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Questions (110)

1. As per IMD classification, rainfall of 64.5–115.5 mm in 24 hours is termed as?
(A) Moderate rain
(B) Heavy rain
(C) Very heavy rain
(D) Extremely heavy rain

2. In IMD's colour-coded weather warnings, which colour stands for 'Take action'?
(A) Green
(B) Yellow
(C) Orange
(D) Red

3. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) functions under which Union Ministry?
(A) Science and Technology
(B) Environment and Forests
(C) Earth Sciences
(D) Home Affairs

4. In IMD's four-stage cyclone warning system, which first stage is issued 72 hours in advance?
(A) Cyclone Alert
(B) Cyclone Warning
(C) Post-landfall Outlook
(D) Pre-cyclone Watch

5. Tamil Nadu receives about half of its annual rainfall during which season?
(A) Southwest monsoon
(B) Northeast monsoon
(C) Hot season (Mar–May)
(D) Winter (Jan–Feb)

6. The nationwide 'Green Diwali' campaign (20 Oct – 8 Nov 2026) was launched by the EIACP centre of which organisation?
(A) CPCB
(B) UNEP
(C) TERI
(D) WWF-India

7. Which CSIR laboratory developed the 'green crackers' SWAS, STAR and SAFAL?
(A) CSIR-NCL, Pune
(B) CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur
(C) CSIR-CLRI, Chennai
(D) CSIR-NPL, New Delhi

8. Which Union Ministry launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in 2019?
(A) Environment, Forest & Climate
(B) Housing & Urban Affairs
(C) Health & Family Welfare
(D) Earth Sciences

9. Sivakasi, India's fireworks capital, is located in which district?
(A) Virudhunagar
(B) Thoothukudi
(C) Madurai
(D) Tirunelveli

10. Which gas is NOT used in calculating India's Air Quality Index (AQI)?
(A) Sulphur dioxide
(B) Ammonia
(C) Ozone
(D) Carbon dioxide

11. Which country topped the 'Quality of Care Perception Index' in the Ipsos Health Service Report 2026?
(A) Singapore
(B) India
(C) Malaysia
(D) Sweden

12. Which body implements Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)?
(A) NITI Aayog
(B) ICMR
(C) National Health Mission
(D) National Health Authority

13. 'Public health and sanitation; hospitals and dispensaries' is placed in which list of the Seventh Schedule?

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

14. Which Article makes raising nutrition and the standard of living and improving public health a duty of the State?

(A) Article 39
(B) Article 41
(C) Article 45
(D) Article 47

15. Tamil Nadu's 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme was launched in 2021 in which district?

(A) Chengalpattu
(B) Dharmapuri
(C) Krishnagiri
(D) Vellore

16. Which body set up the 200-tonne-per-day biogas plant opened at Goyla Dairy, Delhi, in Oct 2026?

(A) Indraprastha Gas Ltd
(B) NTPC
(C) Delhi Development Authority
(D) Municipal Corp. of Delhi

17. Which combustible gas forms the major part of biogas?

(A) Ethane
(B) Methane
(C) Hydrogen
(D) Carbon monoxide

18. By which process is biogas produced from cow dung?

(A) Aerobic composting
(B) Pyrolysis
(C) Anaerobic digestion
(D) Gasification

19. Which department is the nodal agency for GOBARdhan, which turns cattle dung into biogas and manure?

(A) New & Renewable Energy
(B) Animal Husbandry & Dairying
(C) Rural Development
(D) Drinking Water & Sanitation

20. Which Union Ministry launched the SATAT initiative to promote Compressed Biogas (CBG)?

(A) New & Renewable Energy
(B) Jal Shakti
(C) Petroleum & Natural Gas
(D) Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

21. Vummidi Ethiraj, who died on 21 Oct 2026, is associated with which of the following?

(A) Crafting the Sengol (1947)
(B) Designing the National Flag
(C) Designing the Rupee symbol
(D) Designing new Parliament

22. Which Saiva mutt presented the Sengol to Nehru on the night of 14 August 1947?

(A) Dharmapuram Adheenam
(B) Madurai Adheenam
(C) Kundrakudi Adheenam
(D) Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam

23. Which figure sits atop the Sengol as a symbol of justice and righteousness?

(A) Lion
(B) Nandi
(C) Peacock
(D) Garuda

24. In the Thirukkural, the chapter 'Sengonmai' belongs to which section?

(A) Arathuppal
(B) Kamathuppal
(C) Porutpal
(D) Payiraviyal

25. Before its installation in Parliament in 2023, where was the Sengol kept for decades?

(A) Allahabad Museum
(B) National Museum, Delhi
(C) Teen Murti Bhavan
(D) Anand Bhavan

26. Which department of the Union Finance Ministry runs the financial inclusion saturation campaign of 21 Oct – 31 Dec 2026?

(A) Dept of Financial Services
(B) Dept of Economic Affairs
(C) Dept of Revenue
(D) Dept of Expenditure

27. 'Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana' has been launched for

(A) Housing loans to the poor
(B) Promoting women's SHGs
(C) Skill training for youth
(D) Promoting financial inclusion

28. 'Atal Pension Yojana' (APY) is administered by which regulator?

(A) IRDAI
(B) PFRDA
(C) SEBI
(D) NABARD

29. Which bank is the convenor of the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), Tamil Nadu?

(A) State Bank of India
(B) Indian Bank
(C) Canara Bank
(D) Indian Overseas Bank

30. The Lead Bank Scheme of 1969 was based on the recommendation of which body?

(A) Narasimham Committee
(B) Rangarajan Committee
(C) Nachiket Mor Committee
(D) Gadgil Study Group

31. Where in Chennai was the European bee-eater recorded for the first time in Oct 2026?

(A) Pallikaranai Marsh
(B) Adyar estuary
(C) Pulicat Lake
(D) Guindy National Park

32. Bee-eaters (Meropidae), along with kingfishers, belong to which order?

(A) Coraciiformes
(B) Passeriformes
(C) Falconiformes
(D) Psittaciformes

33. Vedanthangal, India's oldest bird sanctuary, is now in which district?

(A) Chengalpattu
(B) Tiruvallur
(C) Viluppuram
(D) Ranipet

34. The Convention on Migratory Species (CMS – Bonn Convention) works under which body?

(A) IUCN
(B) UNESCO
(C) UNEP
(D) WWF

35. Which of the following Chennai wetlands has been designated a Ramsar site?

(A) Pallikaranai Marsh
(B) Chembarambakkam Lake
(C) Puzhal Lake
(D) Adyar estuary

36. Which two groups are negotiating with the Centre on Ladakh's governance framework?

(A) LAHDC Leh & LAHDC Kargil
(B) Leh Apex Body & KDA
(C) Buddhist Assn & Anjuman
(D) Ladakh Scouts & Police

37. Under Article 240, who has the power to make regulations for certain Union Territories?

(A) Parliament
(B) Lieutenant Governor
(C) President
(D) Union Home Minister

38. The Sixth Schedule, demanded by Ladakh, applies to tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and which other State?

(A) Manipur
(B) Nagaland
(C) Mizoram
(D) Arunachal Pradesh

39. Ladakh became a Union Territory under which Act?
(A) J&K Reorganisation, 2019
(B) States Reorganisation, 1956
(C) Govt of UTs Act, 1963
(D) NE Areas (Reorg.), 1971

40. Which Article of the Constitution provides for a legislature for the Union Territory of Puducherry?
(A) Article 239AA
(B) Article 371
(C) Article 240
(D) Article 239A

41. The Ladakh Bench opened at Leh in Oct 2026 belongs to which High Court?
(A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Punjab & Haryana
(C) Delhi
(D) J&K and Ladakh

42. Which Article of the Constitution provides for a common High Court for two or more States?
(A) Article 214
(B) Article 231
(C) Article 226
(D) Article 124

43. Under Article 217, who appoints the judges of a High Court?
(A) Governor of the State
(B) Chief Justice of India
(C) President of India
(D) Chief Justice of the HC

44. The jurisdiction of the Madras High Court also extends to which Union Territory?
(A) Lakshadweep
(B) Andaman & Nicobar
(C) Dadra and Nagar Haveli
(D) Puducherry

45. The Chartered High Courts of Madras, Calcutta and Bombay were set up under which Act?
(A) Regulating Act, 1773
(B) Charter Act, 1833
(C) Government of India Act, 1858
(D) Indian High Courts Act, 1861

46. UDAN, which has completed 10 years, was conceived under which policy?
(A) National Logistics Policy
(B) National Civil Aviation Policy
(C) National Air Sports Policy
(D) National Transport Policy

47. Which is the implementing agency of the UDAN scheme?
(A) DGCA
(B) Pawan Hans Ltd
(C) Airports Authority of India
(D) Alliance Air

48. On which route did the first UDAN flight (April 2017) operate?
(A) Delhi–Agra
(B) Shimla–Delhi
(C) Chennai–Salem
(D) Kadapa–Hyderabad

49. The financial support given to airlines flying UDAN routes is called:
(A) Viability Gap Funding
(B) Production Linked Incentive
(C) Interest subvention
(D) Minimum Support Price

50. Which Tamil Nadu airport resumed operations under UDAN in March 2018 with a service to Chennai?
(A) Thoothukudi
(B) Salem
(C) Madurai
(D) Tiruchirappalli

51. 'Swavlamban', the innovation and indigenisation seminar holding its 5th edition in Oct 2026, is hosted by:
(A) Indian Army
(B) DRDO
(C) Indian Navy
(D) Indian Air Force

52. Which body did the Indian Navy set up in 2020 to drive innovation and indigenisation?
(A) NIIO
(B) iDEX
(C) DIO
(D) TDB

53. Which body funds and manages iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence)?
(A) DRDO
(B) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Defence Innovation Organisation

54. At the first Swavlamban (July 2022), what did the PM unveil to induct 75 indigenous technologies into the Navy?
(A) Agnipath
(B) Project 75I
(C) Sagarmala
(D) SPRINT challenges

55. Which of the following is NOT a node of the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor?
(A) Hosur
(B) Salem
(C) Madurai
(D) Coimbatore

56. New Zealand's FTA with India came into force in Oct 2026. What is New Zealand's capital?
(A) Auckland
(B) Christchurch
(C) Canberra
(D) Wellington

57. Which major sector did India keep out of tariff concessions in the India–NZ FTA?
(A) Textiles
(B) Pharmaceuticals
(C) Dairy
(D) Engineering goods

58. From which mega trade-pact negotiation did India walk out in 2019?
(A) RCEP
(B) CPTPP
(C) SAFTA
(D) APTA

59. With which country has India signed the 'Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement' (ECTA)?
(A) UAE
(B) United Kingdom
(C) Mauritius
(D) Australia

60. 'Tariff lines' in trade agreements are based on which international coding system?
(A) Natl Industrial Classification
(B) SWIFT code
(C) Harmonized System (HS)
(D) IFSC code

61. The CCO's 'SUVIKALP' tool, which won the SKOCH Gold Award 2026, relates to:
(A) Coal e-auction
(B) Coal import monitoring
(C) Mine safety training
(D) Repurposing closed-mine land

62. Which of the following is a role of the Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO)?
(A) Fixing coal prices
(B) Ensuring miners' safety
(C) Main source of coal statistics
(D) Auctioning coal blocks

63. Which of the following types of coal has the highest carbon content?
(A) Lignite
(B) Anthracite
(C) Bituminous
(D) Peat

64. Lignite at Neyveli was discovered while digging a well on whose land?
(A) V.O. Chidambaram
(B) Rajaji
(C) K. Kamaraj
(D) T.M. Jambulingam Mudaliar

65. Where is the headquarters of Coal India Limited, a Maharatna company?
(A) Dhanbad
(B) Kolkata
(C) Ranchi
(D) Nagpur

66. Toripalimab, recently approved by the DCGI for oesophageal cancer, is which type of drug?
(A) Tyrosine kinase inhibitor
(B) Alkylating chemotherapy
(C) Cancer vaccine
(D) Anti-PD-1 monoclonal antibody

67. The DCGI approves new drugs in India mainly under which law?
(A) Pharmacy Act, 1948
(B) Drugs & Magic Remedies Act, 1954
(C) Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940
(D) IMC Act, 1956

68. Who won the Medicine Nobel for cancer therapy by blocking PD-1 and CTLA-4?
(A) Doudna, Charpentier
(B) Allison, Honjo
(C) Kariko, Weissman
(D) Ambros, Ruvkun

69. Nasopharyngeal carcinoma, toripalimab's first Indian indication, is closely linked to which virus?
(A) Epstein–Barr virus
(B) Human papillomavirus
(C) Hepatitis B virus
(D) Dengue virus

70. Where is the South Zone office of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)?
(A) Madurai
(B) Chennai
(C) Kochi
(D) Puducherry

71. The Udanti–Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, where 500+ girdled trees will get 'tree surgery', is in which State?
(A) Odisha
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Jharkhand
(D) Chhattisgarh

72. Which method, joining a healthy twig across the damaged bark, is to be used to save the girdled trees?
(A) Air layering
(B) Bridge grafting
(C) Tissue culture
(D) Pollarding

73. Girdling (removing a ring of bark) kills a tree mainly because it cuts which tissue?
(A) Xylem
(B) Root hairs
(C) Phloem
(D) Stomata

74. Which endangered animal, Chhattisgarh's State animal, is a key species of Udanti–Sitanadi?
(A) Wild water buffalo
(B) Barasingha
(C) Gaur
(D) Blackbuck

75. Which is the State tree of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Neem
(B) Banyan
(C) Palmyra palm
(D) Teak

76. Where is Ladakh's first Government Medical College, to start in the 2027–28 academic year, located?
(A) Kargil
(B) Nubra
(C) Zanskar
(D) Leh

77. Which body, created by a 2019 Act, replaced the Medical Council of India (MCI) as regulator of medical education?

(A) National Medical Commission
(B) National Board of Examinations
(C) ICMR
(D) UGC

78. Which agency conducts NEET-UG, the all-India entrance test for MBBS admission?

(A) CBSE
(B) National Testing Agency (NTA)
(C) National Medical Commission
(D) AIIMS, New Delhi

79. The National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa at Leh, for Ladakh's traditional medicine, comes under which ministry?

(A) Health & Family Welfare
(B) AYUSH
(C) Tribal Affairs
(D) Culture

80. Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy, an alumna of Madras Medical College, is known as British India's first woman to –

(A) Become a High Court judge
(B) Become a Governor
(C) Become a legislator
(D) Become a Vice-Chancellor

81. Which Union Minister launched the upgraded 'Agri Welfare Portal' in Oct 2026?

(A) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
(B) Narendra Singh Tomar
(C) Piyush Goyal
(D) Ashwini Vaishnaw

82. 'AgriStack', with a farmers' registry and geo-referenced maps, is a core part of which mission?

(A) Natural Farming Mission
(B) PM-KUSUM
(C) Digital Agriculture Mission
(D) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

83. Which institution prepared the model scheme of the Kisan Credit Card (1998)?

(A) SIDBI
(B) NABARD
(C) EXIM Bank
(D) National Housing Bank

84. India's first Krishi Vigyan Kendra (1974, Puducherry) was started under which institution?

(A) Tamil Nadu Agricultural Univ.
(B) IARI, New Delhi
(C) NDRI, Karnal
(D) Annamalai University

85. Where was the Soil Health Card scheme launched in 2015?

(A) Suratgarh, Rajasthan
(B) Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
(C) Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
(D) Anand, Gujarat

86. Where is the 5th edition of the India–Australia joint military exercise 'AUSTRAHIND 2026' being held?

(A) Perth
(B) Thiruvananthapuram
(C) Kochi
(D) Visakhapatnam

87. Chapter VII of the UN Charter, cited in AUSTRAHIND's theme, deals with –

(A) Pacific settlement of disputes
(B) Threats to peace & aggression
(C) Trusteeship system
(D) International Court of Justice

88. Which is the bilateral exercise between the navies of India and Australia?

(A) Pitch Black
(B) Malabar
(C) Varuna
(D) AUSINDEX

89. Along with India, Australia and Japan, which is the fourth member of the QUAD?
(A) France
(B) United States
(C) United Kingdom
(D) Indonesia

90. Who led the struggle that merged Travancore areas with Madras State in 1956, forming Kanyakumari district?
(A) Marshal A. Nesamony
(B) Ma. Po. Sivagnanam
(C) K. Kamaraj
(D) C. Rajaji

91. Beijing, projected to become 'super-aged' by 2035, is administratively a –
(A) Province
(B) Centrally-run municipality
(C) Special Administrative Region
(D) Autonomous Region

92. Among the following, which country has the highest share of population aged 65 and above?
(A) China
(B) South Korea
(C) Japan
(D) Italy

93. Which institution prepared the 'India Ageing Report 2023' along with UNFPA?
(A) IIPS, Mumbai
(B) NITI Aayog
(C) ICMR, New Delhi
(D) National Statistics Office

94. As per the SRS Statistical Report 2023, which State has the highest share of population aged 60+?
(A) Kerala
(B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Himachal Pradesh
(D) Punjab

95. The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 provides for –
(A) Universal old-age pension
(B) Maintenance Tribunals
(C) Compulsory elderly insurance
(D) Special High Court benches

96. Which body runs the World Osteoporosis Day campaign every year on 20 October?
(A) Intl. Osteoporosis Foundation
(B) World Health Organization
(C) UNICEF
(D) Red Cross

97. Which calcium-rich millet is supplied through Tamil Nadu ration shops in the Nilgiris and Dharmapuri?
(A) Pearl millet (Kambu)
(B) Foxtail millet (Thinai)
(C) Sorghum (Cholam)
(D) Finger millet (Ragi)

98. What does the term 'osteoporosis' literally mean?
(A) Porous bone
(B) Bent bone
(C) Swollen joint
(D) Soft muscle

99. Which is the standard test to measure bone mineral density (BMD)?
(A) ECG
(B) EEG
(C) DEXA scan
(D) Spirometry

100. Which disease softens bones in adults due to vitamin D deficiency?
(A) Scurvy
(B) Beriberi
(C) Osteomalacia
(D) Pellagra

101. Police Commemoration Day (21 Oct) recalls the 1959 killing of CRPF men by Chinese troops at –
(A) Hot Springs, Ladakh
(B) Galwan Valley
(C) Nathu La Pass
(D) Tawang, Arunachal

102. Where is the National Police Memorial located?

(A) Rajghat, Delhi
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
(D) Leh, Ladakh

103. In the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, 'Police' is placed in the –

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

104. The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) functions under which Ministry?

(A) Defence
(B) Home Affairs
(C) Law and Justice
(D) Personnel

105. Where was Tamil Nadu's first All Women Police Station opened in 1992?

(A) Thousand Lights, Chennai
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Madurai
(D) Tiruchirappalli

106. Iodine is an essential component of which hormone produced by the thyroid gland?

(A) Insulin
(B) Adrenaline
(C) Thyroxine
(D) Cortisol

107. Severe iodine deficiency in pregnancy causes stunted mental and physical growth in the child, known as –

(A) Cretinism
(B) Kwashiorkor
(C) Marasmus
(D) Night blindness

108. Which chemical is used to iodise edible salt in India?

(A) Potassium iodate
(B) Silver iodide
(C) Calcium carbonate
(D) Sodium bicarbonate

109. The National Goitre Control Programme (1962) was expanded in 1992 and renamed as –

(A) National Nutrition Mission
(B) NIDDCP
(C) NPCDCS
(D) ICDS

110. Who led the Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha in Tamil Nadu in 1930?

(A) Periyar E.V.R.
(B) C. Rajagopalachari
(C) K. Kamaraj
(D) V.O. Chidambaranar

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Answer key at a glance

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11 **C**	12 **D**	13 **A**	14 **D**	15 **C**	16 **D**	17 **B**	18 **C**	19 **D**	20 **C**
21 **A**	22 **D**	23 **B**	24 **C**	25 **A**	26 **A**	27 **D**	28 **B**	29 **D**	30 **D**
31 **B**	32 **A**	33 **A**	34 **C**	35 **A**	36 **B**	37 **C**	38 **C**	39 **A**	40 **D**
41 **D**	42 **B**	43 **C**	44 **D**	45 **D**	46 **B**	47 **C**	48 **B**	49 **A**	50 **B**
51 **C**	52 **A**	53 **D**	54 **D**	55 **C**	56 **D**	57 **C**	58 **A**	59 **D**	60 **C**
61 **D**	62 **C**	63 **B**	64 **D**	65 **B**	66 **D**	67 **C**	68 **B**	69 **A**	70 **B**
71 **D**	72 **B**	73 **C**	74 **A**	75 **C**	76 **D**	77 **A**	78 **B**	79 **B**	80 **C**
81 **A**	82 **C**	83 **B**	84 **A**	85 **A**	86 **B**	87 **B**	88 **D**	89 **B**	90 **A**
91 **B**	92 **C**	93 **A**	94 **A**	95 **B**	96 **A**	97 **D**	98 **A**	99 **C**	100 **C**
101 **A**	102 **C**	103 **C**	104 **B**	105 **A**	106 **C**	107 **A**	108 **A**	109 **B**	110 **B**

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Answers & explanations

1. (B) Heavy rain – Heavy rain (about 7–11 cm). 115.6–204.4 mm is very heavy; 204.5 mm and above is extremely heavy.

2. (D) Red – Red – take action. Orange – be prepared; Yellow – be aware; Green – no warning.

3. (C) Earth Sciences – Ministry of Earth Sciences (formed 2006). IMD was set up in 1875; HQ New Delhi.

4. (D) Pre-cyclone Watch – Pre-cyclone Watch. Then Cyclone Alert (48 h, yellow), Cyclone Warning (24 h, orange), Post-landfall Outlook (12 h, red).

5. (B) Northeast monsoon – Northeast monsoon (Oct–Dec) – about 48%. Lying in the rain shadow of the Western Ghats, the State gets only about 36% from the SW monsoon.

6. (D) WWF-India – WWF-India; EIACP is funded by MoEFCC. The campaign is aligned with Mission LiFE.

7. (B) CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur – CSIR-NEERI (National Environmental Engineering Research Institute), Nagpur. They emit about 30% less pollution.

8. (A) Environment, Forest & Climate – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). It aims to cut PM10 levels in its cities.

9. (A) Virudhunagar – Virudhunagar district. Sivakasi is famed for fireworks, matches and printing; it is called 'Kutty Japan'.

10. (D) Carbon dioxide – Carbon dioxide. AQI's 8 pollutants: PM10, PM2.5, NO2, SO2, CO, O3, NH3 and lead.

11. (C) Malaysia – Malaysia (72%). India was 3rd, jointly with Singapore; Ipsos is headquartered in Paris (France).

12. (D) National Health Authority – National Health Authority (NHA). PM-JAY was launched at Ranchi in 2018; ₹5 lakh cover per family per year.

13. (A) State List – State List (Entry 6). Population control & family planning and medical education are in the Concurrent List.

14. (D) Article 47 – Article 47 (DPSP); it also mentions prohibition of intoxicating drinks. Courts read the right to health into Article 21.

15. (C) Krishnagiri – Krishnagiri (5 Aug 2021). The scheme won the UN Inter-Agency Task Force (UNIATF) award in 2024.

16. (D) Municipal Corp. of Delhi – Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) – ₹16 crore. The CBG produced goes to Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL).

17. (B) Methane – Methane (about 45–75%); the rest is mostly carbon dioxide. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas.

18. (C) Anaerobic digestion – Anaerobic digestion – microbes break down waste without oxygen. The leftover slurry is a good organic manure.

19. (D) Drinking Water & Sanitation – Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti; launched 2018 – part of Swachh Bharat (Grameen).

20. (C) Petroleum & Natural Gas – Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (1 Oct 2018). SATAT – Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation; target 5,000 CBG plants.

21. (A) Crafting the Sengol (1947) – Patriarch of the Vummidi Bangaru Jewellers family; at 20 he took part in making the Sengol in 1947. Rupee symbol – D. Udaya Kumar (2010); new Parliament – Bimal Patel.

22. (D) Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam – Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam (Mayiladuthurai district). Thirugnana Sambandar's 'Kolaru Pathigam' was sung at the presentation.

23. (B) Nandi – Nandi (seated). The Sengol is silver with gold plating, about 5 feet long.

24. (C) Porutpal – Porutpal – chapter 55, in the Arasiyal section. The next chapter is 'Kodungonmai' (56).

25. (A) Allahabad Museum – Allahabad (Prayagraj) Museum – with Nehru's belongings. It was installed near the Lok Sabha Speaker's chair on 28 May 2023.

26. (A) Dept of Financial Services – Department of Financial Services (DFS) – handles banks, insurance and pension schemes. The Finance Ministry has 6 departments.

27. (D) Promoting financial inclusion – Financial inclusion – launched 28 Aug 2014; zero-balance account, RuPay card, accident cover. (Modelled on UPSC Prelims 2015.)

28. (B) PFRDA – PFRDA – Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Act of 2013). APY is a guaranteed pension scheme mainly for unorganised-sector workers.

29. (D) Indian Overseas Bank – Indian Overseas Bank (headquartered in Chennai, founded in 1937 by M.Ct.M. Chidambaram Chettiar). SLBCs were set up in 1977.

30. (D) Gadgil Study Group – D.R. Gadgil Study Group ('area approach'); the Nariman Committee endorsed it. Narasimham Committees (1991, 1998) – banking reforms.

31. (B) Adyar estuary – The 'Broken Bridge' near the Adyar estuary – 11 Oct 2026; the record was accepted on eBird.

32. (A) Coraciiformes – Coraciiformes – rollers too. Bee-eaters are not passerines (Passeriformes). Psittaciformes – parrots.

33. (A) Chengalpattu – Chengalpattu (Madurantakam taluk; part of Kancheepuram district until 2019). Sanctuary in 1936; Ramsar site in 2022.

34. (C) UNEP – UNEP (UN Environment Programme). Adopted 1979, in force 1983; COP13 – Gandhinagar (2020).

35. (A) Pallikaranai Marsh – Pallikaranai Marsh – Ramsar site in 2022; one of Chennai's last natural marshes. Ramsar Convention – 1971, Iran.

36. (B) Leh Apex Body & KDA – Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) – they rejected the 15 Oct draft; next round 22 Oct, New Delhi.

37. (C) President – The President – such regulations have the force of an Act of Parliament and can amend or repeal existing laws.

38. (C) Mizoram – Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram (Art 244(2)) – autonomous district councils with powers over land, forests and customary law.

39. (A) J&K Reorganisation, 2019 – J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019 – a UT without a legislature from 31 Oct 2019; the Leh and Kargil hill councils (1995, 2003) continue.

40. (D) Article 239A – Article 239A (14th Amendment, 1962). Delhi – 239AA (69th Amendment, 1991). Ladakh has no legislature.

41. (D) J&K and Ladakh – The common High Court of J&K and Ladakh; CJI Surya Kant inaugurated the Ladakh Bench on 18 Oct 2026.

42. (B) Article 231 – Art 231 – Parliament may by law set up a common High Court. Art 214 – a High Court for each State.

43. (C) President of India – The President – after consulting the CJI, the Governor and the HC Chief Justice; retirement age is 62.

44. (D) Puducherry – Puducherry. Lakshadweep comes under the Kerala HC; Andaman & Nicobar under the Calcutta HC.

45. (D) Indian High Courts Act, 1861 – Indian High Courts Act, 1861; the Madras HC began on 15 Aug 1862. Its Madurai Bench – 2004.

46. (B) National Civil Aviation Policy – National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016; UDAN was launched on 21 Oct 2016.

47. (C) Airports Authority of India – Airports Authority of India (AAI), set up under a 1994 Act. DGCA is the aviation safety regulator.

48. (B) Shimla–Delhi – Shimla–Delhi (27 Apr 2017). Shimla is the capital of Himachal Pradesh.

49. (A) Viability Gap Funding – VGF – compensates airlines for capped-fare seats; drawn from the Regional Connectivity Fund, shared by Centre and States.

50. (B) Salem – Salem (Kamalapuram) – TruJet Chennai–Salem service, 25 Mar 2018. Neyveli and Vellore airports also got UDAN funds.

51. (C) Indian Navy – The Indian Navy – 26–27 Oct 2026, Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. The first edition was in 2022.

52. (A) NIIO – Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) – launched by Rajnath Singh; it includes N-TAC and TDAC.

53. (D) Defence Innovation Organisation – Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO) – a Section 8 company founded by HAL and BEL; iDEX was launched in April 2018.

54. (D) SPRINT challenges – SPRINT – 'Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through iDEX, NIIO and TDAC'; linked to Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

55. (C) Madurai – Madurai. Nodes: Chennai, Hosur, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli; launched at Tiruchi in Jan 2019.

56. (D) Wellington – Wellington – at the southern tip of the North Island. Auckland is the largest city; Canberra is Australia's capital.

57. (C) Dairy – Dairy – New Zealand's key export; sugar and edible oils were also excluded. India is the world's largest milk producer.

58. (A) RCEP – RCEP – 10 ASEAN members + China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand; in force from 1 Jan 2022.

59. (D) Australia – Australia (in force from Dec 2022). UAE – CEPA; UK – CETA; Mauritius – CECPA.

60. (C) Harmonized System (HS) – Harmonized System (HS) – developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO); 6 digits globally, 8-digit ITC-HS in India.

61. (D) Repurposing closed-mine land – A digital tool ranking post-mining land-reuse options; it includes the PRISM model.

62. (C) Main source of coal statistics – It is the statistical authority for coal and lignite; head office Kolkata. Mine safety is DGMS's job (Dhanbad).

63. (B) Anthracite – Anthracite – the highest-grade coal. Lignite (brown coal) has low carbon and high moisture.

64. (D) T.M. Jambulingam Mudaliar – T.M. Jambulingam Mudaliar (1934). NLC India was formed in 1956; HQ Neyveli, Cuddalore district.

65. (B) Kolkata – Kolkata; formed in 1975. Non-coking coal mines were nationalised under the 1973 Act.

66. (D) Anti-PD-1 monoclonal antibody – An immunotherapy that blocks PD-1 so T-cells can attack cancer; developed by China's Junshi Biosciences, marketed in India by Dr. Reddy's.

67. (C) Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 – Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, with the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 under it. The DCGI heads the CDSCO.

68. (B) Allison, Honjo – 2018 – Allison (CTLA-4) and Honjo (PD-1). Doudna–Charpentier: CRISPR (Chemistry 2020); Kariko–Weissman: mRNA vaccines (2023).

69. (A) Epstein–Barr virus – Epstein–Barr virus (EBV); NPC is commonest in India's North-East. HPV causes cervical cancer; hepatitis B, liver cancer.

70. (B) Chennai – Chennai. Other zonal offices include Ghaziabad (North), Kolkata (East), Mumbai (West); CDSCO HQ – New Delhi.

71. (D) Chhattisgarh – Chhattisgarh – Gariaband and Dhamtari districts; a tiger reserve since 2009. Another Chhattisgarh reserve – Indravati (Bijapur).

72. (B) Bridge grafting – Bridge grafting reconnects the food-transport path across the wound; it works better before the monsoon.

73. (C) Phloem – Phloem carries food from the leaves to the roots; cutting it starves the roots. Xylem carries water and minerals upward.

74. (A) Wild water buffalo – Asiatic wild buffalo (Bubalus arnee). The barasingha is Madhya Pradesh's State animal (Kanha).

75. (C) Palmyra palm – Palmyra palm (Borassus flabellifer). Tree protection: Chipko (1973, Uttarakhand); Appiko (1983, Karnataka) – the 'Chipko of the South'.

76. (D) Leh – Leh – the permanent campus is coming up at Spituk Pharka; 103 regular posts sanctioned.

77. (A) National Medical Commission – The National Medical Commission (NMC) – functioning since 25 Sep 2020; it permits new colleges and seats.

78. (B) National Testing Agency (NTA) – NTA has conducted NEET since 2019; CBSE conducted it earlier. NTA is under the Union Ministry of Education.

79. (B) AYUSH – Ministry of AYUSH – an autonomous institute (Cabinet approval Nov 2019). Sowa-Rigpa is also called 'Amchi' medicine.

80. (C) Become a legislator – Nominated to the Madras Legislative Council in 1926 and became its Deputy President; campaigned to abolish the Devadasi system. Madras Medical College dates from 1835.

81. (A) Shivraj Singh Chouhan – Shivraj Singh Chouhan – Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development (former MP CM). It integrates PM-KISAN, AgriStack and PMFBY.

82. (C) Digital Agriculture Mission – Digital Agriculture Mission – approved Sep 2024; its other pillar is the Krishi Decision Support System. PM-KUSUM is for solar pumps.

83. (B) NABARD – NABARD – on the R.V. Gupta Committee's advice. KCC was extended to fisheries and animal husbandry in 2019.

84. (A) Tamil Nadu Agricultural Univ. – Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore – on the Mohan Singh Mehta Committee's advice. Training for the new portal will also be through KVKs.

85. (A) Suratgarh, Rajasthan – Suratgarh (Rajasthan), 19 Feb 2015. PM-KISAN – Gorakhpur (2019); PMFBY – launch event at Sehore (2016).

86. (B) Thiruvananthapuram – Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), Foreign Training Node, 19 Oct – 1 Nov 2026. The 4th edition was at Perth (2025).

87. (B) Threats to peace & aggression – Chapter VII (Articles 39–51) – Security Council sanctions and use of force. Chapter VI covers peaceful settlement.

88. (D) AUSINDEX – AUSINDEX (since 2015). Pitch Black – multinational air exercise hosted by Australia; Varuna – India–France navies; Malabar – multilateral.

89. (B) United States – The United States. The QUAD was revived in 2017; the same four navies take part in the 'Malabar' exercise.

90. (A) Marshal A. Nesamony – Marshal A. Nesamony – Travancore Tamil Nadu Congress; hailed as 'Father of Kumari'. Ma. Po. Si led the northern-border (Tiruttani) struggle.

91. (B) Centrally-run municipality – Beijing is a municipality directly under the central government, like Shanghai, Tianjin and Chongqing. Hong Kong and Macau are Special Administrative Regions.

92. (C) Japan – Japan's 65+ share is 29.6% (Sept 2026); Italy 25.6%. A society with over 20% aged 65+ is termed 'super-aged' internationally.

93. (A) IIPS, Mumbai – International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. The same institute conducts LASI and the National Family Health Survey (NFHS).

94. (A) Kerala – Kerala 15.1% – first; Tamil Nadu 14% – second; Himachal Pradesh 13.2%. National average 9.7%.

95. (B) Maintenance Tribunals – Maintenance Tribunals at sub-division level let parents claim maintenance from children/relatives. International Day of Older Persons – 1 Oct.

96. (A) Intl. Osteoporosis Foundation – IOF (HQ Nyon, Switzerland) has run it since 1997; 2026 theme 'Build, Protect and Strengthen Your Bones for Life'.

97. (D) Finger millet (Ragi) – Ragi (finger millet) – 2 kg per family card. Among millets, ragi is the richest in calcium.

98. (A) Porous bone – Greek: osteon = bone, poros = pore. It is called a 'silent disease' as it progresses without symptoms.

99. (C) DEXA scan – DEXA = Dual-Energy X-ray Absorptiometry. On the WHO scale, a T-score of −2.5 or lower means osteoporosis.

100. (C) Osteomalacia – In children the same deficiency causes rickets. Vitamin D is the 'sunshine vitamin' – made in skin by UV-B rays.

101. (A) Hot Springs, Ladakh – 21 Oct 1959 – 10 CRPF personnel killed at Hot Springs. The Galwan clash (June 2020) involved the Indian Army.

102. (C) Chanakyapuri, New Delhi – Dedicated to the nation by the PM on 21 Oct 2018; it has a 30-ft granite central sculpture, the Wall of Valour and a museum.

103. (C) State List – State List Entry 2 – Police; Entry 1 – Public order. Distribution of powers among the lists – Article 246.

104. (B) Home Affairs – BPR&D was set up on 28 Aug 1970 under the Union Home Ministry; it focuses on police modernisation, research and training.

105. (A) Thousand Lights, Chennai – Opened by then CM J. Jayalalithaa. India's first all-women police station – Kozhikode, Kerala (1973).

106. (C) Thyroxine – Thyroxine (T4) regulates metabolism; lack of iodine makes the thyroid swell, causing goitre.

107. (A) Cretinism – Cretinism – intellectual disability, deaf-mutism, stunting. Kwashiorkor and marasmus are protein-energy malnutrition diseases.

108. (A) Potassium iodate – Potassium iodate is made in India but the iodine raw material is imported. Silver iodide is used for cloud seeding.

109. (B) NIDDCP – NIDDCP – National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme; goals: cut IDD prevalence below 5% and ensure adequately iodised salt in every household.

110. (B) C. Rajagopalachari – Rajaji's team marched from Tiruchirappalli and made salt at Vedaranyam on 30 April 1930. Today Thoothukudi leads Tamil Nadu's salt output.

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