurai
(C) Salem
(D) Tiruchirappalli

26. Who administered the oath to Sudha Yadav as Governor of Karnataka on 16 Oct 2026?

(A) President Murmu
(B) Thaawarchand Gehlot
(C) CM D.K. Shivakumar
(D) Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru

27. Which Article of the Constitution deals with the Governor's oath?

(A) Article 155
(B) Article 159
(C) Article 161
(D) Article 163

28. From which Lok Sabha constituency was Sudha Yadav elected in 1999?

(A) Rohtak
(B) Gurugram
(C) Mahendragarh
(D) Hisar

29. Who was the first woman Governor of Karnataka?

(A) V.S. Ramadevi
(B) Margaret Alva
(C) Sarojini Naidu
(D) Fathima Beevi

30. In the Governor appointments of 12 Oct 2026, who was appointed Governor of Tamil Nadu?

(A) Rajendra V. Arlekar
(B) Om Prakash Mathur
(C) Thaawarchand Gehlot
(D) R.N. Ravi

31. As per a BNEF report, what is India's global rank in cumulative contracted clean hydrogen volumes?

(A) First
(B) Second
(C) Fifth
(D) Third

32. In Jan–Apr 2026, Indian firms signed binding contracts to supply how much clean hydrogen a year?

(A) 0.1 million tonnes
(B) 0.3 million tonnes
(C) 1 million tonnes
(D) 5 million tonnes

33. What is the total outlay of the National Green Hydrogen Mission (2023)?

(A) ₹19,744 crore
(B) ₹17,490 crore
(C) ₹76,000 crore
(D) ₹6,003 crore

34. Which Tamil Nadu port has been recognised as a 'Green Hydrogen Hub'?

(A) Chennai Port
(B) Kamarajar Port, Ennore
(C) VOC Port, Thoothukudi
(D) Nagapattinam Port

35. How is 'green hydrogen' produced?

(A) Natural gas reforming
(B) Renewable-powered electrolysis
(C) Coal gasification
(D) Gas with carbon capture

36. At which Coast Guard Air Station was the ALH MK-III helicopter CG 875 inducted on 13 Oct 2026?

(A) Ratnagiri
(B) Porbandar
(C) Daman
(D) Kochi

37. Which squadron did helicopter CG 875 join?

(A) 835 Squadron
(B) 831 Squadron
(C) 840 Squadron
(D) 845 Squadron

38. What is the motto of the Indian Coast Guard?

(A) Sham No Varunah
(B) Nabhah Sparsham Deeptam
(C) Vayam Rakshamah
(D) Seva Paramo Dharma

39. In which year was the Coast Guard Act of India enacted?

(A) 1972
(B) 1977
(C) 1986
(D) 1978

40. At which Coast Guard Air Station was 840 Squadron with ALH MK-III helicopters commissioned in 2022?

(A) Chennai
(B) Ramanathapuram
(C) Thoothukudi
(D) Puducherry

41. How many new centres were opened in Gujarat under the Shramik Annapurna scheme on 16 Oct 2026?

(A) 28
(B) 45
(C) 101
(D) 500

42. What is the current price of a meal per person at Shramik Annapurna centres?

(A) ₹5
(B) ₹10
(C) ₹1
(D) ₹20

43. Which body implements Gujarat's Shramik Annapurna scheme?

(A) Food & Civil Supplies Dept
(B) Akshaya Patra Foundation
(C) Urban Development Dept
(D) BOCW Welfare Board

44. In which year was the Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) Act enacted?

(A) 1948
(B) 1979
(C) 2008
(D) 1996

45. In which year was Tamil Nadu's subsidised-meal canteen 'Amma Unavagam' launched?

(A) 2011
(B) 2013
(C) 2016
(D) 2022

46. Ladakh's new 'Sankoo' district has been carved out of which district?

(A) Leh
(B) Nubra
(C) Zanskar
(D) Kargil

47. On which date did Ladakh come into existence as a Union Territory?

(A) 5 August 2019
(B) 15 August 2019
(C) 31 October 2019
(D) 26 January 2020

48. In which valley is Sankoo located?

(A) Nubra valley
(B) Spiti valley
(C) Suru valley
(D) Pangi valley

49. Who is the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh who approved Sankoo district?

(A) Vinai Kumar Saxena
(B) Kavinder Gupta
(C) B.D. Mishra
(D) R.K. Mathur

50. The 'Sixth Schedule' demanded by Ladakh's people relates to which Articles of the Constitution?

(A) 244(1), 275(2)
(B) 244(2), 275(1)
(C) 239, 240
(D) 370, 371

51. At which airport was India's first terminal with geothermal heating opened in Oct 2026?

(A) Srinagar Airport
(B) Kushok Bakula Rimpochee, Leh
(C) Kargil Airport
(D) Bhuntar, Kullu

52. What is the annual passenger capacity of Leh's new terminal?

(A) 10 lakh
(B) 20 lakh
(C) 35 lakh
(D) 50 lakh

53. Where is 'Puga valley', the site of ONGC's geothermal power project?
(A) Sikkim
(B) Ladakh
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Arunachal Pradesh

54. Manikaran, a geothermal site famous for hot springs, is in which State?
(A) Chhattisgarh
(B) Jharkhand
(C) Gujarat
(D) Himachal Pradesh

55. The new integrated terminal of which Tamil Nadu airport was opened by the PM on 2 Jan 2024?
(A) Madurai
(B) Tiruchirappalli
(C) Coimbatore
(D) Thoothukudi

56. What is India's rank among 122 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2026?
(A) 102
(B) 105
(C) 100
(D) 111

57. 'Welthungerhilfe', a publisher of the Global Hunger Index, is an organisation of which country?
(A) Ireland
(B) Switzerland
(C) Netherlands
(D) Germany

58. What does the GHI indicator 'child wasting' measure?
(A) Low height for age
(B) Low weight for height
(C) Low birth weight
(D) Anaemia

59. What is the score range of the 'Serious' category on the GHI scale?
(A) 10.0–19.9
(B) 35.0–49.9
(C) 0–9.9
(D) 20.0–34.9

60. In which year was the 'Nutritious Noon Meal Scheme' launched in Tamil Nadu?
(A) 1956
(B) 1967
(C) 1995
(D) 1982

61. What is India's rank among 139 economies in WIPO's Global Innovation Index 2026?
(A) 38
(B) 39
(C) 40
(D) 48

62. Which country topped the GII 2026 for the 16th consecutive year?
(A) Sweden
(B) United States
(C) Singapore
(D) Switzerland

63. Where is the headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)?
(A) Geneva
(B) Vienna
(C) Paris
(D) Rome

64. What is Chennai's rank in WIPO's 2026 ranking of the top 100 innovation clusters?
(A) 25
(B) 43
(C) 79
(D) 27

65. According to the GII 2026, which is the world's top innovation cluster?
(A) Shenzhen–Hong Kong–Guangzhou
(B) Tokyo–Yokohama
(C) San Jose–San Francisco
(D) Beijing

66. What is India's rank in the Global Peace Index 2026?
(A) 127
(B) 115
(C) 116
(D) 130

67. Which organisation publishes the Global Peace Index (GPI)?
(A) World Economic Forum
(B) UNDP
(C) Institute for Economics & Peace
(D) Henley & Partners

68. Which country was ranked least peaceful (163rd) in GPI 2026?
(A) Afghanistan
(B) Sudan
(C) Yemen
(D) Russia

69. According to GPI 2026, which is the most peaceful country in South Asia?
(A) Bhutan
(B) Sri Lanka
(C) Nepal
(D) Bangladesh

70. Which of the following is NOT one of the three domains of the GPI?
(A) Societal safety & security
(B) Ongoing conflict
(C) Economic growth
(D) Militarisation

71. What is India's rank in the World Happiness Report 2026?
(A) 118
(B) 116
(C) 126
(D) 104

72. On which day is the International Day of Happiness observed?
(A) 21 March
(B) 20 March
(C) 22 April
(D) 5 June

73. Which country was named the world's happiest for the 9th year in a row in 2026?
(A) Denmark
(B) Iceland
(C) Finland
(D) Costa Rica

74. Which is NOT among the 6 factors used to explain happiness in the World Happiness Report?
(A) Social support
(B) Generosity
(C) Literacy rate
(D) Healthy life expectancy

75. Which country put forward the concept of 'Gross National Happiness' (GNH)?
(A) Nepal
(B) Sri Lanka
(C) Maldives
(D) Bhutan

76. What is India's rank among 193 countries in UNDP's Human Development Report 2025?
(A) 130
(B) 133
(C) 134
(D) 125

77. What is the title of the Human Development Report 2025?
(A) Breaking the gridlock
(B) A matter of choice
(C) Uncertain times, unsettled lives
(D) The next frontier

78. Which Pakistani economist devised the Human Development Index (HDI)?
(A) Amartya Sen
(B) Mahbub ul Haq
(C) Jagdish Bhagwati
(D) Muhammad Yunus

79. Which of the following is NOT an indicator used to compute the HDI?
(A) Life expectancy at birth
(B) Mean years of schooling
(C) GNI per capita (PPP)
(D) Infant mortality rate

80. In which year did the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission bring out its first Tamil Nadu Human Development Report?

(A) 1990 (B) 1995

(C) 2003 (D) 2017

81. What is India's rank in the October 2026 Henley Passport Index?

(A) 80 (B) 84

(C) 85 (D) 75

82. The Henley Passport Index is based on data from which organisation?

(A) IATA (B) ICAO

(C) UN Tourism (UNWTO) (D) Interpol

83. Which country has the world's most powerful passport in the Oct 2026 Henley index?

(A) Japan (B) UAE

(C) Singapore (D) Germany

84. In which year was the Passports Act, which governs the issue of Indian passports, enacted?

(A) 1950 (B) 1920

(C) 1980 (D) 1967

85. Which of the following cities does NOT have a Regional Passport Office (RPO)?

(A) Madurai (B) Coimbatore

(C) Tiruchirappalli (D) Salem

86. In FAO's SOFO 2026, India ranks first in the world in which measure?

(A) Total forest area (B) Area under active restoration

(C) Annual net forest gain (D) Forest carbon stock

87. At which forum was 'The State of the World's Forests 2026' launched?

(A) UNFCCC COP 31 (B) UN Forum on Forests (UNFF)

(C) FAO Committee on Forestry 28 (D) UNCCD COP 17

88. Per FAO's Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025, what is India's world rank in forest area?

(A) 3rd (B) 5th

(C) 7th (D) 9th

89. Per ISFR 2023, India's total forest and tree cover is what share of its geographical area?

(A) 25.17% (B) 21.76%

(C) 33.00% (D) 24.62%

90. The 'Green Tamil Nadu Mission' (2022) aims to raise the State's green cover to what level?

(A) 25% (B) 30%

(C) 33% (D) 40%

91. Reema Nanavaty, winner of the 2026 Hillary Rodham Clinton Award, is associated with which organisation?

(A) SEWA (B) Amul (GCMMF)

(C) Lijjat Papad (D) NABARD

92. Which body confers the 'Hillary Rodham Clinton Awards'?

(A) UN Women (B) Georgetown's GIWPS

(C) Clinton Foundation (D) Harvard Kennedy School

93. Who founded the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) in Ahmedabad in 1972?
(A) Aruna Roy
(B) Medha Patkar
(C) Ela Bhatt
(D) Sudha Murty

94. Theme of the 2026 Hillary Rodham Clinton Awards?
(A) Women guarding democracy
(B) Women in climate action
(C) Women's economic empowerment
(D) Women in science

95. In which district did Tamil Nadu's women's SHG approach begin in 1989 with IFAD support?
(A) Madurai
(B) Dharmapuri
(C) Thanjavur
(D) Tirunelveli

96. Which body banned fuel-powered motorboats and jet skis on Dal Lake in October 2026?
(A) High Court of J&K and Ladakh
(B) Supreme Court
(C) National Green Tribunal
(D) Central Pollution Control Board

97. What are the floating gardens of Dal Lake locally called?
(A) Phumdi
(B) Chinampa
(C) Rad
(D) Kattumaram

98. Which lake in Jammu & Kashmir is one of India's largest freshwater lakes?
(A) Wular Lake
(B) Manasbal Lake
(C) Anchar Lake
(D) Sheshnag Lake

99. In which case did the Supreme Court adopt the 'Public Trust Doctrine' in India?
(A) Kesavananda Bharati case
(B) Olga Tellis case
(C) M.C. Mehta v Kamal Nath
(D) Vishaka v Rajasthan

100. Which Tamil Nadu hill-station lake was created in 1824 by John Sullivan, Collector of Coimbatore?
(A) Kodaikanal Lake
(B) Ooty Lake
(C) Yercaud Lake
(D) Berijam Lake

101. Where is the secretariat of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) located?
(A) Victoria, Seychelles
(B) Port Louis, Mauritius
(C) Rome, Italy
(D) La Réunion (France)

102. Which of the following fish groups does NOT fall under SIOFA's management?
(A) Toothfish
(B) Tuna
(C) Alfonsino
(D) Orange roughy

103. What was India's status in SIOFA from 2022 until October 2026?
(A) Cooperating non-contracting
(B) Observer only
(C) Full contracting party
(D) Founding signatory

104. Under UNCLOS 1982, up to what distance from the baseline does the Exclusive Economic Zone extend?
(A) 200 nautical miles
(B) 12 nautical miles
(C) 24 nautical miles
(D) 350 nautical miles

105. In the 2017 scheme converting Palk Bay trawlers into deep-sea tuna long-liners, what is the unit cost per vessel?
(A) ₹50 lakh
(B) ₹80 lakh
(C) ₹1 crore
(D) ₹1.5 crore

106. In which year did the UN General Assembly declare 17 October the 'International Day for the Eradication of Poverty'?

(A) 1987
(B) 1990
(C) 1992
(D) 1995

107. Who, founder of the ATD Fourth World movement, inspired this Day through the 1987 Paris gathering?

(A) Joseph Wresinski
(B) Muhammad Yunus
(C) Mahbub ul Haq
(D) Amartya Sen

108. What is the 2026–2028 theme of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty?

(A) Leave No One Behind
(B) Dignity for All in Practice
(C) Together for Zero Hunger
(D) United for Peace & Human Rights

109. What is the World Bank's international extreme poverty line (2021 PPP), as revised in June 2025?

(A) $1.90
(B) $2.15
(C) $3.00
(D) $3.65

110. Per NITI Aayog's National MPI 2023, what was Tamil Nadu's multidimensional poverty headcount in 2019-21?

(A) 0.55%
(B) 2.20%
(C) 4.76%
(D) 14.96%

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Answer key at a glance

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21 **D**	22 **A**	23 **B**	24 **D**	25 **B**	26 **D**	27 **B**	28 **C**	29 **A**	30 **A**
31 **D**	32 **B**	33 **A**	34 **C**	35 **B**	36 **A**	37 **B**	38 **C**	39 **D**	40 **A**
41 **C**	42 **A**	43 **D**	44 **D**	45 **B**	46 **D**	47 **C**	48 **C**	49 **A**	50 **B**
51 **B**	52 **C**	53 **B**	54 **D**	55 **B**	56 **C**	57 **D**	58 **B**	59 **D**	60 **D**
61 **A**	62 **D**	63 **A**	64 **C**	65 **A**	66 **A**	67 **C**	68 **D**	69 **A**	70 **C**
71 **B**	72 **B**	73 **C**	74 **C**	75 **D**	76 **A**	77 **B**	78 **B**	79 **D**	80 **C**
81 **B**	82 **A**	83 **C**	84 **D**	85 **D**	86 **B**	87 **C**	88 **D**	89 **A**	90 **C**
91 **A**	92 **B**	93 **C**	94 **C**	95 **B**	96 **A**	97 **C**	98 **A**	99 **C**	100 **B**
101 **D**	102 **B**	103 **A**	104 **A**	105 **B**	106 **C**	107 **A**	108 **D**	109 **C**	110 **B**

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Answers & explanations

1. (D) Gandhipuram – Gandhipuram – 7 acres of Prison Department land; about ₹300 crore, 1.98 lakh sq ft, ground + 7 floors.

2. (A) 1879 – 17 Sep 1879, Erode. His birthday has been 'Social Justice Day' since 2021.

3. (D) 1925 – 1925 – after leaving the Congress; 'Kudi Arasu' also began in 1925. 1944 – Dravidar Kazhagam (Salem conference).

4. (C) Kerala – Kerala (then Travancore), 1924–25. The renovated Periyar memorial at Vaikom opened on 12 Dec 2024.

5. (D) Madurai – Madurai – 15 July 2023 (Kamaraj's birthday). Anna Centenary Library – Kotturpuram, Chennai (2010).

6. (A) University of Kerala – Dept of Geology, University of Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram) – Dr Sajin Kumar K.S.; a laser Raman spectrometer bought with DST-FIST funds.

7. (A) Neyveli – Neyveli (Cuddalore district) – formed by oxidation of marcasite in lignite; the first record in Peninsular India.

8. (B) Hydrated calcium sulphate – Gypsum = $CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$; heating it gives Plaster of Paris. Melanterite = $FeSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$; iron sulphide = marcasite/pyrite.

9. (A) PSLV-C25 – PSLV-C25 – 5 Nov 2013; reached Mars orbit on 24 Sep 2014. PSLV-C11 launched Chandrayaan-1 (2008).

10. (C) Namakkal – Namakkal – Sithampoondi and Kunnamalai; similar to lunar highland soil. ISRO's 'HOPE' analogue mission took place in Ladakh in 2025.

11. (B) ₹26.21 crore – ₹26.21 crore; the first instalment is ₹10.48 crore. Announced by Agriculture Minister R. Vinoth.

12. (A) 2002 – 2002. Bt – a gene from Bacillus thuringiensis; resists bollworms. It is India's only GM crop approved for commercial cultivation.

13. (C) Black (regur) soil – Black soil (regur) – called 'cotton soil' as it holds moisture; formed from Deccan volcanic (basalt) rock.

14. (D) Coimbatore – Coimbatore. The ICAR-CICR regional station and TNAU are in Coimbatore; Tiruppur is the knitwear export hub.

15. (D) ₹5,659 crore – ₹5,659 crore (2026–27 to 2030–31). Target: 498 lakh bales by 2031; 'Kasturi Cotton Bharat' brand.

16. (C) 103 – 103 (from 101). The 100th was Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal, Ballia), June 2026.

17. (B) Mainpuri – Mainpuri (near Kishni); Saman Bird Sanctuary (2019) in the same district is also a Ramsar site. Aligarh – Shekha Jheel; Ballia – Surha Tal.

18. (B) Iran – Iran – Ramsar city, 2 Feb 1971 (World Wetlands Day). India joined in 1982; its first sites were Chilika and Keoladeo (1981).

19. (D) Shivalik – Shivalik (Outer Himalaya). It was formed by damming the Sukhna Choe, created by Le Corbusier and P.L. Varma.

20. (A) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – 20 sites; UP is second with 14. Tamil Nadu's first was Point Calimere (2002).

21. (D) ₹4,106 crore – ₹4,106 crore = GSAT-7C ₹2,563 crore + Varunastra ₹1,543 crore.

22. (A) NSTL, Visakhapatnam – NSTL – Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam; production by BDL. DRDL is a missile lab; NPOL works on sonar.

23. (B) NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL) – NSIL is ISRO's commercial arm, Bengaluru. DAC cleared GSAT-7C on 23 Nov 2021.

24. (D) Defence Minister – DAC is chaired by the Defence Minister and grants AoN for capital buys. DAP 2020 gives first priority to 'Buy (Indian-IDDM)'.

25. (B) Madurai – The 5 nodes: Chennai, Hosur, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli. The other corridor is in Uttar Pradesh.

26. (D) Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru – Karnataka HC Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru; venue – Lok Bhavan, Bengaluru.

27. (B) Article 159 – Art. 159 – the HC Chief Justice administers the oath. 155 – appointment; 161 – pardon; 163 – Council of Ministers to advise.

28. (C) Mahendragarh – Mahendragarh (Haryana) – she defeated Rao Inderjit Singh; MP 1999–2004. Her husband died in the 1999 Kargil war.

29. (A) V.S. Ramadevi – V.S. Ramadevi (1999–2002); Sudha Yadav is the second. Sarojini Naidu was India's first woman Governor (U.P.).

30. (A) Rajendra V. Arlekar – Arlekar was Kerala Governor with additional charge of TN since March 2026; Om Prakash Mathur goes to Kerala.

31. (D) Third – Third – BloombergNEF's 'India Transition Factbook 2026' (commissioned by Bloomberg Philanthropies; 13 Oct 2026).

32. (B) 0.3 million tonnes – 0.3 million tonnes (including green ammonia exports) – more than any other country in that period.

33. (A) ₹19,744 crore – ₹19,744 crore, of which SIGHT is ₹17,490 crore. Target – 5 MMT a year by 2030.

34. (C) VOC Port, Thoothukudi – V.O. Chidambaranar Port; the other two are Deendayal (Kandla) and Paradip (Oct 2025).

35. (B) Renewable-powered electrolysis – Splitting water (H_2O) into hydrogen and oxygen with renewable power. From gas – grey; with carbon capture – blue hydrogen.

36. (A) Ratnagiri – Ratnagiri (Maharashtra); built by HAL, Bengaluru. It got a water cannon salute.

37. (B) 831 Squadron – 831 Squadron (CG) – allotted 5 ALH MK-IIIs; CG 875 is the first. 840 Squadron is at Chennai.

38. (C) Vayam Rakshamah – 'Vayam Rakshamah' – We Protect. 'Sham No Varunah' – Navy; 'Nabhah Sparsham Deeptam' – Air Force.

39. (D) 1978 – 1978. It began as an interim body on 1 Feb 1977; under the MoD, HQ New Delhi.

40. (A) Chennai – Chennai – 30 Nov 2022. The Coast Guard Region (East) HQ is also in Chennai.

41. (C) 101 – 101 new centres across 28 districts, launched by CM Bhupendra Patel.

42. (A) ₹5 – ₹5. At launch in 2017 it was ₹10; relaunched at ₹5 in Oct 2022.

43. (D) BOCW Welfare Board – Gujarat Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (under the Labour Dept). Beneficiaries – construction workers and families.

44. (D) 1996 – 1996 (Cess Act also 1996). 1979 – Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act; 2008 – Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act.

45. (B) 2013 – 2013 – Chennai, CM J. Jayalalithaa; idli at ₹1. 2022 – CM's Breakfast Scheme (Madurai, 15 Sep).

46. (D) Kargil – Kargil – four tehsils: Sankoo, GM Pore, TSG and Taisuru. Notification S.O. 284, 16 Oct 2026.

47. (C) 31 October 2019 – 31 Oct 2019 (Sardar Patel's birth anniversary) – J&K Reorganisation Act 2019; Ladakh has no legislature.

48. (C) Suru valley – Suru valley – the Suru is a tributary of the Indus. Nubra valley is formed by the Shyok and Nubra rivers.

49. (A) Vinai Kumar Saxena – Vinai Kumar Saxena – sworn in as the 4th LG on 13 Mar 2026; earlier LG of Delhi. The first LG was R.K. Mathur.

50. (B) 244(2), 275(1) – 244(2) and 275(1) – tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram. The Fifth Schedule is under Article 244(1).

51. (B) Kushok Bakula Rimpochee, Leh – Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh – elevation 3,256 m; IATA code IXL.

52. (C) 35 lakh – 35 lakh; cost about ₹640 crore, area 23,800 sq m; up to 54 flights a day.

53. (B) Ladakh – Eastern Ladakh – on the Indus suture zone; the next phase is a 1 MW pilot power plant.

54. (D) Himachal Pradesh – Himachal Pradesh – Kullu district, Parvati valley. Tattapani is in Chhattisgarh.

55. (B) Tiruchirappalli – Tiruchirappalli – cost over ₹1,100 crore. Chennai airport (Meenambakkam) has the Kamaraj and Anna terminals.

56. (C) 100 – 100th, score 24.1 ('Serious'). India was 102nd in 2025, 105th in 2024 and 111th in 2023.

57. (D) Germany – Germany (Bonn, Berlin). The 2026 co-publishers are IFHV (Germany) and Helvetas (Switzerland).

58. (B) Low weight for height – Low weight for height – acute undernutrition. India's rate is 19.0%, highest in South Asia. Low height for age is stunting.

59. (D) 20.0–34.9 – 20.0–34.9. 35–49.9 is 'Alarming'; 50 and above 'Extremely alarming'. The world score of 18.1 is 'Moderate'.

60. (D) 1982 – 1 July 1982 – CM M.G. Ramachandran. 1956 – free midday meals under Kamaraj; 1995 – national Midday Meal scheme.

61. (A) 38 – 38th – same as 2025; first among lower-middle-income economies and in Central & Southern Asia.

62. (D) Switzerland – Switzerland; Sweden 2, USA 3, Rep. of Korea 4, Singapore 5. China is 10th.

63. (A) Geneva – Geneva – a UN specialised agency; 1967 Convention. Vienna hosts the IAEA, Paris UNESCO, Rome the FAO.

64. (C) 79 – 79th (up 5 places). Bengaluru is 25th, Delhi 27th, Mumbai 43rd.

65. (A) Shenzhen–Hong Kong–Guangzhou – Shenzhen–Hong Kong–Guangzhou; Tokyo–Yokohama 2nd, San Jose–San Francisco 3rd. China has 25 of the top 100 clusters.

66. (A) 127 – 127th of 163 (score 2.409). It was 115th in 2025 – a fall of 12 places.

67. (C) Institute for Economics & Peace – IEP – headquartered in Sydney, Australia; the GPI has appeared yearly since 2007. IEP also publishes the Global Terrorism Index (GTI).

68. (D) Russia – Russia – for the second year in a row (also last in 2025). Sudan is 162nd, DR Congo 161st, Ukraine 160th; Afghanistan is 157th.

69. (A) Bhutan – Bhutan – 16th in the world. Sri Lanka is 67th, Nepal 111th, Bangladesh 117th, Pakistan 152nd.

70. (C) Economic growth – Economic growth is not a GPI domain. The three domains together use 23 indicators; a lower score means more peaceful.

71. (B) 116 – 116th of 147 – up 2 places from 118th in 2025. Pakistan is 104th, Nepal 99th.

72. (B) 20 March – 20 March – declared by the UNGA in 2012, observed since 2013. The World Happiness Report is released on this day.

73. (C) Finland – Finland. Iceland is 2nd and Denmark 3rd; Latin America's Costa Rica reached 4th.

74. (C) Literacy rate – Literacy rate is not one. The others are GDP per capita, freedom to make life choices and perceptions of corruption.

75. (D) Bhutan – Bhutan – the Fourth King, Jigme Singye Wangchuck, in the 1970s. Bhutan also led the UN resolution on the International Day of Happiness.

76. (A) 130 – 130th (HDI 0.685, 2023 data); 133rd (0.676) for 2022 as recalculated in this report. Bangladesh is also 130th.

77. (B) A matter of choice – 'A matter of choice: People and possibilities in the age of AI' – focused on AI. 'Breaking the gridlock' was the 2023/24 report.

78. (B) Mahbub ul Haq – Mahbub ul Haq – first HDR in 1990. Amartya Sen worked with him; Muhammad Yunus is Bangladeshi (Grameen Bank).

79. (D) Infant mortality rate – Infant mortality rate is not used. The fourth indicator is expected years of schooling.

80. (C) 2003 – 2003. The next report came in 2017 – Kanniyakumari first, Ariyalur last.

81. (B) 84 – 84th – 55 destinations without a prior visa. 85th in Oct 2025 (57 destinations); 75th in Feb 2026.

82. (A) IATA – The International Air Transport Association (IATA) – its Timatic database. ICAO sets e-passport standards.

83. (C) Singapore – Singapore – 193 destinations. Japan, South Korea and the UAE share 2nd with 188; the USA is 10th.

84. (D) 1967 – 1967. 1920 was the Passport (Entry into India) Act. Maneka Gandhi case (1978) – the right to travel abroad is part of Article 21.

85. (D) Salem – Salem – it has only a Passport Seva Kendra. Tamil Nadu's 4 RPOs: Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore.

86. (B) Area under active restoration – Per FRA 2025 data India leads with 9.8 Mha under restoration; China 7.9 and Ethiopia 5.0 Mha.

87. (C) FAO Committee on Forestry 28 – FAO DG QU Dongyu launched it at the opening of COFO 28 in Rome on 28 Sep 2026. SOFO is published every two years.

88. (D) 9th – India is 9th (72.74 Mha), but 3rd in annual net forest gain.

89. (A) 25.17% – 25.17% = forest 21.76% + tree cover 3.41%. The report is prepared by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun.

90. (C) 33% – From 23.69% to 33% in 10 years – the same goal as the National Forest Policy 1988.

91. (A) SEWA – She is SEWA's Director; she joined its rural wing in 1985. She received the Padma Shri in 2013.

92. (B) Georgetown's GIWPS – The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS) gives it; the 2026 ceremony was at Gaston Hall, Washington.

93. (C) Ela Bhatt – Ela Bhatt won the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1977. Reema Nanavaty is her daughter-in-law.

94. (C) Women's economic empowerment – Subtitled 'A Key for Peace and Security'. Co-awardee Muhammad Yunus shared the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize with Grameen Bank.

95. (B) Dharmapuri – It began in Dharmapuri; its success led to 'Mahalir Thittam' going statewide from 1997-98. TNCDW (1983) implements it.

96. (A) High Court of J&K and Ladakh – A Bench led by CJ Pushpendra Singh Bhati ordered it on 14 Oct; government emergency boats are exempt.

97. (C) Rad – 'Rad' – lotuses bloom on them in July–August. 'Phumdi' are the floating mats of Loktak Lake, Manipur.

98. (A) Wular Lake – Wular lies in the Jhelum basin; Dal Lake (about 18 sq km) is the second largest in J&K.

99. (C) M.C. Mehta v Kamal Nath – 1996 ruling: the State is only a trustee of natural resources. A pollution-free environment is part of Article 21.

100. (B) Ooty Lake – Ooty Lake is in the Nilgiris. The star-shaped Kodaikanal Lake was created in 1863.

101. (D) La Réunion (France) – On France's La Réunion island; the agreement was signed in Rome in 2006 and entered into force in 2012.

102. (B) Tuna – Highly migratory species like tuna come under the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).

103. (A) Cooperating non-contracting – Approval to move from CNCP to full Contracting Party was announced on 14 Oct 2026.

104. (A) 200 nautical miles – Territorial sea 12, contiguous zone 24, EEZ 200 nm; beyond lie the high seas, where RFMOs like SIOFA work.

105. (B) ₹80 lakh – Of ₹80 lakh, ₹56 lakh is Centre–State subsidy; the rest comes from the beneficiary and a bank loan.

106. (C) 1992 – Resolution 47/196 of 22 Dec 1992. The first gathering was in Paris in 1987.

107. (A) Joseph Wresinski – Father Joseph Wresinski; a stone with his words stands at Trocadéro, Paris. Mahbub ul Haq devised the Human Development Index (HDI).

108. (D) United for Peace & Human Rights – The 2026 focus is 'Safe Homes for All'; over 2.8 billion people face inadequate housing.

109. (C) $3.00 – Raised from $2.15 (2017 PPP) to $3.00. Sustainable Development Goal 1 – No Poverty.

110. (B) 2.20% – It was 4.76% in 2015-16; the national figure is 14.96%; Kerala is lowest at 0.55%.

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