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Questions (90)

1. Which country contributed the name of Cyclone 'Arnab', formed over the Bay of Bengal in Oct 2026?
(A) Bangladesh
(B) Myanmar
(C) Sri Lanka
(D) Thailand

2. Which of the following cyclone names contributed by India is a Tamil word?
(A) Gati
(B) Murasu
(C) Tej
(D) Aag

3. In IMD's classification, which stage comes immediately after a 'Deep Depression'?
(A) Cyclonic Storm
(B) Severe Cyclonic Storm
(C) Depression
(D) Very Severe Cyclonic Storm

4. Which body draws up the list of names for North Indian Ocean cyclones?
(A) IPCC
(B) UNEP
(C) WMO/ESCAP Cyclone Panel
(D) International Maritime Org.

5. Why do tropical cyclones rarely form within about 5° latitude of the Equator?
(A) The sea is too cold
(B) Coriolis force is negligible
(C) The air lacks moisture
(D) There are no trade winds

6. In the HR&CE Department's Oct 2026 list, which temple earned the highest revenue in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Palani Dhandayuthapani
(B) Tiruvannamalai Arunachaleswarar
(C) Tiruchendur Subramanya
(D) Samayapuram Mariamman

7. Which Siddhar, by tradition, made the Palani Dandayuthapani idol from 'navapashanam'?
(A) Agastyar
(B) Bogar
(C) Thirumoolar
(D) Pambatti Siddhar

8. Which Sangam work by Nakkeerar refers to Palani as 'Thiruvavinankudi'?
(A) Thirumurugatrupadai
(B) Porunaratrupadai
(C) Maduraikanchi
(D) Sirupanatrupadai

9. Tiruvannamalai Arunachaleswarar temple, 2nd in the list, represents which of the five elements?
(A) Water
(B) Earth
(C) Air
(D) Fire

10. According to Palani's temple legend, which asura carried its two hills as a 'kavadi'?
(A) Idumban
(B) Surapadman
(C) Mahishasura
(D) Tarakasura

11. The Third Launch Pad (TLP) at Sriharikota is mainly designed for which launch vehicle?
(A) SSLV
(B) PSLV
(C) Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV)
(D) Next Generation LV (NGLV)

12. Sriharikota island, home of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, lies between the Bay of Bengal and which lake?
(A) Pulicat Lake
(B) Chilika Lake
(C) Kolleru Lake
(D) Vembanad Lake

13. What is the main scientific reason India's launch pads are sited on the east coast?
(A) Earth's eastward rotation
(B) Low rainfall
(C) Stronger magnetic field
(D) Weaker gravity

14. 'Chandrayaan-5' (LUPEX), mentioned by the ISRO Chairman, is a joint mission with which country's space agency?

(A) France (CNES) (B) Japan (JAXA)
(C) USA (NASA) (D) Russia (Roscosmos)

15. What is the name of the humanoid robot to fly on Gaganyaan's first uncrewed mission (G1)?

(A) Vyommitra (B) Pragyan
(C) Vikram (D) Rohini

16. Which was declared a '100% organic Union Territory' in Oct 2026?

(A) Puducherry (B) Andaman & Nicobar
(C) Ladakh (D) Chandigarh

17. Which UT had its entire land area declared organic under PGS-India in Dec 2020?

(A) Puducherry (B) Lakshadweep
(C) Dadra NH & Daman Diu (D) Delhi

18. Which was declared India's first fully organic State in 2016?

(A) Meghalaya (B) Sikkim
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Mizoram

19. The 'Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana' (PKVY) is a central scheme to promote:

(A) Cluster-based organic farming (B) Micro-irrigation
(C) Crop insurance (D) Farm mechanisation

20. Who, hailed as the pioneer of Tamil Nadu's organic-farming movement, founded 'Vanagam' at Karur?

(A) M.S. Swaminathan (B) G. Nammalvar
(C) C. Subramaniam (D) Verghese Kurien

21. Which Union Ministry introduced the 'NMMS' app for recording rural job-scheme attendance in 2021?

(A) Ministry of Panchayati Raj (B) Ministry of Labour
(C) Ministry of Electronics & IT (D) Ministry of Rural Development

22. Which academic institution gave technical support for developing the upgraded NMMS app?

(A) IIT Bombay (B) IISc Bengaluru
(C) IIT Kanpur (D) IIT Madras

23. Which NMMS feature checks that a live person, not a photograph, is in front of the camera?

(A) Liveness detection (B) Geo-fencing
(C) OTP verification (D) Iris scan

24. In which district was the National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme launched on 2 February 2006?

(A) Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) (B) Palakkad (Kerala)
(C) Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) (D) Kolar (Karnataka)

25. Under the 2005 rural employment guarantee law, which body conducts the social audit of works?

(A) Panchayat Samiti (B) Gram Sabha
(C) District Collector (D) CAG

26. Which region takes the bulk (over 70%) of India's basmati rice exports?
(A) Europe
(B) Africa
(C) North America
(D) Middle East

27. Which of the following States is NOT included in the GI area of basmati rice?
(A) Punjab
(B) Haryana
(C) Madhya Pradesh
(D) Uttarakhand

28. Which statement about rice cultivation is correct?
(A) Rabi crop needing little rain
(B) Needs high heat, 100 cm+ rain
(C) Grows only in black soil
(D) Needs cold winter frost

29. Which traditional aromatic paddy variety of Tamil Nadu recently received the GI tag?
(A) Mappillai Samba
(B) Ponni
(C) Thooyamalli
(D) Kichili Samba

30. Where is the headquarters of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)?
(A) Bangkok, Thailand
(B) Hanoi, Vietnam
(C) Los Baños, Philippines
(D) Cuttack, India

31. Ravi Tamta, who built the single-seat electric flying vehicle 'HAPIDA SKYNeX', hails from which State?
(A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Sikkim
(C) Arunachal Pradesh
(D) Uttarakhand

32. In the flying-car term 'eVTOL', what does 'VTOL' stand for?
(A) Variable Thrust Orbital Lift
(B) Vehicle Transport On Land
(C) Vertical Take-Off and Landing
(D) Very Thin Oxide Layer

33. The DGCA, which certifies civil aircraft in India, functions under which Ministry?
(A) Ministry of Defence
(B) Ministry of Home Affairs
(C) Ministry of Science & Tech
(D) Ministry of Civil Aviation

34. What is 'e200X', unveiled in July 2026 by IIT Madras-incubated 'The ePlane Company'?
(A) Satellite launch vehicle
(B) Electric bus
(C) Hydrogen train
(D) Passenger eVTOL air taxi

35. A multirotor rises as its propellers push air downward. Which law explains this?
(A) Archimedes' principle
(B) Newton's third law
(C) Pascal's law
(D) Boyle's law

36. Which name for millets, given in Union Budget 2023–24, did the PM use in Mann Ki Baat 139?
(A) Bharat Anna
(B) Shree Anna
(C) Annapurna
(D) Poshan Anaj

37. Where is the ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), declared a 'Global Centre of Excellence'?
(A) Pune
(B) Bengaluru
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Coimbatore

38. On which occasion in 2014 was the PM's radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' first broadcast?
(A) Diwali
(B) Independence Day
(C) Vijayadashami
(D) Gandhi Jayanti

39. Which of the following is NOT a millet?

(A) Barley
(B) Kodo millet
(C) Sorghum (Jowar)
(D) Pearl millet (Bajra)

40. The five-year 'Tamil Nadu Millet Mission' was announced in which of the following?

(A) Governor's Address 2022
(B) Union Budget 2023–24
(C) TN Agri Policy 2021
(D) TN Agriculture Budget 2023–24

41. In which category did India's Sitaram Raul win at Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026?

(A) Behaviour: Invertebrates
(B) Urban Wildlife
(C) Animal Portraits
(D) Natural Artistry

42. The scorpion in Raul's image belongs to which animal class?

(A) Insecta
(B) Crustacea
(C) Arachnida
(D) Myriapoda

43. Under which light do scorpions glow blue-green?

(A) Infrared light
(B) Ultraviolet light
(C) Sodium-vapour light
(D) X-rays

44. The Desert National Park in the Thar is a key home of which Critically Endangered bird?

(A) Sarus Crane
(B) Forest Owlet
(C) Indian Skimmer
(D) Great Indian Bustard

45. What gives the 'Theri' sand dunes of Thoothukudi district their red colour?

(A) Copper salts
(B) Oxidised iron-rich minerals
(C) Algal pigments
(D) Coral sand

46. Kerala's cooperative airline follows the model of India's first airport built under PPP. Which is it?

(A) Bengaluru Kempegowda
(B) Hyderabad Rajiv Gandhi
(C) Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji
(D) Cochin International Airport

47. Which Constitutional Amendment Act gave constitutional status to cooperative societies?

(A) 97th Amendment (2011)
(B) 73rd Amendment (1992)
(C) 74th Amendment (1992)
(D) 86th Amendment (2002)

48. Who was the first minister of the Union Ministry of Cooperation, created in 2021?

(A) Amit Shah
(B) Narendra Singh Tomar
(C) Piyush Goyal
(D) Nitin Gadkari

49. In the Seventh Schedule, 'co-operative societies' fall in which list?

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

50. Tirur, where India's first cooperative society began in 1904, is now in which Tamil Nadu district?

(A) Kancheepuram
(B) Chengalpattu
(C) Tiruvallur
(D) Vellore

51. Arvind Ltd, which opened a new unit in Varanasi, is India's largest producer of which fabric?

(A) Denim
(B) Silk
(C) Jute
(D) Khadi

52. Which Union Ministry implements the PM MITRA mega textile parks scheme?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of MSME
(C) Commerce and Industry
(D) Ministry of Rural Development

53. E. Kumaralingapuram, site of Tamil Nadu's PM MITRA textile park, is in which district?
(A) Tiruppur
(B) Virudhunagar
(C) Erode
(D) Karur

54. Varanasi's GI-tagged 'Banarasi' sarees are famous for which weaving style?
(A) Kalamkari
(B) Zari brocade weaving
(C) Bandhani (tie-dye)
(D) Ikat

55. National Handloom Day (7 August) commemorates the launch of which movement?
(A) Non-Cooperation Movement
(B) Quit India Movement
(C) Civil Disobedience Movement
(D) Swadeshi Movement

56. Which Indian city will host the 2029 senior World Weightlifting Championships?
(A) New Delhi
(B) Patiala
(C) Bengaluru
(D) Ahmedabad

57. Who was the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal?
(A) P.T. Usha
(B) Mary Kom
(C) Karnam Malleswari
(D) Saina Nehwal

58. Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, silver medallist at Tokyo 2020, belongs to which State?
(A) Manipur
(B) Assam
(C) Mizoram
(D) Odisha

59. Which two lifts make up Olympic weightlifting?
(A) Press and snatch
(B) Snatch, clean and jerk
(C) Squat and deadlift
(D) Bench press and clean

60. Two-time Commonwealth gold-winning weightlifter Sathish Kumar Sivalingam is from which Tamil Nadu district?
(A) Madurai
(B) Salem
(C) Tiruchirappalli
(D) Vellore

61. Major Abhilasha Barak won the 2025 UN Military Gender Advocate award for service in which UN mission?
(A) UNMISS – South Sudan
(B) MONUSCO – DR Congo
(C) UNIFIL – Lebanon
(D) UNDOF – Golan Heights

62. The award is rooted in which UN Security Council resolution on Women, Peace and Security (WPS)?
(A) Resolution 242
(B) Resolution 1540
(C) Resolution 2758
(D) Resolution 1325

63. Who was the first Indian peacekeeper to win this award, in 2019?
(A) Maj Radhika Sen
(B) Maj Suman Gawani
(C) Bhawana Kanth
(D) Shivangi Singh

64. Lebanon, where UNIFIL is deployed, has its capital at
(A) Beirut
(B) Damascus
(C) Amman
(D) Nicosia

65. Major Abhilasha Barak trained in 2017 at the Officers Training Academy (OTA) located in which city?
(A) Chennai
(B) Dehradun
(C) Pune
(D) Ezhimala

66. Which group defeated Vučić's SNS in Serbia's parliamentary election of 25 Oct 2026?
(A) Serbia Against Violence
(B) Student List
(C) Socialist Party of Serbia
(D) Serbian Radical Party

67. Serbia's student protests began after a railway-station canopy collapse in Nov 2024 in which city?
(A) Belgrade
(B) Novi Sad
(C) Niš
(D) Kragujevac

68. Belgrade, Serbia's capital, lies where the Danube meets which river?
(A) Drava
(B) Tisza
(C) Sava
(D) Morava

69. Where was the first summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) held in 1961?
(A) Belgrade
(B) Bandung
(C) Cairo
(D) Colombo

70. In the 1967 Madras Assembly election, DMK student leader P. Seenivasan defeated which Congress leader at Virudhunagar?
(A) M. Bhaktavatsalam
(B) C. Subramaniam
(C) K. Kamaraj
(D) R. Venkataraman

71. Lula, elected Brazil's President a fourth time, belongs to which party?
(A) Liberal Party (PL)
(B) MDB
(C) Workers' Party (PT)
(D) PSDB

72. Who designed the landmark buildings of Brasília, which became Brazil's capital in 1960?
(A) Le Corbusier
(B) Charles Correa
(C) Frank Lloyd Wright
(D) Oscar Niemeyer

73. In which Brazilian city was the 17th BRICS summit held in July 2025?
(A) São Paulo
(B) Brasília
(C) Fortaleza
(D) Rio de Janeiro

74. The UN climate conference COP30 (Nov 2025) was held in which Brazilian city in the Amazon region?
(A) Manaus
(B) Recife
(C) Belém
(D) Salvador

75. Brazil is the top coffee producer. Yercaud, a coffee-growing hill station of Tamil Nadu, lies in which hills?
(A) Javadhu Hills
(B) Shevaroy Hills
(C) Kolli Hills
(D) Palani Hills

76. What is the theme of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2026' announced by the Central Vigilance Commission?
(A) Culture of Integrity
(B) Our Shared Responsibility
(C) Probity for Prosperity
(D) Corruption-free India

77. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) was set up on the recommendation of which committee?
(A) Kothari Committee
(B) Sarkaria Commission
(C) Dinesh Goswami Committee
(D) Santhanam Committee

78. In which case did the Supreme Court direct that the CVC be given statutory status?
(A) Kesavananda Bharati case
(B) Indra Sawhney case
(C) Minerva Mills case
(D) Vineet Narain case

79. Who is NOT a member of the committee that recommends the appointment of the Central Vigilance Commissioner?
(A) Prime Minister
(B) Union Home Minister
(C) Chief Justice of India
(D) Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha

80. K. Santhanam of Madras, who headed the Santhanam Committee, was the first editor of which newspaper?
(A) The Hindu
(B) The Indian Express
(C) Swadesamitran
(D) Dinamani

81. Infantry Day (27 Oct) commemorates the 1947 air-landing at Srinagar of which battalion?
(A) 4th Kumaon
(B) 1st Gorkha Rifles
(C) 1st Battalion, Sikh Regiment
(D) 2nd Dogra

82. Who signed the Instrument of Accession of Jammu & Kashmir to India in October 1947?
(A) Sheikh Abdullah
(B) Maharaja Hari Singh
(C) Karan Singh
(D) Maharaja Gulab Singh

83. Lt Col Dewan Ranjit Rai, CO of 1 SIKH killed on 27 Oct 1947, was the first recipient of which gallantry award?
(A) Param Vir Chakra
(B) Ashoka Chakra
(C) Maha Vir Chakra
(D) Vir Chakra

84. Mhow in Madhya Pradesh, home of the Indian Army's Infantry School, is the birthplace of whom?
(A) Chandrashekhar Azad
(B) Tantia Tope
(C) Dr B.R. Ambedkar
(D) Rani Avantibai

85. Which award was conferred posthumously on Chennai's Major Mukund Varadarajan, whose life inspired 'Amaran' (2024)?
(A) Ashoka Chakra
(B) Kirti Chakra
(C) Shaurya Chakra
(D) Sena Medal

86. The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (27 Oct) commemorates UNESCO's 1980 adoption of which Recommendation?
(A) Safeguarding Folklore
(B) World Natural Heritage
(C) Intangible Cultural Heritage
(D) Preserving Moving Images

87. What is the theme of the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2026?
(A) Your Window to the World
(B) Memories in Motion
(C) Sound and Image for Peace
(D) Save Before It Fades

88. India's first entry (1997) in UNESCO's 'Memory of the World Register' is which collection held in Chennai?
(A) Rigveda manuscripts
(B) Gilgit manuscripts
(C) IAS Tamil Medical Manuscripts
(D) Shantinatha Charitra

89. Who directed 'Keechaka Vadham', the first silent film made in South India?
(A) K. Subramaniam
(B) R. Nataraja Mudaliar
(C) Ellis R. Dungan
(D) A. Narayanan

90. Who directed 'Alam Ara', India's first talkie, of which no print survives today?

(A) Dadasaheb Phalke
(B) V. Shantaram
(C) Himanshu Rai
(D) Ardeshir Irani

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31 **D**	32 **C**	33 **D**	34 **D**	35 **B**	36 **B**	37 **C**	38 **C**	39 **A**	40 **D**
41 **A**	42 **C**	43 **B**	44 **D**	45 **B**	46 **D**	47 **A**	48 **A**	49 **D**	50 **C**
51 **A**	52 **A**	53 **B**	54 **B**	55 **D**	56 **D**	57 **C**	58 **A**	59 **B**	60 **D**
61 **C**	62 **D**	63 **B**	64 **A**	65 **A**	66 **B**	67 **B**	68 **C**	69 **A**	70 **C**
71 **C**	72 **D**	73 **D**	74 **C**	75 **B**	76 **C**	77 **D**	78 **D**	79 **C**	80 **B**
81 **C**	82 **B**	83 **C**	84 **C**	85 **A**	86 **D**	87 **A**	88 **C**	89 **B**	90 **D**

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Answers & explanations

1. (A) Bangladesh – Bangladesh – 'Arnab' means 'sea' in Bengali. Bangladesh also gave 'Nisarga', the first name on the 2020 list.

2. (B) Murasu – Murasu – the Tamil drum; it is the next name after 'Arnab' in the 2020 list. Gati (speed), Tej and Aag (fire) are Hindi words.

3. (A) Cyclonic Storm – Cyclonic Storm (62–88 km/h) – a name is given only at this stage. Next comes the Severe Cyclonic Storm (89–117).

4. (C) WMO/ESCAP Cyclone Panel – The WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones (1972) – 13 members; 169 names in the 2020 list. RSMC New Delhi (IMD) assigns the names.

5. (B) Coriolis force is negligible – The Coriolis force is zero at the Equator, so air cannot be set spinning. Northern Hemisphere cyclones rotate anticlockwise.

6. (A) Palani Dhandayuthapani – Palani – ₹233.50 crore. Tiruvannamalai is 2nd, Tiruchendur 3rd and Samayapuram 4th.

7. (B) Bogar – Bogar – one of the 18 Siddhars; navapashanam is a blend of nine herbs/minerals. Thirumoolar wrote the 'Thirumanthiram'.

8. (A) Thirumurugatrupadai – Thirumurugatrupadai – the first poem of the Pathuppattu; it sings of Murugan's six abodes. Maduraikanchi is by Mangudi Marudhanar.

9. (D) Fire – Fire (Agni) – symbolised by the Karthigai Deepam. Water – Thiruvanaikaval; Earth – Kanchipuram; Air – Srikalahasti.

10. (A) Idumban – Idumban carried the Sivagiri and Sakthigiri hills at Agastya's bidding – held to be the origin of kavadi worship.

11. (D) Next Generation LV (NGLV) – NGLV – reusable first stage; up to 30 t to low Earth orbit. The Third Launch Pad will also serve as a standby for the Second Launch Pad.

12. (A) Pulicat Lake – Pulicat – India's second-largest brackish-water lagoon, on the Tamil Nadu–Andhra border. Chilika (Odisha) is the largest.

13. (A) Earth's eastward rotation – An eastward launch gains extra velocity from the Earth's spin, and spent stages fall safely into the sea.

14. (B) Japan (JAXA) – Japan (JAXA) – ISRO builds the lander, JAXA the rover; launched on Japan's H3 rocket, it will explore the lunar south pole.

15. (A) Vyommitra – Vyommitra will monitor module parameters and issue alerts. Pragyan (rover) and Vikram (lander) are Chandrayaan craft.

16. (C) Ladakh – Ladakh – declared by LG Vinai Kumar Saxena at Leh on 25 Oct; chemical fertilisers have been banned since July 2026.

17. (B) Lakshadweep – Lakshadweep – about 32 sq km, through PKVY; it was then called the first organic UT.

18. (B) Sikkim – Sikkim – declared by the PM at Gangtok on 18 Jan 2016; the effort began with a 2003 Assembly resolution.

19. (A) Cluster-based organic farming – PKVY (2015) groups farmers into clusters for organic farming, with PGS-India certification and marketing support.

20. (B) G. Nammalvar – G. Nammalvar (1938–2013), of Elangadu, Thanjavur district; he also started 'Kudumbam' in 1979. M.S. Swaminathan led the Green Revolution.

21. (D) Ministry of Rural Development – Ministry of Rural Development – Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the upgraded version on 23 Oct 2026; it records VB-G RAM G attendance.

22. (D) IIT Madras – IIT Madras (Chennai, Tamil Nadu). Tamil Nadu is among the 9 States recording 100% of attendance through the system.

23. (A) Liveness detection – Liveness detection – combined with AI face verification, it stops cheating with pre-recorded photos.

24. (A) Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) – Bandlapalli village, Anantapur district – 200 districts in the first phase. 'Mahatma Gandhi' was added to the name in 2009.

25. (B) Gram Sabha – Gram Sabha – Section 17 of the Act. The Gram Sabha consists of all voters of the panchayat area (Article 243(b)).

26. (D) Middle East – Middle East (West Asia) – over 74% (IREF). African and Asian countries are key markets for non-basmati rice.

27. (C) Madhya Pradesh – Madhya Pradesh – its claim was not accepted. GI area: Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Delhi, Uttarakhand, western UP and parts of J&K.

28. (B) Needs high heat, 100 cm+ rain – Rice is a Kharif crop – above 25°C, over 100 cm rain, water-retaining alluvial soil. Black soil suits cotton.

29. (C) Thooyamalli – Thooyamalli rice – applied for by TNSAMB; a 135–140-day samba-season variety. Its batch of five took Tamil Nadu's GI count to 74.

30. (C) Los Baños, Philippines – Los Baños, Philippines (1960). Cuttack houses India's ICAR-National Rice Research Institute; IRRI's South Asia centre is in Varanasi.

31. (D) Uttarakhand – Uttarakhand – Kaflikhan village, Almora district (near Jageshwar Dham). Test flight at the Almora Army helipad in August 2026.

32. (C) Vertical Take-Off and Landing – e = electric; VTOL = Vertical Take-Off and Landing – an electric aircraft that rises and lands vertically without a runway; suited to urban 'air taxis'.

33. (D) Ministry of Civil Aviation – Ministry of Civil Aviation; DGCA is headquartered in New Delhi. Drones are governed by the 'Drone Rules 2021'.

34. (D) Passenger eVTOL air taxi – A compact passenger eVTOL air taxi – pilot + 2 passengers, about 110 km range; built at the Discovery Campus, Thaiyur (Chengalpattu).

35. (B) Newton's third law – Newton's third law – every action has an equal and opposite reaction. Wing lift is explained by Bernoulli's principle.

36. (B) Shree Anna – Shree Anna – the PM said the 'superfood Shree Anna' is deeply rooted in our culture. In 2018 millets were notified as 'Nutri-Cereals'.

37. (C) Hyderabad – Hyderabad (Telangana) – announced in Union Budget 2023–24. The UN declared 2023 the International Year of Millets on India's proposal.

38. (C) Vijayadashami – Vijayadashami – 3 Oct 2014, on All India Radio. The 25 Oct 2026 broadcast was the 139th episode.

39. (A) Barley – Barley – a rabi cereal like wheat, not a millet. Kodo, sorghum and pearl millet are drought-tolerant millets.

40. (D) TN Agriculture Budget 2023–24 – Tamil Nadu Agriculture Budget 2023–24 (21 March 2023). Namakkal, Tiruppur, Coimbatore, Erode and Pudukkottai were added as millet zones.

41. (A) Behaviour: Invertebrates – Behaviour: Invertebrates – a scorpion burrowing into sand ('Shifting Sand'). In 2025 he was 'Highly Commended' in Urban Wildlife.

42. (C) Arachnida – Arachnida – 8 legs, like spiders and ticks. Crabs are Crustacea; insects have 6 legs.

43. (B) Ultraviolet light – Ultraviolet (UV) light – chemicals such as beta-carboline in the cuticle cause the fluorescence.

44. (D) Great Indian Bustard – The Great Indian Bustard – Rajasthan's State bird. The park spans Jaisalmer and Barmer districts.

45. (B) Oxidised iron-rich minerals – Iron-rich minerals such as ilmenite, magnetite and garnet were oxidised, turning the sand red; the dunes lie near Tiruchendur.

46. (D) Cochin International Airport – Cochin International Airport (CIAL, 1999) – the world's first fully solar-powered airport in 2015; UN 'Champions of the Earth' award, 2018.

47. (A) 97th Amendment (2011) – 97th – added 'cooperatives' to Art. 19(1)(c), Art. 43B and Part IXB. 73rd – panchayats; 74th – municipalities; 86th – right to education.

48. (A) Amit Shah – Amit Shah – the ministry was created on 6 July 2021; motto 'Sahakar se Samriddhi'. Cooperation was earlier under the Agriculture Ministry.

49. (D) State List – State List (Entry 32) – so in 2021 the Supreme Court held Part IXB inapplicable to State cooperatives; multi-State cooperatives are in the Union List.

50. (C) Tiruvallur – Tiruvallur – the 'No. 1 Tirur Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society' (22 Aug 1904), under that year's Co-operative Credit Societies Act.

51. (A) Denim – Denim – Arvind, founded in Ahmedabad in 1931 by the Lalbhai family, brought denim to the Indian market in the 1980s.

52. (A) Ministry of Textiles – Ministry of Textiles – 7 parks, ₹4,445 crore; '5F' vision: Farm–Fibre–Factory–Fashion–Foreign.

53. (B) Virudhunagar – Virudhunagar – 1,052 acres of SIPCOT land; Tamil Nadu was the first State to sign up and launch its park (March 2023).

54. (B) Zari brocade weaving – Brocade weaving with gold/silver zari; GI tag in 2009. Kalamkari – Andhra Pradesh; Bandhani – Gujarat, Rajasthan.

55. (D) Swadeshi Movement – The Swadeshi Movement – 7 Aug 1905, Calcutta Town Hall. The first National Handloom Day was launched by PM Modi in Chennai in 2015.

56. (D) Ahmedabad – Ahmedabad – announced by the IWF Executive Board (Ningbo, China) on 25 Oct 2026; India's first senior Weightlifting Worlds.

57. (C) Karnam Malleswari – Karnam Malleswari – weightlifting bronze (69 kg), Sydney 2000; Andhra Pradesh. P.T. Usha narrowly missed a medal in 1984.

58. (A) Manipur – Manipur – silver in the 49 kg class; she was also the 2017 world champion.

59. (B) Snatch, clean and jerk – Snatch and clean and jerk – their total decides the result. Squat, bench press and deadlift belong to powerlifting.

60. (D) Vellore – Vellore – Sathuvachari ('cradle of Tamil Nadu weightlifting'); 77 kg gold at Glasgow 2014 and Gold Coast 2018.

61. (C) UNIFIL – Lebanon – UNIFIL was set up in 1978 by UNSC Resolutions 425 and 426; HQ Naqoura. Its mandate ends on 31 Dec 2026.

62. (D) Resolution 1325 – Resolution 1325 – 31 Oct 2000. 242 – 1967 Arab–Israeli war; 1540 – non-proliferation of WMD; 2758 is a General Assembly resolution (China's seat, 1971).

63. (B) Maj Suman Gawani – Suman Gawani served in South Sudan (UNMISS) and shared it with Brazil's Carla Araujo. Radhika Sen won it for 2023 (DR Congo, MONUSCO).

64. (A) Beirut – Lebanon is on the eastern Mediterranean; a cedar is on its flag. Damascus – Syria; Amman – Jordan; Nicosia – Cyprus.

65. (A) Chennai – OTA Chennai (Alandur, 1963) trains Short Service Commission officers, including women. Indian Military Academy – Dehradun; Indian Naval Academy – Ezhimala.

66. (B) Student List – The Student List is projected to win 135–140 of 250 seats; lead candidate Dr Ilija Srdanović. 'Serbia Against Violence' was the 2023 runner-up coalition.

67. (B) Novi Sad – The 1 Nov 2024 collapse killed 16. Novi Sad, on the Danube, is the capital of the autonomous province of Vojvodina.

68. (C) Sava – The Danube rises in Germany's Black Forest and enters the Black Sea; four capitals – Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest and Belgrade – stand on it.

69. (A) Belgrade – Sept 1961, Belgrade, then Yugoslavia; founders Nehru, Tito, Nasser, Sukarno, Nkrumah. Bandung hosted the 1955 Asian–African Conference; Cairo the 2nd NAM summit (1964).

70. (C) K. Kamaraj – The margin was 1,285 votes. After the 1965 anti-Hindi agitation the DMK formed the government with 137 seats; Annadurai became CM on 6 March 1967.

71. (C) Workers' Party (PT) – PT was founded in 1980 by Lula and others. Runoff loser Flávio Bolsonaro belongs to the Liberal Party (PL).

72. (D) Oscar Niemeyer – The city plan was by Lúcio Costa; the capital moved from Rio. Le Corbusier designed India's Chandigarh.

73. (D) Rio de Janeiro – 6–7 July 2025. The 2014 Fortaleza summit decided to set up the New Development Bank (NDB, HQ Shanghai).

74. (C) Belém – Belém is the capital of Pará State, near the Amazon's mouth. The UNFCCC was opened for signature at the 1992 Rio 'Earth Summit'.

75. (B) Shevaroy Hills – Yercaud is in Salem district. In India's coffee output Karnataka leads, followed by Kerala and Tamil Nadu (Coffee Board).

76. (C) Probity for Prosperity – 'Probity for Prosperity' (सत्यनिष्ठा से समृद्धि) – 26 Oct to 1 Nov 2026. 2024 – 'Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity'; 2025 – 'Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility'.

77. (D) Santhanam Committee – It was set up by a government resolution in Feb 1964 on the advice of the Committee on Prevention of Corruption (Santhanam Committee). The Dinesh Goswami Committee dealt with electoral reforms (1990).

78. (D) Vineet Narain case – Vineet Narain v. Union of India (1997, the Jain hawala case). The Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 followed, which also gave the CVC superintendence over the CBI.

79. (C) Chief Justice of India – Committee: PM (chair), Home Minister and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha; the President appoints. The Lokpal selection committee, by contrast, includes the CJI (or a judge nominated by the CJI).

80. (B) The Indian Express – The Indian Express (editor 1933–40). He was also a Constituent Assembly member, Lt Governor of Vindhya Pradesh and Chairman of the Second Finance Commission (1956). Swadesamitran was founded by G. Subramania Iyer (1882).

81. (C) 1st Battalion, Sikh Regiment – 1 SIKH flew in Dakotas from Palam, Delhi, to Srinagar – independent India's first military operation. 2026 is the 80th Infantry Day.

82. (B) Maharaja Hari Singh – Maharaja Hari Singh, on 26 Oct 1947; Governor-General Mountbatten accepted it on 27 Oct. Gulab Singh founded Dogra rule through the Treaty of Amritsar (1846).

83. (C) Maha Vir Chakra – Maha Vir Chakra – the second-highest wartime gallantry award. The first Param Vir Chakra went to Major Somnath Sharma (4 Kumaon, Battle of Badgam, 3 Nov 1947).

84. (C) Dr B.R. Ambedkar – Mhow was renamed 'Dr. Ambedkar Nagar' in 2003; a memorial stupa stands at his birthplace. The Army War College is also at Mhow.

85. (A) Ashoka Chakra – Ashoka Chakra – the highest peacetime gallantry award; he fell at Shopian (Kashmir) on 25 Apr 2014. He was commissioned from the Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai, in 2006.

86. (D) Preserving Moving Images – The 'Recommendation for the Safeguarding and Preservation of Moving Images' (1980, 21st General Conference); the Day was proclaimed in 2005. Folklore Recommendation – 1989; World Heritage Convention – 1972; Intangible Heritage Convention – 2003.

87. (A) Your Window to the World – 'Your Window to the World' – the role of audiovisual records in connecting and understanding societies. It is coordinated by UNESCO with the CCAAA (Coordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations).

88. (C) IAS Tamil Medical Manuscripts – The Institute of Asian Studies (Chennai) Tamil medical palm-leaf manuscripts – Siddha, Ayurveda, Unani. Rigveda manuscripts (BORI, Pune) – 2007; the Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra were added in 2025.

89. (B) R. Nataraja Mudaliar – R. Nataraja Mudaliar – India Film Company (1917), Madras. The first Tamil talkie 'Kalidas' (31 Oct 1931) was directed by H.M. Reddy.

90. (D) Ardeshir Irani – Ardeshir Irani – 14 March 1931, Majestic Cinema, Bombay. Phalke made the first full-length feature 'Raja Harishchandra' (1913). Archives like NFAI (Pune) exist to prevent such losses.

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