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Questions (75)

1. Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0 (2026) is centred on which Tamil work?
(A) Silappathikaram
(B) Tolkappiyam
(C) Thirukkural
(D) Kamba Ramayanam

2. Which Union Ministry organises the Kashi Tamil Sangamam?
(A) Ministry of Culture
(B) Ministry of Tourism
(C) Ministry of Home Affairs
(D) Ministry of Education

3. Which of the following is NOT one of the three sections of the Thirukkural?
(A) Veedu (liberation)
(B) Aram (virtue)
(C) Porul (wealth)
(D) Inbam (love)

4. Who published a complete English verse translation of the Thirukkural in 1886?
(A) N.E. Kindersley
(B) F.W. Ellis
(C) Beschi (Veeramamunivar)
(D) G.U. Pope

5. Which Tamil poet-saint founded the Kumaraswamy Mutt at Kashi in the 17th century?
(A) Kumaraguruparar
(B) Thayumanavar
(C) Arunagirinathar
(D) Pattinathar

6. Which container terminal was declared a 'Green Terminal' in Oct 2026 after 100% electrification of its operational equipment?
(A) Kattupalli Terminal
(B) Tuticorin Intl. Terminal
(C) Vizhinjam Terminal
(D) Vallarpadam Terminal

7. V.O. Chidambaranar Port is located on the coast of which water body?
(A) Palk Bay
(B) Gulf of Mannar
(C) Arabian Sea
(D) Palk Strait

8. Which enterprise did 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' V.O. Chidambaram Pillai start in 1906?
(A) Swadeshi Bank
(B) Swadeshi Cotton Mills
(C) Tuticorin Salt Company
(D) Swadeshi Steam Navigation Co.

9. The 'Harit Sagar' guidelines released by the Union Ports Ministry in 2023 relate to:
(A) Coastal shipping
(B) Green ports
(C) Fishermen welfare
(D) Lighthouse tourism

10. How is 'green hydrogen', piloted at VOC Port, produced?
(A) Natural gas reforming
(B) Coal gasification
(C) Renewable-powered electrolysis
(D) Nuclear fission

11. With the onset of the NE monsoon, in which direction do milkweed butterflies migrate in Tamil Nadu?
(A) West to East
(B) South to North
(C) Eastern Ghats → Western Ghats
(D) Coast to Sri Lanka

12. Blue Tiger, Dark Blue Tiger and Common Crow butterflies belong to which subfamily?
(A) Danainae (milkweeds)
(B) Papilioninae (swallowtails)
(C) Pierinae (whites)
(D) Lycaeninae (coppers)

13. Which is the State butterfly of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Blue Mormon
(B) Southern Birdwing
(C) Malabar Banded Peacock
(D) Tamil Yeoman

14. Danaine butterflies are toxic to predators because they store which chemicals from their host plants?
(A) Tannins
(B) Carotenoids
(C) Alkaloids
(D) Chlorophyll

15. A harmless butterfly copying the look of a toxic species like the Common Crow is an example of:
(A) Mullerian mimicry
(B) Camouflage
(C) Aggressive mimicry
(D) Batesian mimicry

16. Among the Yamuna projects launched by Amit Shah in Oct 2026, where is the new 124 MGD sewage treatment plant?
(A) Okhla
(B) Wazirabad
(C) Chandrawal
(D) Mundka

17. Where does the river Yamuna originate?
(A) Gangotri glacier
(B) Yamunotri glacier
(C) Satopanth glacier
(D) Milam glacier

18. Which is the longest tributary of the Yamuna?
(A) Betwa
(B) Chambal
(C) Ken
(D) Hindon

19. Where does the Yamuna join the Ganga?
(A) Haridwar
(B) Kanpur
(C) Varanasi
(D) Prayagraj

20. The 'Namami Gange' programme for the Ganga and its tributaries comes under which Union Ministry?
(A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(B) Ministry of Environment
(C) Housing & Urban Affairs
(D) Rural Development

21. IIT Madras's 'UDYOG' finishing school, launched in Oct 2026, is meant for students of which field?
(A) Artificial intelligence
(B) Semiconductor design
(C) Ocean engineering
(D) Biotechnology

22. IIT Madras, started in 1959, was established with the assistance of which country?
(A) West Germany
(B) Soviet Union
(C) USA
(D) United Kingdom

23. BIRAC (Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council) was set up by which body?
(A) ICMR
(B) CSIR
(C) Dept. of Biotechnology (DBT)
(D) Dept. of Science & Technology

24. What do the three 'E's in the 'BioE3' policy (2024) stand for?
(A) Energy, Environment, Ecology
(B) Education, Employment, Energy
(C) Economy, Environment, Employment
(D) Ecology, Equity, Energy

25. Which Tamil Nadu Government agency promoted the TICEL Bio Park at Taramani, Chennai?
(A) SIPCOT
(B) TIDCO
(C) ELCOT
(D) TANSIDCO

26. Which Indian city, completing 300 years in 2027, figures in National Geographic's 'Best of the World 2027' list?

(A) Udaipur
(B) Varanasi
(C) Jaipur
(D) Mysuru

27. Who founded the city of Jaipur?

(A) Sawai Jai Singh II
(B) Raja Man Singh I
(C) Maharana Pratap
(D) Rao Jodha

28. Which architect planned Jaipur on the principles of Vastu and Shilpa Shastra?

(A) Ustad Ahmad Lahori
(B) Edwin Lutyens
(C) Vidyadhar Bhattacharya
(D) Le Corbusier

29. In 1876 Jaipur was painted pink to welcome the visit of whom?

(A) Queen Victoria
(B) Prince of Wales Albert Edward
(C) Lord Curzon
(D) King George V

30. Which temple was added in 2004 to the 'Great Living Chola Temples' UNESCO site along with Thanjavur's Brihadisvara?

(A) Airavatesvara, Darasuram
(B) Meenakshi Amman, Madurai
(C) Shore Temple, Mamallapuram
(D) Ramanathaswamy, Rameswaram

31. Mata Hasi Devi Ji, honoured with a ₹200 coin in Oct 2026, was a spiritual leader of which community?

(A) Punjabi
(B) Sindhi
(C) Gujarati
(D) Marwari

32. Under the Coinage Act, 2011, who has the authority to design and mint coins in India?

(A) Reserve Bank of India
(B) State Bank of India
(C) Government of India
(D) NITI Aayog

33. By which Constitutional Amendment was Sindhi added to the Eighth Schedule?

(A) 21st Amendment, 1967
(B) 71st Amendment, 1992
(C) 92nd Amendment, 2003
(D) 42nd Amendment, 1976

34. Which of the following is NOT an India Government Mint under SPMCIL?

(A) Mumbai
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Noida
(D) Chennai

35. The ₹100 commemorative coin released in Chennai in Aug 2024 marked the centenary of which Tamil Nadu leader?

(A) C.N. Annadurai
(B) M.G. Ramachandran
(C) M. Karunanidhi
(D) K. Kamaraj

36. The 33rd SIMBEX (Oct 2026) began at which city, the headquarters of the Eastern Naval Command?

(A) Kochi
(B) Mumbai
(C) Visakhapatnam
(D) Port Blair

37. By what name was SIMBEX known when it began in 1994?

(A) Malabar
(B) Lion King
(C) Varuna
(D) Konkan

38. Singapore lies at the southern entrance of which strait?

(A) Strait of Malacca
(B) Sunda Strait
(C) Palk Strait
(D) Strait of Hormuz

39. Which maritime exercise is held jointly by the navies of Singapore, India and Thailand?

(A) SITMEX
(B) JIMEX
(C) AUSINDEX
(D) SLINEX

40. Apart from English, Malay and Mandarin, which Indian language is an official language of Singapore?

(A) Hindi
(B) Tamil
(C) Telugu
(D) Malayalam

41. Which launch vehicle will ISRO use to launch the NavIC satellite NVS-03 on 30 Oct 2026?

(A) PSLV
(B) GSLV Mk II
(C) LVM3
(D) SSLV

42. Which ISRO centre developed the indigenous Rubidium atomic clock used in the NVS satellites?

(A) SAC, Ahmedabad
(B) VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram
(C) URSC, Bengaluru
(D) NRSC, Hyderabad

43. The 'Galileo' satellite navigation system belongs to which of the following?

(A) Russia
(B) European Union
(C) China
(D) Japan

44. Which frequency band was newly added in the NVS series for interoperability with other global systems?

(A) S band
(B) Ku band
(C) C band
(D) L1 band

45. Where is the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), where ISRO's cryogenic engines are tested, located?

(A) Thumba, Kerala
(B) Challakere, Karnataka
(C) Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
(D) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

46. Shamonda virus, which infected a human for the first time in France, is mainly spread by

(A) Aedes mosquitoes
(B) Ixodid ticks
(C) Culicoides biting midges
(D) Sandflies

47. Shamonda and Schmallenberg viruses both belong to which genus?

(A) Flavivirus
(B) Orthobunyavirus
(C) Henipavirus
(D) Lyssavirus

48. Which of the following is NOT a zoonotic disease?

(A) Rabies
(B) Nipah virus disease
(C) Kyasanur Forest Disease
(D) Typhoid

49. Which livestock disease, mainly affecting sheep, is spread by Culicoides midges?

(A) Foot-and-mouth disease
(B) Bluetongue
(C) Anthrax
(D) Brucellosis

50. Which was the first State in India to enact a Public Health Act (1939)?

(A) Kerala
(B) Maharashtra
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) West Bengal

51. Which body is hosting the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026 in Ahmedabad?
(A) Amateur Kabaddi Fed. of India
(B) Sports Authority of India
(C) Indian Olympic Association
(D) Commonwealth Sport

52. Kabaddi is the state game of which of the following States?
(A) Tamil Nadu
(B) Goa
(C) Gujarat
(D) Kerala

53. At which city's Asian Games was kabaddi first included as a medal sport?
(A) New Delhi
(B) Beijing
(C) Hiroshima
(D) Bangkok

54. Ahmedabad hosts the 2030 centenary Commonwealth Games. Where were the first Games (British Empire Games, 1930) held?
(A) London
(B) Sydney
(C) Hamilton (Canada)
(D) Edinburgh

55. Ahmedabad city is situated on the banks of which river?
(A) Narmada
(B) Sabarmati
(C) Tapi
(D) Mahi

56. Karnal, where 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan – Rabi 2026' was launched, is home to which ICAR institute?
(A) Indian Agri. Research Inst.
(B) National Rice Research Inst.
(C) National Dairy Research Inst.
(D) Indian Veterinary Res. Inst.

57. Which of the following is a Rabi crop?
(A) Paddy
(B) Cotton
(C) Mustard
(D) Jute

58. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) was set up on the recommendation of which body?
(A) Hunter Commission
(B) Sadler Commission
(C) Hartog Committee
(D) Royal Commission on Agriculture

59. The 'Soil Health Card' scheme, giving soil-test-based fertiliser advice, was launched at
(A) Karnal (Haryana)
(B) Anand (Gujarat)
(C) Pusa (Bihar)
(D) Suratgarh (Rajasthan)

60. In Tamil Nadu, the long-duration paddy season sown in August and relying on the north-east monsoon is
(A) Samba
(B) Kuruvai
(C) Navarai
(D) Sornavari

61. Which UN body warned in Oct 2026 that El Niño was 'off the monitoring charts' of the past four decades?
(A) UNEP
(B) WMO
(C) UNDRR
(D) IPCC

62. During an 'El Niño' event, the sea surface of which region becomes abnormally warm?
(A) Central–eastern equat. Pacific
(B) Western Indian Ocean
(C) North Atlantic
(D) Arabian Sea

63. What does the 'Southern Oscillation' in ENSO refer to?
(A) Polar ice change
(B) Bay of Bengal–Arabian Sea tide
(C) Atlantic current shift
(D) Pacific air-pressure see-saw

64. Indian Ocean Dipole: 1. A west–east SST difference in the Indian Ocean. 2. It can modify El Niño's impact on the monsoon. Correct?
(A) 1 only
(B) 2 only
(C) Neither 1 nor 2
(D) Both 1 and 2

65. In El Niño years, the northeast monsoon over Tamil Nadu generally tends to be:
(A) Severely deficient
(B) Shifted to June–September
(C) Normal or above normal
(D) Fails completely

66. Who is the Polish Prime Minister who paid an official visit to India on 21–23 Oct 2026?
(A) Donald Tusk
(B) Andrzej Duda
(C) Radosław Sikorski
(D) Karol Nawrocki

67. Which mechanism did India and Poland agree to set up in Oct 2026 for co-development and co-production?
(A) Joint Military Command
(B) 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue
(C) Space Council
(D) Defence Industry Dialogue

68. Revered in Poland as the 'Good Maharaja' for sheltering Polish children in WWII, he ruled which princely state?
(A) Kolhapur
(B) Baroda
(C) Mysore
(D) Nawanagar

69. Poland's capital Warsaw stands on the banks of which river?
(A) Danube
(B) Vistula
(C) Rhine
(D) Volga

70. Tamil Nadu's Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant has been built in cooperation with which country?
(A) France
(B) USA
(C) Japan
(D) Russia

71. International Snow Leopard Day (23 Oct) marks which declaration adopted by 12 range countries in 2013?
(A) Bishkek Declaration
(B) Kunming Declaration
(C) Kathmandu Declaration
(D) Astana Declaration

72. What is the current IUCN Red List status of the snow leopard (Panthera uncia)?
(A) Critically Endangered
(B) Endangered
(C) Least Concern
(D) Vulnerable

73. Hemis National Park, called the 'snow leopard capital of the world', is located in:
(A) Ladakh
(B) Sikkim
(C) Himachal Pradesh
(D) Uttarakhand

74. Which institution was the national coordinator of the Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India (SPAI)?
(A) Zoological Survey of India
(B) Botanical Survey of India
(C) Wildlife Institute of India
(D) Central Zoo Authority

75. Which national park was created mainly to protect the Nilgiri tahr, Tamil Nadu's State animal?

(A) Mudumalai
(B) Mukurthi
(C) Anamalai
(D) Guindy

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51 **A**	52 **A**	53 **B**	54 **C**	55 **B**	56 **C**	57 **C**	58 **D**	59 **D**	60 **A**
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71 **A**	72 **D**	73 **A**	74 **C**	75 **B**					

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Answers & explanations

1. (C) Thirukkural – Thirukkural – theme 'Thirukkural Payilvom'. KTS 3.0 was on Sage Agastya; KTS 4.0 on 'Learn Tamil'.

2. (D) Ministry of Education – Ministry of Education – under 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' (EBSB, 2015), for which Education is also the nodal ministry.

3. (A) Veedu (liberation) – Veedu is not a section. Aram, Porul and Inbam together hold 133 chapters and 1,330 couplets.

4. (D) G.U. Pope – G.U. Pope. The first (partial) English rendering was by Kindersley (1794); Beschi translated it into Latin (1730).

5. (A) Kumaraguruparar – Kumaraguruparar (born Srivaikuntam) – author of Kandar Kalivenba, Meenakshi Ammai Pillaitamil and Sakalakalavalli Maalai.

6. (B) Tuticorin Intl. Terminal – TICT, VOC Port – electric RTG cranes, RMQCs, reach stacker and 13 E-ITVs. Declared by the Shipping Secretary.

7. (B) Gulf of Mannar – Gulf of Mannar – sheltered by Sri Lanka, so less exposed to cyclones. The Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park lies in this area.

8. (D) Swadeshi Steam Navigation Co. – Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company – ships S.S. Gallia and S.S. Lawoe. He was arrested after the 1908 Coral Mill strike.

9. (B) Green ports – Green ports – lower carbon emissions and zero waste discharge; launched 10 May 2023 by Sarbananda Sonowal.

10. (C) Renewable-powered electrolysis – Electrolysis of water with renewable power. From natural gas it is grey hydrogen; with carbon capture, blue.

11. (C) Eastern Ghats → Western Ghats – From the Eastern to the Western Ghats; they return the opposite way in Apr–May.

12. (A) Danainae (milkweeds) – Danainae – family Nymphalidae. Six of South India's 10 danaine species migrate.

13. (D) Tamil Yeoman – Tamil Yeoman (Cirrochroa thais) – 2019. Blue Mormon – Maharashtra; Southern Birdwing – Karnataka; Malabar Banded Peacock – Kerala.

14. (C) Alkaloids – Alkaloids – from milkweed-family (Asclepiadaceae) plants; males also use them to make courtship pheromones.

15. (D) Batesian mimicry – Batesian mimicry (after H.W. Bates). Two toxic species resembling each other is Mullerian mimicry.

16. (A) Okhla – Okhla – ₹1,161 crore, Delhi's biggest STP. Chandrawal gets a 477 MLD water plant; Mundka a trunk drain.

17. (B) Yamunotri glacier – Yamunotri – near Bandarpunch peak, Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand. Gangotri is the source of the Bhagirathi.

18. (B) Chambal – Chambal (about 960 km); the Tons is the largest. West to east: Chambal, Sind, Betwa, Ken.

19. (D) Prayagraj – Prayagraj – the Triveni Sangam (Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati); a Kumbh Mela site.

20. (A) Ministry of Jal Shakti – Ministry of Jal Shakti – implemented by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG). Ganga Action Plan – 1986; Yamuna Action Plan – 1993.

21. (D) Biotechnology – Biotechnology / biomanufacturing. UDYOG = Upskilling and Development for Young Graduates; run by SynBioME (IITM–TICEL Biofoundry).

22. (A) West Germany – West Germany. IIT Bombay – USSR (via UNESCO); IIT Kanpur – USA; IIT Delhi – UK.

23. (C) Dept. of Biotechnology (DBT) – DBT (created in 1986) set up BIRAC in 2012 as a not-for-profit Section 8 company.

24. (C) Economy, Environment, Employment – Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment. It sets up biomanufacturing hubs and biofoundries.

25. (B) TIDCO – TIDCO (Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation), with Cornell University collaboration; opened in 2004.

26. (C) Jaipur – Jaipur – founded on 18 Nov 1727. The 'Walled City of Jaipur' became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2019.

27. (A) Sawai Jai Singh II – Sawai Jai Singh II (Kachwaha ruler); the old capital was Amber. Rao Jodha founded Jodhpur (1459).

28. (C) Vidyadhar Bhattacharya – Vidyadhar Bhattacharya (Bengal). Ustad Ahmad Lahori – Taj Mahal; Lutyens – New Delhi; Le Corbusier – Chandigarh.

29. (B) Prince of Wales Albert Edward – Albert Edward, Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII); the city was painted by Maharaja Ram Singh II.

30. (A) Airavatesvara, Darasuram – Airavatesvara, Darasuram (Rajaraja II) and Gangaikondacholapuram were added in 2004. The Shore Temple belongs to the Mahabalipuram site (1984).

31. (B) Sindhi – Sindhi. She was the 5th Peethadheesh of the Shadani Darbar, Raipur; the President released the coin in Raipur.

32. (C) Government of India – The Government of India mints coins; RBI distributes them into circulation (RBI Act, Section 38).

33. (A) 21st Amendment, 1967 – 21st Amendment (1967). 71st added Konkani, Manipuri, Nepali; 92nd added Bodo, Dogri, Maithili, Santali.

34. (D) Chennai – There is no Government Mint in Chennai. The four mints are Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Noida (SPMCIL, 2006).

35. (C) M. Karunanidhi – Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi (born 3 June 1924); Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the coin on 18 Aug 2024.

36. (C) Visakhapatnam – Visakhapatnam. Western Command – Mumbai; Southern – Kochi; Andaman & Nicobar Command – Port Blair (Sri Vijaya Puram).

37. (B) Lion King – Lion King – began as an anti-submarine exercise. Varuna – France; Konkan – UK; Malabar – India–US–Japan–Australia.

38. (A) Strait of Malacca – Strait of Malacca – one of the world's busiest sea lanes, linking the Indian Ocean with the South China Sea. Palk Strait lies between India and Sri Lanka.

39. (A) SITMEX – SITMEX (since 2019). JIMEX – Japan; AUSINDEX – Australia; SLINEX – Sri Lanka.

40. (B) Tamil – Tamil – one of Singapore's four official languages. Malay is the national language.

41. (B) GSLV Mk II – GSLV Mk II – with an indigenous cryogenic upper stage. NVS-03 is NavIC's 12th satellite.

42. (A) SAC, Ahmedabad – Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad. The first indigenous atomic clock flew on NVS-01 (2023).

43. (B) European Union – European Union. GLONASS – Russia; BeiDou – China; QZSS – Japan; GPS – USA.

44. (D) L1 band – L1 – the band used by GPS and others; eases NavIC use in phones. First-generation IRNSS used only L5 and S.

45. (C) Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu – Mahendragiri (Tirunelveli district). Thumba – India's first rocket launch site (1963); Challakere is in Chitradurga district, Karnataka.

46. (C) Culicoides biting midges – Culicoides midges spread the virus by biting livestock. Sandflies transmit kala-azar.

47. (B) Orthobunyavirus – Both are Simbu-group orthobunyaviruses. Nipah is a Henipavirus, rabies a Lyssavirus, dengue a Flavivirus.

48. (D) Typhoid – Typhoid (Salmonella Typhi) spreads human to human through contaminated food and water. Kyasanur Forest Disease spreads via monkeys and ticks in Karnataka.

49. (B) Bluetongue – Bluetongue is a viral disease named after the bluish tongue it causes. Culicoides imicola was the commonest midge found at Tamil Nadu sheep farms.

50. (C) Tamil Nadu – The Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939. The State's Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine dates from 1923.

51. (A) Amateur Kabaddi Fed. of India – AKFI is the host; 23–31 Oct at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex. The IOA has proposed kabaddi for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

52. (A) Tamil Nadu – Kabaddi is Tamil Nadu's state game, 'Sadugudu' in Tamil. Andhra Pradesh also has kabaddi ('Chedugudu') as its state sport.

53. (B) Beijing – The 1990 Beijing Asian Games; India won gold. Women's kabaddi was added at Guangzhou 2010.

54. (C) Hamilton (Canada) – 1930 – Hamilton, Canada. India earlier hosted the Commonwealth Games at New Delhi in 2010.

55. (B) Sabarmati – Gandhi's Sabarmati Ashram stands on its bank; the Dandi March (1930) started from there.

56. (C) National Dairy Research Inst. – NDRI is at Karnal. IARI – New Delhi (Pusa); National Rice Research Institute – Cuttack; IVRI – Izatnagar (UP).

57. (C) Mustard – Rabi crops are sown Oct–Dec and harvested Apr–Jun: wheat, mustard, gram. Paddy, cotton and jute are kharif crops.

58. (D) Royal Commission on Agriculture – Following the Royal Commission on Agriculture (1926–28, chaired by Linlithgow), it began in 1929 as the 'Imperial' Council; HQ New Delhi.

59. (D) Suratgarh (Rajasthan) – Launched at Suratgarh in Feb 2015 to curb fertiliser overuse. Anand is home to Amul and the National Dairy Development Board.

60. (A) Samba – Samba is Tamil Nadu's main paddy season. Kuruvai is the short-duration season sown in June–July; Navarai is sown in Dec–Jan.

61. (B) WMO – World Meteorological Organization (WMO) – Secretary-General Celeste Saulo; HQ Geneva. The same day the UN released $50 million from CERF.

62. (A) Central–eastern equat. Pacific – The central–eastern equatorial Pacific (up to the Peru coast). 'El Niño' = Spanish for 'the Christ child' – named by Peruvian fishermen as it appears around Christmas.

63. (D) Pacific air-pressure see-saw – A see-saw in air pressure between the eastern and western tropical Pacific (Tahiti–Darwin). It was identified by IMD Director General Sir Gilbert Walker.

64. (D) Both 1 and 2 – Both correct. A positive IOD (warmer western Indian Ocean) can aid the southwest monsoon even in an El Niño year. (UPSC 2017 tested a wrong statement linking IOD to the eastern Pacific.)

65. (C) Normal or above normal – Normal or above normal – a tendency, the reverse of the weakened southwest monsoon. The 2015 Chennai floods came in a strong El Niño year.

66. (A) Donald Tusk – Donald Tusk – his first India visit as PM since 2010. Karol Nawrocki is Poland's President; Sikorski is Deputy PM and Foreign Minister.

67. (D) Defence Industry Dialogue – The Defence Industry Dialogue. The 8th Joint Working Group on Defence met in Warsaw in Sept 2026.

68. (D) Nawanagar – Nawanagar (Jamnagar, Gujarat) – Jam Saheb Digvijaysinhji; the Balachadi camp (1942) is now a Sainik School. Warsaw has a 'Good Maharaja Square'.

69. (B) Vistula – The Vistula – Poland's longest river, flowing into the Baltic Sea. Poland's currency is the złoty.

70. (D) Russia – Russia – VVER pressurised water reactors; Tirunelveli district; India's largest nuclear power plant. Jaitapur (Maharashtra) is planned with France.

71. (A) Bishkek Declaration – The Bishkek Declaration (Kyrgyzstan) – GSLEP was launched the same day. The UN General Assembly officially proclaimed the day in Dec 2024.

72. (D) Vulnerable – Vulnerable – moved from 'Endangered' in 2017. In India it is in Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

73. (A) Ladakh – Ladakh – home to the most snow leopards in India (477); in 2021 it declared the snow leopard its UT animal and the black-necked crane its bird.

74. (C) Wildlife Institute of India – Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun – under the Union Environment Ministry. India's Project Snow Leopard began in 2009.

75. (B) Mukurthi – Mukurthi National Park (Nilgiris). 'Project Nilgiri Tahr' was launched on 12 Oct 2023; 7 Oct is Nilgiri Tahr Day (Dr E.R.C. Davidar's birthday).

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