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Questions (75)

1. Under the Oct 2026 G.O., who are the beneficiaries of the ₹57 crore free milch cow scheme?
(A) Small & marginal male farmers
(B) SC youth
(C) Rural women
(D) Milk co-operative societies

2. Under which Chief Minister were Tamil Nadu's free milch cow and goat schemes first launched in 2011?
(A) J. Jayalalithaa
(B) M. Karunanidhi
(C) O. Panneerselvam
(D) Edappadi K. Palaniswami

3. 'Aavin' is the brand name of which body?
(A) TN Dairy Development Corpn
(B) TN Co-op Milk Producers' Fedn
(C) NDDB Southern Region unit
(D) TN Livestock Dev. Agency

4. The 'Umblachery' native cattle breed of Tamil Nadu mainly belongs to which region?
(A) Cauvery delta districts
(B) Erode hill tracts
(C) Madurai – Sivaganga
(D) Dharmapuri – Salem

5. 'Operation Flood', India's 'White Revolution', was implemented by which body?
(A) NABARD
(B) ICAR
(C) National Dairy Dev. Board
(D) AMUL

6. Where was the 48th WorldSkills Competition (Sept 2026) held?
(A) Lyon
(B) Aichi
(C) Kazan
(D) Shanghai

7. Which Tamil Nadu body conducts the State-level selection contests for WorldSkills?
(A) ELCOT
(B) TN e-Governance Agency
(C) TN Skill Development Corpn
(D) Guidance Tamil Nadu

8. Which Union Ministry coordinates India's WorldSkills participation through NSDC?
(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Skill Development (MSDE)
(C) Labour & Employment
(D) Youth Affairs & Sports

9. By what name was WorldSkills International formerly known?
(A) International Labour Orgn
(B) Intl Vocational Training Orgn
(C) World Youth Skills Forum
(D) UNESCO-UNEVOC Centre

10. When is the UN-designated 'World Youth Skills Day' observed?
(A) July 15
(B) August 12
(C) January 12
(D) November 3

11. Which body issued the Expression of Interest to build the 'Vetri Tamil Nadu e-Sevai 2.0' platform?
(A) TN e-Governance Agency
(B) ELCOT
(C) TACTV
(D) iTNT Hub

12. The 'Namma Arasu' service, to be expanded to 275 services in TN's 2026–27 Budget, works in what form?
(A) Telegram channel
(B) Toll-free IVRS line
(C) Post-office kiosk
(D) WhatsApp chatbot

13. Common Service Centres (CSCs) in villages were set up under which national programme?
(A) Digital India
(B) National e-Governance Plan
(C) Bharat Nirman
(D) PURA

14. Which statutory body issues the Aadhaar number used in e-Sevai applications?
(A) National Informatics Centre
(B) National e-Governance Division
(C) UIDAI
(D) CERT-In

15. Which is the nodal Union Ministry for the 'Digital India' programme?
(A) Ministry of Communications
(B) DoPT
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) MeitY

16. Veeranam lake, where greater flamingos were sighted in Oct 2026, is in which district?
(A) Mayiladuthurai
(B) Cuddalore
(C) Villupuram
(D) Ariyalur

17. Which Chola prince had the Veeranam (Veeranarayanan) lake dug?
(A) Rajaraja I
(B) Rajendra I
(C) Rajaditya
(D) Karikala Chola

18. Through which channel does Veeranam lake mainly receive water?
(A) Palar
(B) Vadavar (from Kollidam)
(C) Vellar
(D) Thenpennai

19. What is the IUCN Red List status of the greater flamingo (Phoenicopterus roseus)?
(A) Near Threatened
(B) Least Concern
(C) Vulnerable
(D) Endangered

20. The Battle of Takkolam (949 CE), in which the Chola prince who dug Veeranam lake died, was fought between the Cholas and –
(A) Western Chalukyas
(B) Pandyas
(C) Rashtrakutas
(D) Pallavas

21. Which Indian Army unit is taking part in 'Garuda Shakti 2026' in Indonesia?
(A) Gorkha Rifles
(B) Madras Regiment
(C) Sikh Light Infantry
(D) Parachute Regiment (SF)

22. Which channel separates India's Great Nicobar from Indonesia's Sumatra?
(A) Ten Degree Channel
(B) Eight Degree Channel
(C) Six Degree Channel
(D) Nine Degree Channel

23. Which is the bilateral naval exercise between India and Indonesia?
(A) Varuna
(B) SIMBEX
(C) Malabar
(D) Samudra Shakti

24. Which Chola king led a naval expedition against the Srivijaya empire of Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula?
(A) Rajendra Chola I
(B) Rajaraja Chola I
(C) Kulothunga Chola I
(D) Parantaka Chola I

25. On which island is Indonesia's new capital 'Nusantara' being built?
(A) Borneo
(B) Sumatra
(C) Java
(D) Sulawesi

26. 15 Nov, 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas', is the birth anniversary of which tribal leader who led the 'Ulgulan'?
(A) Tantia Bhil
(B) Birsa Munda
(C) Alluri Sitarama Raju
(D) Sidhu Murmu

27. Which State was carved out of Bihar and formed on 15 November 2000?
(A) Chhattisgarh
(B) Uttarakhand
(C) Jharkhand
(D) Telangana

28. The 'Jan-HIT' tribal health data portal, to be launched in the fortnight, has been developed with which body?
(A) NITI Aayog
(B) AIIMS, New Delhi
(C) ICMR
(D) WHO

29. Where is the Tamil Nadu Government's Tribal Research Centre (TRC) located?
(A) Yercaud
(B) Udhagamandalam
(C) Kolli Hills
(D) Jawadhu Hills

30. Under which Article of the Constitution is the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) set up?
(A) Article 338A
(B) Article 338
(C) Article 340
(D) Article 342

31. Ezhimala, home of the Indian Naval Academy that built the twin-drone rescue system, is in which State?
(A) Tamil Nadu
(B) Karnataka
(C) Goa
(D) Kerala

32. A thermal camera, used to spot people at sea even at night, senses which radiation from the body?
(A) Ultraviolet rays
(B) Infrared rays
(C) X-rays
(D) Gamma rays

33. The International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR), 1979, was adopted under which UN agency?
(A) ICAO
(B) ILO
(C) UNEP
(D) IMO

34. Which AI object-detection model scans the search drone's live feed to flag a person in the water?
(A) AlphaFold
(B) BERT
(C) ChatGPT
(D) YOLO

35. INS Rajali, base of the Navy's P-8I maritime patrol aircraft, is near which Tamil Nadu town?
(A) Arakkonam
(B) Uchipuli
(C) Thanjavur
(D) Sulur

36. Who wrote 'Advantage India: Reshaping the Future for an Equitable World', released by the Vice-President in Oct 2026?
(A) Shashi Tharoor
(B) S. Jaishankar
(C) Anil K. Antony
(D) Amitabh Kant

37. Who form the electoral college that elects the Vice-President?
(A) All members of both Houses
(B) Elected MPs and MLAs
(C) Elected MPs only
(D) Rajya Sabha members only

38. Which body inquires into and decides disputes arising from a Vice-Presidential election?
(A) Supreme Court
(B) Election Commission
(C) Parliament
(D) President

39. To whom does the Vice-President address his resignation?
(A) Speaker of the Lok Sabha
(B) Chief Justice of India
(C) Prime Minister
(D) President

40. From which Tamil Nadu constituency did C.P. Radhakrishnan win the 1998 and 1999 Lok Sabha elections?
(A) Pollachi
(B) Nilgiris
(C) Coimbatore
(D) Erode

41. In defence procurement, what does 'AoN' granted by the DAC stand for?
(A) Approval of Negotiation
(B) Acceptance of Necessity
(C) Award of Notice
(D) Assessment of Need

42. The Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) cleared by the DAC is a –
(A) Ballistic missile shield
(B) Submarine-launched missile
(C) Man-portable SAM (MANPADS)
(D) Anti-tank guided missile

43. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) was set up in 2001 on the recommendation of –
(A) Post-Kargil Group of Ministers
(B) Shekatkar Committee
(C) Sarkaria Commission
(D) Naresh Chandra Task Force

44. Armoured Vehicles Nigam Ltd (AVNL), carved out of the Ordnance Factory Board in 2021, is headquartered at –
(A) Jabalpur
(B) Medak
(C) Kanpur
(D) Avadi, Chennai

45. The mobile X-band Doppler weather radar approved for the IAF works on which principle?
(A) Total internal reflection
(B) Frequency shift due to motion
(C) Photoelectric effect
(D) Piezoelectric effect

46. The Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA), promoting biofuels such as ethanol, was launched in Sept 2023 during which summit?
(A) COP28, Dubai
(B) BRICS, Johannesburg
(C) ASEAN, Jakarta
(D) G20, New Delhi

47. Under the Oct 2026 CMVR amendment, E85 and E100 fuels may be used only in –
(A) OEM-designed flex-fuel vehicles
(B) All BS-VI petrol vehicles
(C) Diesel heavy vehicles
(D) E20-compliant vehicles

48. In the Seventh Schedule, 'mechanically propelled vehicles including principles of taxing them' falls in the –
(A) Union List
(B) State List
(C) Residuary powers
(D) Concurrent List

49. Which oil company launched 'ETHANOL 100' fuel in March 2024 at outlets in five States including Tamil Nadu?
(A) ONGC
(B) Jio-bp
(C) Indian Oil (IOCL)
(D) Nayara Energy

50. Which country, running flex-fuel vehicles at scale since 2003, is a pioneer in sugarcane ethanol?
(A) USA
(B) Brazil
(C) Germany
(D) Japan

51. The Senior Citizens Bill passed by the Kerala Assembly in Oct 2026 recognises which document for end-of-life medical choices?
(A) Living will
(B) Legal heir certificate
(C) Gift deed
(D) General power of attorney

52. Under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, which is true of Tribunal proceedings?
(A) Heard only by High Courts
(B) Court fee is compulsory
(C) Lawyers cannot represent parties
(D) Only daughters can be sued

53. Which Union Ministry administers the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007?
(A) Health & Family Welfare
(B) Women & Child Development
(C) Social Justice & Empowerment
(D) Rural Development

54. If a State law on a Concurrent List subject conflicts with a Central law, it prevails in that State if it gets the assent of the –
(A) Governor
(B) President
(C) Supreme Court
(D) Rajya Sabha

55. Under Sec 23 of the 2007 Act, a senior citizen's property transfer made on condition of maintenance can be declared void when –
(A) Property value rises
(B) Transferee sells it
(C) Transferee fails to maintain
(D) Ten years have passed

56. For what was Bukayo Saka given the 2026 Sócrates Award?
(A) Charity work for children
(B) Most goals in a season
(C) Best young player
(D) Fair-play record

57. Sócrates, the Brazilian footballer after whom the award is named, was also a qualified –
(A) Lawyer
(B) Engineer
(C) Journalist
(D) Medical doctor

58. In which city was the 2026 Ballon d'Or ceremony (70th edition) held?
(A) London
(B) Paris
(C) Madrid
(D) Munich

59. Who was the first winner of the Sócrates Award, introduced in 2022?
(A) Vinícius Júnior
(B) Jenni Hermoso
(C) Juan Mata
(D) Sadio Mané

60. Bukayo Saka, winner of the 2026 Sócrates Award, plays club football for –
(A) Arsenal
(B) Chelsea
(C) Liverpool
(D) Manchester City

61. 'Keen Sword' is a joint military exercise between which two countries?
(A) India – Japan
(B) USA – South Korea
(C) Japan – Australia
(D) USA – Japan

62. Which Article of Japan's 1947 Constitution renounces war?
(A) Article 1
(B) Article 9
(C) Article 21
(D) Article 96

63. 'Dharma Guardian' joint military exercise is held between India and which country?
(A) France
(B) Japan
(C) Mongolia
(D) Kazakhstan

64. What is the name of Japan's parliament?
(A) Knesset
(B) Bundestag
(C) Diet
(D) Duma

65. The 'Malabar' naval exercise, which now includes Japan, began in 1992 between India and which country?
(A) Russia
(B) United Kingdom
(C) Australia
(D) USA

66. 'Sunrise III', which helped detect magnetic threads above the Sun, is what kind of telescope?
(A) Spacecraft at L1 point
(B) Mountain ground telescope
(C) Aircraft-mounted
(D) Balloon-borne telescope

67. Which layer of the solar atmosphere lies just above the photosphere?
(A) Corona
(B) Chromosphere
(C) Convective zone
(D) Radiative zone

68. Who was the Project Director of India's first solar mission, Aditya-L1?
(A) Ritu Karidhal
(B) P. Veeramuthuvel
(C) Nigar Shaji
(D) M. Vanitha

69. Aditya-L1's largest payload, the VELC coronagraph, was built by which institution?
(A) Indian Inst. of Astrophysics
(B) PRL, Ahmedabad
(C) IUCAA, Pune
(D) ARIES, Nainital

70. Which outermost layer of the Sun's atmosphere, over a million °C, is seen by the naked eye only during a total solar eclipse?
(A) Photosphere
(B) Chromosphere
(C) Corona
(D) Core

71. What is 'hydroseeding', the technique introduced by Tata Steel?
(A) Dropping seed balls by drone
(B) Growing plants in water, no soil
(C) Irrigating with wastewater
(D) Spraying seed-mulch slurry

72. The West Bokaro coalfield lies in which river basin?
(A) Subarnarekha
(B) Damodar
(C) Mahanadi
(D) Son

73. Which type of coal is suited for making 'coke' used to smelt iron in blast furnaces?
(A) Coking coal
(B) Lignite
(C) Peat
(D) Anthracite

74. Salem district of Tamil Nadu is famous for mining which mineral?
(A) Magnesite
(B) Mica
(C) Copper
(D) Manganese

75. In open-cast mining, what does 'overburden' refer to?

(A) Water pumped out of mine

(B) Soil and rock above the deposit

(C) Pure coal extracted

(D) Gas emissions of the mine

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41 **B**	42 **C**	43 **A**	44 **D**	45 **B**	46 **D**	47 **A**	48 **D**	49 **C**	50 **B**
51 **A**	52 **C**	53 **C**	54 **B**	55 **C**	56 **A**	57 **D**	58 **A**	59 **D**	60 **A**
61 **D**	62 **B**	63 **B**	64 **C**	65 **D**	66 **D**	67 **B**	68 **C**	69 **A**	70 **C**
71 **D**	72 **B**	73 **A**	74 **A**	75 **B**					

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Answers & explanations

1. (C) Rural women – 10,000 eligible rural women; each gets a crossbred cow yielding at least 8 litres a day.

2. (A) J. Jayalalithaa – J. Jayalalithaa. The target was 60,000 crossbred cows in five years from 2011–12 (12,000 a year).

3. (B) TN Co-op Milk Producers' Fedn – Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation (TCMPF) – a three-tier 'Anand pattern': village society, district union, State federation.

4. (A) Cauvery delta districts – Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam (Cauvery delta). Erode hills – Bargur; Madurai – Pulikulam; Dharmapuri – Alambadi.

5. (C) National Dairy Dev. Board – NDDB (Anand, Gujarat) – launched 1970 under Verghese Kurien; his birthday, 26 Nov, is National Milk Day.

6. (D) Shanghai – Shanghai (China). 47th – Lyon (France, 2024); 49th – Aichi (Japan, 2028).

7. (C) TN Skill Development Corpn – TNSDC – it also runs 'Naan Mudhalvan' (1 March 2022). The State contests are open to 16–23-year-olds.

8. (B) Skill Development (MSDE) – Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (2014). MoS (Independent Charge): Jayant Chaudhary.

9. (B) Intl Vocational Training Orgn – IVTO. The first contest was in Madrid (Spain) in 1950; India became the 48th member in 2007.

10. (A) July 15 – 15 July. India's Skill India Mission was also launched on 15 July 2015. 12 Aug – International Youth Day; 12 Jan – National Youth Day.

11. (A) TN e-Governance Agency – TNeGA – registered as a society in 2007. Now 275 services of 38 departments; the new platform targets up to 1,000.

12. (D) WhatsApp chatbot – A WhatsApp chatbot – services to rise from 76 to 275. e-Sevai 2.0 will also send application status by SMS/WhatsApp.

13. (B) National e-Governance Plan – NeGP (2006). In Tamil Nadu, e-Sevai centres are run by TACTV, primary agricultural co-operatives and others.

14. (C) UIDAI – UIDAI – under the Aadhaar Act, 2016; it functions under MeitY.

15. (D) MeitY – MeitY. Digital India began on 1 July 2015; the IT Act, 2000 gives legal recognition to electronic records.

16. (B) Cuddalore – Cuddalore district, near Kattumannarkoil. It is rare because the lake is freshwater, about 50 km inland.

17. (C) Rajaditya – Rajaditya – son of Parantaka I; 10th century. Karikala built the Kallanai.

18. (B) Vadavar (from Kollidam) – Vadavar – from the Lower Anicut on the Kollidam (Anaikarai). The New Veeranam Project (2004) supplies Chennai.

19. (B) Least Concern – Least Concern. It is Gujarat's State bird; carotenoid pigments in its food make it pink.

20. (C) Rashtrakutas – Rashtrakuta king Krishna III won; the Chola prince was killed on his elephant. Battle of Koppam (1054) – Rajadhiraja against the Chalukyas.

21. (D) Parachute Regiment (SF) – Parachute Regiment (Special Forces); Indonesia fields its Special Forces. 2026 is the 11th edition; the 10th was held at Bakloh (Himachal Pradesh).

22. (C) Six Degree Channel – Six Degree Channel (Great Channel). Ten Degree – between Andaman and Nicobar; Eight Degree – between Minicoy and the Maldives.

23. (D) Samudra Shakti – Samudra Shakti. Varuna – with France; SIMBEX – Singapore; Malabar – with the US, Japan and Australia.

24. (A) Rajendra Chola I – Rajendra Chola I (c. 1025 CE) – title 'Kadaram Kondan'. The Chudamani Vihara at Nagapattinam was built by a Srivijaya king.

25. (A) Borneo – Borneo (East Kalimantan province). The present capital Jakarta is on Java, which also hosts the ASEAN Secretariat.

26. (B) Birsa Munda – Birsa Munda (1875–1900) – 'Dharti Aaba'; Ulgulan 1899–1900. Sidhu–Kanhu led the Santhal revolt (1855); Alluri the Rampa rebellion (1922–24).

27. (C) Jharkhand – Jharkhand – on Birsa Munda's birth anniversary. Chhattisgarh – 1 Nov 2000; Uttarakhand – 9 Nov 2000; Telangana – 2 June 2014.

28. (C) ICMR – ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) – tribe-wise health data from 20 States. A National FRA Digital Platform will also be launched.

29. (B) Udhagamandalam – Udhagamandalam (Nilgiris) – set up in 1983–84; it has run a tribal museum since 1996. Tamil Nadu's ST list has 37 entries.

30. (A) Article 338A – Article 338A – 89th Amendment (2003). Art 338 – NCSC; Art 342 – the President specifies the Scheduled Tribes.

31. (D) Kerala – Kerala – Kannur district; inaugurated by PM Manmohan Singh on 8 Jan 2009. Indian Military Academy – Dehradun; Air Force Academy – Dundigal.

32. (B) Infrared rays – Infrared rays – every warm object emits them. William Herschel discovered infrared in 1800.

33. (D) IMO – IMO (International Maritime Organization) – HQ London; the convention was adopted at Hamburg and came into force in 1985. ICAO deals with civil aviation (Montreal).

34. (D) YOLO – YOLO – 'You Only Look Once'; it detects objects in real time in a single pass over the image. AlphaFold predicts protein structures.

35. (A) Arakkonam – Arakkonam (Ranipet district) – commissioned in 1992. INS Parundu is at Uchipuli; Thanjavur and Sulur are Air Force stations.

36. (C) Anil K. Antony – Anil K. Antony (BJP National Secretary); published by Rupa. Jaishankar wrote 'The India Way'; Amitabh Kant 'Made in India'.

37. (A) All members of both Houses – Article 66 – members of both Houses, nominated members included; single transferable vote, secret ballot. MLAs vote only in the presidential election.

38. (A) Supreme Court – Article 71 – the Supreme Court; its decision is final. The Election Commission (Art 324) only conducts the election.

39. (D) President – To the President – Article 67(a). Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned this way on 21 July 2025, leading to the Sept 2025 election.

40. (C) Coimbatore – Coimbatore. Born in Tiruppur, he is the third person from Tamil Nadu to be Vice-President, after Dr S. Radhakrishnan and R. Venkataraman.

41. (B) Acceptance of Necessity – AoN is only the first-stage approval, not a final contract. RFP, trials and price negotiation follow.

42. (C) Man-portable SAM (MANPADS) – A surface-to-air missile carried and fired by a soldier against low-flying aircraft, helicopters and drones. DRDO's Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad, has developed an indigenous VSHORADS.

43. (A) Post-Kargil Group of Ministers – Recommended by the GoM that examined the Kargil Review Committee (K. Subrahmanyam) report. Shekatkar Committee (2016) – military reforms; Sarkaria – Centre–State relations.

44. (D) Avadi, Chennai – The Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Avadi, makes Arjun tanks; the Engine Factory, Avadi, is also under AVNL.

45. (B) Frequency shift due to motion – Doppler effect – Christian Doppler (Austria, 1842). It is also why an approaching train's whistle sounds higher-pitched and a receding one lower.

46. (D) G20, New Delhi – PM Modi launched it on 9 Sept 2023 during the G20 New Delhi Summit; India, Brazil and the USA are key founding members.

47. (A) OEM-designed flex-fuel vehicles – In a flex-fuel vehicle, sensors detect the ethanol blend and adjust the engine; ordinary vehicles are designed only for blends up to E20.

48. (D) Concurrent List – Concurrent List Entry 35. But 'taxes on vehicles' is State List Entry 57, so States levy road tax.

49. (C) Indian Oil (IOCL) – Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched it at 183 outlets on 15 Mar 2024; octane 100–105. Tamil Nadu released its Ethanol Blending Policy in 2023.

50. (B) Brazil – Brazil is the world's largest sugarcane producer, and most new cars sold there are flex-fuel. The USA leads in corn ethanol.

51. (A) Living will – A living will is an advance medical directive; the Supreme Court recognised it under Article 21 in the 'Common Cause' case (2018).

52. (C) Lawyers cannot represent parties – Section 17 bars lawyers – for quick, low-cost justice. The Tribunal can order maintenance of up to ₹10,000 a month.

53. (C) Social Justice & Empowerment – This Ministry also runs the national elderly helpline 'Elderline – 14567'. Old-age pension (NSAP) is under the Ministry of Rural Development.

54. (B) President – Article 254(2). The Governor may reserve such a Bill for the President (Art 200); Parliament can later amend or repeal such a law.

55. (C) Transferee fails to maintain – Such a transfer is deemed made by fraud or coercion and can be declared void at the transferor's option. Madras High Court rulings differ on whether the condition must be express.

56. (A) Charity work for children – With BigShoe he funded surgeries for 120 children in Kano, Nigeria. The best young player award is the 'Kopa Trophy'.

57. (D) Medical doctor – 'Doctor Sócrates' captained Brazil at the 1982 World Cup and co-founded the 'Corinthians Democracy' movement against military rule.

58. (A) London – It was held at the London Palladium on 26 Oct 2026; the 2025 ceremony was at the Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris.

59. (D) Sadio Mané – Senegal's Sadio Mané built a hospital and school in his home village, Bambali. 2023 – Vinícius Júnior; 2024 – Jenni Hermoso.

60. (A) Arsenal – Arsenal is a London club. Saka was born in Ealing, London, to Nigerian parents and plays for England.

61. (D) USA – Japan – USA – Japan. 'Keen Sword 27' runs 19–29 Oct 2026, with seven partner nations taking part.

62. (B) Article 9 – Article 9. That is why Japan's forces are called the 'Self-Defense Forces' (1954).

63. (B) Japan – Japan. The 7th edition was held at Chaubattia, Uttarakhand, in Feb 2026; the naval exercise with Japan is JIMEX.

64. (C) Diet – The National Diet. Knesset – Israel; Bundestag – Germany; Duma – Russia.

65. (D) USA – USA. Japan became a permanent member in 2015; Australia joined from 2020.

66. (D) Balloon-borne telescope – Balloon-borne – it flew to about 35 km from Esrange, Sweden, in July 2024.

67. (B) Chromosphere – Chromosphere. The new magnetic threads were seen in its 'magnetic canopy'; the corona lies above it.

68. (C) Nigar Shaji – Nigar Shaji hails from Sengottai, Tenkasi district. P. Veeramuthuvel (Villupuram) – Chandrayaan-3 Project Director; M. Vanitha – Chandrayaan-2 Project Director.

69. (A) Indian Inst. of Astrophysics – Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru – built at its CREST campus, Hosakote, and handed to ISRO on 26 Jan 2023. SUIT is from IUCAA.

70. (C) Corona – The corona. Why it is far hotter than the surface is the 'coronal heating problem', which studies like Sunrise III try to solve.

71. (D) Spraying seed-mulch slurry – Spraying a slurry of seed, mulch, fertiliser and binder under pressure. Growing plants in water without soil is 'hydroponics'.

72. (B) Damodar – The upper Damodar basin; the Bokaro river flows through it. The Damodar is the 'Sorrow of Bengal'.

73. (A) Coking coal – Coking coal – West Bokaro mainly yields medium coking coal, which makes it key for the steel industry.

74. (A) Magnesite – Magnesite – the State-owned TANMAG mines it at Salem; it is used for refractory bricks in steel furnaces.

75. (B) Soil and rock above the deposit – The soil and rock removed to reach the mineral; Tata Steel is greening such dumps with hydroseeding.

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