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5 October 2026 – Questions (70)

1. Who was appointed Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram in October 2026?
(A) Vagai Chandrasekar
(B) Deva
(C) Pushpavanam Kuppusamy
(D) Ilaiyaraaja

2. Statements – which is/are correct?
1. The Manram began in 1955 as the Sangeetha Nataka Sangam.
2. It got its present name in 1973.
3. It is a Union government body.
(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

3. Iyal, Isai and Nadagam together are called:
(A) Aimperum Kappiyam
(B) Muthamizh
(C) Ettuthogai
(D) Pathinen Keezhkanakku

4. Match:
a. Sangeet Natak Akademi
b. Sahitya Akademi
c. Lalit Kala Akademi – 1. Literature 2. Fine arts 3. Music, dance, drama
(A) a-1, b-3, c-2
(B) a-2, b-1, c-3
(C) a-3, b-2, c-1
(D) a-3, b-1, c-2

5. Kuppusamy's home town Vedaranyam is famous for which 1930 event?
(A) Vaikom Satyagraha
(B) Self-Respect Conference
(C) Temple Entry agitation
(D) Salt Satyagraha led by Rajaji

6. How many gold medals did Gudiyatham students win at the Goa international Silambam meet?
(A) 21
(B) 24
(C) 3
(D) 12

7. At which edition of the Khelo India Youth Games did Silambam first feature as a demonstration sport?
(A) 2023 (Tamil Nadu)
(B) 2021 (Haryana)
(C) 2022 (Madhya Pradesh)
(D) 2020 (Assam)

8. Which epic mentions silambam staves being sold to foreign traders?
(A) Manimekalai
(B) Seevaka Chinthamani
(C) Silappathikaram
(D) Kundalakesi

9. Gudiyatham town stands on the banks of which river?
(A) Palar
(B) Thenpennai
(C) Cheyyar
(D) Koundinya

10. In which year did the Vellore Mutiny take place?
(A) 1806
(B) 1857
(C) 1801
(D) 1799

11. What is the maximum loan under the Vetri Magalir Thozhil Munaivor Membattu Thittam?
(A) ₹1 crore
(B) ₹2 crore
(C) ₹10 lakh
(D) ₹5 crore

12. Which agency implements this scheme?

(A) TABCEDCO

(B) Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC)

(C) SIPCOT

(D) TANSIDCO

13. Statements – which is/are correct?

1. Repayment up to 9 years.
2. Women must own 51%.
3. No collateral needed.

(A) 1 only

(B) 2 and 3 only

(C) 1 and 2 only

(D) 1, 2 and 3

14. What is the loan range under the Centre's Stand-Up India scheme?

(A) ₹50,000 – ₹10 lakh

(B) ₹10 lakh – ₹1 crore

(C) ₹1 crore – ₹5 crore

(D) Up to ₹20 lakh

15. In which district did the Mahalir Thittam self-help groups first begin in 1989 with IFAD support?

(A) Dharmapuri

(B) Madurai

(C) Salem

(D) Thanjavur

16. India's first uranium mine, Jaduguda, is in which State?

(A) Odisha

(B) West Bengal

(C) Jharkhand

(D) Chhattisgarh

17. The Uranium Corporation of India Ltd (UCIL) works under:

(A) Ministry of Mines

(B) Ministry of Power

(C) Ministry of Coal

(D) Department of Atomic Energy

18. Nuclear programme – Statements – which is/are correct?

1. Framed by Homi Bhabha.
2. Stage three uses thorium.
3. The PFBR is stage one.

(A) 1 and 2 only

(B) 2 and 3 only

(C) 1 and 3 only

(D) 1, 2 and 3

19. Tummalapalle, one of the world's largest uranium deposits, is in which State?

(A) Telangana

(B) Andhra Pradesh

(C) Karnataka

(D) Meghalaya

20. Match:

a. Kudankulam

b. Kalpakkam

c. Manavalakurichi – 1. Monazite sands (IREL) 2. Russian VVER reactors 3. Madras Atomic Power Station, IGCAR

(A) a-3, b-2, c-1

(B) a-1, b-3, c-2

(C) a-2, b-3, c-1

(D) a-2, b-1, c-3

21. Which country is India's partner in the army exercise 'Mountain Guardian 2026'?

(A) United Arab Emirates

(B) Oman

(C) Saudi Arabia

(D) Egypt

22. The Foreign Training Node at Chaubatia, venue of the exercise, is in which State?

(A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Sikkim
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Jammu and Kashmir

23. Match (India–UAE exercises):

a. Desert Cyclone

b. Zayed Talwar

c. Desert Knight – 1. Navy 2. Air Force 3. Army

(A) a-1, b-2, c-3
(B) a-2, b-3, c-1
(C) a-3, b-2, c-1
(D) a-3, b-1, c-2

24. The United Arab Emirates is a federation of how many emirates?

(A) 7
(B) 5
(C) 6
(D) 9

25. Where is the headquarters of the Madras Regiment, the oldest infantry regiment of the Indian Army?

(A) Chennai
(B) Wellington (Nilgiris)
(C) Coimbatore
(D) Tiruchirappalli

26. KJP21's cubs at Kuno are India's first cubs of which country's cheetah line?

(A) Namibia
(B) South Africa
(C) Botswana
(D) Kenya

27. Project Cheetah – Statements – which is/are correct?

1. Began in 2022 with Namibian cheetahs.
2. Cheetah declared extinct in India in 1952.
3. Asiatic cheetahs live only in Afghanistan.

(A) 1 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1, 2 and 3
(D) 1 and 2 only

28. The Kuno river, which gives Kuno National Park its name, is a tributary of:

(A) Betwa
(B) Chambal
(C) Ken
(D) Narmada

29. What is the IUCN Red List status of the African cheetah?

(A) Vulnerable
(B) Endangered
(C) Critically Endangered
(D) Near Threatened

30. Which became India's second home for cheetahs in April 2025?

(A) Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
(B) Nauradehi Sanctuary
(C) Banni grasslands
(D) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary

31. On which occasion were the PMAY-U Awards 2026 presented?

(A) World Cities Day
(B) World Habitat Day
(C) Civil Services Day
(D) Good Governance Day

32. When is World Habitat Day observed?

(A) 31 October
(B) 5 June
(C) First Monday of October
(D) 10 December

33. PMAY-U 2.0 – Statements – which is/are correct?
1. Approved in 2024 for 1 crore houses.
2. Govt help up to ₹2.5 lakh a house (Centre + State).
3. ARH is one of its verticals.
(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

34. When was the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban launched?
(A) 25 June 2015
(B) 2 October 2014
(C) 1 April 2016
(D) 15 August 2019

35. What is the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (1970) now called?
(A) TN Housing Board
(B) TN Urban Habitat Development Board
(C) CMDA
(D) TUFIDCO

36. Who published the 'Telecom Services Yearly Performance Indicators 2025-26'?
(A) DoT
(B) TDSAT
(C) Telecom Regulatory Authority (TRAI)
(D) C-DOT

37. What was India's overall tele-density as of March 2026?
(A) 85.04%
(B) 108.48%
(C) 151.47%
(D) 93.26%

38. Statements – which is/are correct?
1. TN's tele-density beats the national average.
2. Jio leads market share.
3. Delhi has the highest tele-density.
(A) 1, 2 and 3
(B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 2 and 3 only
(D) 1 only

39. TRAI was set up under an Act of which year?
(A) 1991
(B) 1997
(C) 2000
(D) 2003

40. The Telecommunications Act, 2023 replaced the Indian Telegraph Act of which year?
(A) 1865
(B) 1898
(C) 1885
(D) 1933

41. Who was NOT among the High Court Chief Justices appointed Supreme Court judges in October 2026?
(A) Sunita Agarwal
(B) Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya
(C) Aparesh Kumar Singh
(D) Manindra Mohan Shrivastava

42. After the 2026 amendment, what is the sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court, including the CJI?
(A) 38
(B) 34
(C) 37
(D) 31

43. Which Article deals with the establishment and constitution of the Supreme Court and appointment of its judges?
(A) Article 214
(B) Article 143
(C) Article 124
(D) Article 32

44. Assertion (A): The collegium is in the Constitution.
Reason (R): It grew out of the Three Judges Cases.
(A) Both true; (R) explains (A)
(B) Both true; (R) does not explain (A)
(C) (A) true; (R) false
(D) (A) false; (R) true

45. The chartered High Courts of Madras, Calcutta and Bombay were set up under:
(A) Regulating Act, 1773
(B) Indian High Courts Act, 1861
(C) Government of India Act, 1935
(D) Charter Act, 1833

46. Which city hosted the 19th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (2026)?
(A) Hanoi
(B) Mumbai
(C) Rio de Janeiro
(D) Chorzów

47. What was India's medal haul at the 19th IOAA?
(A) 5 gold
(B) 3 gold, 2 silver
(C) 4 gold, 1 silver
(D) 1 gold, 4 silver

48. Which is the nodal centre that selects India's international science olympiad teams?
(A) IUCAA, Pune
(B) IISER, Pune
(C) Raman Research Institute
(D) Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE)

49. Where was the first IOAA held in 2007?
(A) Tehran, Iran
(B) Chiang Mai, Thailand
(C) Beijing, China
(D) Bhubaneswar, India

50. Where in Tamil Nadu is the Vainu Bappu Observatory, with its 2.34 m telescope?
(A) Kodaikanal
(B) Ooty
(C) Kavalur
(D) Hosur

51. Where was India's first 'Premier League Park' opened?
(A) Mumbai
(B) Kolkata
(C) Bengaluru
(D) Chhatarpur, New Delhi

52. In which year was England's Premier League founded?
(A) 1888
(B) 1992
(C) 1863
(D) 2004

53. Statements – which is/are correct?
1. AIFF is based at Dwarka.
2. ISL began in 2014.
3. Durand Cup is India's oldest football event.
(A) 1 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1, 2 and 3
(D) 1 and 3 only

54. Which club has won the most Premier League titles?
(A) Manchester United
(B) Liverpool
(C) Chelsea
(D) Arsenal

55. In which seasons did Tamil Nadu's ISL side Chennaiyin FC win the title?
(A) 2014 and 2016
(B) 2019-20 only
(C) 2021-22 only
(D) 2015 and 2017-18

56. What new name was given to Uttar Pradesh's Bhadohi district in October 2026?
(A) Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi (B) Sant Kabir Nagar
(C) Gyanpur (D) Ravidaspuram

57. Where was the Bhakti saint Sant Ravidas born?
(A) Maghar (B) Amritsar
(C) Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi (D) Pandharpur

58. Assertion (A): A State can rename a district by notification.
Reason (R): Article 3 lets Parliament rename States.
(A) Both true; (R) explains (A) (B) Both true; (R) does not explain (A)
(C) (A) true; (R) false (D) (A) false; (R) true

59. Bhadohi is famous for which product (GI tag in 2010)?
(A) Brassware (B) Glass bangles
(C) Chikankari embroidery (D) Handmade carpets

60. From which date was Madras State renamed Tamil Nadu?
(A) 26 January 1950 (B) 1 November 1956
(C) 14 January 1969 (D) 1 November 1968

61. For what was the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine awarded?
(A) microRNA (B) Light-gated ion channels and optogenetics
(C) mRNA vaccines (D) Peripheral immune tolerance

62. The light-activated protein channelrhodopsin was first found in:
(A) The green alga Chlamydomonas (B) The bacterium E. coli
(C) Jellyfish (D) Yeast

63. Match:
a. Medicine Nobel
b. Physics Nobel
c. Peace Nobel – 1. Norwegian Nobel Committee 2. Nobel Assembly at Karolinska 3. Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
(A) a-3, b-2, c-1 (B) a-1, b-3, c-2
(C) a-2, b-1, c-3 (D) a-2, b-3, c-1

64. Ronald Ross, born at Almora in India, won the 1902 Nobel Prize for work on which disease?
(A) Tuberculosis (B) Cholera
(C) Malaria (D) Plague

65. Statements – which is/are correct?
1. C.V. Raman was born in Tiruchirappalli.
2. V. Ramakrishnan won the 2009 Chemistry Nobel.
3. Khorana won the Physics Nobel.
(A) 1 only (B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 2 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

66. On which date is World Cerebral Palsy Day observed?
(A) 2 April (B) 3 December
(C) 21 March (D) 6 October

67. How many disabilities does the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 recognise?

(A) 7
(B) 19
(C) 21
(D) 25

68. What is the theme of World Cerebral Palsy Day 2026?

(A) #UniqueANDUnited
(B) Millions of Reasons
(C) Make Your Mark
(D) Change My World in 1 Minute

69. Which disabilities does the National Trust Act, 1999 cover?

(A) Vision, hearing, speech
(B) Autism, CP, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities
(C) Leprosy, dwarfism, acid attack
(D) Muscular dystrophy, haemophilia, thalassaemia

70. Who founded the Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu (now Vidya Sagar) in Chennai in 1985?

(A) Muthulakshmi Reddy
(B) Durgabai Deshmukh
(C) Poonam Natarajan
(D) Rukmini Devi Arundale

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6 October 2026 – Questions (80)

1. In October 2026 an inscription dated 1801 was found at which place in Tenkasi district?
(A) Puliyangudi
(B) Sankarankovil
(C) Ilanji
(D) Kadayanallur

2. Which event took place in 1801, the year of this inscription?
(A) Execution of Veerapandiya Kattabomman
(B) Vellore Mutiny
(C) Treaty of Seringapatam
(D) Execution of the Marudhu brothers at Tiruppattur

3. Below the text are a vel (spear) and a peacock holding a serpent in relief. These are symbols of which deity?
(A) Ayyanar
(B) Murugan
(C) Thirumal
(D) Kotravai

4. Tenkasi district was carved out in 2019 from which district?
(A) Thoothukudi
(B) Virudhunagar
(C) Tirunelveli
(D) Kanyakumari

5. Statements – which is/are correct?
1. Tenkasi temple – Parakrama Pandya.
2. Chittar river – Courtallam.
3. Malayadipatti – 5th-c. hero stone.
(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

6. What is the capacity of the turbine planned for India's first offshore wind prototype off Thoothukudi?
(A) 2.5 MW
(B) 6.25 MW
(C) 12 MW
(D) 500 MW

7. Which company has floated the tender for this prototype?
(A) NTPC Green Energy
(B) Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation (IPRCL)
(C) Solar Energy Corporation of India
(D) POWERGRID

8. Where is the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) located?
(A) Bengaluru
(B) Pune
(C) Chennai
(D) Gandhinagar

9. The 2024 offshore wind VGF scheme split 1 GW between which two States?
(A) Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
(B) Gujarat and Maharashtra
(C) Odisha and Kerala
(D) Tamil Nadu and Gujarat (500 MW each)

10. In which year did V.O. Chidambaram Pillai, after whom Thoothukudi port is named, start the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company?
(A) 1885
(B) 1911
(C) 1906
(D) 1920

11. Who heads Tamil Nadu's Revenue Augmentation Committee set up in July 2026?
(A) Raghuram Rajan
(B) Montek Singh Ahluwalia
(C) Esther Duflo
(D) Arvind Subramanian

12. Which Tamil Nadu ratio fell to a 20-year low of 5.45% in 2025-26?
(A) Fiscal deficit to GSDP
(B) Debt to GSDP
(C) Capital expenditure to total spending
(D) State's Own Tax Revenue to GSDP

13. Which Article of the Constitution deals with a State's Annual Financial Statement (budget)?
(A) Article 112
(B) Article 266
(C) Article 280
(D) Article 202

14. In which year was the Tamil Nadu Fiscal Responsibility Act enacted?
(A) 1991
(B) 2003
(C) 2008
(D) 2012

15. Assertion (A): Higher committed spending cuts capital spending.
Reason (R): Salaries, pensions, interest are committed.
(A) Both true; (R) explains (A)
(B) Both true; (R) does not explain (A)
(C) (A) true, (R) false
(D) (A) false, (R) true

16. Under the national guidelines, a board of how many doctors certifies brain stem death?
(A) 2
(B) 3
(C) 4
(D) 5

17. For adults, what is the minimum gap between the two sets of clinical tests?
(A) 1 hour
(B) 24 hours
(C) 48 hours
(D) 6 hours

18. In which year was the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, which gave legal recognition to brain death, enacted?
(A) 1984
(B) 2002
(C) 1994
(D) 2014

19. Which body keeps the national organ donation registry and issued these guidelines?
(A) ICMR
(B) National Medical Commission
(C) National Health Authority
(D) NOTTO

20. Statements – which is/are correct?
1. 2008 – TN State organ donation scheme.
2. Since 2023 donors get State honours.
3. Hearts come from living donors.
(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

21. Where was Surya, the first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, launched?
(A) MDL, Mumbai
(B) GRSE, Kolkata
(C) HSL, Visakhapatnam
(D) CSL, Kochi

22. What is the main job of a Fleet Support Ship?
(A) Anti-submarine warfare
(B) Mine clearance
(C) Refuelling and resupplying warships at sea
(D) Landing troops ashore

23. Roughly what is Surya's displacement?
(A) 4,350 tonnes
(B) 13,500 tonnes
(C) 90,000 tonnes
(D) 43,500 tonnes

24. Who founded the Visakhapatnam shipyard (today's HSL) in 1941 for the Scindia Steam Navigation Company?

(A) Jamsetji Tata
(B) G.D. Birla
(C) Arthur Cotton
(D) Walchand Hirachand

25. Under the 2023 contract, how many Fleet Support Ships is HSL building?

(A) 5
(B) 2
(C) 3
(D) 8

26. What altitude did DRDO's indigenous High-Altitude Platform System reach in the October 2026 trial?

(A) 21 km
(B) 8 km
(C) 36 km
(D) 100 km

27. Which DRDO laboratory developed the HAPS?

(A) CVRDE, Avadi
(B) DRDL, Hyderabad
(C) ADRDE, Agra
(D) ADE, Bengaluru

28. At 20 km, the HAPS operates in which layer of the atmosphere?

(A) Troposphere
(B) Mesosphere
(C) Stratosphere
(D) Thermosphere

29. Where did DRDO's Advanced High-Altitude Parachute (AHAP) make its first live jump from 16,000 ft the same week?

(A) Nyoma, Ladakh
(B) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
(C) Pokhran, Rajasthan
(D) Siachen

30. Statements on HAPS – which is/are correct?

1. It is a jet aircraft.
2. It is lighter than air.
3. It can serve surveillance and communications.

(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

31. Which institute launched the AVNI app to help children learn about plants and crops?

(A) IIT Madras
(B) IIT Ropar
(C) IIT Kharagpur
(D) IISc Bengaluru

32. How does the AVNI app teach?

(A) Crop insurance enrolment
(B) Drone spraying of fertiliser
(C) AI-supported, observation-based activities
(D) Farm loan disbursal

33. In which languages is AVNI available?

(A) Hindi and English
(B) Punjabi only
(C) All 22 Scheduled languages
(D) English only

34. What is the name of IIT Ropar's Centre of Excellence for AI in agriculture?

(A) Kisan Sarathi
(B) AgriStack
(C) ANNAM.AI
(D) Bhashini

35. Where is Tamil Nadu Agricultural University located?

(A) Coimbatore
(B) Madurai
(C) Thanjavur
(D) Tiruchirappalli

36. In which city is the 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly (5-9 Oct 2026) being held?
(A) Dodoma (B) Arusha
(C) Nairobi (D) Kampala

37. Who led the Indian parliamentary delegation?
(A) Om Birla, Lok Sabha Speaker (B) C.P. Radhakrishnan, Vice-President
(C) Kiren Rijiju, Parliamentary Affairs Minister (D) Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha

38. Statements – which is/are correct?
1. Cremer and Passy founded the IPU in 1889.
2. Its HQ is Geneva.
3. It is a UN specialised agency.
(A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

39. In 1964 Tanganyika united with which island to form Tanzania?
(A) Madagascar (B) Zanzibar
(C) Mauritius (D) Seychelles

40. Which is Africa's highest peak, near Arusha?
(A) Kilimanjaro (B) Mount Kenya
(C) Rwenzori (D) Atlas Mountains

41. Who conducted India's first National Household Travel Survey (July 2025 – June 2026)?
(A) NITI Aayog (B) Reserve Bank of India
(C) National Statistics Office (NSO) (D) Registrar General of India

42. Which mode do most workers use to commute to a fixed workplace?
(A) Bus (B) Walking
(C) Car (D) Two-wheeler (42.6%)

43. Which mode carried the largest share of overnight trips?
(A) Bus (55.8%) (B) Rail
(C) Car (D) Air

44. NSO was formed in 2019 by merging which two bodies?
(A) CSO and Indian Statistical Institute (B) NSSO and Registrar General
(C) CSO and NSSO (D) NSSO and Labour Bureau

45. Whose birthday, 29 June, is observed as National Statistics Day?
(A) C.R. Rao (B) P.C. Mahalanobis
(C) V.K.R.V. Rao (D) P.V. Sukhatme

46. ITLA will monitor infrastructure projects above what value?
(A) ₹50 crore (B) ₹500 crore
(C) ₹5,000 crore (D) ₹1 lakh crore

47. What is ITLA's main task?
(A) Collecting road tolls (B) Fixing railway fares
(C) Licensing airlines (D) One integrated plan for all transport modes

48. In which year was the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multimodal connectivity launched?
(A) 2015 (B) 2021
(C) 2019 (D) 2023

49. Who publishes the LEADS report that ranks States on logistics?
(A) Commerce Ministry (DPIIT)
(B) NITI Aayog
(C) Road Transport Ministry
(D) Reserve Bank of India

50. Which was India's first corporatised major port?
(A) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
(B) Paradip Port
(C) Kamarajar Port, Ennore
(D) Deendayal Port, Kandla

51. On 6 Oct 2026, the keel of which ship was laid at HSL?
(A) INS Vikrant-2
(B) The fifth Scorpene submarine
(C) The fifth Fleet Support Ship (FSS-5)
(D) The first nuclear submarine

52. The upgraded Slipway-4 can build ships of up to how many deadweight tonnes?
(A) 5,000 DWT
(B) 15,000 DWT
(C) 2,00,000 DWT
(D) 45,000 DWT

53. What is the lifting capacity of the Goliath crane opened at HSL?
(A) 300 tonnes
(B) 30 tonnes
(C) 100 tonnes
(D) 1,000 tonnes

54. In which year was HSL brought under the Ministry of Defence?
(A) 1952
(B) 2010
(C) 1961
(D) 1999

55. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Navy's Eastern Naval Command?
(A) Chennai
(B) Visakhapatnam
(C) Kolkata
(D) Port Blair

56. A 'nuclear triad' means the ability to deliver nuclear weapons from:
(A) Land, air and sea
(B) Land, space and cyberspace
(C) Air, space and sea
(D) Land, sea and space

57. Which is India's third nuclear ballistic-missile submarine (SSBN), commissioned in April 2026?
(A) INS Arihant
(B) INS Aridhaman
(C) INS Arighaat
(D) INS Chakra

58. What is the approximate range of the K-4 submarine-launched missile?
(A) 750 km
(B) 3,500 km
(C) 1,500 km
(D) 8,000 km

59. What is the core principle of India's nuclear doctrine (2003)?
(A) Pre-emptive strike
(B) First Use
(C) No First Use
(D) Nuclear sharing

60. In which district is INS Kattabomman, the Navy's Very Low Frequency station for talking to submarines?
(A) Ramanathapuram
(B) Thoothukudi
(C) Kanyakumari
(D) Tirunelveli

61. Who developed eSanjeevani, the national telemedicine service?
(A) National Informatics Centre
(B) C-DAC, Mohali
(C) ISRO
(D) AIIMS, Delhi

62. Statements – which is/are correct?
1. AB-HWC – links Arogya Mandirs.
2. OPD – consult from home.
3. English only.
(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

63. Roughly what share of eSanjeevani consultations are by women?
(A) 27%
(B) 57%
(C) 40%
(D) 75%

64. Which body implements the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)?
(A) ICMR
(B) NITI Aayog
(C) MeitY
(D) National Health Authority (NHA)

65. Which Tamil Nadu scheme, begun in Krishnagiri in 2021, brings diabetes and BP drugs home?
(A) Varumun Kappom
(B) Innuyir Kappom
(C) CM's Comprehensive Health Insurance
(D) Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam

66. For what was the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics awarded to Francis Halzen?
(A) IceCube and high-energy cosmic neutrinos
(B) Detecting gravitational waves
(C) Quantum computing
(D) The Higgs boson

67. Where is IceCube, a cubic kilometre of ice fitted with light sensors?
(A) Greenland
(B) Lake Baikal, Russia
(C) South Pole, Antarctica
(D) Atacama Desert, Chile

68. Statements on neutrinos – which is/are correct?
1. They carry no electric charge.
2. Their mass is extremely tiny.
3. They interact strongly with matter.
(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

69. Pottipuram (Bodi West Hills), the proposed site of the India-based Neutrino Observatory, is in which district?
(A) Nilgiris
(B) Dindigul
(C) Kanyakumari
(D) Theni

70. Which Belgian scientist shared the 2013 Physics Nobel with Peter Higgs?
(A) François Englert
(B) Georges Lemaître
(C) Ilya Prigogine
(D) Christian de Duve

71. Tukaram Mundhe, hailed as a 'rock star' by The New York Times, holds which post?
(A) Maharashtra FDA Commissioner
(B) Commissioner, Mumbai municipal corporation
(C) CEO, FSSAI
(D) Chief Secretary, Maharashtra

72. Under which ministry does the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) work?
(A) Agriculture
(B) Consumer Affairs
(C) Food Processing Industries
(D) Health and Family Welfare

73. The Food Safety and Standards Act, which replaced the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954, was passed in:

(A) 1986 (B) 2011

(C) 2019 (D) 2006

74. Marathwada, the region of Mundhe's home district Beed, was part of which princely state until 1948?

(A) Baroda (B) Hyderabad (Nizam)

(C) Kolhapur (D) Mysore

75. Which Directive Principle makes raising nutrition and public health a primary duty of the State?

(A) Article 39 (B) Article 47

(C) Article 43 (D) Article 48

76. The 'Cotton-4' countries that proposed World Cotton Day on 7 October belong to which continent?

(A) Africa (B) Asia

(C) South America (D) Europe

77. Where is the official World Cotton Day 2026 event held?

(A) Geneva, Switzerland (B) New Delhi, India

(C) Cairo, Egypt (D) Tashkent, Uzbekistan

78. Black (regur) soil, ideal for cotton, is formed mainly from which rock?

(A) Granite (B) Alluvium

(C) Deccan Trap basalt (D) Limestone

79. Which body started the World Day for Decent Work (7 October) in 2008?

(A) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) (B) International Labour Organization (ILO)

(C) World Trade Organization (D) UNDP

80. Match:

a. Coimbatore

b. Tiruppur

c. Karur – 1. Knitwear capital 2. Manchester of South India 3. Home-textile city

(A) a-1, b-2, c-3 (B) a-3, b-1, c-2

(C) a-2, b-1, c-3 (D) a-2, b-3, c-1

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7 October 2026 – Questions (75)

1. Denkanikottai, where 3,000-year-old rock paintings were reported in October 2026, lies in which district?
(A) Dharmapuri (B) Krishnagiri
(C) Tirupathur (D) Salem

2. The field study of these paintings was carried out for the professional training / PG research of which university?
(A) University of Madras (B) Bharathidasan University
(C) Periyar University, Salem (D) Tamil University, Thanjavur

3. Which megalithic burial marker was found on the southern part of the same rock?
(A) Dolmen (B) Menhir
(C) Urn burial (D) Stone circle

4. Bhimbetka rock shelters – which is/are correct?
1. They are in Madhya Pradesh.
2. V.S. Wakankar discovered them.
3. UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2003.
(A) 1, 2 and 3 (B) 1 only
(C) 1 and 2 only (D) 2 and 3 only

5. Which of these Tamil Nadu rock-art sites is located in Krishnagiri district?
(A) Mallapadi (B) Kilvalai
(C) Karikkiyur (D) Sethavarai

6. The Tamil Nadu Police Academy, venue of the DSP passing-out parade on 7 Oct 2026, is located at
(A) Vellore (B) Coimbatore
(C) Oonamancheri (near Vandalur) (D) Tiruchirappalli

7. How many direct-recruit DSPs of the 14th batch completed training and joined service?
(A) 25 (B) 35
(C) 52 (D) 14

8. In the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, 'Police' is placed in which list?
(A) Union List (B) State List
(C) Concurrent List (D) Residuary powers

9. Direct recruitment of Deputy Superintendents of Police in Tamil Nadu is made through which examination?
(A) TNPSC Group II (B) TNPSC Group IV
(C) UPSC Civil Services Exam (D) TNPSC Group I

10. Tamil Nadu's first all-women police station was opened in 1992 in which part of Chennai?
(A) Egmore (B) Mylapore
(C) Thousand Lights (D) Adyar

11. Which edition is the 'Windergy India' event held at the Chennai Trade Centre on 7–9 Oct 2026?
(A) 5th (B) 8th
(C) 10th (D) 3rd

12. Which body organises 'Windergy India' together with PDA Ventures?

(A) MNRE (Union Ministry)
(B) NIWE (National Institute)
(C) IWTMA (Manufacturers' body)
(D) IREDA (Finance company)

13. The National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) under MNRE is located in which city?

(A) Pune
(B) Gandhinagar
(C) Bengaluru
(D) Chennai

14. Muppandal, one of India's largest onshore wind farms, is in which district?

(A) Kanyakumari
(B) Tirunelveli
(C) Theni
(D) Coimbatore

15. Statements – which is/are correct?

1. India's wind capacity crossed 58 GW in Aug 2026.
2. A record 6.05 GW was added in 2025–26.
3. India's 2030 wind target is 500 GW.

(A) 1 only
(B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 2 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

16. Which body runs the 'Thozhi' hostels?

(A) Tamil Nadu Housing Board
(B) TAHDCO
(C) State Social Welfare Board
(D) Tamil Nadu Working Women's Hostels Corporation

17. In which year were the first 'Thozhi' hostels (in nine districts) opened?

(A) 2021
(B) 2022
(C) 2023
(D) 2024

18. According to the World Bank article, how many 'Thozhi' hostels are now operating?

(A) 19
(B) 25
(C) 38
(D) 50

19. Under Tamil Nadu's 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme, who receive ₹1,000 a month?

(A) Govt-school girls in higher education
(B) Working women
(C) Pregnant women
(D) Women's self-help groups

20. The Centre's working women's hostel scheme 'Sakhi Niwas' falls under which mission?

(A) Mission Indradhanush
(B) Mission Poshan 2.0
(C) Mission Karmayogi
(D) Mission Shakti

21. On which date did Narendra Modi first become Chief Minister of Gujarat?

(A) 26 May 2014
(B) 22 December 2002
(C) 7 October 2001
(D) 1 January 2001

22. In March 2026, Modi passed whose record as the longest-serving elected head of government in India?

(A) Pawan Kumar Chamling
(B) Jyoti Basu
(C) Naveen Patnaik
(D) Manik Sarkar

23. Which Article says the Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha?

(A) Article 74(1)
(B) Article 75(3)
(C) Article 78
(D) Article 164(2)

24. Who has served the longest total time as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

(A) M.G. Ramachandran (B) K. Kamaraj

(C) J. Jayalalithaa (D) M. Karunanidhi

25. The word 'Cabinet' appears in the Constitution of India only in which Article?

(A) Article 74 (B) Article 75

(C) Article 352 (D) Article 356

26. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit will be which Chief of the Air Staff of the IAF?

(A) 29th (B) 27th

(C) 28th (D) 31st

27. What post did Ashutosh Dixit hold when his appointment was announced?

(A) Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (B) Vice Chief of the Air Staff

(C) AOC-in-C, Western Air Command (D) Defence Secretary

28. Which body approves the appointment of the chiefs of the armed forces?

(A) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) (B) Union Public Service Commission

(C) Defence Acquisition Council (D) National Security Council

29. Who is the only officer to hold the 5-star rank 'Marshal of the Air Force' in India?

(A) Subroto Mukerjee (B) Idris Hasan Latif

(C) Arjan Singh (D) Pratap Chandra Lal

30. The BrahMos-armed Su-30MKI 'Tigersharks' squadron is based at which air base in Tamil Nadu?

(A) Sulur (B) Tambaram

(C) Madurai (D) Thanjavur

31. Which company delivered the 'TROUT' underwater ROVs to the Indian Navy?

(A) Garden Reach Shipbuilders (B) Tata Advanced Systems

(C) Larsen & Toubro (D) EyeROV (IROV Technologies), Kochi

32. Under which defence-innovation programme was the 'TROUT' ROV developed?

(A) iDEX (DISC-7 SPRINT) (B) Technology Development Fund (TDF)

(C) DRDO Young Scientist Lab (D) Startup India Seed Fund

33. Up to what depth can the 'TROUT' ROV operate?

(A) 100 m (B) 1,000 m

(C) 300 m (D) 6,000 m

34. Which institute is building the 'Matsya-6000' submersible of the 'Samudrayaan' mission?

(A) INCOIS, Hyderabad (B) NIOT, Chennai

(C) NIO, Goa (D) ISRO, Bengaluru

35. Statements – which is/are correct?

1. An ROV is tethered and piloted from the surface.
2. An AUV runs on its own without live human control.

(A) 1 only (B) 2 only

(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

36. According to the World Bank report, how much was private AI investment in India in 2025?

(A) $1.2 billion (B) $2.5 billion

(C) $4.1 billion (D) $10 billion

37. As per the report, roughly what share of Indian firms use AI in some form?
(A) 23%
(B) 43%
(C) 10%
(D) 60%

38. What is the outlay of the 'IndiaAI Mission' approved in March 2024?
(A) ₹7,500 crore
(B) ₹21,000 crore
(C) ₹1 lakh crore
(D) ₹10,371.92 crore

39. Which city hosted the 'India AI Impact Summit' in February 2026?
(A) New Delhi
(B) Paris
(C) Seoul
(D) Bletchley Park

40. World Bank – which statements are correct?
1. World Bank & IMF – Bretton Woods, 1944.
2. Headquarters – Washington DC.
3. IDA lends to middle-income nations.
(A) 1 only
(B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 2 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

41. After the 7 Oct 2026 policy, what are the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate?
(A) 5.25%
(B) 5.50%
(C) 5.75%
(D) 6.00%

42. In this policy, the RBI changed its stance from 'neutral' to
(A) Accommodative
(B) Calibrated tightening
(C) Withdrawal of accommodation
(D) No change

43. Monetary Policy Committee – which statements are correct?
1. 6 members; 3 from the RBI.
2. Governor has a casting vote in a tie.
3. The RBI alone sets the inflation target.
(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

44. Who, born in Tiruchirappalli, served as RBI Governor in 1992–97?
(A) Y.V. Reddy
(B) D. Subbarao
(C) Bimal Jalan
(D) C. Rangarajan

45. The Reserve Bank of India was set up on the recommendation of which commission?
(A) Hunter Commission
(B) Hilton Young Commission
(C) Simon Commission
(D) Narasimham Committee

46. What does the Coast Guard exercise 'SAREX' stand for?
(A) Surface Attack and Rocket Exercise
(B) Sea Area Reconnaissance Exercise
(C) Strategic Air Response Exercise
(D) Search and Rescue Exercise

47. Paradip port, venue of SAREX-2026, lies in which State and at the mouth of which river?
(A) Odisha – Mahanadi
(B) Andhra Pradesh – Godavari
(C) West Bengal – Hooghly
(D) Odisha – Brahmani

48. Observers from how many friendly countries attended SAREX-2026?
(A) 12
(B) 22
(C) 30
(D) 50

49. In which year was the Indian Coast Guard formally constituted by an Act of Parliament?
(A) 1976 (B) 1978
(C) 1972 (D) 1986

50. Which of these is NOT one of the Coast Guard's three Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres (MRCCs)?
(A) Mumbai (B) Chennai
(C) Port Blair (D) Kolkata

51. Mahesh Kakde, winner of the 2026 Ramanujan Prize, is a professor at
(A) IIT Madras (B) TIFR, Mumbai
(C) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (D) ISI, Kolkata

52. The ICTP, which gives the Ramanujan Prize, is located in which city?
(A) Geneva (B) Trieste
(C) Paris (D) Vienna

53. Mahesh Kakde's work is linked to which conjecture?
(A) Brumer–Stark conjecture (B) Riemann hypothesis
(C) Poincaré conjecture (D) Goldbach conjecture

54. Where was Srinivasa Ramanujan born?
(A) Kumbakonam (B) Thanjavur
(C) Madurai (D) Erode

55. What is the upper age limit for the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize given by SASTRA University, Kumbakonam?
(A) 40 years (B) 45 years
(C) 32 years (D) 35 years

56. The 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded for
(A) Click chemistry (B) Non-linear effects & autocatalysis
(C) Quantum dots (D) Metal–organic frameworks

57. Pairs of non-superimposable mirror-image molecules are called
(A) Isotopes (B) Isobars
(C) Enantiomers (D) Allotropes

58. Which drug is known for one form acting as medicine and its mirror form causing birth defects?
(A) Paracetamol (B) Penicillin
(C) Aspirin (D) Thalidomide

59. Who first observed molecular chirality in 1848 by separating tartaric acid crystals?
(A) Louis Pasteur (B) August Kekulé
(C) Dmitri Mendeleev (D) John Dalton

60. Which Chidambaram-born scientist won the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry?
(A) C.V. Raman (B) Har Gobind Khorana
(C) S. Chandrasekhar (D) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan

61. Which country is NOT among the seven confirmed by the IOC for the 2036 Olympics?
(A) Qatar (B) Germany
(C) Australia (D) Hungary

62. Which city has India proposed for the 2036 Olympics?
(A) Ahmedabad (B) New Delhi
(C) Mumbai (D) Bhubaneswar

63. Kirsty Coventry, the IOC's first woman and first African president, is from which country?
(A) South Africa (B) Kenya
(C) Zimbabwe (D) Namibia

64. Where is the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee?
(A) Paris (B) Geneva
(C) Athens (D) Lausanne

65. Where was the 44th Chess Olympiad, the first held in India, staged in 2022?
(A) Kochi (B) Mamallapuram
(C) Goa (D) Bengaluru

66. Which anniversary does the Indian Air Force celebrate on 8 Oct 2026?
(A) 94th (B) 92nd
(C) 93rd (D) 95th

67. The IAF motto 'Nabhah Sprisham Deeptam' is taken from which text?
(A) Rig Veda (B) Bhagavad Gita
(C) Mundaka Upanishad (D) Katha Upanishad

68. Hindon Air Force Station, venue of the main 2026 Air Force Day parade, is in which State?
(A) Haryana (B) Rajasthan
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Punjab

69. Who was the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Air Force?
(A) Arjan Singh (B) Idris Hasan Latif
(C) Aspy Engineer (D) Subroto Mukerjee

70. India's first Tejas squadron, No. 45 'Flying Daggers', is based at which Tamil Nadu air base?
(A) Sulur (B) Thanjavur
(C) Tambaram (D) Madurai

71. When is World Sight Day observed every year?
(A) Second Thursday of October (B) 10 October
(C) First Monday of October (D) 8 October every year

72. What is the theme of World Sight Day 2026?
(A) Hope in Sight (B) Eye Care Everywhere
(C) Love Your Eyes (D) Vision First

73. In which city did Dr G. Venkataswamy found the Aravind Eye Hospital in 1976?
(A) Chennai (B) Madurai
(C) Coimbatore (D) Vellore

74. Octopus – which statements are correct?
1. It has three hearts.
2. Its blood is blue due to haemocyanin.
3. It belongs to phylum Arthropoda.
(A) 1 only (B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1, 2 and 3 (D) 1 and 2 only

75. Which is India's first marine biosphere reserve (1989), home to octopus and other cephalopods?

(A) Gulf of Kutch
(B) Sundarbans
(C) Gulf of Mannar
(D) Pichavaram

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8 October 2026 – Questions (90)

1. Under G.O. 179, residential buildings up to what floor area can get permits through third-party certification?
(A) 300 sq m
(B) 500 sq m
(C) 750 sq m
(D) 1,500 sq m

2. Under G.O. 180, to what limit was the residential permit ceiling raised for corporations and municipalities?
(A) 10,000 sq ft
(B) 12,912 sq ft
(C) 5,380 sq ft
(D) 16,140 sq ft

3. Which Tamil Nadu department issued both these Government Orders?
(A) Municipal Administration
(B) Housing & Urban Development
(C) Rural Development
(D) Revenue

4. 'Urban planning' and 'regulation of construction of buildings' are municipal functions listed in which Schedule?
(A) 12th Schedule
(B) 11th Schedule
(C) 10th Schedule
(D) 9th Schedule

5. What does 'SIPCOT' stand for?
(A) Small Industries Promotion Council of TN
(B) State Infrastructure Planning Corp. of TN
(C) State Industries Promotion Corp. of TN
(D) State Industrial Power Corp. of TN

6. What is the name of the State-level TB team launched along with the field manual?
(A) TB Mukt Yodha
(B) TB-Free JOSH
(C) Ni-kshay Mitra
(D) Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam

7. How many village panchayats in Tamil Nadu have been recognised as 'TB-free panchayats'?
(A) 2,390
(B) 1,250
(C) 12,525
(D) 388

8. Which district is NOT in the first phase of the 'TB-Free JOSH' team?
(A) Madurai
(B) Cuddalore
(C) Theni
(D) Dharmapuri

9. World TB Day (24 March) marks the announcement of the TB bacterium. Who discovered it?
(A) Louis Pasteur
(B) Alexander Fleming
(C) Robert Koch
(D) Edward Jenner

10. ICMR's National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT) is located in
(A) Pune
(B) Bengaluru
(C) New Delhi
(D) Chennai

11. In the ₹212.58 crore police modernisation package, which item gets the largest share?
(A) Weapons
(B) Communication equipment
(C) CCTV monitoring
(D) Information technology

12. How many special four-wheelers will be bought for the ERSS with ₹55 crore?
(A) 100
(B) 250
(C) 500
(D) 1,000

13. What is the single nationwide emergency number of the ERSS?
(A) 112 (B) 100
(C) 108 (D) 181

14. How much of this allocation is for weapons and related equipment?
(A) ₹55 crore (B) ₹99.03 crore
(C) ₹30.51 crore (D) ₹3.33 crore

15. The Emergency Response Support System (ERSS – 112) is implemented under which fund?
(A) PM CARES Fund (B) Nirbhaya Fund
(C) National Disaster Response Fund (D) CAMPA Fund

16. What is the capacity of the Perur desalination plant?
(A) 100 MLD (B) 150 MLD
(C) 265 MLD (D) 400 MLD

17. Which technology does the Perur plant use to remove salt from seawater?
(A) Multi-stage flash distillation (B) Solar distillation
(C) Reverse osmosis (D) Electrodialysis

18. Which foreign agency is financing the Perur desalination plant?
(A) JICA (Japan) (B) World Bank
(C) Asian Development Bank (D) KfW (Germany)

19. Where was Chennai's first desalination plant (100 MLD, 2010) built?
(A) Nemmeli (B) Minjur (Kattupalli)
(C) Perur (D) Ennore

20. In which district is the Perur desalination plant located?
(A) Kancheepuram (B) Tiruvallur
(C) Villupuram (D) Chengalpattu

21. The Ladakh snow leopard safari was launched during which observance?
(A) Wildlife Week (B) Van Mahotsav
(C) Earth Hour (D) Ozone Day

22. Which is one of the first areas of the snow leopard safari?
(A) Gulmarg (B) Spiti
(C) Rumbak (D) Tawang

23. According to the SPAI assessment, roughly how many snow leopards does India have?
(A) 477 (B) 718
(C) 1,200 (D) 3,682

24. What is the snow leopard's status on the IUCN Red List?
(A) Critically Endangered (B) Endangered
(C) Vulnerable (D) Near Threatened

25. On which date did Ladakh become a Union Territory?
(A) 5 August 2019 (B) 26 January 2020
(C) 15 August 2019 (D) 31 October 2019

26. What trade-margin cap is the Centre setting for anti-cancer drugs?
(A) 10% of MRP (B) 30% of MRP
(C) 42% of MRP (D) 70% of MRP

27. How many non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs are covered by this decision?

(A) 42 (B) 384

(C) 526 (D) 110

28. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) works under which ministry?

(A) Chemicals and Fertilizers (B) Health and Family Welfare

(C) Commerce and Industry (D) Finance

29. The DPCO 2013 is issued under which Act?

(A) Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940 (B) Competition Act 2002

(C) Essential Commodities Act 1955 (D) Consumer Protection Act 2019

30. Who founded the Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai, in 1954?

(A) Dr V. Shanta (B) Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy

(C) Dr S. Krishnamurthi (D) Dr A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar

31. Mahendragiri, home of the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), is in which district?

(A) Kanyakumari (B) Tirunelveli

(C) Thoothukudi (D) Tenkasi

32. 4 October, the first day of World Space Week, marks the launch of which spacecraft?

(A) Sputnik-1 (1957) (B) Apollo 11 (1969)

(C) Aryabhata (1975) (D) Vostok-1 (1961)

33. What is the theme of World Space Week 2026?

(A) Living in Space (B) Space and Climate Change

(C) Rocket Revolution (D) Women in Space

34. The spaceport coming up at Kulasekarapattinam, Thoothukudi, is meant for which launch vehicle?

(A) PSLV (B) LVM3 (GSLV Mk III)

(C) Reusable Launch Vehicle (D) SSLV (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle)

35. From where was India's first rocket launched in 1963?

(A) Sriharikota (B) Thumba (TERLS)

(C) Chandipur (D) Balasore

36. Which edition of the India Mobile Congress began in October 2026?

(A) 8th (B) 9th

(C) 10th (D) 11th

37. Where is 'Yashobhoomi', the venue of IMC 2026?

(A) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi (B) Dwarka, New Delhi

(C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat (D) Navi Mumbai

38. What is the theme of the 10th India Mobile Congress?

(A) Scale Without Boundaries (B) Transform to Thrive

(C) The Future is Now (D) Connect, Create, Innovate

39. Which bodies jointly organise the India Mobile Congress?

(A) TRAI and DoT (B) MeitY and NASSCOM

(C) C-DOT and BSNL (D) DoT and COAI

40. In which year were 5G services launched in India at the India Mobile Congress?

(A) 2020 (B) 2021

(C) 2022 (D) 2023

41. Which officer heads the Keralam Police 'Speak Up' task force?
(A) IGP Ajitha Begum
(B) DGP R. Sreelekha
(C) IGP P. Vijayan
(D) ADGP Manoj Abraham

42. Which Article of the Constitution empowers Parliament to change the name of a State?
(A) Article 1
(B) Article 2
(C) Article 3
(D) Article 5

43. On which date was Madras State renamed 'Tamil Nadu'?
(A) 1 November 1956
(B) 14 January 1969
(C) 26 January 1950
(D) 18 July 1967

44. In which year was the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act enacted?
(A) 1961
(B) 2013
(C) 2019
(D) 2005

45. Which section of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) punishes cruelty to a woman by her husband or relatives?
(A) Section 85
(B) Section 103
(C) Section 64
(D) Section 498

46. Why is World Hydrogen Day on 8 October?
(A) First fuel cell's invention
(B) Green Hydrogen Mission launch
(C) Hydrogen's atomic weight 1.008
(D) Discoverer's birthday

47. What is the 2030 production-capacity target of the National Green Hydrogen Mission?
(A) 1 MMT a year
(B) 5 MMT a year
(C) 3 MMT a year
(D) 10 MMT a year

48. What is the initial outlay of the National Green Hydrogen Mission?
(A) ₹10,371 crore
(B) ₹26,275 crore
(C) ₹1 lakh crore
(D) ₹19,744 crore

49. Who, the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, was chief guest at the MNRE hydrogen event?
(A) Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood
(B) Dr K. VijayRaghavan
(C) Dr V.K. Saraswat
(D) Dr Jitendra Singh

50. Which Tamil Nadu port was chosen to be developed as a green hydrogen hub?
(A) Chennai Port
(B) Kamarajar Port (Ennore)
(C) V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Thoothukudi)
(D) Kattupalli Port

51. Which GST Council meeting was held on 8 Oct 2026?
(A) 57th
(B) 55th
(C) 56th
(D) 58th

52. Under the new practice, annual GST rate changes will take effect from which date?
(A) 1 January
(B) 1 April
(C) 1 July
(D) 1 October

53. Which Article of the Constitution provides for the GST Council?
(A) Article 246A
(B) Article 269A
(C) Article 279A
(D) Article 270

54. Which constitutional amendment introduced GST?

(A) 99th
(B) 100th
(C) 103rd
(D) 101st

55. Who chairs the GST Council?

(A) Prime Minister
(B) Union Finance Minister
(C) RBI Governor
(D) Chairman of the Finance Commission

56. To what level has the threshold for GST prosecution been raised?

(A) ₹2 crore
(B) ₹50 lakh
(C) ₹5 crore
(D) ₹10 crore

57. When do the GST changes, including removal of arrest power, take effect?

(A) 1 November 2026
(B) 1 January 2027
(C) 1 July 2027
(D) 1 April 2027

58. Under the 57th Council's decision, the GST general penalty was cut to

(A) ₹10,000
(B) ₹5,000
(C) ₹15,000
(D) ₹20,000

59. Which GST applies to inter-State supply of goods?

(A) CGST
(B) IGST
(C) SGST
(D) UTGST

60. What are the two main slabs of 'GST 2.0', in force from 22 Sept 2025?

(A) 5% and 18%
(B) 5% and 12%
(C) 12% and 18%
(D) 18% and 28%

61. How many of Andhra Pradesh's 26 districts were declared drought-hit?

(A) 13
(B) 21
(C) 26
(D) 18

62. Roughly what rainfall deficit did Andhra Pradesh record in June–August 2026?

(A) 21%
(B) 34.5%
(C) 53.4%
(D) 74.3%

63. Which Union ministry issues the 'Manual for Drought Management'?

(A) Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(B) Home Affairs
(C) Jal Shakti
(D) Earth Sciences

64. Which rain-shadow region of Andhra Pradesh faces frequent drought?

(A) Coastal Andhra
(B) Uttarandhra
(C) Telangana
(D) Rayalaseema

65. Which monsoon gives Tamil Nadu most of its rainfall?

(A) North-east monsoon
(B) South-west monsoon
(C) Western disturbances
(D) Mango showers

66. What is the minimum water-supply cut in Maharashtra from 16 October?

(A) 10%
(B) 5%
(C) 20%
(D) 30%

67. Under the new order, industries must reuse or recycle at least what share of their water?

(A) 10%
(B) 20%
(C) 30%
(D) 50%

68. Which phenomenon, which tends to weaken the monsoon, did Maharashtra factor into its water planning?

(A) La Niña
(B) El Niño
(C) Positive Indian Ocean Dipole
(D) Western disturbance

69. Marathwada in Maharashtra lies in the rain shadow of which range?

(A) Satpura
(B) Aravalli
(C) Vindhya
(D) Western Ghats (Sahyadri)

70. Which was the first State to make rainwater harvesting compulsory in all buildings, in 2003?

(A) Keralam
(B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Karnataka
(D) Gujarat

71. Anne Carson, winner of the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature, is from which country?

(A) USA
(B) Britain
(C) Canada
(D) Australia

72. Anne Carson is mainly a scholar of which field?

(A) Classics (ancient Greek)
(B) Physics
(C) Economics
(D) Sanskrit

73. Which Canadian writer won the Literature Nobel before Anne Carson?

(A) Margaret Atwood
(B) Alice Munro
(C) Michael Ondaatje
(D) Leonard Cohen

74. In which year did Rabindranath Tagore win the Nobel Prize in Literature?

(A) 1901
(B) 1930
(C) 1979
(D) 1913

75. In which year was Tamil declared India's first classical language?

(A) 2004
(B) 2005
(C) 2008
(D) 2013

76. What was Nana Patekar's real name?

(A) Narayan Patekar
(B) Vinayak Patekar
(C) Vishwanath Patekar
(D) Vasant Patekar

77. Which film won Nana Patekar the National Award for Best Actor?

(A) Parinda
(B) Krantiveer
(C) Agni Sakshi
(D) Welcome

78. In which year was Nana Patekar awarded the Padma Shri?

(A) 2008
(B) 2010
(C) 2016
(D) 2013

79. In which Rajinikanth Tamil film did Nana Patekar play the villain?

(A) Kaala
(B) Kabali
(C) Petta
(D) Darbar

80. Whom does the NAAM Foundation, started by Nana Patekar, help?

(A) Street children
(B) Cancer patients
(C) Wildlife
(D) Drought-hit farmers

81. The UPU, whose founding World Post Day marks, was set up in 1874 in which city?

(A) Paris
(B) Geneva
(C) Vienna
(D) Bern

82. What is the theme of World Post Day 2026?

(A) One postal network, infinite possibilities
(B) Post for People
(C) Innovate to Recover
(D) Together for Trust

83. Who introduced the Postal Index Number (PIN) in India in 1972?

(A) Vikram Sarabhai
(B) Shriram Bhikaji Velankar
(C) Sam Pitroda
(D) M. Visvesvaraya

84. In which year was the law that replaced the Indian Post Office Act 1898 enacted?

(A) 2019
(B) 2021
(C) 2023
(D) 2024

85. PIN codes beginning with '6' belong to which States?

(A) Andhra Pradesh, Telangana
(B) Karnataka
(C) Maharashtra, Goa
(D) Tamil Nadu, Keralam

86. When is World Egg Day observed every year?

(A) 9 October
(B) Second Friday of October
(C) 16 October
(D) First Monday of October

87. What is the theme of World Egg Day 2026?

(A) Eggs for a Healthy Future
(B) United by Eggs
(C) The Mighty Egg
(D) Protein that Powers and Protects

88. When and where did World Egg Day begin?

(A) 1990, Rome
(B) 2000, Geneva
(C) 1996, Vienna
(D) 2005, London

89. Which place in Tamil Nadu is called the 'Egg City'?

(A) Namakkal
(B) Erode
(C) Tiruppur
(D) Palladam

90. In which year did M.G.R.'s Nutritious Noon Meal scheme begin in Tamil Nadu?

(A) 1956
(B) 1972
(C) 1982
(D) 1989

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9 October 2026 – Questions (55)

1. Which of these is NOT among the Sivaji Ganesan films added to the NFAI collection in Oct 2026?
(A) Thiruvilayadal
(B) Thiruvarutchelvar
(C) Thillana Mohanambal
(D) Parasakthi

2. Who directed all three of these films?
(A) K. Balachander
(B) A.P. Nagarajan
(C) B.R. Panthulu
(D) A. Bhimsingh

3. The National Film Archive of India (NFAI), set up in 1964, is located in
(A) Mumbai
(B) Chennai
(C) Pune
(D) Kolkata

4. Which was Sivaji Ganesan's debut film?
(A) Parasakthi (1952)
(B) Manohara (1954)
(C) Andha Naal (1954)
(D) Kappalottiya Thamizhan (1961)

5. Which film won Sivaji Ganesan the Best Actor award at the 1960 Afro-Asian Film Festival in Cairo?
(A) Kappalottiya Thamizhan
(B) Karnan
(C) Navarathri
(D) Veerapandiya Kattabomman

6. Which body runs the OCMMS online system in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Central Pollution Control Board
(B) Department of Environment
(C) Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
(D) SIPCOT

7. Dr V.K. Rajeev, who opened the help desk, holds which portfolio?
(A) Industries
(B) Environment and Climate Change
(C) Forests
(D) Information Technology

8. Under which Act was the Central Pollution Control Board set up?
(A) Water Act 1974
(B) Environment Act 1986
(C) Air Act 1981
(D) Forest Conservation Act 1980

9. What does EPR stand for?
(A) Environmental Protection Rule
(B) Effluent Pollution Register
(C) Extended Producer Responsibility
(D) Emission Prevention Regulation

10. Under the CPCB categorisation, which category of industries needs no pollution consent?
(A) Red
(B) Orange
(C) Green
(D) White

11. At which place's Wildlife Week closing ceremony was the wildlife ambulance launched?
(A) Vandalur Zoo
(B) Guindy Children's Nature Park
(C) Pallikaranai Marsh
(D) Vedanthangal

12. What is the name of the Tamil Nadu Forest Department app on which snake-rescue volunteers register?
(A) Naagam
(B) Kaaval Uthavi
(C) SARPA
(D) Meetpu

13. Guindy National Park, inside the city, is best known for which animal?
(A) Nilgiri tahr
(B) Lion-tailed macaque
(C) Blackbuck
(D) Gaur

14. 'To protect forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures' – which Article contains this Fundamental Duty?

(A) Article 48A
(B) Article 21
(C) Article 39(b)
(D) Article 51A(g)

15. Which sea turtle species comes to nest on Tamil Nadu's coast in December–March?

(A) Leatherback
(B) Olive Ridley
(C) Green turtle
(D) Hawksbill

16. Which body introduced the 'Garuda Map' app?

(A) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD)
(B) AP Tourism Development Corporation
(C) IRCTC
(D) ISRO

17. In the 'Garuda Vahana Seva', the key day of the Brahmotsavam, Garuda is the mount of which deity?

(A) Shiva
(B) Vishnu
(C) Murugan
(D) Ganesha

18. Tirumala lies in which hill range?

(A) Nallamala
(B) Javadhu Hills
(C) Shevaroy Hills
(D) Seshachalam Hills

19. Which town came to Tamil Nadu from Andhra in 1960 after the northern border struggle led by Ma. Po. Sivagnanam?

(A) Tirupati
(B) Chittoor
(C) Tiruttani
(D) Puttur

20. Tirumala lies in which Andhra Pradesh district, formed in 2022?

(A) Tirupati
(B) Chittoor
(C) Nellore
(D) Annamayya

21. Jewar (Noida International) Airport is in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

(A) Ghaziabad
(B) Gautam Buddh Nagar
(C) Bulandshahr
(D) Aligarh

22. What is the IATA code of Noida International Airport?

(A) NIA
(B) JWR
(C) DXN
(D) NOI

23. Jewar airport was developed by a subsidiary of an airport company from which country?

(A) Germany
(B) Singapore
(C) France
(D) Switzerland

24. 'Airways' are placed in which list of the Constitution?

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

25. Chennai airport's international terminal is named after whom?

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

26. Which Israeli President announced the award for Smit Machchhar?

(A) Benjamin Netanyahu
(B) Naftali Bennett
(C) Isaac Herzog
(D) Reuven Rivlin

27. Smit Machchhar was captain of a flight operated by which airline?
(A) Emirates
(B) flydubai
(C) Air Arabia
(D) Etihad

28. Where did flydubai flight FZ1073 make its emergency landing?
(A) Tabuk, Saudi Arabia
(B) Amman, Jordan
(C) Eilat, Israel
(D) Cairo, Egypt

29. In which year did India establish full diplomatic relations with Israel?
(A) 1950
(B) 1962
(C) 2017
(D) 1992

30. India's first commercial airmail flight, flown by J.R.D. Tata on 15 Oct 1932, ended at which city?
(A) Delhi
(B) Calcutta
(C) Madras
(D) Bangalore

31. In which category did the 'Pandharpur Wari' documentary become India's national winner at AACA 2026?
(A) Best Documentary Series
(B) Best Lifestyle Programme
(C) Best Infotainment Programme
(D) Best Branded Programme

32. Which company made the 'Pandharpur Wari' documentary with Maharashtra's IPRD?
(A) Netflix
(B) Warner Bros. Discovery
(C) National Geographic
(D) Prasar Bharati

33. Which is the presiding deity of the Pandharpur temple?
(A) Vitthal (Vithoba)
(B) Khandoba
(C) Dattatreya
(D) Jyotiba

34. From where does Sant Dnyaneshwar's palanquin set out in the Wari?
(A) Dehu
(B) Paithan
(C) Alandi
(D) Nashik

35. Where did the Bhakti movement originate through the Alvars and Nayanmars?
(A) Maharashtra
(B) Bengal
(C) Kashmir
(D) Tamil Nadu

36. According to WWF's Living Planet Report 2026, by how much did monitored vertebrate populations fall on average?
(A) 52%
(B) 69%
(C) 73%
(D) 85%

37. Which ecosystem's species show the steepest decline?
(A) Freshwater
(B) Marine
(C) Terrestrial
(D) Polar

38. Which region saw the largest (95%) fall in wildlife populations?
(A) Africa
(B) Asia-Pacific
(C) Europe & Central Asia
(D) Latin America & Caribbean

39. Which body produces the 'Living Planet Index' used in the WWF report?
(A) IUCN
(B) Zoological Society of London (ZSL)
(C) UNEP
(D) BirdLife International

40. Which State has the most Ramsar wetlands in India?
(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) Odisha
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Gujarat

41. Which agency developed South Korea's first indigenous hypersonic glide vehicle?
(A) Agency for Defense Development (ADD)
(B) Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI)
(C) Samsung Techwin
(D) Hanwha Aerospace

42. 'Hypersonic' means a speed of at least how many times the speed of sound?
(A) Mach 1
(B) Mach 3
(C) Mach 5
(D) Mach 10

43. Which South Korean President observed the hypersonic test?
(A) Yoon Suk-yeol
(B) Moon Jae-in
(C) Park Geun-hye
(D) Lee Jae-myung

44. From where was India's long-range hypersonic missile tested in Nov 2024?
(A) Sriharikota
(B) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island
(C) Pokhran
(D) Thumba

45. Where in Tamil Nadu is the South Korean firm Hyundai's car plant?
(A) Irungattukottai (Sriperumbudur)
(B) Hosur
(C) Gummidipoondi
(D) Oragadam

46. Under which Governor-General was India Post set up as a separate department in 1854?
(A) Lord Canning
(B) Lord Dalhousie
(C) Lord Wellesley
(D) Lord Ripon

47. In National Postal Week 2026, 12 October is observed as
(A) Mails & Parcels Day
(B) Financial Inclusion Day
(C) Fun with Philately Day
(D) Technology & Innovation Day

48. In which year did India Post launch 'Speed Post'?
(A) 1972
(B) 1995
(C) 2004
(D) 1986

49. In which year was the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) launched?
(A) 2016
(B) 2017
(C) 2018
(D) 2019

50. In which year was the Madras General Post Office established?
(A) 1786
(B) 1854
(C) 1884
(D) 1837

51. What is the theme of World Mental Health Day 2026?
(A) Mental Health is a Universal Human Right
(B) Mental Health at Work
(C) Access to Services
(D) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change

52. Which organisation started World Mental Health Day in 1992?
(A) World Health Organization
(B) World Federation for Mental Health
(C) UNICEF
(D) Red Cross

53. What is India's 'Tele-MANAS' mental-health helpline number?

(A) 14416 (B) 1098

(C) 112 (D) 104

54. Which Supreme Court judgment laid down the 'rarest of rare' doctrine for the death penalty?

(A) Maneka Gandhi (1978) (B) Kesavananda Bharati (1973)

(C) Bachan Singh (1980) (D) D.K. Basu (1997)

55. In which year was World Homeless Day (10 Oct) first observed?

(A) 2005 (B) 2008

(C) 2015 (D) 2010

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12 October 2026 – Questions (105)

1. Before being made full-time Governor of Tamil Nadu, Arlekar was Governor of which State?
(A) Karnataka
(B) Keralam
(C) Bihar
(D) Goa

2. Which constitutional amendment allowed one person to be Governor of two or more States?
(A) 1st Amendment (1951)
(B) 42nd Amendment (1976)
(C) 44th Amendment (1978)
(D) 7th Amendment (1956)

3. Who administers the oath of office to a State Governor?
(A) The President
(B) The Chief Minister
(C) Chief Justice of the State High Court
(D) Chief Justice of India

4. What minimum age does the Constitution prescribe for appointment as Governor?
(A) 35 years
(B) 25 years
(C) 30 years
(D) 40 years

5. Who was the first woman Governor of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Sarojini Naidu
(B) M. Fathima Beevi
(C) V.S. Ramadevi
(D) Tamilisai Soundararajan

6. Who was appointed Governor of Karnataka in Oct 2026?
(A) Dushyant Gautam
(B) Dhal Singh Bisen
(C) Om Prakash Mathur
(D) Dr Sudha Yadav

7. Which Article vests the executive power of a State in the Governor?
(A) Article 154
(B) Article 163
(C) Article 200
(D) Article 213

8. Which Article gives the Governor the power to grant pardons and remit sentences?
(A) Article 72
(B) Article 161
(C) Article 142
(D) Article 356

9. Which commission was set up in 1983 to examine Centre–State relations, including the Governor's office?
(A) Punchhi Commission
(B) Rajamannar Committee
(C) Sarkaria Commission
(D) Kothari Commission

10. Who was India's first woman Chief Election Commissioner and later Karnataka's first woman Governor?
(A) V.S. Ramadevi
(B) Sharda Mukherjee
(C) Padmaja Naidu
(D) Margaret Alva

11. Which company makes the CERVAVAC vaccine?
(A) Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad
(B) Biological E, Hyderabad
(C) Serum Institute of India, Pune
(D) Zydus Cadila, Ahmedabad

12. CERVAVAC protects against which HPV types?
(A) 16 and 18 only
(B) 6, 11, 16, 18
(C) 31, 33, 45, 52
(D) 1, 2, 3, 4

13. What did the WHO grant CERVAVAC in Oct 2026?

(A) Emergency Use Listing
(B) Removal from Essential Medicines List
(C) Patent waiver
(D) Prequalification

14. Who won the 2008 Medicine Nobel for linking HPV to cervical cancer?

(A) Harald zur Hausen
(B) Luc Montagnier
(C) Katalin Karikó
(D) Har Gobind Khorana

15. Who founded the Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai (1954)?

(A) Dr V. Shanta
(B) Dr S. Dharmambal
(C) Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy
(D) Dr Ida Scudder

16. At which institution is the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre located?

(A) IISc Bengaluru
(B) NIMHANS Bengaluru
(C) AIIMS New Delhi
(D) IIT Madras

17. Which is described as the world's first 3D atlas of a stroke-affected brain?

(A) C-STROKE
(B) DHARANI
(C) ANCHOR
(D) NEURON-1

18. Where is the 'Param Shakti' supercomputer, used to process C-STROKE data, located?

(A) IIT Bombay
(B) IIT Kharagpur
(C) IISER Pune
(D) IIT Madras

19. Which part of the brain controls the body's balance?

(A) Cerebrum
(B) Medulla oblongata
(C) Cerebellum
(D) Hypothalamus

20. IIT Madras was founded in 1959 with the help of which country?

(A) Soviet Union
(B) United States
(C) United Kingdom
(D) West Germany

21. Which shipyard built INS Mangrol?

(A) Garden Reach (GRSE), Kolkata
(B) Cochin Shipyard
(C) Mazagon Dock, Mumbai
(D) Goa Shipyard

22. Mangrol port, after which the ship is named, is in which State?

(A) Gujarat
(B) Maharashtra
(C) Karnataka
(D) Goa

23. In ASW-SWC, what does 'ASW' stand for?

(A) Air Surveillance Wing
(B) Amphibious Strike Warship
(C) Anti-Submarine Warfare
(D) Advanced Sonar Weapon

24. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Navy's Western Naval Command?

(A) Karwar
(B) Kochi
(C) Porbandar
(D) Mumbai

25. Which ship of the same type was commissioned at Chennai Port in Feb 2026?

(A) INS Arnala
(B) INS Malvan
(C) INS Anjadip
(D) INS Vikrant

26. In which specialty did Dr Ruth John Paul complete her MD?

(A) Psychiatry
(B) Obstetrics
(C) Paediatrics
(D) Emergency Medicine

27. Dr Ruth John Paul is from which State?

(A) Telangana (B) Tamil Nadu

(C) Keralam (D) Odisha

28. Which Supreme Court judgment recognised transgender persons as the 'third gender'?

(A) Navtej Singh Johar (2018) (B) NALSA (2014)

(C) Puttaswamy (2017) (D) Vishaka (1997)

29. In which year was the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act passed?

(A) 2014 (B) 2016

(C) 2019 (D) 2021

30. Which State was the first in India to set up a Transgender Welfare Board?

(A) Keralam (B) Maharashtra

(C) West Bengal (D) Tamil Nadu

31. Which body issued the Global Seasonal Climate Update on Pacific warmth in Oct 2026?

(A) World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (B) IPCC

(C) UNEP (D) NASA

32. Where is the 'Niño 3.4' region used to track El Niño?

(A) North Atlantic (B) Arabian Sea

(C) Central-eastern equatorial Pacific (D) South China Sea

33. What does the Spanish term 'El Niño' mean?

(A) The little girl (B) The boy / Christ child

(C) Warm water (D) Storm wind

34. On which date is World Meteorological Day observed?

(A) 5 June (B) 16 September

(C) 22 April (D) 23 March

35. Which monsoon brings Tamil Nadu most of its rainfall?

(A) Southwest monsoon (B) Western disturbances

(C) Northeast monsoon (D) Summer convectional rain

36. In which city was the Lancet Commission report on 21st-century health threats released?

(A) Geneva (B) Davos

(C) New York (D) Berlin

37. Which two threats did the Lancet Commission flag as able to end humanity in extreme scenarios?

(A) Malicious AI use and nuclear war (B) Air pollution and obesity

(C) Smoking and alcohol (D) Pandemics and hunger

38. What does the 'DALY' measure combine?

(A) Birth rate + death rate (B) Years lost to early death + years lived with disability

(C) Life expectancy + literacy (D) Health spending + income

39. Who founded the medical journal 'The Lancet' in 1823?

(A) Edward Jenner (B) Joseph Lister

(C) Thomas Wakley (D) Ronald Ross

40. Kudankulam, India's largest nuclear power plant, was built with which country's cooperation?
(A) France
(B) USA
(C) Japan
(D) Russia

41. The 'KONKAN' naval exercise is held between India and which country?
(A) France
(B) United Kingdom
(C) USA
(D) Japan

42. At which UK port is KONKAN-26 being held?
(A) Portsmouth
(B) Liverpool
(C) Plymouth
(D) Southampton

43. INS Trishul belongs to which class of warship?
(A) Talwar class
(B) Kolkata class
(C) Shivalik class
(D) Nilgiri class

44. Which British aircraft carrier exercised with an Indian carrier in KONKAN 2025?
(A) HMS Queen Elizabeth
(B) HMS Illustrious
(C) HMS Hermes
(D) HMS Prince of Wales

45. Which is the joint exercise between the Indian and British armies?
(A) Yudh Abhyas
(B) Shakti
(C) Ajeya Warrior
(D) Mitra Shakti

46. Which grade of the Legion of Honour was conferred on Sunil Bharti Mittal?
(A) Grand-Croix
(B) Commandeur
(C) Officier
(D) Chevalier

47. Who founded France's Legion of Honour?
(A) Napoleon Bonaparte
(B) Charles de Gaulle
(C) Louis XIV
(D) Robespierre

48. Where is the headquarters of the International Solar Alliance, launched by India and France in 2015?
(A) Paris
(B) Gurugram
(C) Bengaluru
(D) Geneva

49. In which year did Sunil Bharti Mittal receive the Padma Bhushan?
(A) 2001
(B) 2015
(C) 2007
(D) 2020

50. In which year was Puducherry transferred to India de jure?
(A) 1954
(B) 1956
(C) 1947
(D) 1962

51. The GI-tagged 'Mohanthal' prasad is linked to which temple?
(A) Somnath temple
(B) Dwarkadhish temple
(C) Ambaji temple
(D) Pavagadh Kalika temple

52. Ambaji temple is in which district of Gujarat?
(A) Banaskantha
(B) Kutch
(C) Junagadh
(D) Panchmahal

53. In which year was India's Geographical Indications Act enacted?
(A) 1995 (B) 2003
(C) 2005 (D) 1999

54. Which was the first product in India to get a GI tag?
(A) Mysore Silk (B) Darjeeling Tea
(C) Kanchipuram Silk (D) Basmati Rice

55. Which became Tamil Nadu's first temple prasad with a GI tag, in 2019?
(A) Srivilliputhur Palkova (B) Tirupati Laddu
(C) Palani Panchamirtham (D) Manapparai Murukku

56. Which organisation ran the first synchronised nationwide Sarus Crane survey (Oct 2026)?
(A) BNHS (B) WII
(C) ZSI (D) WWF-India

57. Which is the world's tallest flying bird?
(A) Great Indian Bustard (B) White Stork
(C) Sarus Crane (D) Flamingo

58. The Sarus crane is the State bird of which State?
(A) Rajasthan (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Gujarat (D) Haryana

59. What is the Sarus crane's status on the IUCN Red List?
(A) Critically Endangered (B) Endangered
(C) Near Threatened (D) Vulnerable

60. Where in Tamil Nadu is BNHS's Bird Migration Study Centre?
(A) Vedanthangal (B) Point Calimere (Kodiakkarai)
(C) Koonthankulam (D) Pulicat

61. Which is the nodal Union ministry for the Forest Rights Act 2006?
(A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(C) Ministry of Rural Development (D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

62. Under the FRA, 'Other Traditional Forest Dwellers' must prove residence for how many years?
(A) 75 years (three generations) (B) 25 years
(C) 50 years (D) 100 years

63. Which body starts the process of recognising forest rights claims?
(A) District Collector (B) State Forest Department
(C) Gram Sabha (D) Sub-Divisional Officer

64. In which year was the PESA Act, empowering Gram Sabhas in Scheduled Areas, enacted?
(A) 1992 (B) 2006
(C) 1993 (D) 1996

65. Which of these is NOT a PVTG of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Toda (B) Kota
(C) Irula (D) Santhal

66. What crude steel capacity does the Draft National Steel Policy target by 2047?
(A) 300 million tonnes
(B) 604 million tonnes
(C) 505 million tonnes
(D) 1,000 million tonnes

67. What per-capita steel consumption does the draft policy target for 2047?
(A) 160 kg
(B) 208 kg
(C) 250 kg
(D) 302 kg

68. Which country is the world's largest producer of crude steel?
(A) China
(B) India
(C) Japan
(D) USA

69. Which steel plant was set up with Soviet help under the Second Five-Year Plan?
(A) Rourkela
(B) Durgapur
(C) Bhilai
(D) Bokaro

70. What does SAIL's Salem Steel Plant mainly produce?
(A) Railway rails
(B) Stainless steel
(C) Pig iron
(D) Aluminium

71. What production target has the Pulses self-reliance mission set for 2030–31?
(A) 350 lakh tonnes
(B) 242 lakh tonnes
(C) 274 lakh tonnes
(D) 500 lakh tonnes

72. Which pulses are assured 100% procurement at MSP under the mission?
(A) Chickpea, pea, cowpea
(B) Moong, horse gram, field bean
(C) Tur, urad, masoor
(D) Chickpea, moong, masoor

73. Which bacterium fixes nitrogen in the root nodules of pulse crops?
(A) Lactobacillus
(B) Rhizobium
(C) E. coli
(D) Streptomyces

74. Which year did the UN declare the International Year of Pulses?
(A) 2013
(B) 2023
(C) 2008
(D) 2016

75. Where in Tamil Nadu is the National Pulses Research Centre?
(A) Vamban, Pudukkottai
(B) Aduthurai, Thanjavur
(C) Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi
(D) Bhavanisagar, Erode

76. How many districts are covered under the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana?
(A) 112
(B) 100
(C) 500
(D) 75

77. What is the annual outlay of PM-DDKY?
(A) ₹11,440 crore
(B) ₹6,000 crore
(C) ₹24,000 crore
(D) ₹1 lakh crore

78. Which of these was NOT among the top three districts in the PM-DDKY one-year review (Oct 2026)?
(A) Gaya
(B) Nagaur
(C) Umaria
(D) Ramanathapuram

79. PM-DDKY is modelled on which programme?
(A) Aspirational Districts Programme
(B) Green Revolution
(C) Smart Cities Mission
(D) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana

80. Which Tamil Nadu district is included in PM-DDKY?

(A) Thanjavur
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Virudhunagar
(D) Erode

81. Which railway zone developed the 'Project DRISHTI' AI system?

(A) Northeast Frontier Railway
(B) Southern Railway
(C) Central Railway
(D) Northern Railway

82. What does the 'Project DRISHTI' AI system mainly monitor?

(A) Cracks in rails
(B) Doors, locks and seals of freight wagons
(C) Passenger-coach CCTV
(D) Loco-pilot fatigue

83. What is the name of the indigenous automatic train protection system developed by RDSO?

(A) Kavach
(B) Suraksha
(C) Drishti
(D) Rakshak

84. Between which two places did India's first passenger train run in 1853?

(A) Howrah–Hooghly
(B) Royapuram–Arcot
(C) Delhi–Agra
(D) Bombay–Thane

85. In which year was Southern Railway, headquartered in Chennai, formed?

(A) 1947
(B) 1956
(C) 1951
(D) 1966

86. Who won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences?

(A) Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford
(B) Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, Peter Howitt
(C) Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, James Robinson
(D) Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond, Philip Dybvig

87. What is the 2026 Economics Nobel citation about?

(A) Innovation-led growth
(B) Institutions and prosperity
(C) Banks and financial crises
(D) Micro foundations of macro stabilisation

88. Which institution established the Prize in Economic Sciences?

(A) Nobel Foundation
(B) Sveriges Riksbank (Sweden's central bank)
(C) Swedish Academy
(D) Norwegian Parliament

89. Which Indian won the Economics Nobel in 1998?

(A) Amartya Sen
(B) Abhijit Banerjee
(C) Jagdish Bhagwati
(D) Raghuram Rajan

90. Who, born at Thiruvanaikaval, Tiruchirappalli, won the Physics Nobel in 1930?

(A) S. Chandrasekhar
(B) Homi Bhabha
(C) C.V. Raman
(D) Jagadish Chandra Bose

91. Smriti Mandhana was named India Celebrity Advocate of which organisation in Oct 2026?

(A) UN Women
(B) UNICEF
(C) UNESCO
(D) WHO

92. In which year did UNICEF win the Nobel Peace Prize?

(A) 1965
(B) 1946
(C) 1954
(D) 1981

93. Sangli, where Smriti Mandhana grew up, is in which State?
(A) Karnataka
(B) Goa
(C) Gujarat
(D) Maharashtra

94. In which year did Smriti Mandhana receive the Arjuna Award?
(A) 2019
(B) 2016
(C) 2021
(D) 2024

95. Which Chennai-born actor is a UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate?
(A) Nayanthara
(B) Keerthy Suresh
(C) Trisha
(D) Samantha

96. What is the theme of the International Day of the Girl Child 2026?
(A) The girl I am, the change I lead
(B) Girls' vision for the future
(C) End child marriage and invest in girls' rights
(D) Digital generation, our generation

97. In which year was the International Day of the Girl Child first observed?
(A) 2012
(B) 2008
(C) 2011
(D) 2015

98. On which date is National Girl Child Day observed in India?
(A) 11 October
(B) 8 March
(C) 14 November
(D) 24 January

99. Where was 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' launched?
(A) Jaipur, Rajasthan
(B) Panipat, Haryana
(C) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
(D) New Delhi

100. In which district did Tamil Nadu first launch the 'Cradle Baby Scheme' in 1992 to stop female infanticide?
(A) Salem
(B) Madurai
(C) Dharmapuri
(D) Theni

101. On which date was the Indian Foreign Service created?
(A) 15 Aug 1947
(B) 9 Oct 1946
(C) 26 Jan 1950
(D) 1 Oct 1948

102. The New Delhi institute that trains IFS officers is named after whom?
(A) Jawaharlal Nehru
(B) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(C) Lal Bahadur Shastri
(D) Sushma Swaraj

103. Who was independent India's first Foreign Secretary?
(A) V.K. Krishna Menon
(B) K.M. Panikkar
(C) K.P.S. Menon
(D) G.S. Bajpai

104. In which year was the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, defining diplomats' privileges, adopted?
(A) 1961
(B) 1945
(C) 1963
(D) 1969

105. Which Directive Principle Article deals with promoting international peace and security?
(A) Article 48A
(B) Article 51
(C) Article 50
(D) Article 44

13 October 2026 – Questions (90)

1. Under the Telugu Ganga agreement, how much Krishna water must Chennai receive each year (after losses)?
(A) 5 TMC
(B) 8 TMC
(C) 15 TMC
(D) 12 TMC

2. In which reservoir is Telugu Ganga water first stored in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Poondi (Sathyamurthy Sagar)
(B) Chembarambakkam
(C) Veeranam
(D) Cholavaram

3. The Telugu Ganga agreement (1983) was between which two Chief Ministers?
(A) Karunanidhi – Naidu
(B) MGR – NTR
(C) Jayalalithaa – YSR
(D) Kamaraj – Sanjiva Reddy

4. Where does the Krishna river originate?
(A) Trimbakeshwar
(B) Talakaveri
(C) Mahabaleshwar
(D) Amarkantak

5. Which Article of the Constitution deals with inter-State river water disputes?
(A) Article 262
(B) Article 263
(C) Article 131
(D) Article 246

6. Which department invited applications for Tamil Nadu's 2025 Environment Awards?
(A) Forest Department
(B) Department of Environment and Climate Change
(C) Rural Development Department
(D) Municipal Administration Department

7. What is the first prize in each category of the 2025 Environment Awards?
(A) ₹1,00,000
(B) ₹25,000
(C) ₹50,000
(D) ₹2,00,000

8. Which Tamil Nadu IAS officer won UNEP's 'Champions of the Earth' 2025 award?
(A) Supriya Sahu
(B) Gagandeep Singh Bedi
(C) J. Radhakrishnan
(D) T. Udhayachandran

9. Where is the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) headquartered?
(A) Geneva
(B) Bonn
(C) Paris
(D) Nairobi

10. Which campaign did Tamil Nadu launch in 2021 to promote cloth bags over single-use plastic?
(A) Green Tamil Nadu
(B) Meendum Manjappai
(C) Namma Ooru Superu
(D) Thooimai Tamil Nadu

11. Where is Tamil Nadu's ornamental fisheries priority cluster under PMMSY?
(A) Thoothukudi
(B) Ramanathapuram
(C) Madurai
(D) Nagapattinam

12. Hazaribagh, home to the PMMSY pearl cluster, is in which State?
(A) Jharkhand
(B) Odisha
(C) West Bengal
(D) Bihar

13. In which year was the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) launched?
(A) 2015
(B) 2018
(C) 2022
(D) 2020

14. On which date is National Fish Farmers' Day observed?

(A) 21 November
(B) 10 July
(C) 8 June
(D) 5 April

15. Which Chennai locality is regarded as the main hub of India's ornamental fish trade?

(A) Kasimedu
(B) Ennore
(C) Kolathur
(D) Pulicat

16. What is the international extreme poverty line as revised by the World Bank in June 2025?

(A) $1.90 a day
(B) $2.15 a day
(C) $3.00 a day
(D) $4.20 a day

17. According to the Oct 2026 World Bank brief, what was India's extreme poverty rate ($3/day) in 2023?

(A) 2.6%
(B) 16.1%
(C) 11.28%
(D) 27.1%

18. Which dimension is NOT part of NITI Aayog's Multidimensional Poverty Index?

(A) Health
(B) Education
(C) Standard of living
(D) Per-capita income

19. Who is the current President of the World Bank?

(A) Kristalina Georgieva
(B) Ajay Banga
(C) David Malpass
(D) Gita Gopinath

20. Which committee re-estimated India's poverty line in 2014?

(A) Tendulkar Committee
(B) Lakdawala Committee
(C) Rangarajan Committee
(D) Alagh Committee

21. Under the struck-down Karnataka law, total reservation had risen to what percentage?

(A) 50%
(B) 69%
(C) 56%
(D) 60%

22. Which Supreme Court judgment set the 50% ceiling on reservation?

(A) Indra Sawhney (1992)
(B) Champakam Dorairajan (1951)
(C) M. Nagaraj (2006)
(D) Janhit Abhiyan (2022)

23. Which constitutional amendment placed Tamil Nadu's 69% reservation law in the Ninth Schedule?

(A) 73rd Amendment
(B) 77th Amendment
(C) 93rd Amendment
(D) 76th Amendment

24. Which constitutional amendment introduced the Ninth Schedule?

(A) 7th Amendment (1956)
(B) 1st Amendment (1951)
(C) 24th Amendment (1971)
(D) 42nd Amendment (1976)

25. Which provision requires States to consult the National Commission for SCs on major policy matters affecting SCs?

(A) Article 338(9)
(B) Article 340
(C) Article 341
(D) Article 46

26. Which was the first Union Territory declared 'fully literate' under ULLAS?

(A) Lakshadweep
(B) Puducherry
(C) Ladakh
(D) Chandigarh

27. What minimum literacy rate makes a State/UT 'fully literate' under ULLAS?

(A) 100%
(B) 95%
(C) 90%
(D) 85%

28. What does 'ULLAS' stand for?

(A) Universal Literacy and Learning for All Students
(B) Union Literacy Linked Adult Scheme
(C) Upgraded Learning for Literate Adult Society
(D) Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society

29. Which channel separates Lakshadweep's Minicoy island from the Maldives?

(A) 8° Channel
(B) 9° Channel
(C) 10° Channel
(D) Palk Strait

30. As per Census 2011, which district had the highest literacy in Tamil Nadu?

(A) Chennai
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Kanniyakumari
(D) Thoothukudi

31. Where was the new headquarters of the International Big Cat Alliance opened?

(A) Lodhi Estate, New Delhi
(B) Mysuru
(C) Dehradun
(D) Gurugram

32. Which of IBCA's seven big cats is NOT found in the wild in India?

(A) Snow leopard
(B) Lion
(C) Leopard
(D) Jaguar

33. The event where IBCA was announced marked 50 years of what?

(A) Wildlife (Protection) Act
(B) Project Tiger
(C) Project Elephant
(D) Stockholm Conference

34. In which national park were cheetahs reintroduced in 2022?

(A) Kanha
(B) Ranthambore
(C) Kuno
(D) Gir

35. Which of these is NOT a tiger reserve in Tamil Nadu?

(A) Sathyamangalam
(B) Bandipur
(C) Kalakad–Mundanthurai
(D) Srivilliputhur–Megamalai

36. The INDRA exercise is held between India and which country?

(A) Russia
(B) Indonesia
(C) Israel
(D) Italy

37. Which Indian ship is taking part in INDRA 2026?

(A) INS Trishul
(B) INS Tarkash
(C) INS Sahyadri
(D) INS Vikrant

38. In which Russian city is INDRA 2026 being held?

(A) Murmansk
(B) St Petersburg
(C) Sevastopol
(D) Vladivostok

39. INS Sahyadri belongs to which class?

(A) Talwar class
(B) Shivalik class (Project-17)
(C) Kolkata class (Project-15A)
(D) Kalvari class (Project-75)

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40. India's 'MAHASAGAR' maritime vision expands which earlier vision?
(A) SAGAR (2015)
(B) Sagarmala
(C) Look East Policy
(D) Blue Economy

41. Which three countries take part in IBSAMAR?
(A) India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka
(B) India, Brazil, South Africa
(C) India, Indonesia, Singapore
(D) India, France, UAE

42. At which South African naval base is IBSAMAR IX (2026) being held?
(A) Durban
(B) Port Elizabeth
(C) Simon's Town
(D) Richards Bay

43. Which 2003 declaration set up the IBSA Dialogue Forum?
(A) Durban Declaration
(B) Delhi Declaration
(C) Cape Town Declaration
(D) Brasilia Declaration

44. Which Indian ship is taking part in IBSAMAR IX?
(A) INS Tarkash
(B) INS Sahyadri
(C) INS Mangrol
(D) INS Talwar

45. Which European rounded the Cape of Good Hope and reached Calicut, India, in 1498?
(A) Bartolomeu Dias
(B) Ferdinand Magellan
(C) Vasco da Gama
(D) Christopher Columbus

46. Which body will supply 'Bharat Rice' to the Army from 2026–27?
(A) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
(B) NAFED
(C) Kendriya Bhandar
(D) CSD canteens

47. What was the per-kg price of 'Bharat Rice' for the public at its Feb 2024 launch?
(A) ₹25
(B) ₹34
(C) ₹40
(D) ₹29

48. Who gave the slogan 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan'?
(A) Lal Bahadur Shastri
(B) Jawaharlal Nehru
(C) Indira Gandhi
(D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

49. In which year was the Food Corporation of India set up?
(A) 1947
(B) 1955
(C) 1965
(D) 1977

50. In which year was the National Food Security Act enacted?
(A) 2005
(B) 2016
(C) 2009
(D) 2013

51. Where is ICMR's first high-altitude medicine research centre being set up?
(A) Leh, Ladakh
(B) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh
(C) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
(D) Joshimath, Uttarakhand

52. Under what name was ICMR first set up in 1911?
(A) Indian Medical Association
(B) All India Institute of Hygiene
(C) Indian Medical Service
(D) Indian Research Fund Association

53. Which life-threatening condition at high altitude involves fluid in the lungs?
(A) HAPE
(B) HACE
(C) ARDS
(D) COPD

54. Which tunnel links Manali with Lahaul valley all year round?
(A) Zojila Tunnel
(B) Jawahar Tunnel
(C) Atal Tunnel
(D) Sela Tunnel

55. NIRT, an ICMR institute in Chennai, is known for research on which disease?
(A) Malaria
(B) Tuberculosis
(C) Leprosy
(D) Dengue

56. Who chaired the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting?
(A) Rajnath Singh
(B) S. Jaishankar
(C) Ajit Doval
(D) Amit Shah

57. Where is the BIMSTEC Secretariat?
(A) Dhaka
(B) Kathmandu
(C) Bangkok
(D) Colombo

58. Which of these is NOT a BIMSTEC member?
(A) Bhutan
(B) Maldives
(C) Myanmar
(D) Nepal

59. In which year did the BIMSTEC Charter come into force?
(A) 1997
(B) 2022
(C) 2024
(D) 2025

60. In which city was the 1997 declaration that founded BIMSTEC signed?
(A) Dhaka
(B) New Delhi
(C) Yangon
(D) Bangkok

61. Which UK company partners CDFD in the India–UK Genomics Centre of Excellence?
(A) Oxford Nanopore Technologies
(B) Genomics England
(C) Wellcome Trust
(D) AstraZeneca

62. In which city is the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD)?
(A) Bengaluru
(B) Pune
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Lucknow

63. How many Indians' whole genomes were sequenced under the Genome India project?
(A) 1,000
(B) 1 lakh
(C) 1 crore
(D) 10,000

64. Who invented DNA fingerprinting?
(A) James Watson
(B) Alec Jeffreys
(C) Frederick Sanger
(D) Kary Mullis

65. Who is called the 'father of DNA fingerprinting in India'?
(A) Dr Lalji Singh
(B) Dr M.S. Swaminathan
(C) Dr Har Gobind Khorana
(D) Dr G.N. Ramachandran

66. What global growth did the IMF project for 2026 in its Oct 2026 WEO?
(A) 3.4%
(B) 3.1%
(C) 2.8%
(D) 7.0%

67. In which city are the 2026 IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings being held?
(A) Washington DC
(B) Marrakech
(C) Singapore
(D) Bangkok

68. Who has been the IMF's Chief Economist since August 2026?
(A) Gita Gopinath
(B) Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas
(C) Silvana Tenreyro
(D) Indermit Gill

69. At which 1944 conference were both the IMF and the World Bank created?
(A) Bretton Woods Conference
(B) Yalta Conference
(C) San Francisco Conference
(D) Havana Conference

70. Which organisation publishes the 'World Economic Outlook'?
(A) World Bank
(B) International Monetary Fund
(C) World Economic Forum
(D) OECD

71. What is the theme of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026?
(A) Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future
(B) Early Warning for All
(C) Invest in Resilience
(D) Resilience Starts at Home

72. In which city was the 2015–2030 disaster risk reduction framework adopted?
(A) Sendai
(B) Hyogo
(C) Paris
(D) Rio de Janeiro

73. Who chairs India's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)?
(A) Union Home Minister
(B) The President
(C) The Prime Minister
(D) Cabinet Secretary

74. In which year did India launch the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)?
(A) 2015
(B) 2019
(C) 2005
(D) 2023

75. Which disaster, which hit Tamil Nadu hard, led to India's Disaster Management Act 2005?
(A) Odisha super cyclone (1999)
(B) Gujarat earthquake (2001)
(C) Chennai floods (2015)
(D) Indian Ocean tsunami (2004)

76. On which date is World Standards Day observed?
(A) 14 October
(B) 15 March
(C) 24 December
(D) 17 May

77. World Standards Day 2026 spotlights which Sustainable Development Goal?
(A) SDG 3 – Good health
(B) SDG 13 – Climate action
(C) SDG 6 – Clean water
(D) SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy

78. In which year was the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) founded?
(A) 1946
(B) 1947
(C) 1906
(D) 1970

79. The Bureau of Indian Standards works under which ministry?
(A) Commerce & Industry
(B) Science & Technology
(C) Consumer Affairs
(D) Heavy Industries

80. Which quality mark is given to agricultural produce in India?
(A) Agmark
(B) ISI mark
(C) Hallmark
(D) Ecomark

81. On which date was the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan launched?
(A) 15 Aug 2021
(B) 17 Sept 2022
(C) 13 Oct 2021
(D) 1 Feb 2022

82. Where is BISAG-N, which built the PM GatiShakti GIS platform, located?

(A) Bengaluru
(B) Gandhinagar
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Dehradun

83. Which is NOT one of PM GatiShakti's '7 engines'?

(A) Ports
(B) Waterways
(C) Airports
(D) Power generation

84. In which year was the National Logistics Policy released?

(A) 2022
(B) 2021
(C) 2019
(D) 2024

85. Where is the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (central university)?

(A) Lucknow
(B) Nagpur
(C) Chennai
(D) Vadodara

86. On which date did the RTI Act 2005 come fully into force?

(A) 15 June 2005
(B) 12 Oct 2005
(C) 26 Jan 2006
(D) 15 Aug 2005

87. Under the RTI Act, what is the time limit for information concerning life or liberty?

(A) 30 days
(B) 7 days
(C) 48 hours
(D) 24 hours

88. The Supreme Court has held the right to information to be part of which fundamental right?

(A) Article 19(1)(a)
(B) Article 14
(C) Article 32
(D) Article 25

89. Who is India's Chief Information Commissioner as of October 2026?

(A) Wajahat Habibullah
(B) Heeralal Samariya
(C) Y.K. Sinha
(D) Raj Kumar Goyal

90. Which States enacted right-to-information laws in 1997, before the 2005 central Act?

(A) Kerala and Karnataka
(B) Tamil Nadu and Goa
(C) Rajasthan and Maharashtra
(D) Delhi and Assam

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15 October 2026 – Questions (65)

1. What is the outlay of 'Semicon India 2.0', approved by the Union Cabinet in July 2026?
(A) ₹76,000 crore
(B) ₹6,003 crore
(C) ₹1,27,500 crore
(D) ₹2 lakh crore

2. Maduramangalam, site of the SIPCOT semiconductor & electronics park, is in which district?
(A) Kancheepuram
(B) Tiruvallur
(C) Krishnagiri
(D) Coimbatore

3. In the semiconductor industry, what does 'OSAT' stand for?
(A) Optical Silicon And Transistor
(B) Open Semiconductor Access Technology
(C) On-chip System And Testing
(D) Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test

4. Which element is most widely used to make semiconductor chips?
(A) Copper
(B) Silicon
(C) Aluminium
(D) Carbon

5. What was Tamil Nadu's approximate share of India's electronics exports in 2024–25?
(A) 41%
(B) 15%
(C) 25%
(D) 60%

6. How many pension schemes named after Indira Gandhi were renamed in Oct 2026?
(A) 2
(B) 3
(C) 4
(D) 5

7. What is the new name of the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme?
(A) PM Vaya Vandana Yojana
(B) Atal Pension Yojana
(C) PM Shram Yogi Maandhan
(D) PM Vridhavastha Pension Yojana

8. In which year was the National Old Age Pension Scheme renamed after Indira Gandhi?
(A) 2007
(B) 1995
(C) 1984
(D) 2014

9. How many days of work a year does the 'VB-G RAM G' Act, which replaced MGNREGA in 2025, guarantee?
(A) 100
(B) 150
(C) 125
(D) 200

10. Who was Prime Minister when Indian banks were nationalised in 1969?
(A) Lal Bahadur Shastri
(B) Indira Gandhi
(C) Morarji Desai
(D) Gulzarilal Nanda

11. Himachal Pradesh's first battery-integrated solar project is in which valley?
(A) Spiti valley
(B) Kullu valley
(C) Kangra valley
(D) Kinnaur valley

12. What is the battery storage capacity of the Rongtong solar project?
(A) 2 MWh
(B) 500 kWh
(C) 1 MWh
(D) 32 MWh

13. Which Himachal Chief Minister inaugurated the Rongtong solar project?
(A) Jai Ram Thakur
(B) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
(C) Virbhadra Singh
(D) Prem Kumar Dhumal

14. In energy storage systems, what does the unit 'MWh' measure?
(A) Voltage
(B) Current
(C) Power
(D) Stored energy

15. The 648 MW Kamuthi solar park of Tamil Nadu is in which district?
(A) Thoothukudi
(B) Virudhunagar
(C) Ramanathapuram
(D) Sivaganga

16. The Balda hills, where the threatened Jeypore ground gecko was recorded, are in which district of Odisha?
(A) Kandhamal
(B) Rayagada
(C) Ganjam
(D) Koraput

17. What is the Jeypore ground gecko's IUCN Red List status?
(A) Critically Endangered
(B) Endangered
(C) Vulnerable
(D) Least Concern

18. Where was CoP19, at which the Jeypore ground gecko was added to CITES Appendix II on India's proposal, held?
(A) Geneva, 2019
(B) Johannesburg, 2016
(C) Panama, 2022
(D) Samarkand, 2025

19. Bauxite is the main ore of which metal?
(A) Aluminium
(B) Iron
(C) Copper
(D) Zinc

20. Which of these Tamil Nadu hill ranges is NOT part of the Eastern Ghats?
(A) Javadhu hills
(B) Shevaroy hills
(C) Kolli hills
(D) Anamalai hills

21. Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, emerging as a second home for Asiatic lions, lies mainly in which district?
(A) Junagadh
(B) Porbandar
(C) Amreli
(D) Kutch

22. According to the 2025 lion estimation, how many Asiatic lions are there in Gujarat?
(A) 891
(B) 674
(C) 523
(D) 1,024

23. In which year was 'Project Lion' for Asiatic lions announced?
(A) 1973
(B) 2010
(C) 2015
(D) 2020

24. Kuno National Park, to which the Supreme Court ordered lions moved in 2013, is in which State?
(A) Rajasthan
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh
(D) Maharashtra

25. In which year was Gir declared a wildlife sanctuary?
(A) 1965
(B) 1975
(C) 1952
(D) 1981

26. On which establishment's network at Chandipur was DRDO's QKD platform tested?
(A) Integrated Test Range (ITR)
(B) Abdul Kalam Island launch complex
(C) Proof and Experimental Establishment (PXE)
(D) DRDO Young Scientists Lab

27. Which was the world's first quantum key distribution protocol?
(A) E91 (B) RSA
(C) AES (D) BB84

28. What is the total outlay of the National Quantum Mission?
(A) ₹76,000 crore (B) ₹6,003.65 crore
(C) ₹10,372 crore (D) ₹1,500 crore

29. Where is the National Quantum Mission's 'quantum communication' hub?
(A) IIT Madras (B) IISc Bengaluru
(C) IIT Bombay (D) IIT Delhi

30. Between which two places did DRDO and IIT Delhi run a 100+ km QKD test in 2022?
(A) Delhi – Agra (B) Bengaluru – Mysuru
(C) Prayagraj – Vindhyachal (D) Hyderabad – Vijayawada

31. In which category did Jindal Steel Limited win the 2026 Steelie Award?
(A) Excellence in People (B) Excellence in Sustainability
(C) Clean Steel Production (D) Communications Programmes

32. Which other Indian steel company won a 2026 Steelie Award?
(A) Tata Steel (B) JSW Steel
(C) SAIL (D) Jindal Stainless

33. Where is the World Steel Association headquartered?
(A) Geneva (B) London
(C) Brussels (D) Beijing

34. Where was the 17th Steelie Awards ceremony (2026) held?
(A) Tokyo (B) Brussels
(C) Shanghai (D) New Delhi

35. Who is the chairman of Jindal Steel Limited?
(A) Sajjan Jindal (B) Naveen Jindal
(C) Ratan Jindal (D) O.P. Jindal

36. Which West Bengal Chief Minister inaugurated the Haldia phenol–acetone plant?
(A) Mamata Banerjee (B) Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee
(C) Dilip Ghosh (D) Suvendu Adhikari

37. What is the Haldia plant's annual phenol capacity?
(A) 2.15 lakh tonnes (B) 1 lakh tonnes
(C) 3.45 lakh tonnes (D) 6 lakh tonnes

38. Which two feedstocks are used in the 'cumene process' to make phenol and acetone?
(A) Benzene and propylene (B) Methane and ethylene
(C) Toluene and ammonia (D) Ethanol and chlorine

39. The Haldia Dock Complex is part of which major port?
(A) Paradip Port (B) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
(C) Visakhapatnam Port (D) Dhamra Port

40. Who used phenol (carbolic acid) as a surgical antiseptic in 1867?
(A) Louis Pasteur (B) Robert Koch
(C) Alexander Fleming (D) Joseph Lister

41. How many pillars does the 'Bangkok Blueprint' have?
(A) 3 (B) 5
(C) 7 (D) 12

42. Which central bank developed the Bangkok Blueprint with the IMF and World Bank?
(A) Bank of Thailand (B) Reserve Bank of India
(C) Monetary Authority of Singapore (D) Bank of England

43. What is India's national helpline number for reporting cyber financial fraud?
(A) 112 (B) 1098
(C) 14416 (D) 1930

44. The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) works under which ministry?
(A) Electronics and IT (B) Finance
(C) Home Affairs (D) Law and Justice

45. What is the currency of Thailand?
(A) Baht (B) Ringgit
(C) Dong (D) Kyat

46. Which country was India's largest LNG supplier in September 2026?
(A) Qatar (B) USA
(C) Oman (D) Nigeria

47. To which position did Qatar slip in the September 2026 ranking?
(A) 2nd (B) 6th
(C) 4th (D) 10th

48. Where is India's largest LNG terminal?
(A) Dahej, Gujarat (B) Kochi, Keralam
(C) Ennore, Tamil Nadu (D) Dabhol, Maharashtra

49. What share of natural gas in India's energy mix is targeted by 2030?
(A) 6% (B) 10%
(C) 25% (D) 15%

50. To roughly what temperature is natural gas cooled to make LNG?
(A) −40°C (B) 0°C
(C) −162°C (D) −273°C

51. In which wrestling style did Vishvajit More win silver at the 2026 U23 Worlds?
(A) Greco-Roman (B) Men's freestyle
(C) Women's freestyle (D) Beach wrestling

52. Vishvajit More is from which State?
(A) Haryana (B) Punjab
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Maharashtra

53. At which Olympics did wrestler K.D. Jadhav win independent India's first individual Olympic medal?
(A) 1948 London (B) 1956 Melbourne
(C) 1952 Helsinki (D) 1960 Rome

54. United World Wrestling is headquartered in which country?
(A) USA (B) Switzerland
(C) Sweden (D) Japan

55. Koba Karumidze, who beat Vishvajit More in the U23 world final, represents which country?

(A) Iran
(B) Georgia
(C) Russia
(D) Armenia

56. What is the theme of World Food Day 2026?

(A) Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future
(B) Right to foods for a better life and a better future
(C) Water is life, water is food
(D) Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow.

57. In which city was the UN Food and Agriculture Organization founded in 1945?

(A) Quebec City
(B) Rome
(C) Geneva
(D) New York

58. In which year was the first World Food Day observed?

(A) 1945
(B) 1981
(C) 1979
(D) 1996

59. Who received the first World Food Prize in 1987?

(A) Norman Borlaug
(B) Verghese Kurien
(C) M.S. Swaminathan
(D) C. Subramaniam

60. Who is the only Indian to have been Director-General of the FAO?

(A) M.S. Swaminathan
(B) G.V.K. Rao
(C) C.D. Deshmukh
(D) B.R. Sen

61. Which anaesthetic did William Morton demonstrate in public on 16 Oct 1846?

(A) Chloroform
(B) Ether
(C) Nitrous oxide
(D) Cocaine

62. What is the theme of World Spine Day 2026?

(A) Invest in Your Spine
(B) Move Your Spine
(C) Spine Health for Life
(D) Back to Work

63. What was the profession of William T.G. Morton, who first publicly demonstrated ether anaesthesia in 1846?

(A) Dentist
(B) Surgeon
(C) Chemist
(D) Nurse

64. Where in India was ether anaesthesia first given (1847)?

(A) Madras
(B) Bombay
(C) Vellore
(D) Calcutta

65. How many cervical (neck) vertebrae are there in the human spine?

(A) 7
(B) 12
(C) 5
(D) 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26. Who administered the oath to Sudha Yadav as Governor of Karnataka on 16 Oct 2026?
(A) President Murmu
(B) Thaawarchand Gehlot
(C) CM D.K. Shivakumar
(D) Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru

27. Which Article of the Constitution deals with the Governor's oath?
(A) Article 155
(B) Article 159
(C) Article 161
(D) Article 163

28. From which Lok Sabha constituency was Sudha Yadav elected in 1999?
(A) Rohtak
(B) Gurugram
(C) Mahendragarh
(D) Hisar

29. Who was the first woman Governor of Karnataka?
(A) V.S. Ramadevi
(B) Margaret Alva
(C) Sarojini Naidu
(D) Fathima Beevi

30. In the Governor appointments of 12 Oct 2026, who was appointed Governor of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Rajendra V. Arlekar
(B) Om Prakash Mathur
(C) Thaawarchand Gehlot
(D) R.N. Ravi

31. As per a BNEF report, what is India's global rank in cumulative contracted clean hydrogen volumes?
(A) First
(B) Second
(C) Fifth
(D) Third

32. In Jan–Apr 2026, Indian firms signed binding contracts to supply how much clean hydrogen a year?
(A) 0.1 million tonnes
(B) 0.3 million tonnes
(C) 1 million tonnes
(D) 5 million tonnes

33. What is the total outlay of the National Green Hydrogen Mission (2023)?
(A) ₹19,744 crore
(B) ₹17,490 crore
(C) ₹76,000 crore
(D) ₹6,003 crore

34. Which Tamil Nadu port has been recognised as a 'Green Hydrogen Hub'?
(A) Chennai Port
(B) Kamarajar Port, Ennore
(C) VOC Port, Thoothukudi
(D) Nagapattinam Port

35. How is 'green hydrogen' produced?
(A) Natural gas reforming
(B) Renewable-powered electrolysis
(C) Coal gasification
(D) Gas with carbon capture

36. At which Coast Guard Air Station was the ALH MK-III helicopter CG 875 inducted on 13 Oct 2026?
(A) Ratnagiri
(B) Porbandar
(C) Daman
(D) Kochi

37. Which squadron did helicopter CG 875 join?
(A) 835 Squadron
(B) 831 Squadron
(C) 840 Squadron
(D) 845 Squadron

38. What is the motto of the Indian Coast Guard?
(A) Sham No Varunah
(B) Nabhah Sparsham Deeptam
(C) Vayam Rakshamah
(D) Seva Paramo Dharma

39. In which year was the Coast Guard Act of India enacted?
(A) 1972
(B) 1977
(C) 1986
(D) 1978

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

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

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

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

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

(A) ₹5
(B) ₹10
(C) ₹1
(D) ₹20

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

48. In which valley is Sankoo located?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) 1990 (B) 1995

(C) 2003 (D) 2017

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

(A) 80 (B) 84

(C) 85 (D) 75

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

(A) IATA (B) ICAO

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

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

(A) Japan (B) UAE

(C) Singapore (D) Germany

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

(A) 1950 (B) 1920

(C) 1980 (D) 1967

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

(A) Madurai (B) Coimbatore

(C) Tiruchirappalli (D) Salem

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) 3rd (B) 5th

(C) 7th (D) 9th

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

(A) 25.17% (B) 21.76%

(C) 33.00% (D) 24.62%

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

(A) 25% (B) 30%

(C) 33% (D) 40%

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

(A) SEWA (B) Amul (GCMMF)

(C) Lijjat Papad (D) NABARD

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

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

(C) Clinton Foundation (D) Harvard Kennedy School

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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18 October 2026 – Questions (105)

1. Kadayanallur, where India's first field study on dengue vaccine and repellents began, is in which district?
(A) Tenkasi
(B) Tirunelveli
(C) Thoothukudi
(D) Virudhunagar

2. Which company developed 'Qdenga', the dengue vaccine approved in India?
(A) Takeda (Japan)
(B) Sanofi (France)
(C) Serum Institute (India)
(D) Bharat Biotech (India)

3. The dengue virus belongs to which genus?
(A) Alphavirus
(B) Flavivirus
(C) Plasmodium
(D) Paramyxovirus

4. Which day-biting mosquito is the main vector of dengue?
(A) Female Anopheles
(B) Culex
(C) Sandfly
(D) Aedes aegypti

5. The ICMR–National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), which is conducting this study, is located in which city?
(A) Pune
(B) Chennai
(C) Kolkata
(D) Hyderabad

6. The late composer Deva is hailed as the 'King/Father' of which music form?
(A) Carnatic
(B) Hindustani
(C) Gaana
(D) Sufi

7. In which district was composer Deva laid to rest with State honours?
(A) Vellore
(B) Kancheepuram
(C) Tiruvallur
(D) Ranipet

8. Which body confers Tamil Nadu's 'Kalaimamani' award?
(A) Sangeet Natak Akademi
(B) Lalit Kala Akademi
(C) TN Iyal Isai Nataka Manram
(D) South Zone Cultural Centre

9. India's highest film honour, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, is given under which ministry?
(A) Culture
(B) Information & Broadcasting
(C) Home Affairs
(D) Education

10. Composer Ilaiyaraaja was nominated to the Rajya Sabha in 2022. Which Article provides for nominating members from the arts?
(A) Article 79
(B) Article 80
(C) Article 81
(D) Article 75

11. Which Union Ministry implements the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)?
(A) Rural Development
(B) Tribal Affairs
(C) Panchayati Raj
(D) Social Justice & Empowerment

12. Which of the following schemes was NOT merged into PM-AJAY in 2021–22?
(A) PMAGY
(B) SCA to SCSP
(C) Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
(D) Babu Jagjivan Ram Hostel Yojana

13. Which southern State was among the pilot States of PMAGY in 2009–10?
(A) Kerala
(B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Karnataka
(D) Andhra Pradesh

14. Which Article empowers the President to specify the Scheduled Castes of a State?
(A) Article 338
(B) Article 340
(C) Article 341
(D) Article 342

15. Article 46, on promoting the educational and economic interests of SCs and STs, is part of which section of the Constitution?
(A) Fundamental Rights
(B) Fundamental Duties
(C) Directive Principles
(D) Preamble

16. Which sugarcane-based feedstock is still allowed for ethanol procurement in ESY 2026–27?
(A) C-heavy molasses
(B) Sugarcane juice
(C) Sugar syrup
(D) B-heavy molasses

17. Which microorganism is used to ferment sugar solution into ethanol?
(A) Lactobacillus
(B) Penicillium
(C) Saccharomyces cerevisiae
(D) Rhizobium

18. On whose recommendation does the Centre fix the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane?
(A) NITI Aayog
(B) CACP
(C) Food Corporation of India
(D) NABARD

19. Where is India's first second-generation (2G) ethanol plant, which makes ethanol from crop residue?
(A) Bathinda
(B) Numaligarh
(C) Bargarh
(D) Panipat

20. Which is the nodal ministry for the National Policy on Biofuels 2018?
(A) Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(B) New & Renewable Energy
(C) Petroleum & Natural Gas
(D) Environment & Forests

21. Which US company, planning to supply sunlight at night using orbital mirrors, signed a launch deal with Skyroot?
(A) Relativity Space
(B) Rocket Lab
(C) Axiom Space
(D) Reflect Orbital

22. Skyroot Aerospace, which launched India's first private rocket, is based in which city?
(A) Hyderabad
(B) Chennai
(C) Bengaluru
(D) Pune

23. Skyroot's 'Vikram' series of rockets is named after whom?
(A) Vikram Seth
(B) King Vikramaditya
(C) Vikram Sarabhai
(D) Vikram Batra

24. Which is the single-window body that promotes and authorises private space activities in India?
(A) NSIL
(B) IN-SPACe
(C) Antrix Corporation
(D) DRDO

25. Kulasekarapattinam, site of India's second launch port for SSLV rockets, is in which district?
(A) Kanniyakumari
(B) Ramanathapuram
(C) Thoothukudi
(D) Tirunelveli

26. Which new weapon, using AI to detect and strike targets, did North Korea test in Oct 2026?
(A) Intercontinental missile
(B) Unmanned fighter jet
(C) Anti-satellite missile
(D) High-speed guided torpedo

27. SONAR, used to detect underwater targets, works on which principle?
(A) Refraction of light
(B) Absorption of radio waves
(C) Reflection of sound (echo)
(D) Magnetic induction

28. Where was the Korean War armistice signed in 1953?
(A) Seoul
(B) Pyongyang
(C) Geneva
(D) Panmunjom

29. From which international treaty did North Korea announce its withdrawal in 2003?
(A) Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
(B) Non-Proliferation Treaty
(C) Outer Space Treaty
(D) Chemical Weapons Convention

30. INS Kattabomman, the Navy's VLF station for communicating with submarines, is in which district?
(A) Thoothukudi
(B) Tirunelveli
(C) Ramanathapuram
(D) Kanniyakumari

31. India's Department of Space functions directly under whom?
(A) Ministry of Science & Tech
(B) Ministry of Defence
(C) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(D) The Prime Minister

32. Which public sector commercial company under the Department of Space was set up in 2019?
(A) NewSpace India Limited
(B) Bharat Electronics
(C) Hindustan Aeronautics
(D) Bharat Dynamics

33. What is the name of India's planned space station, to be set up by 2035 under Space Vision 2047?
(A) Bharatiya Antariksh Station
(B) Aryabhata Station
(C) Gagan Station
(D) Vikram Space Station

34. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?
(A) Sriharikota
(B) Bengaluru
(C) Thiruvananthapuram
(D) Ahmedabad

35. What is the main work of the ISRO Propulsion Complex at Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli district?
(A) Launching satellites
(B) Remote-sensing data analysis
(C) Astronaut training
(D) Testing rocket engines

36. The 30% trade-margin cap announced in Oct 2026 applies to which category of anti-cancer drugs?
(A) Non-scheduled drugs
(B) Only NLEM-listed drugs
(C) Only Ayurvedic drugs
(D) Only export drugs

37. Under which Ministry does the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) function?
(A) Chemicals and Fertilizers
(B) Health and Family Welfare
(C) Commerce and Industry
(D) Consumer Affairs

38. Under DPCO 2013, 'scheduled' drugs are those in which list?
(A) WHO Prequalification List
(B) Pharmacopoeia Index
(C) Janaushadhi Product List
(D) Essential Medicines List (NLEM)

39. Who was the moving force behind the founding of the Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai, in 1954?
(A) Dr V. Shanta
(B) Annie Besant
(C) Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy
(D) Rukmini Devi Arundale

40. Cancer results from the uncontrolled occurrence of which type of cell division?
(A) Meiosis
(B) Binary fission
(C) Budding
(D) Mitosis

41. Which institute developed the purple-fleshed potato variety 'Kufri Jamunia'?
(A) ICAR-CPRI, Shimla
(B) IARI, New Delhi
(C) CIP, Lima
(D) NBPGR, New Delhi

42. Which pigment gives purple/blue potatoes their colour?
(A) Anthocyanin
(B) Chlorophyll
(C) Lycopene
(D) Xanthophyll

43. Botanically, a potato is a –
(A) Root tuber
(B) Stem tuber
(C) Bulb
(D) Corm

44. Which region is regarded as the original home of the potato?
(A) Indus basin
(B) Mediterranean region
(C) East Africa
(D) Andes, South America

45. Where is ICAR-CPRI's potato research station in Tamil Nadu located?
(A) Kodaikanal
(B) Muthorai, Udhagamandalam
(C) Yercaud
(D) Valparai

46. Which body leads the global observance of World Menopause Day (18 Oct)?
(A) UN Women
(B) UNFPA
(C) Intl. Menopause Society
(D) FIGO

47. What is the theme of World Menopause Day 2026?
(A) Lifestyle Medicine
(B) Chronic Pain at Midlife
(C) Cardiovascular Health
(D) Brain Health

48. Menopause mainly results from the decline of which ovarian hormone?
(A) Oestrogen
(B) Testosterone
(C) Thyroxine
(D) Insulin

49. Which bone-weakening condition becomes more common in women after menopause?
(A) Rickets
(B) Goitre
(C) Scurvy
(D) Osteoporosis

50. Tamil Nadu's free sanitary napkin scheme for adolescent girls began in 2011 under which CM?
(A) M. Karunanidhi
(B) Edappadi K. Palaniswami
(C) O. Panneerselvam
(D) J. Jayalalithaa

51. The 'One World TB Summit', where the PM launched the TB Mukt Panchayat initiative, was held in –
(A) Varanasi
(B) Gandhinagar
(C) New Delhi
(D) Hyderabad

52. TB Mukt Panchayats receive a statuette of whom along with the certificate?
(A) B.R. Ambedkar
(B) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(C) Subhas Chandra Bose
(D) Mahatma Gandhi

53. Who discovered the TB bacterium? (the day he announced it is World TB Day)
(A) Louis Pasteur
(B) Robert Koch
(C) Alexander Fleming
(D) Edward Jenner

54. Tamil Nadu's 'TN-KET' (Kasanoi Erappila Thittam) mainly aims at –
(A) Vaccinating adults
(B) Cash aid to patients
(C) Reducing TB deaths
(D) Screening migrants

55. In 2020, the Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) was renamed as –
(A) National TB Elimination Prog.
(B) Ni-kshay Mitra Programme
(C) TB Harega Desh Jeetega
(D) Intensified TB Control Plan

56. Where are the 5th Asian Para Games (Oct 2026) being held?
(A) Aichi–Nagoya, Japan
(B) Tokyo, Japan
(C) Hangzhou, China
(D) Incheon, South Korea

57. Where is the headquarters of the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)?
(A) Kuala Lumpur
(B) Beijing
(C) Tokyo
(D) Dubai

58. Which city hosted the first Asian Para Games?
(A) Incheon
(B) Jakarta
(C) Guangzhou
(D) Hangzhou

59. Salem's Paralympian Mariyappan Thangavelu is famous in which event?
(A) High jump
(B) Javelin throw
(C) Shot put
(D) Long jump

60. Tamil Nadu's Thulasimathi Murugesan, part of India's squad, plays which sport?
(A) Para badminton
(B) Para archery
(C) Para table tennis
(D) Para shooting

61. Under which Act was the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) established?
(A) Consumer Protection Act
(B) Food Adulteration Act, 1954
(C) FSS Act, 2006
(D) Essential Commodities Act

62. Nestle's 'Resource Renal' powder, which drew an FSSAI notice, is meant for the dietary management of which patients?
(A) Diabetes
(B) Chronic kidney disease
(C) Liver cirrhosis
(D) Celiac disease

63. What is the colour of the mandatory dot that marks non-vegetarian food on Indian food labels?
(A) Brown
(B) Green
(C) Red
(D) Yellow

64. Who is appointed by each State Government to enforce the food safety law at the State level?
(A) Commissioner of Food Safety
(B) District Collector
(C) Civil Supplies Commissioner
(D) Drugs Controller

65. The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), which acts against misleading ads, was set up under which Act?
(A) FSS Act, 2006
(B) Competition Act, 2002
(C) Legal Metrology Act, 2009
(D) Consumer Protection Act, 2019

66. As per the Supreme Court ruling of 15 Oct 2026, who cannot claim the BC (Muslim) quota in Tamil Nadu on the basis of former caste?

(A) Muslim women
(B) Creamy-layer Muslims
(C) Converts to Islam
(D) Urdu-speaking Muslims

67. Tamil Nadu's 3.5% BC (Muslim) internal quota is carved out of which category's share?

(A) Most Backward Classes
(B) Scheduled Castes
(C) Open competition
(D) Backward Classes (BC)

68. Under the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, persons of which religions alone can be deemed Scheduled Castes?

(A) Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist
(B) Hindu only
(C) Hindu, Jain, Buddhist
(D) Hindu, Sikh, Christian

69. Which 1992 Supreme Court judgment affirmed the 50% ceiling on reservation and the 'creamy layer' exclusion?

(A) Kesavananda Bharati
(B) Minerva Mills
(C) S.R. Bommai
(D) Indra Sawhney

70. Which Madras State case led to the First Amendment (1951) that inserted Article 15(4)?

(A) Champakam Dorairajan
(B) Golaknath
(C) A.K. Gopalan
(D) Shankari Prasad

71. In its 15 Oct 2026 ruling, the Supreme Court held internet access a fundamental right under Article 21 read with which Article?

(A) Article 14
(B) Article 19(1)(a)
(C) Article 32
(D) Article 51A

72. Which High Court, in the 'Faheema Shirin' case (2019), held that internet access is part of the right to education?

(A) Madras High Court
(B) Kerala High Court
(C) Delhi High Court
(D) Bombay High Court

73. Under the DPDP Act, 2023, what is mandatory for processing a child's personal data?

(A) Aadhaar authentication
(B) A court order
(C) Verifiable parental consent
(D) Police verification

74. Section 79, which gives 'safe harbour' to online intermediaries, belongs to which Act?

(A) POCSO Act, 2012
(B) IT Act, 2000
(C) DPDP Act, 2023
(D) Telegraph Act, 1885

75. Which Chief Minister launched the Tamil Nadu School Education Department's 'Kalvi Tholaikkatchi' in 2019?

(A) Edappadi K. Palaniswami
(B) J. Jayalalithaa
(C) M.K. Stalin
(D) O. Panneerselvam

76. FSSAI's added-sugar draft (Oct 2026) amends which regulations?

(A) Labelling Regs, 2020
(B) Claims Regs, 2018
(C) Infant Nutrition Regs, 2020
(D) Supplements Regs, 2022

77. On hydrolysis, sucrose yields which monosaccharides?

(A) Glucose + galactose
(B) Glucose + fructose
(C) Glucose + glucose
(D) Fructose + galactose

78. Which Indian law bans the advertising and promotion of infant milk substitutes and feeding bottles?

(A) Drugs and Cosmetics Act
(B) Consumer Protection Act
(C) IMS Act, 1992
(D) Maternity Benefit Act

79. The Union Health Ministry's 'MAA' (Mothers' Absolute Affection) programme (2016) promotes –

(A) Institutional delivery
(B) Child immunisation
(C) Family planning
(D) Breastfeeding

80. In August 2015, at which public places did the Tamil Nadu government open 352 breastfeeding rooms?

(A) Railway stations
(B) Temples
(C) Shopping malls
(D) Bus stands

81. Acetamiprid and imidacloprid, for which FSSAI proposed residue limits in tea, belong to which class of insecticides?

(A) Organophosphates
(B) Neonicotinoids
(C) Carbamates
(D) Pyrethroids

82. Neonicotinoid insecticides mainly attack which system of insects?

(A) Digestive system
(B) Respiratory system
(C) Excretory system
(D) Nervous system

83. The CIB&RC, which registers pesticides in India, functions under which Act?

(A) Environment Act, 1986
(B) Essential Commodities Act
(C) Insecticides Act, 1968
(D) Food Adulteration Act

84. Where is the headquarters of the Tea Board of India, set up under the Tea Act, 1953?

(A) Guwahati
(B) Coonoor
(C) Kolkata
(D) New Delhi

85. Where in Tamil Nadu is the UPASI Tea Research Institute located?

(A) Coonoor
(B) Udhagamandalam
(C) Yercaud
(D) Valparai

86. Which body approves States' housing projects under PMAY-U 2.0?

(A) NITI Aayog Governing Council
(B) National Housing Bank
(C) CSMC
(D) Finance Commission

87. Which Union Ministry implements Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban?

(A) Ministry of Rural Development
(B) Housing and Urban Affairs
(C) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
(D) Ministry of Social Justice

88. What does the 'ARH' vertical of PMAY-U 2.0 stand for?

(A) Affordable Rental Housing
(B) Assisted Rural Housing
(C) Annual Repair of Houses
(D) Area Redevelopment Housing

89. In whose name are PMAY-Urban houses preferably registered?

(A) Eldest son
(B) Male head of family
(C) Municipality
(D) Woman (sole or joint)

90. What is the aim of Tamil Nadu's 'Kalaignar Kanavu Illam' scheme?

(A) Urban rental homes
(B) Concrete houses for rural huts
(C) Working women's hostels
(D) Fishermen's colonies

91. In which city was Maharashtra's first 'Annapurti Grain ATM' opened?
(A) Nashik (B) Pune
(C) Nagpur (D) Thane

92. Which UN agency helped develop the Annapurti grain ATM?
(A) Food and Agriculture Org. (FAO) (B) UNICEF
(C) World Food Programme (WFP) (D) IFAD

93. India's first 24-hour 'Annapurti' grain ATM was installed in which State?
(A) Gujarat (B) Odisha
(C) Kerala (D) Uttar Pradesh

94. Which was the first State to set up a Civil Supplies Corporation for the PDS?
(A) Kerala (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Karnataka

95. Which law entitles up to 75% of rural and 50% of urban people to subsidised food grains?
(A) Essential Commodities Act (B) Consumer Protection Act
(C) National Food Security Act (D) Food Safety and Standards Act

96. What will NASA's 'PUFFINS' mission, led by Ramya Anche, study?
(A) Interstellar dust (B) Exoplanet atmospheres
(C) Solar wind (D) Black hole mergers

97. Under which NASA programme was the PUFFINS mission selected?
(A) Astrophysics Pioneers (B) Artemis
(C) Discovery (D) New Frontiers

98. Why must ultraviolet (UV) astronomy be done from space rather than from the ground?
(A) Light pollution (B) Earth's magnetic field
(C) Water vapour (D) Ozone layer absorbs UV

99. Where in Tamil Nadu is the Indian Institute of Astrophysics' 'Vainu Bappu Observatory'?
(A) Kodaikanal (B) Kavalur
(C) Udhagamandalam (D) Mahendragiri

100. Which infrared space telescope, a NASA–ESA–Canada project, was launched in 2021?
(A) Hubble (B) James Webb
(C) Chandra (D) Kepler

101. Raji Doshi's 'ALKACORE', which won the 2026 3M Young Scientist Challenge, tackles which problem?
(A) Plastic waste (B) Oil spills
(C) Coastal erosion (D) Ocean acidification

102. Ocean acidification is mainly caused by the sea absorbing which gas from the atmosphere?
(A) Carbon dioxide (B) Methane
(C) Nitrogen (D) Ozone

103. During coral bleaching, corals expel which symbiotic organisms living in their tissues?
(A) Diatoms (B) Lichens
(C) Zooxanthellae algae (D) Mycorrhizal fungi

104. Which compound forms coral and shell skeletons and also the aragonite used in ALKACORE?

(A) Calcium carbonate
(B) Calcium sulphate
(C) Sodium chloride
(D) Magnesium oxide

105. The coral-rich Gulf of Mannar lies between India and which country?

(A) Maldives
(B) Sri Lanka
(C) Myanmar
(D) Indonesia

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19 October 2026 – Questions (90)

1. On which part of the Thanjavur Big Temple did the ASI recently launch conservation works?
(A) Kalasam atop the vimana
(B) Upper rampart (wall)
(C) Nandi mandapam
(D) Keralantakan gopuram

2. Which Chola ruler built the Brihadeeswarar Temple at Thanjavur?
(A) Rajendra Chola I
(B) Rajaraja Chola II
(C) Kulothunga Chola I
(D) Rajaraja Chola I

3. Which of the following is NOT part of UNESCO's 'Great Living Chola Temples'?
(A) Kampahareswarar, Thirubuvanam
(B) Airavatesvara, Darasuram
(C) Gangaikondacholisvaram
(D) Brihadeeswarar, Thanjavur

4. Which festival, marking Rajaraja Chola I's birth, is celebrated at the Thanjavur Big Temple as a State Government function?
(A) Chithirai festival
(B) Aadi Perukku
(C) Karthigai Deepam
(D) Sathaya Vizha

5. Who founded the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)?
(A) James Prinsep
(B) John Marshall
(C) Alexander Cunningham
(D) Mortimer Wheeler

6. Organic palmyra jaggery powder from Erode district was recently exported for the first time to which country?
(A) Bulgaria
(B) Romania
(C) Greece
(D) Croatia

7. APEDA functions under which Union Ministry?
(A) Commerce and Industry
(B) Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(C) Food Processing Industries
(D) Consumer Affairs

8. What is the botanical name of the palmyra, the State tree of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Cocos nucifera
(B) Phoenix sylvestris
(C) Borassus flabellifer
(D) Areca catechu

9. 'Udangudi Panangarupatti', which has a GI tag, belongs to which district of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Tirunelveli
(B) Ramanathapuram
(C) Kanniyakumari
(D) Thoothukudi

10. What is the unfermented sweet sap tapped from the palmyra tree called?
(A) Kallu (toddy)
(B) Nungu
(C) Pathaneer (neera)
(D) Panangkizhangu

11. Through which body is the 'WINDS' weather-data programme executed?
(A) IMD
(B) MNCFC (Mahalanobis Centre)
(C) NRSC
(D) Agriculture Insurance Co.

12. WINDS hyper-local weather data is mainly meant for computing claims under which scheme?
(A) PM Fasal Bima Yojana
(B) PM-KISAN
(C) PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana
(D) Soil Health Card Scheme

13. What is cited as the main reason for the delay in installing automatic rain gauges under WINDS?
(A) Lack of satellite links
(B) Funds withheld
(C) Import ban on sensors
(D) Shortage of suitable land

14. Where is the IMD Regional Meteorological Centre serving Tamil Nadu located?
(A) Bengaluru
(B) Thiruvananthapuram
(C) Chennai
(D) Hyderabad

15. Which instrument in an automatic weather station measures wind speed?
(A) Barometer
(B) Hygrometer
(C) Hydrometer
(D) Anemometer

16. Which institution confers the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar?
(A) Lalit Kala Akademi
(B) Sahitya Akademi
(C) ICCR
(D) Sangeet Natak Akademi

17. Ustad Bismillah Khan is associated with which musical instrument?
(A) Sarod
(B) Shehnai
(C) Sitar
(D) Santoor

18. Who was the first Chairman of the Sangeet Natak Akademi?
(A) Rukmini Devi Arundale
(B) P. V. Rajamannar
(C) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
(D) Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay

19. Who was the first musician to receive the Bharat Ratna?
(A) Lata Mangeshkar
(B) Pt Ravi Shankar
(C) M. S. Subbulakshmi
(D) Bismillah Khan

20. Which body confers the 'Kalaimamani' award on artists in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Music Academy, Chennai
(B) Tamil Isai Sangam
(C) Tamil Development Dept
(D) TN Eyal Isai Nataka Manram

21. The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) functions under which Ministry?
(A) Women and Child Development
(B) Social Justice & Empowerment
(C) Home Affairs
(D) Health and Family Welfare

22. Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice Act, stressed in CARA's recent directions, prohibits what?
(A) Sale of children
(B) Child labour
(C) Corporal punishment
(D) Disclosure of child's identity

23. CARA is India's 'Central Authority' for inter-country adoption under which international convention?
(A) Hague Convention
(B) Geneva Convention
(C) Vienna Convention
(D) Ramsar Convention

24. Under the JJ Act, which body declares a child 'legally free for adoption'?
(A) District Magistrate
(B) Child Welfare Committee
(C) Juvenile Justice Board
(D) State Women's Commission

25. In which district was Tamil Nadu's 'Cradle Baby Scheme' first launched in 1992 to curb female infanticide?
(A) Madurai
(B) Theni
(C) Salem
(D) Dharmapuri

26. The CIML, whose 61st meeting is held in New Delhi in Oct 2026, is a committee of which international body?
(A) ISO
(B) OIML
(C) IEC
(D) ITU

27. Where is the headquarters (BIML) of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)?
(A) Paris
(B) Geneva
(C) Vienna
(D) Brussels

28. Which Central department administers the Legal Metrology Act, 2009?
(A) Dept of Science & Technology
(B) Department of Consumer Affairs
(C) Department of Commerce
(D) Department of Legal Affairs

29. Which institution maintains and disseminates Indian Standard Time (IST)?
(A) ISRO
(B) India Meteorological Dept
(C) Bureau of Indian Standards
(D) CSIR–National Physical Lab

30. In Tamil Nadu, which State department enforces the Legal Metrology Act by checking weights and measures in shops?
(A) Labour Department
(B) Co-operation Department
(C) Commercial Taxes Department
(D) Revenue Department

31. Who was sworn in as the Governor of Uttarakhand in October 2026?
(A) Gurmit Singh
(B) Dhal Singh Bisen
(C) Braj Mohan Ram
(D) Dushyant Gautam

32. Which Article of the Constitution provides for the appointment of a State Governor by the President?
(A) Article 153
(B) Article 154
(C) Article 155
(D) Article 156

33. A State Governor holds office during the 'pleasure' of whom?
(A) Chief Minister
(B) President
(C) Parliament
(D) State Legislature

34. Which place has been declared the summer capital of Uttarakhand?
(A) Gairsain
(B) Nainital
(C) Mussoorie
(D) Almora

35. Who took charge as the full-time Governor of Tamil Nadu in October 2026?
(A) R.N. Ravi
(B) Rajendra Arlekar
(C) Om Prakash Mathur
(D) Banwarilal Purohit

36. Who normally administers the oath of office to a State Governor?
(A) President
(B) Vice-President
(C) Chief Minister
(D) Chief Justice of High Court

37. Following the Union Home Ministry's suggestion (2025), State 'Raj Bhavans' have been renamed as what?
(A) Jan Bhavan
(B) Seva Bhavan
(C) Lok Bhavan
(D) Praja Bhavan

38. The day Odisha became a separate province in 1936 is celebrated as what?
(A) Utkal Divas
(B) Nuakhai
(C) Bali Jatra
(D) Raja Parba

39. Which Article of the Constitution empowers the Governor to grant pardons and remit sentences?
(A) Article 72
(B) Article 123
(C) Article 161
(D) Article 213

40. The 2025 Supreme Court case 'State of Tamil Nadu v. Governor of Tamil Nadu' concerned which power of the Governor?
(A) Pardoning power
(B) Assent to Bills
(C) Issuing ordinances
(D) Dissolving the Assembly

41. Which magazine named SBI the 'World's Best Consumer Bank 2026'?
(A) Forbes
(B) The Banker
(C) Euromoney
(D) Global Finance

42. Which committee recommended converting the Imperial Bank of India into the State Bank of India?
(A) Kelkar Committee
(B) Narasimham Committee
(C) All India Rural Credit Survey
(D) Raja Chelliah Committee

43. Which of these was one of the three Presidency Banks that merged in 1921 to form the Imperial Bank?
(A) Indian Bank
(B) Bank of Madras
(C) Allahabad Bank
(D) Punjab National Bank

44. The Reserve Bank of India was set up on the recommendation of which commission?
(A) Hilton Young Commission
(B) Simon Commission
(C) Hunter Commission
(D) Lee Commission

45. Which Chennai-headquartered public sector bank was founded by M.Ct.M. Chidambaram Chettiar in 1937?
(A) Indian Bank
(B) Canara Bank
(C) Indian Overseas Bank
(D) City Union Bank

46. The National Strategic Trade Command Centre (NSTCC), launched in Oct 2026, belongs to which ministry?
(A) Ministry of Finance
(B) Ministry of External Affairs
(C) Commerce and Industry
(D) NITI Aayog

47. In trade, what is 'SCOMET'?
(A) Dual-use export control list
(B) List of SEZs
(C) An MSME credit scheme
(D) A GST exemption list

48. Which body issues the Importer Exporter Code (IEC) in India?
(A) Reserve Bank of India
(B) CBIC
(C) SEBI
(D) DGFT

49. Where is the headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO), which replaced GATT?
(A) New York
(B) Paris
(C) Geneva
(D) Vienna

50. Which Tamil Nadu city is called India's 'knitwear capital'?
(A) Karur
(B) Salem
(C) Tiruppur
(D) Erode

51. The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) replaced which body in 2022?
(A) Board for Financial Supervision
(B) Banks Board Bureau
(C) FSDC
(D) Bank Investment Company

52. Who was appointed part-time Chairperson of the FSIB in Oct 2026?
(A) Bhanu Pratap Sharma
(B) S.C.L. Das
(C) Vinod Rai
(D) Arijit Basu

53. Which body gives final approval to FSIB's recommendations on heads of public sector banks?
(A) RBI Governor
(B) Parliament's Finance Committee
(C) Central Vigilance Commission
(D) Appointments Cttee of Cabinet

54. Which RBI committee recommended setting up a 'Banks Board Bureau'?
(A) P.J. Nayak Committee
(B) Urjit Patel Committee
(C) Bimal Jalan Committee
(D) Rangarajan Committee

55. Which public sector general insurance company is headquartered in Chennai?
(A) New India Assurance
(B) United India Insurance
(C) National Insurance
(D) Oriental Insurance

56. As per IARI-CREAMS data, which State recorded the most crop-residue burning between 15 Sept and 15 Oct 2026?
(A) Madhya Pradesh
(B) Punjab
(C) Haryana
(D) Uttar Pradesh

57. 'CREAMS', which tracks crop-residue burning by satellite, is an initiative of which institution?
(A) NRSC, Hyderabad
(B) India Meteorological Dept
(C) IARI, New Delhi
(D) Central Pollution Control Bd

58. What is the 'Pusa Decomposer' developed by IARI?
(A) A chemical herbicide
(B) A straw-baling machine
(C) A fungal microbial solution
(D) A biofertiliser for wheat

59. Which body enforces the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in Delhi-NCR?
(A) Central Pollution Control Bd
(B) CAQM
(C) National Green Tribunal
(D) Delhi Pollution Control Cttee

60. 'Kuruvai', 'Samba' and 'Thaladi' are paddy-growing seasons of which State?
(A) Kerala
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Karnataka
(D) Tamil Nadu

61. The 'YJ-21' anti-ship missile, recently shown being launched from an H-6K bomber, belongs to which country?
(A) Russia
(B) North Korea
(C) China
(D) Iran

62. Which missile is rocket-powered only in its initial phase and then follows a gravity-driven arc?
(A) Cruise missile
(B) Ballistic missile
(C) Air-to-air missile
(D) Torpedo

63. 'Mach number' is the ratio of an object's speed to the speed of what?
(A) Sound in that medium
(B) Light
(C) Earth's rotation
(D) Escape velocity

64. The name of the Indo-Russian 'BrahMos' missile is derived from which two rivers?
(A) Brahmaputra – Volga
(B) Brahmani – Moskva
(C) Brahmani – Volga
(D) Brahmaputra – Moskva

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

66. Which statement about the 'SH1' class in para-shooting is correct?
(A) Needs a stand to hold the rifle
(B) Holds the gun without support
(C) Only visually impaired shooters
(D) Pistol events only

67. Who won the women's 10m air rifle SH1 gold with a Games record at the 2026 Asian Para Games?
(A) Mona Agarwal
(B) Avani Lekhara
(C) Rubina Francis
(D) Bhavina Patel

68. Where is the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC), which conducts the Asian Para Games, headquartered?
(A) Bonn
(B) Dubai
(C) Kuala Lumpur
(D) Tokyo

69. At which Paralympics did Avani Lekhara become the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic gold?
(A) Rio 2016
(B) London 2012
(C) Tokyo 2020
(D) Beijing 2008

70. Mariyappan Thangavelu, Paralympic high jump gold medallist (Rio 2016), hails from which Tamil Nadu district?
(A) Madurai
(B) Erode
(C) Tirunelveli
(D) Salem

71. JAXA's MMX mission aims to bring samples to Earth from which body?
(A) Phobos
(B) Deimos
(C) Titan
(D) Europa

72. Who discovered Phobos and Deimos, the moons of Mars?
(A) Galileo Galilei
(B) William Herschel
(C) Christiaan Huygens
(D) Asaph Hall

73. Japan's 'Hayabusa2' spacecraft brought back samples from which asteroid?
(A) Ryugu
(B) Itokawa
(C) Bennu
(D) Vesta

74. Which space agencies provide the 'IDEFIX' rover that MMX will deploy on Phobos?
(A) NASA and ESA
(B) CNES and DLR
(C) ISRO and CNES
(D) ESA and Roscosmos

75. Which Tamil Nadu scientist was the Programme Director of India's Mangalyaan (MOM)?
(A) K. Sivan
(B) A.S. Kiran Kumar
(C) Nambi Narayanan
(D) Mylswamy Annadurai

76. Para-shuttler Thulasimathi, who assured India's first medal at the 2026 Asian Para Games, is from which district?

(A) Madurai
(B) Tirunelveli
(C) Coimbatore
(D) Kancheepuram

77. The 'SU5' class in para-badminton is meant for which players?

(A) Wheelchair users
(B) Short stature
(C) Standing, upper-limb impaired
(D) Standing, lower-limb impaired

78. Where is the Badminton World Federation (BWF) headquartered?

(A) Lausanne
(B) Monaco
(C) Copenhagen
(D) Kuala Lumpur

79. At Paris 2024, when Thulasimathi won SU5 singles silver, which Tamil Nadu player won bronze in the same event?

(A) Manisha Ramadass
(B) Palak Kohli
(C) Manasi Joshi
(D) Parul Parmar

80. Which National Sports Award for 2024 was conferred on para-shuttler Thulasimathi Murugesan?

(A) Arjuna Award
(B) Khel Ratna
(C) Dronacharya Award
(D) Dhyan Chand Award

81. Which body set up the High-Powered Enquiry Committee (HPEC) on the Jantar Mantar protest violence?

(A) Union Home Ministry
(B) Supreme Court of India
(C) NHRC
(D) Delhi High Court

82. Which Article of the Constitution guarantees the right to assemble peaceably and without arms?

(A) Article 19(1)(b)
(B) Article 19(1)(a)
(C) Article 19(1)(c)
(D) Article 21

83. Who built the 'Jantar Mantar' astronomical observatories at Delhi, Jaipur, Ujjain and other places?

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

84. Which of the following 'Jantar Mantar' observatories has been inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site?

(A) Delhi
(B) Ujjain
(C) Jaipur
(D) Varanasi

85. Kodaikanal Solar Observatory, where the Evershed effect was found, is run by which institute?

(A) ISRO
(B) Physical Research Laboratory
(C) Indian Institute of Astrophysics
(D) ARIES, Nainital

86. Where was the Indian Army's 'Akhand Prahar-II' combat exercise held in October 2026?

(A) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
(B) Bhuj, Gujarat
(C) Leh, Ladakh
(D) Ambala, Haryana

87. The Indian Army's 'Konark Corps' (XII Corps), which oversaw the exercise, is headquartered at

(A) Bhopal
(B) Ambala
(C) Pune
(D) Jodhpur

88. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Army's Southern Command?

(A) Pune
(B) Jaipur
(C) Chennai
(D) Lucknow

89. What was the code name of India's first nuclear test, conducted at Pokhran in Jaisalmer district in 1974?

(A) Operation Shakti
(B) Smiling Buddha
(C) Operation Vijay
(D) Operation Meghdoot

90. The Regimental Centre of the Madras Regiment, the oldest infantry regiment of the Indian Army, is located at

(A) Chennai
(B) Bengaluru
(C) Secunderabad
(D) Wellington, Nilgiris

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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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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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1. The 'Thuli' campaign launched by Tamil Nadu in Oct 2026 is related to?
(A) Rainwater harvesting
(B) Plastic eradication
(C) Blood donation
(D) Tree planting

2. Which Tamil Nadu department coordinates and monitors the 'Thuli' campaign?
(A) Rural Development
(B) Municipal Admin & Water Supply
(C) Water Resources
(D) Environment

3. Which was the first Indian State to make rooftop rainwater harvesting compulsory in every house?
(A) Kerala
(B) Rajasthan
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Gujarat

4. Which ministry runs the campaign with the tagline 'Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls'?
(A) Environment Ministry
(B) Agriculture Ministry
(C) Housing & Urban Affairs
(D) Ministry of Jal Shakti

5. Which monsoon gives Tamil Nadu the largest share of its annual rainfall?
(A) Southwest monsoon
(B) Winter cyclonic rain
(C) Northeast monsoon
(D) Summer convectional rain

6. What does 'CII', which gave the Special Awards for FPOs 2026, stand for?
(A) Council of Indian Investors
(B) Centre for Indian Innovation
(C) Chamber of Indian Industries
(D) Confederation of Indian Industry

7. Under which law are FPOs now registered as 'Producer Companies'?
(A) Societies Registration Act 1860
(B) Companies Act 2013
(C) Indian Partnership Act 1932
(D) LLP Act 2008

8. Where did the PM launch the 'Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs' scheme in 2020?
(A) Varanasi
(B) Prayagraj
(C) Gorakhpur
(D) Chitrakoot

9. The Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) works under which Union ministry?
(A) Rural Development
(B) Cooperation
(C) Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(D) Food Processing Industries

10. Thencherimalai FPO, ranked first in India in marketing, is in which Tamil Nadu district?
(A) Tiruppur
(B) Erode
(C) Salem
(D) Coimbatore

11. In which city was the World Food Prize Foundation's 2026 International Dialogue (20–22 Oct) held?
(A) Rome
(B) Des Moines
(C) Washington DC
(D) Geneva

12. Who received the first World Food Prize in 1987?
(A) Verghese Kurien
(B) Norman Borlaug
(C) B.P. Pal
(D) M.S. Swaminathan

13. Huub Lelieveld of the Netherlands won the 2026 World Food Prize for work in which field?
(A) Food-safety standards
(B) Hybrid rice
(C) Dairy cooperatives
(D) Soil organic carbon

14. Norman Borlaug, 'Father of the Green Revolution' and founder of the World Food Prize, won which Nobel Prize in 1970?

(A) Chemistry
(B) Medicine
(C) Peace
(D) Economics

15. World Food Day (16 October) marks the founding day of which organisation?

(A) World Food Programme
(B) IFAD
(C) World Health Organization
(D) Food & Agriculture Org. (FAO)

16. At which institution did C-DOT set up its 6th Centre of Excellence in Oct 2026?

(A) IIT Kanpur
(B) IIT (BHU) Varanasi
(C) IIT Roorkee
(D) IIT Madras

17. The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is the R&D centre of which department?

(A) Dept of Telecommunications
(B) MeitY
(C) Dept of Science & Technology
(D) DRDO

18. Which telecom pioneer headed C-DOT when it was set up in 1984?

(A) Nandan Nilekani
(B) Sam Pitroda
(C) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
(D) Vikram Sarabhai

19. Which institute led the 8 institutions that built India's indigenous 5G Testbed launched in 2022?

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

20. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) was set up under which law?

(A) Indian Telegraph Act 1885
(B) Telecommunications Act 2023
(C) IT Act 2000
(D) TRAI Act 1997

21. Which company announced a natural-gas discovery in a KG Basin shallow-offshore block in Oct 2026?

(A) ONGC
(B) Oil India Ltd
(C) Reliance Industries
(D) Cairn India

22. Where is the headquarters of Oil India Ltd?

(A) Mumbai
(B) Dehradun
(C) Duliajan, Assam
(D) Kolkata

23. The Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) of 2016 replaced which policy?

(A) OALP
(B) DSF Policy
(C) CBM Policy
(D) NELP

24. The Krishna–Godavari oil and gas basin lies mainly along the coast of which State?

(A) Odisha
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Karnataka

25. Which district is wholly covered by the 'Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act 2020'?

(A) Cuddalore
(B) Pudukkottai
(C) Ramanathapuram
(D) Thiruvarur

26. Which company made the 'Nagastra-2' loitering munition handed over to the Indian Army in October 2026?

(A) Solar Defence & Aerospace
(B) Bharat Dynamics Ltd
(C) Bharat Electronics Ltd
(D) Hindustan Aeronautics

27. Which best describes a 'loitering munition'?

(A) A mine buried in the ground
(B) Drone that circles, then strikes
(C) A torpedo fired from a ship
(D) A nuclear-capable missile

28. Which missile was NOT developed under DRDO's Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP)?

(A) Nag
(B) Trishul
(C) BrahMos
(D) Akash

29. Where did Abdul Kalam study aeronautical engineering – the institute that now hosts the 'Dr. Kalam Advanced UAV Research Centre'?

(A) IIT Madras, Chennai
(B) NIT Tiruchirappalli
(C) MIT, Chromepet, Chennai
(D) PSG Tech, Coimbatore

30. In which 2025 military operation did the Indian Army use 'Nagastra-1' loitering munitions?

(A) Operation Kaveri
(B) Operation Ajay
(C) Operation Dost
(D) Operation Sindoor

31. Who released the new 'Land Warfare Doctrine' at the Army Commanders' Conference on 23 October 2026?

(A) Rajnath Singh
(B) Droupadi Murmu
(C) Ajit Doval
(D) Amit Shah

32. Who was India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)?

(A) Gen Bipin Rawat
(B) Gen Anil Chauhan
(C) Gen Manoj Naravane
(D) Gen Dalbir Singh

33. Army Day on 15 January commemorates which event?

(A) Victory in the 1971 war
(B) Formation of the Indian Army
(C) First CDS taking charge
(D) Cariappa becoming C-in-C

34. Sam Manekshaw, who died at Wellington in the Nilgiris in 2008, was the first Indian Army officer to hold which rank?

(A) Chief of Defence Staff
(B) Air Chief Marshal
(C) Field Marshal
(D) Lieutenant General

35. Who heads the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) in the Ministry of Defence as its Secretary?

(A) Defence Secretary
(B) Chief of the Army Staff
(C) National Security Adviser
(D) Chief of Defence Staff

36. Which MHA body has partnered the Army in the Civil Defence master-trainer pilot?

(A) National Disaster Response Force
(B) DG Fire Svcs, CD & Home Guards
(C) CISF
(D) Intelligence Bureau

37. Which is the principal law governing Civil Defence in India?

(A) Disaster Management Act, 2005
(B) Defence of India Act, 1962
(C) Civil Defence Act, 1968
(D) AFSPA, 1958

38. In which city is the National Civil Defence College (NCDC) located?
(A) Pune
(B) Nagpur
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Dehradun

39. Where were the Home Guards first raised in India in 1946?
(A) Bombay Province
(B) Madras Presidency
(C) Bengal Province
(D) United Provinces

40. The Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS), a site of the May 2025 'Operation Abhyaas' drill, is located at
(A) Kudankulam
(B) Neyveli
(C) Thoothukudi
(D) Kalpakkam

41. Which body issues Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) on behalf of the Government of India?
(A) SEBI
(B) State Bank of India
(C) Security Printing Press
(D) Reserve Bank of India

42. SGB redemption price is based on the 999-purity gold price published by which body?
(A) Multi Commodity Exchange
(B) India Bullion & Jewellers Assn
(C) World Gold Council
(D) Bureau of Indian Standards

43. For an individual who buys an SGB at issue and holds it to maturity, the capital gain on redemption is
(A) Exempt from tax
(B) Taxed at 30%
(C) Subject to GST
(D) Taxed at slab rate

44. Launched with SGB in Nov 2015, which scheme lets idle household gold be deposited in banks?
(A) Gold Exchange Traded Fund
(B) Akshaya Tritiya Scheme
(C) Gold Monetisation Scheme
(D) Gold Deposit Scheme, 1999

45. Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar, after whom TN's marriage-aid gold scheme was named, fought against which system?
(A) Devadasi system
(B) Zamindari system
(C) Bonded labour
(D) Sati

46. In which event did Thulasimathi Murugesan win gold at the 2026 Asian Para Games?
(A) Women's singles SU5
(B) Women's doubles SL3–SU5
(C) Mixed doubles SL3–SU5
(D) Women's singles SH6

47. Tamil Nadu's Nithya Sre Sivan, a silver medallist here, plays 'SH6' para-badminton. SH6 is for players with
(A) Wheelchair users
(B) Visual impairment
(C) Upper-limb impairment
(D) Short stature

48. Which Pallava king built the Kailasanathar temple at Kancheepuram, Thulasimathi's hometown?
(A) Rajasimha (Narasimhavarman II)
(B) Mahendravarman I
(C) Narasimhavarman I
(D) Nandivarman III

49. Where were the first 'Khelo India Para Games' (December 2023) held?
(A) Chennai
(B) Guwahati
(C) Bhopal
(D) New Delhi

50. Who won India's first Paralympic gold medal?
(A) Murlikant Petkar
(B) Devendra Jhajharia
(C) Mariyappan Thangavelu
(D) Avani Lekhara

51. Who took oath as the 29th Governor of Keralam on 23 Oct 2026?
(A) Rajendra V. Arlekar
(B) Arif Mohammed Khan
(C) Om Prakash Mathur
(D) Dushyant Gautam

52. Before Keralam, Om Prakash Mathur was the Governor of which State?
(A) Rajasthan
(B) Gujarat
(C) Sikkim
(D) Assam

53. Which Article makes it the Chief Minister's duty to communicate Cabinet decisions to the Governor?
(A) Article 163
(B) Article 167
(C) Article 166
(D) Article 78

54. Which former Chief Justice of India from Erode district served as Governor of Kerala in 2014–19?
(A) K.G. Balakrishnan
(B) M. Fathima Beevi
(C) Ranjan Gogoi
(D) P. Sathasivam

55. Kerala was formed on 1 Nov 1956 under which Act?
(A) Independence Act, 1947
(B) Andhra State Act
(C) States Reorganisation Act
(D) Bombay Reorganisation Act

56. Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, a drug made under a name belonging to another drug is deemed:
(A) Spurious drug
(B) Not of Standard Quality
(C) Adulterated drug
(D) Misbranded drug

57. The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) functions under which directorate?
(A) DGHS
(B) ICMR
(C) NPPA
(D) FSSAI

58. Schedule M of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, deals with:
(A) Drug price control
(B) Good Manufacturing Practices
(C) Clinical trials
(D) Drug import licensing

59. Which toxic chemical was found in 'Coldrif' cough syrup, made in Kancheepuram district (TN) and linked to child deaths in MP in 2025?
(A) Diethylene glycol
(B) Methanol
(C) Melamine
(D) Ethylene oxide

60. In the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, 'Drugs and poisons' come under which List?
(A) Union List
(B) State List
(C) Concurrent List
(D) Residuary powers

61. The 28th Charles Correa Gold Medal, presented in Mumbai in Oct 2026, is given for:
(A) Lifetime work in architecture
(B) Best public building
(C) Undergraduate thesis
(D) Heritage conservation

62. Which statutory body regulates architectural education and practice under the Architects Act, 1972?
(A) AICTE
(B) Council of Architecture
(C) UGC
(D) Indian Institute of Architects

63. Which of the following was designed by Charles Correa?
(A) Rashtrapati Bhavan, Delhi
(B) Lotus Temple, Delhi
(C) Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur
(D) Capitol Complex, Chandigarh

64. Charles Correa served as Chief Architect of which new city?
(A) Chandigarh
(B) Navi Mumbai
(C) Gandhinagar
(D) Bhubaneswar

65. Who designed the Senate House of the University of Madras and pioneered Indo-Saracenic architecture?
(A) Robert Fellowes Chisholm
(B) Edwin Lutyens
(C) Laurie Baker
(D) Le Corbusier

66. Which European country passed a law in Oct 2026 banning social media for children under 15?
(A) Italy
(B) Portugal
(C) Cyprus
(D) Greece

67. Which was the first country to enforce a nationwide social media ban for under-16s, from December 2025?
(A) New Zealand
(B) Australia
(C) Norway
(D) Canada

68. What is the national legislature of Greece called?
(A) Bundestag
(B) Folketing
(C) Hellenic Parliament
(D) Sejm

69. Under which EU law does the European Commission enforce rules on the largest online platforms?
(A) Digital Services Act (DSA)
(B) GDPR
(C) Digital Markets Act (DMA)
(D) AI Act

70. Which court in Dec 2025 observed that the Centre could make an Australia-like law to regulate children's internet use?
(A) Madras HC, Madurai Bench
(B) Kerala High Court
(C) Karnataka High Court
(D) Delhi High Court

71. Which UN agency leads the annual Global Media and Information Literacy Week (24–31 October)?
(A) UNICEF
(B) UNESCO
(C) ITU
(D) UNDP

72. What is the theme of Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2026?
(A) We All Play a Part
(B) Truth Over Noise
(C) Fact First, Share Later
(D) Digital Trust for All

73. National Press Day (16 November) marks the day on which which body began functioning?
(A) Press Information Bureau
(B) Registrar of Newspapers
(C) Press Council of India
(D) Prasar Bharati

74. Freedom of the press in India is implicitly guaranteed under which Article of the Constitution?
(A) Article 14
(B) Article 21
(C) Article 32
(D) Article 19(1)(a)

75. Who founded the Tamil newspaper 'Swadesamitran' (1882), where Bharathi served as sub-editor?
(A) G. Subramania Iyer
(B) V.O. Chidambaram
(C) Thiru. Vi. Kalyanasundaranar
(D) M. Singaravelar

76. The annual 'Emissions Gap Report' is published by:
(A) UN Environment Programme
(B) IPCC
(C) World Meteorological Org.
(D) UNFCCC Secretariat

77. The Kigali Amendment (2016) to the Montreal Protocol provides for phasing down which gases?
(A) Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
(B) Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
(C) Methane
(D) Nitrous oxide

78. Under the Paris Agreement, the climate action plans each country submits every five years are called:
(A) National Adaptation Plans
(B) Kyoto Annex B targets
(C) NDCs
(D) Global Stocktake

79. In which city will the UN climate conference COP31 be held in November 2026?
(A) Belém
(B) Antalya
(C) Adelaide
(D) Baku

80. Which special purpose vehicle (SPV) implements the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission?
(A) TN Pollution Control Board
(B) TIDCO
(C) TN Green Climate Company
(D) SIPCOT

81. Disarmament Week (24–30 Oct) was first called for in the Final Document of which UN meeting?
(A) First UNGA session (1946)
(B) Millennium Summit (2000)
(C) Stockholm Conference (1972)
(D) UNGA SSOD-I (1978)

82. The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), which implements the CWC, is headquartered at:
(A) The Hague
(B) Vienna
(C) Geneva
(D) New York

83. Which of the following countries has never signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)?
(A) North Korea
(B) India
(C) Iran
(D) South Africa

84. Under India's nuclear doctrine (2003), who chairs the Political Council of the Nuclear Command Authority?
(A) President
(B) Prime Minister
(C) National Security Adviser
(D) Defence Minister

85. This Presidency College (Chennai) alumnus was Atomic Energy Commission Chairman during the Pokhran-II tests (1998). Who?
(A) Homi J. Bhabha
(B) Raja Ramanna
(C) R. Chidambaram
(D) M.R. Srinivasan

86. United Nations Day, observed every year on 24 October, commemorates:
(A) Signing of the UN Charter
(B) First meeting of the UNGA
(C) Issue of the Atlantic Charter
(D) UN Charter entering into force

87. In which city was the UN Charter signed in June 1945?
(A) London
(B) Geneva
(C) New York
(D) San Francisco

88. Among the six principal organs of the UN, which one has suspended operation since 1994?
(A) Economic and Social Council
(B) Trusteeship Council
(C) International Court of Justice
(D) Secretariat

89. As per the UN Charter, the General Assembly appoints the Secretary-General on the recommendation of:
(A) International Court of Justice
(B) ECOSOC
(C) Security Council
(D) Human Rights Council

90. A leading Justice Party figure, he became the first President of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1946. Who?
(A) A. Ramaswami Mudaliar
(B) V.K. Krishna Menon
(C) Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit
(D) B.N. Rau

91. World Development Information Day coincides with which other observance?
(A) Human Rights Day
(B) World Food Day
(C) United Nations Day
(D) World Environment Day

92. Which UN body first proposed World Development Information Day?
(A) UNCTAD
(B) UNDP
(C) UNESCO
(D) World Bank

93. Which body releases the 'SDG India Index'?
(A) Ministry of Statistics
(B) Reserve Bank of India
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Finance Commission

94. In NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2023–24, Tamil Nadu was placed in which category?
(A) Achiever
(B) Front Runner
(C) Performer
(D) Aspirant

95. The Sustainable Development Goals adopted in 2015 succeeded which earlier set of goals?
(A) Millennium Development Goals
(B) Agenda 21
(C) Aichi Targets
(D) Kyoto targets

96. Which organisation established 'World Polio Day', observed every year on 24 October?
(A) World Health Organization
(B) UNICEF
(C) Gates Foundation
(D) Rotary International

97. Who developed the injectable inactivated polio vaccine (IPV)?
(A) Jonas Salk
(B) Albert Sabin
(C) Edward Jenner
(D) Louis Pasteur

98. India's last wild polio case (Jan 2011) was reported from which State?
(A) West Bengal
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Bihar
(D) Assam

99. Which two countries are still endemic for wild poliovirus?
(A) Nigeria and Pakistan
(B) India and Nepal
(C) Pakistan and Afghanistan
(D) Afghanistan and Iran

100. Paralysis in polio results from the virus damaging which of the following?
(A) Spinal cord motor neurons
(B) Muscle fibres directly
(C) Bone marrow
(D) Blood vessels

101. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) was raised in the backdrop of which event?
(A) 1965 India–Pakistan war
(B) Kargil war
(C) 1962 India–China war
(D) Bangladesh Liberation War

102. ITBP functions under the administrative control of which Ministry?
(A) Ministry of Defence
(B) Ministry of External Affairs
(C) Ministry of Home Affairs
(D) Cabinet Secretariat

103. The India–China border guarded by ITBP runs from Karakoram Pass (Ladakh) to which pass in Arunachal Pradesh?
(A) Nathu La
(B) Shipki La
(C) Lipulekh
(D) Jachep La

104. Under 'One Border One Force', which force guards the India–Nepal and India–Bhutan borders?
(A) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
(B) ITBP
(C) Border Security Force
(D) Assam Rifles

105. Where is ITBP's Mountaineering & Skiing Institute located?
(A) Auli (Uttarakhand)
(B) Gulmarg (J&K)
(C) Manali (Himachal)
(D) Darjeeling (W. Bengal)

106. The Tiruppathur fort, where the Marudhu brothers were hanged on 24 Oct 1801, is in which present district?
(A) Tirupathur
(B) Ramanathapuram
(C) Madurai
(D) Sivaganga

107. Where was the Marudhu brothers' 'Jambudweepa Proclamation' (1801) put up?
(A) Madurai and Rameswaram
(B) Thanjavur and Kumbakonam
(C) Tiruchi fort and Srirangam
(D) Vellore and Arcot

108. In British records, the Marudhu brothers' revolt was categorised as the:
(A) Vellore Mutiny
(B) South Indian Rebellion
(C) Carnatic Revolt
(D) Dindigul Mutiny

109. After Muthu Vaduganathar's death, the Marudhu brothers helped which queen regain the Sivaganga throne?
(A) Rani Mangammal
(B) Rani Lakshmibai
(C) Rani Chennamma
(D) Velu Nachiyar

110. At which place's memorial is the Marudhu brothers' Guru Pooja held every year (27 Oct)?
(A) Manamadurai
(B) Kalaiyarkoil
(C) Paramakudi
(D) Panchalankurichi

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1. The Ranganathaswamy temple at Srirangam stands on an island between which two rivers?
(A) Kaveri – Vaigai
(B) Kaveri – Bhavani
(C) Kaveri – Kollidam
(D) Thamirabarani – Chittar

2. Srirangam, foremost of the 108 Vaishnava Divya Desams, is praised in the hymns of which saints?
(A) Nayanmars
(B) Siddhars
(C) Alvars
(D) Saiva Santhana Kuravars

3. Which Article lets religious denominations acquire movable and immovable property and administer it according to law?
(A) Article 25
(B) Article 27
(C) Article 28
(D) Article 26

4. 'Registration of deeds and documents' falls in which list of the Seventh Schedule?
(A) Union List
(B) State List
(C) Concurrent List
(D) Residuary powers

5. Under the TN HR&CE Act 1959, whose sanction is needed to sell a temple's immovable property?
(A) HR&CE Commissioner
(B) District Collector
(C) Sub-Registrar
(D) Temple priest

6. Thalaiyar Falls, the highest waterfall in Tamil Nadu, is located in which district?
(A) Theni
(B) Nilgiris
(C) Coimbatore
(D) Dindigul

7. Because of its appearance, Thalaiyar Falls is popularly known as
(A) Silver Cascade
(B) Rat Tail Falls
(C) Milk Falls
(D) Bear Shola Falls

8. The Manjalar, which flows from Thalaiyar Falls, is a tributary of which river?
(A) Thamirabarani
(B) Vaigai
(C) Amaravathi
(D) Bhavani

9. Which river forms the Courtallam falls, known as the 'Spa of the South'?
(A) Chittar
(B) Kodayar
(C) Noyyal
(D) Suruliyar

10. Tamil Nadu receives the major share of its annual rainfall during which season?
(A) South-west monsoon
(B) Pre-monsoon showers
(C) Winter season
(D) North-east monsoon

11. The Tenkasi Forest Division proposed adding the Madras hedgehog to which programme?
(A) Project Elephant
(B) Project Nilgiri Tahr
(C) Golden Jackal Ambassadors
(D) Green Tamil Nadu Mission

12. The 'Madras hedgehog' (Paraechinus nudiventris) is also known as the
(A) Indian crested porcupine
(B) Indian pangolin
(C) Bare-bellied hedgehog
(D) Madras treeshrew

13. What is the IUCN Red List status of the Madras hedgehog?
(A) Endangered
(B) Least Concern
(C) Critically Endangered
(D) Vulnerable

14. Where was India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve notified?
(A) Gulf of Kutch
(B) Palk Bay
(C) Chilika Lake
(D) Andaman Sea

15. Kadavur, India's first slender loris sanctuary, lies in which districts?
(A) Karur and Dindigul
(B) Theni and Madurai
(C) Salem and Namakkal
(D) Tirunelveli and Tenkasi

16. As per the SC ruling of Oct 2026, who may file a complaint under Sec 125A of the RP Act over a false poll affidavit?
(A) Only the ECI
(B) Only the Returning Officer
(C) Any person, including a voter
(D) Only a rival candidate

17. Which case first recognised the voter's right to know the criminal and asset details of candidates?
(A) Kesavananda Bharati
(B) Lily Thomas
(C) Maneka Gandhi
(D) Union of India v. ADR

18. Where must an 'election petition' challenging a State Assembly election result be filed?
(A) High Court
(B) Supreme Court
(C) Election Commission of India
(D) District Court

19. The NOTA option on ballot papers/EVMs was introduced following the judgment in which case?
(A) ADR case
(B) Lily Thomas case
(C) S.R. Bommai case
(D) PUCL case

20. Which Article vests superintendence, direction and control of elections in the Election Commission?
(A) Article 320
(B) Article 280
(C) Article 324
(D) Article 326

21. RBI's new Bhubaneswar data centre will back up RBI's primary data centre located at
(A) Hyderabad
(B) Kharghar, Navi Mumbai
(C) Ambattur, Chennai
(D) Whitefield, Bengaluru

22. In the Uptime Institute classification, a 'Tier IV' data centre denotes
(A) Basic capacity
(B) Redundant components only
(C) Concurrently maintainable
(D) Fault tolerant

23. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) functions under which ministry?
(A) Home Affairs
(B) Electronics & IT
(C) Defence
(D) Finance

24. Where is the Reserve Bank Staff College (RBSC), RBI's apex training college, located?
(A) Chennai
(B) Pune
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Kolkata

25. Who appoints the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India?
(A) Central Government
(B) President, on his own
(C) Parliament
(D) RBI Central Board

26. The AATAL pollution-analysis lab for Delhi-NCR (Oct 2026) is located at the Delhi branch of which institute?
(A) India Meteorological Dept.
(B) IITM
(C) CSIR-NPL
(D) NCMRWF

27. Under which programme did the Ministry of Earth Sciences set up the AATAL laboratory?
(A) National Clean Air Programme
(B) Deep Ocean Mission
(C) National Quantum Mission
(D) Mission Mausam

28. IITM's 'SAFAR' air-quality forecasting system was introduced in Delhi in connection with which event?
(A) 1982 Asian Games
(B) 2023 G20 Summit
(C) 2011 Cricket World Cup
(D) 2010 Commonwealth Games

29. PM2.5 particles are very harmful to health because they can penetrate deep into which part of the body?
(A) Stomach
(B) Skin pores
(C) Alveoli of the lungs
(D) Kidney tubules

30. The Manali industrial area, classed a 'Critically Polluted Area', is located in which city?
(A) Chennai
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Thoothukudi
(D) Hosur

31. Which Union Ministry organises the annual Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference?
(A) Road Transport & Highways
(B) Housing & Urban Affairs
(C) Railways
(D) Heavy Industries

32. Which Chennai body won UMI 2026's 'Best Non-Motorised Transport' award?
(A) Chennai Metro Rail (CMRL)
(B) Metropolitan Transport
(C) CMDA
(D) Greater Chennai Corp.

33. Under the PM-eBus Sewa scheme, e-buses are deployed in cities through which model?
(A) Direct purchase by States
(B) Hybrid Annuity Model
(C) Central PSUs only
(D) Public–Private Partnership

34. Among urban missions launched in 2015, which one gives priority to water supply and sewerage?
(A) Smart Cities Mission
(B) AMRUT
(C) PMAY-Urban
(D) Swachh Bharat Mission

35. What is the core principle of the National Urban Transport Policy 2006?
(A) Move people, not vehicles
(B) Build more flyovers
(C) Promote private cars
(D) Toll roads only

36. Which national agency registers livestock and poultry breeds in India and gives them accession numbers?
(A) NDRI, Karnal
(B) IVRI, Izatnagar
(C) NDDB, Anand
(D) ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal

37. The 'Kombai' dog breed, nationally recognised in 2026, is associated with which district of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Nilgiris
(B) Theni
(C) Kanniyakumari
(D) Vellore

38. Along with Karnataka's Mudhol Hound, which two Tamil Nadu dog breeds were the first registered by NBAGR?
(A) Kanni and Kombai
(B) Kanni and Chippiparai
(C) Kombai and Rajapalayam
(D) Rajapalayam and Chippiparai

39. Which Tamil Nadu cattle breed, reared in the Sivaganga–Ramanathapuram area, is widely used as Jallikattu bulls?

(A) Umblachery
(B) Pulikulam
(C) Bargur
(D) Alambadi

40. What is the main aim of the 'Rashtriya Gokul Mission' launched in December 2014?

(A) Import of exotic breeds
(B) Fodder banks for sheep
(C) Conserve indigenous bovines
(D) Expand poultry farming

41. What does 'agrivoltaics' (Agri-PV) refer to?

(A) Solar drying of grains
(B) Biofuel from crop residue
(C) Crops and solar on same land
(D) Solar cold storage

42. Which State announced India's first dedicated Agri-PV policy in Oct 2026?

(A) Gujarat
(B) Odisha
(C) Rajasthan
(D) Maharashtra

43. What does 'Component B' of the PM-KUSUM scheme support?

(A) Grid-linked plants up to 2 MW
(B) Feeder solarisation
(C) Residential rooftop solar
(D) Standalone solar pumps

44. Into which new company was the Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) merged in 2024?

(A) TANTRANSCO
(B) TNPDCL
(C) TN Green Energy Corp. (TNGECL)
(D) TNEB Ltd

45. The Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (2010) is one of the missions under which plan?

(A) National Electricity Policy
(B) NITI Aayog Energy Policy
(C) NAPCC
(D) National Green Hydrogen Mission

46. Sidhi district, which got a rail link for the first time since Independence in Oct 2026, is in which State?

(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Chhattisgarh
(D) Jharkhand

47. Singrauli, the end-point of the new line, is called India's 'energy capital' because of its:

(A) Coal mines & thermal plants
(B) Big dam hydropower
(C) Nuclear power plants
(D) Wind farms

48. Where is the headquarters of West Central Railway, under which Rewa and Satna fall?

(A) Jabalpur
(B) Bhopal
(C) Bilaspur
(D) Prayagraj

49. Which committee recommended separating the Railway Budget from the General Budget (done in 1924)?

(A) Bibek Debroy Committee
(B) Kakodkar Committee
(C) Sam Pitroda Committee
(D) Acworth Committee

50. Where was India's first 'Vande Bharat' train (Train 18) manufactured?

(A) ICF, Chennai
(B) RCF, Kapurthala
(C) MCF, Rae Bareli
(D) CLW, Chittaranjan

51. Which State launched 'Mission Murghas' (Oct 2026) to tackle fodder shortage?

(A) Maharashtra
(B) Karnataka
(C) Rajasthan
(D) Gujarat

52. Silage ('murghas' in Marathi) is prepared by which process?
(A) Complete sun-drying
(B) Spraying urea and burning
(C) Aerobic rotting with oxygen
(D) Anaerobic fermentation

53. The 'Manual for Drought Management' followed by States to declare drought is issued by:
(A) NDMA
(B) Union Agriculture Ministry
(C) India Meteorological Department
(D) Central Water Commission

54. The CO (CN) 4 Cumbu–Napier hybrid fodder grass was developed by:
(A) NDDB, Anand
(B) IARI, New Delhi
(C) TANUVAS, Chennai
(D) TNAU, Coimbatore

55. Azolla, used as cattle feed and paddy biofertiliser, lives in symbiosis with:
(A) Rhizobium
(B) Azotobacter
(C) Mycorrhiza
(D) Anabaena

56. The Oct 2026 draft notification mandating AEBS amends which rules?
(A) Motor Vehicles Act, 1939
(B) Central MV Rules, 1989
(C) Road Transport Corporations Act
(D) Carriage by Road Act, 2007

57. In Indian vehicle classification, the 'M1' category denotes:
(A) Goods vehicle up to 3.5 t
(B) Passenger vehicle up to 8 seats
(C) Two-wheeler
(D) Heavy bus

58. 'Bharat NCAP', in force since 1 Oct 2023, is related to:
(A) Vehicle emission testing
(B) FASTag toll collection
(C) Crash-safety star rating of cars
(D) Digitising driving licences

59. Which city is called the 'Detroit of Asia' for its automobile industry?
(A) Pune
(B) Gurugram
(C) Jamshedpur
(D) Chennai

60. Legal protection to 'Good Samaritans' who help accident victims came from:
(A) National Highways Act
(B) Disaster Management Act
(C) MV (Amendment) Act, 2019
(D) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita

61. The 'Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika National Award' (2026) was instituted by:
(A) Government of Assam
(B) Union Ministry of Culture
(C) Sangeet Natak Akademi
(D) Prasar Bharati

62. Which musician is revered as 'Sudhakantha'?
(A) Ilaiyaraaja
(B) Bhimsen Joshi
(C) A.R. Rahman
(D) Bhupen Hazarika

63. 'Bhupen Hazarika Setu' (Dhola–Sadiya bridge) is built over which river?
(A) Subansiri
(B) Manas
(C) Lohit
(D) Barak

64. Who received the Bharat Ratna in 2019 along with Bhupen Hazarika?
(A) Vajpayee, Madan Mohan Malaviya
(B) Pranab Mukherjee, N. Deshmukh
(C) Sachin, C.N.R. Rao
(D) Karpoori Thakur, Advani

65. Which of the following are sisters of Usha Mangeshkar?
(A) Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle
(B) Geeta Dutt, Suman Kalyanpur
(C) Vani Jairam, S. Janaki
(D) Alka Yagnik, Kavita K.

66. 'Mission Karmayogi' is the name of which national programme?
(A) National Skill Dev. Mission
(B) National Yoga Promotion Mission
(C) Civil Services Capacity Building
(D) National e-Governance Plan

67. Who chairs the Public Human Resources Council, the apex body of Mission Karmayogi?
(A) Prime Minister
(B) Cabinet Secretary
(C) UPSC Chairman
(D) Union Personnel Minister

68. Which entity owns and runs the 'iGOT Karmayogi' online learning platform?
(A) National Informatics Centre
(B) Karmayogi Bharat (SPV)
(C) LBSNAA, Mussoorie
(D) UPSC

69. Under Article 312, which body must pass a resolution to create a new All India Service?
(A) Lok Sabha
(B) Inter-State Council
(C) Rajya Sabha
(D) Union Cabinet

70. Tamil Nadu's State ATI 'Anna Institute of Management' was renamed in 2021 as:
(A) TN Civil Services Academy
(B) Anna School of Public Admn
(C) Anna Admin. Staff College
(D) State Good Governance Inst.

71. Which country will host the 8th AgriVoltaics World Conference in 2027?
(A) France
(B) Germany
(C) Japan
(D) Brazil

72. Who first discovered the 'photovoltaic effect', the basis of solar cells?
(A) Edmond Becquerel
(B) Albert Einstein
(C) Michael Faraday
(D) C.V. Raman

73. The Paris Climate Agreement (2015) was adopted at which UNFCCC Conference of Parties?
(A) COP-15
(B) COP-19
(C) COP-21
(D) COP-26

74. Which of the following was NOT a French settlement in India?
(A) Tharangambadi
(B) Karaikal
(C) Mahe
(D) Yanam

75. Auroville, the international township in Viluppuram district, was founded by:
(A) Annie Besant
(B) Mirra Alfassa (The Mother)
(C) Sister Nivedita
(D) Joseph François Dupleix

76. Incat, builder of 'China Zorrilla', the world's largest battery-electric ship that began service in Oct 2026, is based in which country?
(A) Norway
(B) Australia
(C) South Korea
(D) China

77. The Río de la Plata estuary, crossed by this ship, is formed by the confluence of which two rivers?
(A) Amazon and Rio Negro
(B) Orinoco and Meta
(C) Paraná and Uruguay
(D) Madeira and Mamoré

78. Who shared the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing the lithium-ion battery?
(A) Akira Yoshino
(B) Shuji Nakamura
(C) Hideki Yukawa
(D) Koichi Tanaka

79. India's first indigenous hydrogen fuel-cell passenger vessel began commercial service in Dec 2025 at which city?

(A) Kochi
(B) Varanasi
(C) Guwahati
(D) Kolkata

80. Under which Union programme did V.O. Chidambaranar Port, Thoothukudi, order a fully electric tug?

(A) Sagarmala
(B) Harit Sagar Guidelines
(C) PM Gati Shakti
(D) Green Tug Transition Prog.

81. Under which brand name does Bharat Biotech make the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine?

(A) Mosqivac
(B) Covaxin
(C) Rotavac
(D) Typbar-TCV

82. UNICEF executed this price deal; which global vaccine alliance backed it financially?

(A) CEPI
(B) The Global Fund
(C) World Bank
(D) Gavi

83. Both malaria vaccines, RTS,S and R21, target which parasite species?

(A) Plasmodium vivax
(B) Plasmodium malariae
(C) Plasmodium ovale
(D) Plasmodium falciparum

84. Where did Sir Ronald Ross discover the malaria parasite inside a mosquito in 1897?

(A) Kolkata
(B) Secunderabad
(C) Chennai
(D) Almora

85. In NCVBDC's malaria classification, which category is Tamil Nadu placed in?

(A) Cat. 3 – intensified control
(B) Cat. 2 – pre-elimination
(C) Cat. 0 – prevent re-entry
(D) Cat. 1 – elimination phase

86. The Teatro Campoamor, where Messi received the Princess of Asturias Award on 23 Oct 2026, is in which city?

(A) Oviedo
(B) Madrid
(C) Barcelona
(D) Seville

87. Which Indian economist won the Princess of Asturias Award for Social Sciences in 2021?

(A) Raghuram Rajan
(B) Amartya Sen
(C) Abhijit Banerjee
(D) Kaushik Basu

88. The sculpture given with the Princess of Asturias Award was designed by which Spanish artist?

(A) Pablo Picasso
(B) Salvador Dalí
(C) Antoni Gaudí
(D) Joan Miró

89. Which country beat Argentina to win the FIFA World Cup final on 19 July 2026?

(A) France
(B) Spain
(C) Brazil
(D) Germany

90. Messi has won the Ballon d'Or a record 8 times. Which French magazine started this award?

(A) L'Équipe
(B) Le Monde
(C) Paris Match
(D) France Football

91. Bodhana Sivanandan broke the 'youngest female IM' record held since 1988 by whom?

(A) Hou Yifan
(B) Koneru Humpy
(C) Judit Polgar
(D) Maia Chiburdanidze

92. Bodhana Sivanandan, who plays for England, has family roots in which Tamil Nadu city?
(A) Madurai
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Thanjavur
(D) Tiruchirappalli

93. In which city was the International Chess Federation (FIDE) founded on 20 July 1924?
(A) Paris
(B) London
(C) Moscow
(D) Vienna

94. Who was elected FIDE Deputy President at the FIDE General Assembly in Samarkand in Sep 2026?
(A) Arkady Dvorkovich
(B) Magnus Carlsen
(C) Viswanathan Anand
(D) Timur Turlov

95. Which Chennai player became India's first woman International Master (IM) and first WGM?
(A) Koneru Humpy
(B) Harika Dronavalli
(C) S. Vijayalakshmi
(D) R. Vaishali

96. In which sport did India win the most medals at the 2026 Aichi–Nagoya Asian Para Games?
(A) Para-badminton
(B) Para-shooting
(C) Para-archery
(D) Para-athletics

97. Which country topped the medal table at the 2026 Asian Para Games?
(A) China
(B) Japan
(C) Iran
(D) Uzbekistan

98. Which two-time Paralympic champion was elected President of the Paralympic Committee of India in March 2024?
(A) Deepa Malik
(B) Sumit Antil
(C) Devendra Jhajharia
(D) Pramod Bhagat

99. Deepa Malik, the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic medal, won silver at Rio 2016 in which event?
(A) Javelin throw
(B) Discus throw
(C) Powerlifting
(D) Shot put

100. In Tamil Nadu, the Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons is held directly by whom?
(A) Social Welfare Minister
(B) Chief Secretary
(C) Chief Minister
(D) Health Minister

101. In October 2026, Pankaj Advani won his 29th world title at which event?
(A) IBSF World Snooker
(B) WBL World Billiards
(C) Asian Billiards
(D) World 6-Red Snooker

102. At which Tamil Nadu hill station were the first rules of snooker finalised in 1882?
(A) Kodaikanal
(B) Yercaud
(C) Coonoor
(D) Udhagamandalam (Ooty)

103. Which is India's highest sports honour, received by Advani in 2006?
(A) Arjuna
(B) Khel Ratna
(C) Dronacharya
(D) Dhyan Chand Award

104. In snooker, which colour ball carries the highest value (7 points)?
(A) Black
(B) Pink
(C) Blue
(D) Yellow

105. Who became the first Indian world champion in any sport by winning the World Amateur Billiards title in 1958?

(A) Wilson Jones
(B) Michael Ferreira
(C) Geet Sethi
(D) Viswanathan Anand

106. Which Kerala department decided in October 2026 to carry out statewide 'child vulnerability mapping'?

(A) Health Department
(B) Women & Child Development
(C) Home Department
(D) Local Self-Government

107. The child helpline 1098 functions under which Central Government scheme?

(A) POSHAN Abhiyaan
(B) Mission Shakti
(C) Mission Vatsalya
(D) Samagra Shiksha

108. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is a statutory body set up under which Act?

(A) CPCR Act, 2005
(B) POCSO Act, 2012
(C) JJ Act, 2015
(D) RTE Act, 2009

109. Which Article of the Constitution directs the State to let children develop in a healthy manner and protect them from exploitation?

(A) Article 21A
(B) Article 24
(C) Article 39(f)
(D) Article 45

110. Which scheme did Tamil Nadu launch in 2022 to identify and treat malnourished children?

(A) Oottachathai Uruthi Sei
(B) Pudhumai Penn
(C) Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam
(D) Naan Mudhalvan

111. In October 2026, which element did the US Department of Energy add to its Critical Material List, citing chipmaking?

(A) Lithium
(B) Helium
(C) Neon
(D) Gallium

112. At which place in India did Janssen first observe helium's yellow spectral line during the 1868 solar eclipse?

(A) Kodaikanal
(B) Madras
(C) Puri
(D) Guntur

113. Why is liquid helium used in MRI scanners?

(A) To cool superconducting magnets
(B) To produce X-rays
(C) As a contrast agent
(D) To sterilise equipment

114. KABIL, set up to acquire critical mineral assets abroad, comes under which Union Ministry?

(A) Ministry of Steel
(B) Ministry of Mines
(C) Ministry of Petroleum
(D) Ministry of External Affairs

115. Where in Tamil Nadu is the IREL plant that separates monazite and ilmenite from beach sand located?

(A) Manavalakurichi
(B) Chavara
(C) Chhatrapur
(D) Aluva

116. The 'Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought' is awarded by which body?
(A) UN General Assembly
(B) Council of Europe
(C) European Parliament
(D) Norwegian Nobel Committee

117. The International Criminal Court (ICC) was established under which treaty?
(A) Rome Statute
(B) Geneva Convention
(C) Vienna Convention
(D) Treaty of Versailles

118. Which is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations?
(A) International Criminal Court
(B) International Court of Justice
(C) Permanent Court of Arbitration
(D) Int'l Tribunal Law of the Sea

119. Who shared the first Sakharov Prize (1988) with Anatoly Marchenko?
(A) Malala Yousafzai
(B) Aung San Suu Kyi
(C) Nelson Mandela
(D) Dalai Lama

120. The Tamil Nadu State Human Rights Commission was set up under which Act?
(A) Commissions of Inquiry Act
(B) Protection of Human Rights Act
(C) Right to Information Act
(D) Lokpal Act

121. Painter Jogen Chowdhury, who died on 25 Oct 2026, was for 15 years the curator of the art collection of which institution?
(A) National Museum
(B) Victoria Memorial
(C) Rashtrapati Bhavan
(D) Salar Jung Museum

122. The 'Kalidas Samman', received by Jogen Chowdhury in 2001, is conferred by which State Government?
(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) Maharashtra
(C) West Bengal
(D) Madhya Pradesh

123. Kala Bhavana at Santiniketan, where Jogen Chowdhury taught, is part of which university?
(A) University of Calcutta
(B) Visva-Bharati University
(C) Jadavpur University
(D) Rabindra Bharati University

124. Which body functions as India's National Academy of Fine Arts?
(A) Lalit Kala Akademi
(B) Sangeet Natak Akademi
(C) Sahitya Akademi
(D) National School of Drama

125. Who founded the 'Cholamandal Artists' Village' (1966) at Injambakkam, Chennai?
(A) Nandalal Bose
(B) Jamini Roy
(C) K.C.S. Paniker
(D) S. Dhanapal

126. Along with Stockholm University, which body jointly awards the 'Oskar Klein Medal' received by Ashoke Sen?
(A) Royal Society, London
(B) ICTP, Trieste
(C) CERN, Geneva
(D) Nobel Committee for Physics

127. Ashoke Sen is world-renowned for his research in which field?
(A) Condensed matter physics
(B) Radio astronomy
(C) String theory
(D) Nuclear fission

128. In the 'Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar', the name of Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar is attached to which category?
(A) Vigyan Ratna
(B) Vigyan Shri
(C) Vigyan Team
(D) Vigyan Yuva

129. India's National Science Day (28 February) commemorates the discovery of the?
(A) Photoelectric effect
(B) Raman effect
(C) Compton effect
(D) Zeeman effect

130. The 'Chandrasekhar limit', named after 1983 Nobel laureate S. Chandrasekhar, is the maximum mass of a?
(A) Black hole
(B) Red giant
(C) White dwarf
(D) Comet

131. 'International Artist's Day', observed on 25 October, coincides with the birth anniversary of which painter?
(A) Leonardo da Vinci
(B) Pablo Picasso
(C) Vincent van Gogh
(D) Raja Ravi Varma

132. Which art movement did Picasso develop together with Georges Braque?
(A) Cubism
(B) Impressionism
(C) Surrealism
(D) Fauvism

133. Picasso's painting 'Guernica' (1937) depicts which event?
(A) French Revolution
(B) Spanish Civil War bombing
(C) Battle of Waterloo
(D) Hiroshima atomic bombing

134. Kilimanoor, the birthplace of painter Raja Ravi Varma, was in which princely State?
(A) Travancore
(B) Cochin
(C) Mysore
(D) Pudukkottai

135. 'Thanjavur painting', with gold foil and inlaid glass beads, flourished under the patronage of which rulers?
(A) Pallavas
(B) Kakatiyas
(C) Marathas of Thanjavur
(D) Hoysalas

136. Which organisations lead the 'Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint', which drives the International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week?
(A) UNICEF and UNDP
(B) ILO and WHO
(C) FAO and UNEP
(D) WHO and UNEP

137. The chemical symbol of lead, 'Pb', is derived from which Latin word?
(A) Ferrum
(B) Argentum
(C) Stannum
(D) Plumbum

138. India's 2016 Rules limiting lead in paints to 90 ppm were notified under which Act?
(A) Environment (Protection) Act
(B) Air (Pollution) Act
(C) Factories Act
(D) Water (Pollution) Act

139. Lead poisoning causes anaemia mainly because it blocks the synthesis of?
(A) Insulin
(B) Thyroxine
(C) Haem (of haemoglobin)
(D) Keratin

140. What was the main purpose of adding 'tetraethyl lead' (TEL) to petrol?

(A) To prevent engine knocking

(B) To add colour

(C) To lower freezing point

(D) To prevent rusting

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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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27 October 2026 – 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

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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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28 October 2026 – Questions (100)

1. Which body conducts the recruitment examination for Station Master posts in the Railways?
(A) Railway Recruitment Boards
(B) Staff Selection Commission
(C) UPSC
(D) IRCTC

2. Which is the apex management and policy-making body of Indian Railways?
(A) RDSO
(B) RITES
(C) IRCON
(D) Railway Board

3. India's first electric train (1925) ran between which two places?
(A) Howrah – Burdwan
(B) Madras Beach – Tambaram
(C) Delhi – Ghaziabad
(D) Bombay VT – Kurla

4. The new Pamban bridge, India's first vertical-lift railway sea bridge, links Rameswaram island with which mainland town?
(A) Mandapam
(B) Dhanushkodi
(C) Thoothukudi
(D) Kanniyakumari

5. Which Tamil Nadu railway is a UNESCO World Heritage Site under 'Mountain Railways of India'?
(A) Nilgiri Mountain Railway
(B) Pamban rail line
(C) Madurai – Bodi line
(D) Chennai MRTS

6. TAMCO functions as the State Channelising Agency of which national finance corporation?
(A) NSFDC
(B) NBCFDC
(C) NMDFC
(D) NSKFDC

7. Which community was the last (2014) to be added to the nationally notified minority communities?
(A) Parsis
(B) Jains
(C) Buddhists
(D) Sikhs

8. Which Article gives minorities the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice?
(A) Article 30
(B) Article 25
(C) Article 15(4)
(D) Article 46

9. Which of the following correctly describes the National Commission for Minorities?
(A) A constitutional body
(B) Set up only by executive order
(C) A wing of NITI Aayog
(D) Statutory body under 1992 Act

10. Which loan scheme for minority artisans is implemented in Tamil Nadu through TAMCO?
(A) Nai Manzil
(B) Nai Roshni
(C) Padho Pardesh
(D) Virasat

11. Which agency enforces a Look Out Circular (LOC) at India's airports and seaports?
(A) Bureau of Immigration
(B) Central Bureau of Investigation
(C) Ministry of External Affairs
(D) National Investigation Agency

12. Which Supreme Court case first held that the right to travel abroad is part of 'personal liberty' under Article 21?
(A) A.K. Gopalan case
(B) Golaknath case
(C) Satwant Singh Sawhney case
(D) Kesavananda Bharati case

13. In the Karti P. Chidambaram case (2018), the Madras High Court held that its power under which Article includes cancelling an LOC?

(A) Article 32
(B) Article 226
(C) Article 227
(D) Article 136

14. Per the Maneka Gandhi case (1978), a procedure restricting Article 21 rights must be:

(A) Fair, just and reasonable
(B) Approved by Parliament only
(C) Ordered by a magistrate only
(D) Notified by the President

15. Under the MHA's consolidated LOC guidelines of 2021, how long does an LOC remain in force?

(A) Only six months
(B) One year, then auto-deleted
(C) Until a court extends it
(D) Till originator seeks deletion

16. The period of the new 'PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana' is aligned with the award period of which body?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) 16th Finance Commission
(C) 8th Pay Commission
(D) 15th Finance Commission

17. Which Part of the Constitution deals with Panchayats?

(A) Part VIII
(B) Part IXA
(C) Part IX
(D) Part X

18. The Uthiramerur inscriptions describing the 'Kudavolai' election system belong to the reign of which king?

(A) Rajaraja Chola I
(B) Narasimhavarman I
(C) Parantaka Chola I
(D) Rajendra Chola I

19. Which Union Ministry implements the PM-VGSY scheme?

(A) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
(B) Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Ministry of Home Affairs
(D) Housing & Urban Affairs

20. Which committee first recommended a three-tier Panchayati Raj system in India?

(A) Balwant Rai Mehta Committee
(B) Ashok Mehta Committee
(C) G.V.K. Rao Committee
(D) L.M. Singhvi Committee

21. INS Sahyadri arrived at which port on 26 Oct 2026 for the India–Republic of Korea Navy exercise?

(A) Incheon
(B) Busan
(C) Vladivostok
(D) Yokosuka

22. Which Indian poet praised Korea as 'The Lamp of the East' in a 1929 poem?

(A) Rabindranath Tagore
(B) Sarojini Naidu
(C) Subramania Bharati
(D) Muhammad Iqbal

23. Which strait separates the Korean Peninsula from Japan?

(A) Strait of Malacca
(B) Korea Strait
(C) Taiwan Strait
(D) Tsugaru Strait

24. Which Prime Minister launched India's 'Look East' policy?

(A) P.V. Narasimha Rao
(B) I.K. Gujral
(C) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
(D) Rajiv Gandhi

25. Which Indian chaired the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission (NNRC) after the Korean War armistice (1953)?

(A) K.S. Thimayya
(B) K.M. Cariappa
(C) S.P.P. Thorat
(D) Sam Manekshaw

26. Where is the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo (2–5 Nov 2026) being held?

(A) Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
(B) Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar
(C) India Expo Mart, Greater Noida
(D) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

27. The International Solar Alliance, holding its 9th Assembly with BRESE, was first meant for countries lying:

(A) Between Equator & Cancer
(B) Between the Polar Circles
(C) Between Cancer & Capricorn
(D) South of Capricorn

28. India's 'Panchamrit' pledge of 500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030 was announced at which conference?

(A) COP26, Glasgow
(B) COP21, Paris
(C) COP27, Sharm el-Sheikh
(D) COP28, Dubai

29. What does the 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana' (2024) mainly promote?

(A) Solar pumps for farmers
(B) Solar street lights
(C) Rooftop solar for homes
(D) Large solar parks

30. Off which two States' coasts is the first 1 GW under the 2024 offshore wind VGF scheme planned?

(A) Andhra Pradesh, Odisha
(B) Kerala, Karnataka
(C) Gujarat, Tamil Nadu
(D) Maharashtra, Goa

31. What is the ₹10,000 crore container-making scheme approved by the Union Cabinet on 28 Oct 2026 called?

(A) Container Mfg. Promotion Scheme
(B) Shipbuilding Development Scheme
(C) Coastal Cargo Promotion Scheme
(D) Maritime Development Fund

32. What does 'TEU', the unit used to measure container capacity, stand for?

(A) Total Export Unit
(B) Transport Equipment Unit
(C) Tonnage Equivalent Unit
(D) Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit

33. Who introduced modern container shipping in 1956 with the ship 'Ideal X'?

(A) Rudolf Diesel
(B) Malcom McLean
(C) Henry Ford
(D) Robert Fulton

34. Shipping containers are mostly built of 'Cor-Ten' steel. What is its key property?

(A) Lighter than aluminium
(B) Non-magnetic
(C) Resists weather corrosion
(D) Does not conduct heat

35. Which is India's first deep-water container transshipment port, dedicated to the nation in May 2025?

(A) Vizhinjam
(B) Vadhavan
(C) Enayam
(D) Galathea Bay

36. The 'SIGHT' programme of the National Green Hydrogen Mission mainly gives incentives for:

(A) Hydrogen fuel-cell cars
(B) Electrolysers & green H_2 output
(C) Coal gasification plants
(D) Natural gas pipelines

37. During electrolysis of water, where is hydrogen gas released?
(A) Anode
(B) In the electrolyte
(C) Cathode
(D) At both electrodes

38. Under the Green Hydrogen Mission's shipping pilot, VOC Port, Thoothukudi, is to get bunkering facilities for which green fuel?
(A) Green ammonia
(B) Green methanol
(C) Liquefied natural gas
(D) Biodiesel

39. Which scientist first identified hydrogen as a distinct substance, calling it 'inflammable air'?
(A) Antoine Lavoisier
(B) Joseph Priestley
(C) Henry Cavendish
(D) John Dalton

40. 'Green ammonia', made by combining green hydrogen with nitrogen, is mainly used for:
(A) Galvanising steel
(B) Making cement
(C) Making glass
(D) Nitrogen fertilisers

41. Where in New Delhi was the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum held in October 2026?
(A) Bharat Mandapam
(B) Yashobhoomi
(C) Vigyan Bhawan
(D) Samvidhan Sadan

42. In which city was the first BRICS Parliamentary Forum held in 2015?
(A) Moscow
(B) Brasília
(C) New Delhi
(D) Beijing

43. Who presides over a joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament (Article 108)?
(A) Speaker of the Lok Sabha
(B) President
(C) Chairman, Rajya Sabha
(D) Prime Minister

44. Which country became a full member of BRICS in January 2025?
(A) Malaysia
(B) Thailand
(C) Nigeria
(D) Indonesia

45. Which Tamil Nadu leader served twice as Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha (1985–89 and 2014–19)?
(A) T.R. Baalu
(B) P. Chidambaram
(C) M. Thambidurai
(D) Era. Sezhiyan

46. Kashipur, where the ASI began a dig in Oct 2026, is identified with which ancient city described by Xuanzang?
(A) Ahichchhatra
(B) Kausambi
(C) Govisana
(D) Sravasti

47. Which narrow pebble-strewn belt lies along the Shiwalik foothills, just north of the Terai?
(A) Khadar
(B) Bhabar
(C) Bhangar
(D) Doab

48. The Painted Grey Ware (PGW) culture is associated with which period?
(A) Neolithic Age
(B) Harappan Civilisation
(C) Iron Age (Later Vedic)
(D) Mesolithic Age

49. Which archaeologist excavated Hastinapur and linked Painted Grey Ware to the Mahabharata period?
(A) Mortimer Wheeler
(B) R.D. Banerji
(C) John Marshall
(D) B.B. Lal

50. Who was the Pallava king when the Chinese pilgrim Xuanzang visited Kanchipuram?
(A) Mahendravarman I
(B) Rajasimha
(C) Simhavishnu
(D) Narasimhavarman I

51. What is the purpose of the 'Punah Bharan' app launched by the Jal Shakti Ministry in October 2026?
(A) Flood forecasting
(B) Groundwater recharge planning
(C) Drinking-water quality testing
(D) Irrigation water billing

52. A permeable rock or soil layer that stores groundwater and yields it to wells is called –
(A) Aquiclude
(B) Watershed
(C) Aquifer
(D) Water table

53. In which city did the Prime Minister launch the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' (JSJB) initiative in September 2024?
(A) Ahmedabad
(B) Surat
(C) Jaipur
(D) Varanasi

54. Where is the headquarters of the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB)?
(A) Nagpur
(B) Hyderabad
(C) New Delhi
(D) Faridabad

55. The 'Kudimaramathu' scheme launched in Tamil Nadu in 2017 is related to:
(A) Ration-shop reform
(B) Tank restoration by people
(C) Rural road building
(D) School building repair

56. 'Srishti', launched at Goa Shipyard Ltd on 27 October 2026, is what type of vessel?
(A) Survey Vessel (Large)
(B) Offshore Patrol Vessel
(C) Fleet Support Ship
(D) Diving Support Vessel

57. In the defence procurement category 'Buy (Indian-IDDM)', IDDM = Indigenously Designed, Developed and ____?
(A) Manufactured
(B) Maintained
(C) Marketed
(D) Modernised

58. In shipbuilding, what does the 'launch' of a warship denote?
(A) Formal induction into Navy
(B) Laying of the keel
(C) Completion of sea trials
(D) Hull first put into water

59. The 'Ursa Major' constellation on the crest of 'Srishti' is known in India as:
(A) Dhruva (Pole Star)
(B) Saptarishi Mandal
(C) Krittika (Pleiades)
(D) Mriga (Orion)

60. Indian Navy Day (4 December) commemorates which operation of the 1971 war?
(A) Operation Meghdoot
(B) Operation Vijay
(C) Operation Trident
(D) Operation Cactus

61. Kittur, where the 'Chennamma Freedom Park' will come up, is in which district of Karnataka?
(A) Dharwad
(B) Bagalkot
(C) Belagavi
(D) Vijayapura

62. Which British collector and political agent was killed in the Kittur battle of October 1824?
(A) Thomas Munro
(B) St John Thackeray
(C) Mark Cubbon
(D) Arthur Wellesley

63. Which lieutenant of Rani Chennamma continued a guerrilla war against the British after her capture and was later hanged?
(A) Dhondia Wagh
(B) Sangolli Rayanna
(C) Dheeran Chinnamalai
(D) Tantia Tope

64. Who, as woman commander of Rani Velu Nachiyar of Sivaganga, set fire to the British ammunition store?
(A) Rani Mangammal
(B) Jhalkari Bai
(C) Avantibai
(D) Kuyili

65. The British refusal to accept Kittur's adoption is seen as a precursor to which policy of Lord Dalhousie?
(A) Subsidiary Alliance
(B) Ring Fence policy
(C) Doctrine of Lapse
(D) Permanent Settlement

66. In which city will the Earthshot Prize 2026 Awards Night – the first in India – be held?
(A) New Delhi
(B) Mumbai
(C) Bengaluru
(D) Chennai

67. Who founded the Earthshot Prize for environmental solutions in 2020?
(A) King Charles III
(B) Al Gore
(C) Prince William
(D) Bill Gates

68. In which category did the Indian enterprise Takachar win the Earthshot Prize in 2021?
(A) Revive Our Oceans
(B) Fix Our Climate
(C) Build a Waste-free World
(D) Clean Our Air

69. Tiruvannamalai student Vinisha Umashankar, a 2021 Earthshot finalist, is known for which invention?
(A) Solar-powered ironing cart
(B) Seawater desalinator
(C) Plastic-to-fuel unit
(D) Electric bicycle

70. The name 'Earthshot' was inspired by the 'Moonshot' programme of which US President?
(A) Franklin D. Roosevelt
(B) Dwight Eisenhower
(C) Richard Nixon
(D) John F. Kennedy

71. Where will the 'PRAGATI' AI & Robotics Park, approved by the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet in Oct 2026, be set up?
(A) Lucknow
(B) Kanpur
(C) Prayagraj
(D) Greater Noida

72. The word 'robot' was first used in a play written by whom?
(A) Isaac Asimov
(B) Alan Turing
(C) Karel Čapek
(D) H.G. Wells

73. Which State released a 'Safe and Ethical Artificial Intelligence Policy' in 2020?
(A) Karnataka
(B) Telangana
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Kerala

74. Under which Union Ministry does the national 'IndiaAI Mission' come?
(A) Science & Technology
(B) Electronics & IT (MeitY)
(C) Skill Development
(D) Communications

75. GVA at basic prices + product taxes − product subsidies = ?
(A) GDP
(B) NDP
(C) GNP
(D) Per capita income

76. At which October 2026 event did Nobel laureate Richard Roberts urge India to rethink its stand on GM crops?
(A) World Food India
(B) India Mobile Congress
(C) Indian Science Congress
(D) ESTIC 2026

77. For which discovery did Richard Roberts and Phillip Sharp share the 1993 Nobel Prize in Medicine?
(A) DNA double helix
(B) Split genes (introns)
(C) PCR technique
(D) CRISPR gene editing

78. 'Golden Rice', a GM rice, is engineered to produce the precursor of which nutrient?
(A) Vitamin C
(B) Vitamin A
(C) Iron
(D) Vitamin D

79. The GEAC, which approves environmental release of GM crops in India, functions under which Ministry?
(A) Environment, Forest & Climate
(B) Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(C) Science & Technology
(D) Health & Family Welfare

80. Mahyco shared its Bt brinjal technology for developing local varieties with which Tamil Nadu institution?
(A) Anna University
(B) TANUVAS, Chennai
(C) TNAU, Coimbatore
(D) Annamalai University

81. The IUCN coral reef ecosystem assessment was released at CBD COP17 (Oct 2026), held in which city?
(A) Cali
(B) Yerevan
(C) Montreal
(D) Belém

82. How does the crown-of-thorns starfish, listed as a reef threat, damage coral reefs?
(A) By releasing toxic gas
(B) By drilling into rocks
(C) By blocking sunlight
(D) By eating coral polyps

83. The Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest reef system now rated Critically Endangered, lies off which Australian State?
(A) Queensland
(B) Victoria
(C) South Australia
(D) Tasmania

84. Coral polyps, which build reefs such as those in the Gulf of Mannar, belong to which animal phylum?
(A) Porifera
(B) Cnidaria
(C) Mollusca
(D) Annelida

85. A ring-shaped coral reef enclosing a lagoon, as seen in Lakshadweep, is called –
(A) Fringing reef
(B) Barrier reef
(C) Atoll
(D) Continental shelf

86. World Stroke Day on 29 October each year is led by which organisation?
(A) World Stroke Organization
(B) World Heart Federation
(C) World Fed. of Neurology
(D) Red Cross (IFRC)

87. The most common type of stroke, caused by a blocked artery supplying the brain, is called –
(A) Haemorrhagic stroke
(B) Ischaemic stroke
(C) Myocardial infarction
(D) Epilepsy

88. Which WHO decision-making body adopted the first standalone resolution on stroke in May 2026?
(A) WHO Executive Board
(B) UN General Assembly
(C) World Health Assembly
(D) UN ECOSOC

89. Tamil Nadu's 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' delivers home medicines for which conditions, both stroke risk factors?
(A) Tuberculosis, leprosy
(B) Hypertension, diabetes
(C) Malaria, dengue
(D) Cataract, glaucoma

90. India's NPCDCS (2010), which covers stroke, was renamed in 2023 as –
(A) NPHCE
(B) NPCB&VI
(C) NMHP
(D) NP-NCD

91. Which body proclaimed 29 October as the 'International Day of Care and Support' in 2023?
(A) UN General Assembly
(B) International Labour Org.
(C) UN Women
(D) World Health Organization

92. Target 5.4, on recognising and valuing unpaid care and domestic work, falls under which Sustainable Development Goal?
(A) No Poverty
(B) Good Health and Well-being
(C) Decent Work and Growth
(D) Gender Equality

93. Which body conducts India's 'Time Use Survey', which measures unpaid care work?
(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Labour Bureau
(C) Registrar General of India
(D) National Statistics Office

94. Tamil Nadu's 'Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai' was launched on the birth anniversary of which leader?
(A) Periyar E.V. Ramasamy
(B) C.N. Annadurai
(C) K. Kamaraj
(D) M. Karunanidhi

95. Which Article of the Constitution provides for just and humane conditions of work and maternity relief?
(A) Article 39A
(B) Article 41
(C) Article 42
(D) Article 43A

96. ARPANET, which carried the first message on 29 Oct 1969, was funded by which US department?
(A) Department of Commerce
(B) Department of Energy
(C) Department of Defense
(D) Department of State

97. Which State special purpose vehicle (SPV) implements the BharatNet project in Tamil Nadu?
(A) TANFINET
(B) ELCOT
(C) Arasu Cable TV (TACTV)
(D) TNeGA

98. Which company launched India's first public internet service on 15 Aug 1995?
(A) VSNL
(B) BSNL
(C) MTNL
(D) C-DOT

99. Which of the following statements about psoriasis is correct?

(A) It is a bacterial infection
(B) It is a fungal infection
(C) It spreads by touch
(D) It is an autoimmune disease

100. Which global body coordinates World Psoriasis Day, observed on 29 October?

(A) World Health Organization
(B) World Stroke Organization
(C) ICRC
(D) IFPA

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1. Which body set up a committee headed by retired judge V. Bharathidasan in Oct 2026 to oversee the Chidambaram Nataraja temple's administration?
(A) Supreme Court of India
(B) HR&CE Department
(C) Tamil Nadu Cabinet
(D) Madras High Court

2. Among the Pancha Bhoota Sthalams, which element does the Chidambaram Nataraja temple represent?
(A) Earth
(B) Water
(C) Air
(D) Space (Akasha)

3. 'Thiruvasagam', which the court said devotees may sing at the Kanaka Sabha, was composed by
(A) Thirunavukkarasar
(B) Sundarar
(C) Manikkavasagar
(D) Sekkizhar

4. Which Chola king is credited with covering the Chit Sabha of the Chidambaram temple with gold?
(A) Parantaka I
(B) Rajaraja I
(C) Rajendra I
(D) Kulothunga I

5. The 108 karanas sculpted on the gopurams of the Chidambaram temple are described in which text?
(A) Natya Shastra
(B) Silappathikaram
(C) Arthashastra
(D) Tholkappiyam

6. Which company group is the primary strategic investor in the proposed mega shipyard at Thoothukudi?
(A) Samsung Heavy Industries
(B) Hanwha Ocean
(C) Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
(D) HD Hyundai (HD KSOE)

7. NSHIP-TN, the SPV for the Thoothukudi shipyard, is a joint venture of VOC Port and which Tamil Nadu agency?
(A) SIPCOT
(B) TIDCO
(C) Tamil Nadu Maritime Board
(D) ELCOT

8. The 'Gross Tonnage' (GT) used to state shipbuilding capacity measures a ship's
(A) Weight of cargo it can carry
(B) Weight of water displaced
(C) Maximum speed
(D) Total internal volume

9. Which long-term vision aims to make India one of the world's top five shipbuilding nations by 2047?
(A) Sagarmala Programme
(B) Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047
(C) Bharatmala Pariyojana
(D) PM Gati Shakti

10. Thoothukudi, the shipyard site, is called the 'Pearl City' because of its
(A) Pearl-inlay handicrafts
(B) Gulf of Mannar pearl fishery
(C) Pearl-shaped islands
(D) Artificial pearl factories

11. After the October 2026 order, what is the upper age limit for general-category candidates in TNPSC Group-I?
(A) 37 years
(B) 35 years
(C) 34 years
(D) 42 years

12. Under Article 316, who appoints the Chairman and members of a State Public Service Commission?
(A) The Governor
(B) The President
(C) The Chief Minister
(D) Chief Justice of High Court

13. Part XIV of the Indian Constitution deals with
(A) Elections
(B) Finance, property, contracts
(C) Services under Union & States
(D) Official language

14. Who can remove a member of a State Public Service Commission on the ground of misbehaviour?
(A) The Governor
(B) The President
(C) State Legislature
(D) The High Court

15. Which province of British India was the first to set up a provincial Public Service Commission, in 1929?
(A) Bengal
(B) Bombay
(C) Madras
(D) Punjab

16. In which Swiss town will the WEF Annual Meeting of January 2027, to be attended by CM Vijay, be held?
(A) Davos
(B) Geneva
(C) Zurich
(D) Lausanne

17. Who founded the World Economic Forum in 1971 (then the European Management Forum)?
(A) Kofi Annan
(B) Christine Lagarde
(C) Klaus Schwab
(D) Jeffrey Sachs

18. Which of the following reports is published by the World Economic Forum (WEF)?
(A) Global Gender Gap Report
(B) World Development Report
(C) Human Development Report
(D) World Economic Outlook

19. Which is Tamil Nadu's nodal agency for investment promotion and single-window facilitation?
(A) TN Industrial Investment Corp.
(B) Guidance Tamil Nadu
(C) TN Infrastructure Board
(D) StartupTN

20. What is the capital of Switzerland, the country that hosts the WEF headquarters?
(A) Zurich
(B) Geneva
(C) Basel
(D) Bern

21. Which district is NOT among those where the eight industrial projects approved on 29 Oct 2026 will come up?
(A) Kancheepuram
(B) Chengalpattu
(C) Tirunelveli
(D) Coimbatore

22. Which Article provides for a Council of Ministers headed by the Chief Minister to aid and advise the Governor?
(A) Article 154
(B) Article 163
(C) Article 74
(D) Article 167

23. 'Agrotech', 'Meditech' and 'Geotech' are segments of which sector, one of those in the approved projects?
(A) Life sciences
(B) Technical textiles
(C) Electronics
(D) Aerospace

24. Erode, one of the project districts, holds a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for which produce?
(A) Cardamom
(B) Pepper
(C) Banana
(D) Turmeric

25. Which town in Krishnagiri district, on the Karnataka border, is a major automobile and electronics hub?
(A) Ambur
(B) Vaniyambadi
(C) Dharmapuri
(D) Hosur

26. As per MNRE, over 70% of India's contracted green hydrogen volume is earmarked for:
(A) Exports
(B) Fertiliser plants
(C) Oil refineries
(D) City gas distribution

27. The 'H2Global' auction mechanism, under which AM Green won a green ammonia supply deal, is an initiative of:
(A) Japan
(B) South Korea
(C) Germany
(D) Netherlands

28. Which catalyst is used in the manufacture of ammonia by the Haber process?
(A) Platinum
(B) Iron
(C) Nickel
(D) Vanadium pentoxide

29. Numaligarh Refinery, one of the refineries to get green hydrogen under SIGHT, is in which State?
(A) West Bengal
(B) Assam
(C) Odisha
(D) Arunachal Pradesh

30. Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL), which runs the Manali refinery in Chennai, is a subsidiary of:
(A) Indian Oil (IOCL)
(B) Bharat Petroleum (BPCL)
(C) ONGC
(D) GAIL

31. Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, named Vice Chief of the Air Staff, currently heads which command?
(A) Western Air Command
(B) Southern Air Command
(C) Eastern Air Command
(D) Training Command

32. The National Defence Academy (NDA), of which Walia is an alumnus, is located at:
(A) Khadakwasla, Pune
(B) Dehradun
(C) Wellington, Nilgiris
(D) Ezhimala, Kerala

33. The IAF's 'TACDE' (Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment), once commanded by Walia, is at:
(A) Jamnagar
(B) Hyderabad (Dundigal)
(C) Gwalior
(D) Bidar

34. Who is the only Indian Air Force officer to be awarded the Param Vir Chakra?
(A) Abhinandan Varthaman
(B) Rakesh Sharma
(C) Ajjamada B. Devayya
(D) Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon

35. The Indian Air Force's 'Air Force Administrative College' is located in which Tamil Nadu city?
(A) Tambaram
(B) Thanjavur
(C) Avadi
(D) Coimbatore

36. Which body gave final approval on 28 Oct 2026 for 8 Next Generation Corvettes for the Navy?
(A) Defence Acquisition Council
(B) Cabinet Committee on Security
(C) National Security Council
(D) Chiefs of Staff Committee

37. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), which will build five of the eight corvettes, is based in:
(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Mumbai
(C) Kolkata
(D) Kochi

38. The unit 'knot', used for the speed of ships, is equal to one:
(A) Mile per hour
(B) Kilometre per hour
(C) Metre per second
(D) Nautical mile per hour

39. India's anti-submarine stealth corvettes built by GRSE under 'Project 28' belong to which class?
(A) Kamorta class
(B) Talwar class
(C) Shivalik class
(D) Kolkata class

40. The naval air station 'INS Parundu', which watches the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Strait, is located at:
(A) Uchipuli, Ramanathapuram
(B) Arakkonam, Ranipet
(C) Thoothukudi
(D) Nagapattinam

41. Which Union Ministry launched 'Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0' on 28 Oct 2026?
(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Youth Affairs and Sports
(C) Social Justice & Empowerment
(D) Health and Family Welfare

42. Section 4 of COTPA, 2003 prohibits:
(A) Tobacco advertising
(B) Sale to minors
(C) Smoking in public places
(D) Packs without warnings

43. The PECA law of 2019, enforced under TFYC 4.0, bans:
(A) Hookah bars
(B) Beedi manufacture
(C) Electronic cigarettes
(D) Chewing tobacco

44. Which international treaty on tobacco control, made under the WHO, did India ratify in 2004?
(A) Stockholm Convention
(B) WHO FCTC
(C) Rotterdam Convention
(D) Minamata Convention

45. In 2013, the Tamil Nadu government banned gutka and pan masala under which law?
(A) COTPA, 2003
(B) NDPS Act, 1985
(C) Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940
(D) Food Safety & Stds Act, 2006

46. Sikkim's first 'Himalayan Yak Festival' (Oct 2026) was held in which valley?
(A) Spiti Valley
(B) Gnathang Valley
(C) Ziro Valley
(D) Dzukou Valley

47. Where is the ICAR–National Research Centre on Yak located?
(A) Leh, Ladakh
(B) Dirang, Arunachal
(C) Gangtok, Sikkim
(D) Karnal, Haryana

48. What is the scientific name of the domestic yak?
(A) Bos grunniens
(B) Bos indicus
(C) Bubalus bubalis
(D) Bos gaurus

49. Which Article of the Constitution contains special provisions for Sikkim?
(A) Article 371A
(B) Article 371G
(C) Article 371H
(D) Article 371F

50. The Toda tribe of the Nilgiris are traditionally herders of which animal?
(A) Yak
(B) Sheep
(C) Buffalo
(D) Camel

51. As recommended by the 57th GST Council, what change was made to GST on delivery services via e-commerce platforms?
(A) Raised from 5% to 18%
(B) Fully exempted
(C) Cut 18% to 5% (no ITC)
(D) Cut to 12% (with ITC)

52. Under Section 9(5) of the CGST Act, who pays GST on services supplied via e-commerce platforms by unregistered suppliers?
(A) The consumer
(B) The e-commerce operator
(C) The delivery partner
(D) The State Government

53. Who is the ex-officio Secretary of the GST Council?
(A) Union Finance Secretary
(B) Union Revenue Secretary
(C) Chairman, CBIC
(D) Chief Economic Adviser

54. Under the Constitution's definition of GST, which item is kept outside GST?
(A) Tobacco products
(B) Gold
(C) Mobile phones
(D) Alcoholic liquor (human use)

55. Which department administers State GST (SGST) in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Commercial Taxes Department
(B) Registration Department
(C) Revenue Administration Dept
(D) Treasuries & Accounts Dept

56. In which national park was the new flowering plant 'Osbeckia assamensis' (Oct 2026) discovered?
(A) Kaziranga
(B) Nameri
(C) Manas
(D) Dibru-Saikhowa

57. The genus Osbeckia belongs to which plant family?
(A) Acanthaceae
(B) Melastomataceae
(C) Orchidaceae
(D) Fabaceae

58. The Bengal florican, a Critically Endangered bird of the Terai–Assam grasslands, is a type of –
(A) Crane
(B) Stork
(C) Bustard
(D) Pheasant

59. The 'pygmy hog', captive-bred and released into Assam's grasslands, is the world's smallest –
(A) Deer
(B) Rhinoceros
(C) Wild cat
(D) Wild pig

60. Where in Tamil Nadu is the Southern Regional Centre of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI)?
(A) Chennai
(B) Madurai
(C) Udhagamandalam
(D) Coimbatore

61. The Sirpur archaeological site, added to UNESCO's Tentative List, lies in which district of Chhattisgarh?
(A) Raipur
(B) Bastar
(C) Mahasamund
(D) Bilaspur

62. The 7th-century Lakshmana temple at Sirpur is famous as an early temple built mainly of –
(A) Granite
(B) Brick
(C) Sandstone
(D) Marble

63. Between the 5th and 12th centuries CE, Sirpur was the capital of which ancient region?
(A) Kalinga
(B) Dakshina Kosala
(C) Vidarbha
(D) Magadha

64. Which body evaluates nominated cultural sites and advises UNESCO on the World Heritage List?
(A) ICOMOS
(B) IUCN
(C) ICCROM
(D) WWF

65. Which Tamil Nadu site is on UNESCO's Tentative List but is not yet a World Heritage Site?
(A) Brihadisvara, Thanjavur
(B) Mahabalipuram monuments
(C) Nilgiri Mountain Railway
(D) Chettinad village clusters

66. Which UAE honour was conferred on Captain Smit Machchhar for his courage in October 2026?
(A) First Class Order of Zayed II
(B) Order of Zayed
(C) Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud
(D) Order of the Nile

67. Which Indian Prime Minister received the 'Order of Zayed', the UAE's highest civilian honour, in 2019?
(A) Manmohan Singh
(B) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
(C) Indira Gandhi
(D) Narendra Modi

68. Which India–UAE trade agreement has been in force since 1 May 2022?
(A) ECTA
(B) TEPA
(C) CEPA
(D) CECA

69. The BAPS Hindu Mandir opened by PM Modi in February 2024 is in which emirate?
(A) Abu Dhabi
(B) Dubai
(C) Sharjah
(D) Ras Al Khaimah

70. At which State function is Tamil Nadu's 'Anna Medal for Gallantry', for life-saving bravery, presented?
(A) Independence Day
(B) Tamil Nadu Day
(C) Gandhi Jayanti
(D) Republic Day

71. Which dairy co-operative built the Bharat Bovine Breeding and Research Centre opened at Bhildi in Banaskantha?
(A) Amul (Kaira)
(B) Sabar Dairy
(C) Dudhsagar Dairy
(D) Banas Dairy

72. Kankrej cattle exported to Brazil gave rise to which breed there?
(A) Nelore
(B) Guzerá
(C) Gyr
(D) Hereford

73. In the 'IVF' part of ET-IVF technology, where does fertilisation take place?
(A) Inside the uterus
(B) Inside the oviduct
(C) Outside the body, in a lab
(D) Inside the ovary

74. The famous draught breed 'Kangayam' is native to which region of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Cauvery delta
(B) Sivaganga–Ramanathapuram
(C) Nilgiris
(D) Kongu region

75. The dual-purpose (milk and draught) native breed 'Kankrej' has its home tract in which region?
(A) Rann of Kutch (Guj–Raj)
(B) Malwa plateau (MP)
(C) Coastal Andhra
(D) Haryana–Punjab

76. Which publisher's 2026 'World's 100 Best Museums' list ranked the Bihar Museum 9th?
(A) Lonely Planet
(B) Worth a Journey
(C) Tripadvisor
(D) Condé Nast Traveller

77. The 'Didarganj Yakshi', the Bihar Museum's star exhibit, is generally assigned to which period?
(A) Gupta
(B) Mauryan
(C) Pala
(D) Shunga

78. India's oldest museum, founded by the Asiatic Society in 1814, is located in which city?
(A) Kolkata
(B) Chennai
(C) Mumbai
(D) New Delhi

79. The Government Museum, Chennai, famous for its Amaravati Buddhist sculptures, is located at –
(A) Mylapore
(B) Guindy
(C) Egmore
(D) Adyar

80. When is International Museum Day observed every year?
(A) 18 May
(B) 18 April
(C) 27 September
(D) 19 November

81. UNEP's 'Nature's Comeback' report (Oct 2026) cited India's Ganges dolphin recovery programme as a:
(A) Champions of the Earth award
(B) Ramsar Site
(C) UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
(D) World Restoration Flagship

82. What is the scientific name of the Ganges river dolphin, India's National Aquatic Animal?
(A) Orcaella brevirostris
(B) Platanista gangetica
(C) Gavialis gangeticus
(D) Dugong dugon

83. The Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary is in which State?
(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) West Bengal
(C) Bihar
(D) Assam

84. Along with UNEP, which body leads the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030)?
(A) UNDP
(B) FAO
(C) UNESCO
(D) WMO

85. The Ganges river dolphin is the 'State aquatic animal' of which State?
(A) Bihar
(B) West Bengal
(C) Assam
(D) Odisha

86. Which Gulf of Finland coastal town has Google's data centre, built in an old paper mill bought in 2009?
(A) Helsinki
(B) Espoo
(C) Hamina
(D) Tampere

87. With which country does Finland share its longest land border?
(A) Sweden
(B) Russia
(C) Norway
(D) Estonia

88. Finland became NATO's 31st member in 2023. Which country joined as the 32nd member in 2024?
(A) Sweden
(B) Ukraine
(C) Austria
(D) Switzerland

89. Finland's Loviisa power plant, with which Google signed a 22-year power deal, is of which type?
(A) Coal
(B) Hydroelectric
(C) Wind
(D) Nuclear

90. Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google and Alphabet, was born in which Tamil Nadu city?
(A) Chennai
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Madurai
(D) Tiruchirappalli

91. SBI's 'CyRIS', launched in Mumbai in Oct 2026, is a Centre of Excellence for which field?
(A) Green finance
(B) Rural credit
(C) Cybersecurity
(D) MSME lending

92. Which is India's national nodal agency for protecting Critical Information Infrastructure (CII)?
(A) CERT-In
(B) NCIIPC
(C) I4C
(D) NATGRID

93. Which malware encrypts a computer's data and demands payment to release it?
(A) Phishing
(B) Spyware
(C) Adware
(D) Ransomware

94. 'Quantum-safe' (post-quantum) cryptography is mainly designed to resist attacks by:
(A) Quantum computers
(B) Electromagnetic pulses
(C) Satellite jamming
(D) Optical-fibre tapping

95. Tamil Nadu's State Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (TN-S4C), set up in Chennai in Aug 2026, mirrors which central body?
(A) CBI
(B) NCRB
(C) I4C
(D) NIA

96. Which country topped the WJP Rule of Law Index 2026?
(A) Norway
(B) Denmark
(C) Finland
(D) New Zealand

97. Where is the World Justice Project (WJP), which publishes the Rule of Law Index, headquartered?
(A) Geneva
(B) The Hague
(C) London
(D) Washington, D.C.

98. Which Article of the Constitution guarantees 'equality before the law' and 'equal protection of the laws'?
(A) Article 14
(B) Article 19
(C) Article 21
(D) Article 32

99. Which British jurist systematically explained the concept of the 'Rule of Law'?
(A) Montesquieu
(B) John Locke
(C) A.V. Dicey
(D) Jean-Jacques Rousseau

100. Which is Tamil Nadu's main agency for investigating corruption by public servants?
(A) DVAC
(B) Q Branch CID
(C) Economic Offences Wing
(D) Crime Branch CID

101. Aboard which spacecraft did Indian-origin NASA astronaut Anil Menon reach the ISS in July 2026?
(A) Crew Dragon
(B) Starliner
(C) Orion
(D) Soyuz MS-29

102. Which Indian-origin astronaut has carried out the most spacewalks?
(A) Kalpana Chawla
(B) Raja Chari
(C) Anil Menon
(D) Sunita Williams

103. Which space station did Rakesh Sharma, the first Indian in space, visit in 1984?
(A) Mir
(B) Skylab
(C) Salyut 7
(D) Tiangong

104. Who performed the world's first spacewalk (EVA), in March 1965?
(A) Alexei Leonov
(B) Yuri Gagarin
(C) Neil Armstrong
(D) Ed White

105. Who became the first Indian to visit the International Space Station, on the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission in 2025?
(A) Shubhanshu Shukla
(B) Prasanth Nair
(C) Ajit Krishnan
(D) Angad Pratap

106. Pasumpon, Muthuramalinga Thevar's birthplace and memorial site, is in which district?
(A) Sivaganga
(B) Ramanathapuram
(C) Virudhunagar
(D) Madurai

107. Muthuramalinga Thevar, a close associate of Netaji, built up which party in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Swatantra Party
(B) Justice Party
(C) Congress Socialist Party
(D) All India Forward Bloc

108. Whom did Subhas Chandra Bose defeat in the 1939 Congress presidential election?
(A) Pattabhi Sitaramayya
(B) Rajendra Prasad
(C) Maulana Azad
(D) J.B. Kripalani

109. Who led the July 1939 temple entry of the oppressed classes into the Madurai Meenakshi Amman temple?
(A) C. Rajagopalachari
(B) A. Vaidyanatha Iyer
(C) E.V. Ramasamy
(D) K. Kamaraj

110. Which British-era law, branding communities as 'born criminals', did Thevar campaign against?
(A) Rowlatt Act
(B) Vernacular Press Act
(C) Ilbert Bill
(D) Criminal Tribes Act

111. In which city was the 1st International Savings Bank Congress (1924), which gave rise to World Thrift Day, held?
(A) Geneva
(B) Paris
(C) Milan
(D) Brussels

112. India marks Thrift Day on 30 Oct, not the global 31 Oct, because 31 Oct is the
(A) Indira Gandhi death anniversary
(B) RBI's foundation day
(C) United Nations Day
(D) National Statistics Day

113. The 'National Small Savings Fund' (NSSF), where small-savings collections are credited, is kept in which account?

(A) Public Account of India
(B) Consolidated Fund of India
(C) Contingency Fund of India
(D) Consolidated Fund of State

114. Which authority notifies the interest rates of small-savings schemes such as PPF and NSC every quarter?

(A) Reserve Bank of India
(B) Union Ministry of Finance
(C) SEBI
(D) Department of Posts

115. The thrift kural 'Aakaaru alavittithaayinum kedillai pokaaru akalaak kadai' is in which chapter (adhikaram)?

(A) Eekai (Charity)
(B) Valiyarithal (Knowing strength)
(C) Seinnandri Arithal (Gratitude)
(D) Kalvi (Learning)

116. 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas', observed every 31 October, marks the birth anniversary of whom?

(A) Rajendra Prasad
(B) B.R. Ambedkar
(C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(D) Lal Bahadur Shastri

117. The 'Statue of Unity', the world's tallest statue, stands on Sadhu Bet island in which river?

(A) Narmada
(B) Tapi
(C) Sabarmati
(D) Mahi

118. After the success of which movement did the local women give Vallabhbhai Patel the title 'Sardar'?

(A) Kheda Satyagraha
(B) Champaran Satyagraha
(C) Bardoli Satyagraha
(D) Salt Satyagraha

119. Which committee of the Constituent Assembly was chaired by Sardar Patel?

(A) Advisory Cttee on Fund. Rights
(B) Drafting Committee
(C) Union Powers Committee
(D) Steering Committee

120. Which princely state in present-day Tamil Nadu, ruled by the Tondaimans, merged with the Indian Union in 1948?

(A) Ramanathapuram
(B) Pudukkottai
(C) Sivaganga
(D) Ettayapuram

121. As per the World Bank's Oct 2026 brief, India's extreme poverty rate in 2023 was:

(A) 5.3%
(B) 2.6%
(C) 16.1%
(D) 12.1%

122. The World Bank's current international extreme-poverty line is:

(A) $1.90 a day (2011 PPP)
(B) $2.15 a day (2017 PPP)
(C) $3.00 a day (2021 PPP)
(D) $4.20 a day (2021 PPP)

123. About how many people moved out of poverty in India in 2011–2023, per the World Bank brief?

(A) 171 million
(B) 248.2 million
(C) 496 million
(D) 134 million

124. Which committee's method put India's poverty at 21.9% in 2011-12?

(A) Lakdawala Committee
(B) Tendulkar Committee
(C) Rangarajan Committee
(D) Alagh Committee

125. Per the World Bank brief, about 57% of India's poor live in:

(A) The North-East

(B) The Uttar Pradesh–West Bengal belt

(C) The central tribal belt

(D) The west coast

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51 **A**	52 **D**	53 **C**	54 **B**	55 **B**	56 **D**	57 **A**	58 **B**	59 **C**	60 **D**
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41 **C**	42 **A**	43 **D**	44 **D**	45 **B**	46 **D**	47 **C**	48 **C**	49 **A**	50 **B**
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61 **A**	62 **D**	63 **A**	64 **C**	65 **A**	66 **A**	67 **C**	68 **D**	69 **A**	70 **C**
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21 **D**	22 **A**	23 **C**	24 **B**	25 **C**	26 **D**	27 **C**	28 **D**	29 **B**	30 **B**
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91 **A**	92 **C**	93 **B**	94 **C**	95 **C**	96 **A**	97 **A**	98 **D**	99 **B**	100 **B**
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11 **B**	12 **A**	13 **D**	14 **C**	15 **D**	16 **D**	17 **B**	18 **B**	19 **C**	20 **D**
21 **A**	22 **D**	23 **A**	24 **B**	25 **C**	26 **B**	27 **A**	28 **B**	29 **D**	30 **A**
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21 **D**	22 **A**	23 **C**	24 **C**	25 **B**	26 **C**	27 **A**	28 **C**	29 **B**	30 **A**
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41 **C**	42 **B**	43 **D**	44 **C**	45 **C**	46 **B**	47 **A**	48 **A**	49 **D**	50 **A**
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61 **A**	62 **D**	63 **C**	64 **B**	65 **A**	66 **C**	67 **A**	68 **B**	69 **C**	70 **C**
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131 **B**	132 **A**	133 **B**	134 **A**	135 **C**	136 **D**	137 **D**	138 **A**	139 **C**	140 **A**

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1 **A**	2 **B**	3 **A**	4 **C**	5 **B**	6 **A**	7 **B**	8 **A**	9 **D**	10 **A**
11 **D**	12 **A**	13 **A**	14 **B**	15 **A**	16 **C**	17 **B**	18 **B**	19 **A**	20 **B**
21 **D**	22 **D**	23 **A**	24 **A**	25 **B**	26 **D**	27 **C**	28 **B**	29 **C**	30 **C**
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**
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1 **C**	2 **A**	3 **B**	4 **A**	5 **C**	6 **D**	7 **C**	8 **B**	9 **B**	10 **A**
11 **A**	12 **D**	13 **B**	14 **C**	15 **D**	16 **B**	17 **C**	18 **B**	19 **B**	20 **C**
21 **D**	22 **C**	23 **D**	24 **A**	25 **A**	26 **B**	27 **C**	28 **C**	29 **B**	30 **A**
31 **D**	32 **B**	33 **D**	34 **D**	35 **A**	36 **C**	37 **A**	38 **A**	39 **D**	40 **C**
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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21 **B**	22 **A**	23 **B**	24 **A**	25 **A**	26 **D**	27 **C**	28 **A**	29 **C**	30 **C**
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41 **D**	42 **A**	43 **A**	44 **D**	45 **C**	46 **C**	47 **B**	48 **C**	49 **D**	50 **D**
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91 **A**	92 **D**	93 **D**	94 **B**	95 **C**	96 **C**	97 **A**	98 **A**	99 **D**	100 **D**

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21 **C**	22 **B**	23 **B**	24 **D**	25 **D**	26 **A**	27 **C**	28 **B**	29 **B**	30 **A**
31 **C**	32 **A**	33 **C**	34 **D**	35 **D**	36 **B**	37 **C**	38 **D**	39 **A**	40 **A**
41 **D**	42 **C**	43 **C**	44 **B**	45 **D**	46 **B**	47 **B**	48 **A**	49 **D**	50 **C**
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Answers & explanations

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1. (C) Pushpavanam Kuppusamy – Folk singer Dr Pushpavanam Kuppusamy succeeded actor Vagai Chandrasekar (5 Oct 2026).

2. (A) 1 and 2 only – It is a State body; its central counterpart is the Sangeet Natak Akademi (1953), so statement 3 is wrong.

3. (B) Muthamizh – Literature, music and drama are 'Muthamizh', the three branches of Tamil; the Manram was named after them in 1973.

4. (D) a-3, b-1, c-2 – Sangeet Natak Akademi (1953) – performing arts; Sahitya Akademi (1954) – letters; Lalit Kala Akademi (1954) – fine arts.

5. (D) Salt Satyagraha led by Rajaji – Rajaji led the Salt Satyagraha march from Tiruchirappalli to Vedaranyam (April 1930).

6. (B) 24 – 24 students won one gold each: 21 in single-stick and 3 in double-stick.

7. (A) 2023 (Tamil Nadu) – Silambam debuted at the 2023 edition, held in Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli and Coimbatore in January 2024. The 2021 edition added Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-ta, Mallakhamb and Yogasana.

8. (C) Silappathikaram – Ilango Adigal's Silappathikaram is cited as evidence of Silambam's antiquity.

9. (D) Koundinya – Gudiyatham is on the Koundinya, a tributary of the Palar; it is known for match and beedi industries.

10. (A) 1806 – 10 July 1806: Indian sepoys rose against new dress and turban rules; a forerunner of 1857.

11. (D) ₹5 crore – Minimum ₹10 lakh, maximum ₹5 crore; guidelines issued on 4 Oct 2026.

12. (B) Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC) – Loans are given through TIIC, founded in 1949 as the Madras Industrial Investment Corporation.

13. (C) 1 and 2 only – Property worth 40% of the loan (new units) or 20% (units over 3 years) is needed, so statement 3 is wrong.

14. (B) ₹10 lakh – ₹1 crore – Stand-Up India (2016) asks every bank branch to lend to at least one SC/ST and one woman entrepreneur.

15. (A) Dharmapuri – Started by the TN Corporation for Development of Women (1983) at Dharmapuri, it later spread across the State.

16. (C) Jharkhand – East Singhbhum district, Jharkhand; producing since 1967; UCIL's headquarters is here too.

17. (D) Department of Atomic Energy – UCIL (4 Oct 1967) is a PSU of the Department of Atomic Energy, which works directly under the Prime Minister.

18. (A) 1 and 2 only – The fast breeder (PFBR) is the second stage; the first stage is natural-uranium PHWRs.

19. (B) Andhra Pradesh – YSR Kadapa district, Andhra Pradesh; it uses alkaline-leach processing.

20. (C) a-2, b-3, c-1 – Kudankulam (Tirunelveli) – Russia; Kalpakkam (Chengalpattu) – MAPS, IGCAR (1971); Manavalakurichi (Kanyakumari) – monazite.

21. (A) United Arab Emirates – Indian Army and UAE Land Forces; 5–18 Oct 2026; 92 personnel in all.

22. (C) Uttarakhand – Near Ranikhet, Almora district; suited to mountain-warfare training.

23. (D) a-3, b-1, c-2 – Desert Cyclone – Army (2024, 2025); Zayed Talwar – Navy; Desert Knight – Air Force (with France).

24. (A) 7 – Formed in 1971, the UAE has 7 emirates; capital Abu Dhabi; India–UAE CEPA signed in February 2022.

25. (B) Wellington (Nilgiris) – Wellington hosts the Madras Regimental Centre and the Defence Services Staff College.

26. (C) Botswana – The mother KJP21 is India-born; the father came from Botswana in February 2026. India now has 60 cheetahs.

27. (D) 1 and 2 only – The Asiatic cheetah (Critically Endangered) survives only in Iran, so statement 3 is wrong.

28. (B) Chambal – A Chambal tributary; Kuno became a sanctuary in 1981 and a national park in 2018 (Sheopur, MP).

29. (A) Vulnerable – The African cheetah brought to India is Vulnerable; the Asiatic cheetah is Critically Endangered.

30. (D) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary – It lies around the Gandhi Sagar dam on the Chambal in Mandsaur and Neemuch districts, MP.

31. (B) World Habitat Day – Held by the Housing Ministry at Vigyan Bhawan on 5 Oct 2026; MoS Tokhan Sahu presented the awards.

32. (C) First Monday of October – Set by the UN in 1985 and held since 1986, led by UN-Habitat (Nairobi). 31 October is World Cities Day.

33. (D) 1, 2 and 3 – Its four verticals are BLC, AHP, ARH and ISS; all three statements are correct.

34. (A) 25 June 2015 – Launched on 25 June 2015 for 'Housing for All'; houses are in the woman's name or joint names.

35. (B) TN Urban Habitat Development Board – This board runs PMAY-U in Tamil Nadu; TN was 3rd best State in the PMAY-U Awards 2021.

36. (C) Telecom Regulatory Authority (TRAI) – TRAI, under the Ministry of Communications, released it on 5 Oct 2026, with data as on 31 March 2026.

37. (D) 93.26% – 93.26% (urban 151.47%, rural 60.46%); 108.48% is Tamil Nadu's figure and 85.04% was March 2025.

38. (A) 1, 2 and 3 – Tamil Nadu 108.48%; Jio 39.41%, Airtel 37.04%; Delhi 206.90%.

39. (B) 1997 – TRAI Act, 1997 (20 Feb 1997); the 2000 amendment created the TDSAT tribunal.

40. (C) 1885 – The Indian Telegraph Act was of 1885; the new law also repealed the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933.

41. (D) Manindra Mohan Shrivastava – Appointed: Sunita Agarwal (Gujarat), D.K. Upadhyaya (Delhi) and Aparesh Kumar Singh (Telangana); none from the Madras HC.

42. (A) 38 – Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Act, 2026: 34 to 38. Working strength is now 37.

43. (C) Article 124 – Article 124; Art 214 – High Courts; Art 143 – advisory opinion; Art 32 – constitutional remedies.

44. (D) (A) false; (R) true – The collegium is not in the Constitution; it grew out of the 1981, 1993 and 1998 judgments. So (A) is false and (R) is true.

45. (B) Indian High Courts Act, 1861 – The Madras High Court opened in 1862; its Madurai Bench in 2004.

46. (A) Hanoi – Phenikaa University, Hanoi; the first IOAA in Vietnam. Mumbai hosted in 2025, Rio in 2024, Chorzów in 2023.

47. (C) 4 gold, 1 silver – All five team members won medals: 4 gold and 1 silver.

48. (D) Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE) – HBCSE, Mumbai (TIFR, DAE) selects teams with IAPT through NSEA, INAO and a selection camp.

49. (B) Chiang Mai, Thailand – Chiang Mai, Thailand (2007); each national team has 5 students.

50. (C) Kavalur – Kavalur, Tirupattur district (Javadi Hills); Kodaikanal has the Solar Observatory (1899) and Ooty a radio telescope.

51. (D) Chhatarpur, New Delhi – 1 Oct 2026; built by GoalTech Innovation India's Claygrounds, with 7-a-side, pickleball and padel courts.

52. (B) 1992 – Formed in 1992 by breaking away from the Football League; 20 clubs; HQ London. (1888 – Football League; 1863 – the FA)

53. (C) 1, 2 and 3 – AIFF (1937) – Dwarka; ISL – 2014; Durand Cup – 1888; all three are correct.

54. (A) Manchester United – Manchester United has won 13 Premier League titles.

55. (D) 2015 and 2017-18 – Chennaiyin FC won the ISL in 2015 and 2017-18; home ground Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai.

56. (A) Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi – Announced by CM Yogi Adityanath on 4 Oct 2026. Sant Kabir Nagar is a different district; Gyanpur is Bhadohi's HQ.

57. (C) Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi – Seer Govardhanpur near Varanasi; 40 of his hymns are in the Guru Granth Sahib. Kabir died at Maghar.

58. (B) Both true; (R) does not explain (A) – Both are true, but Article 3 is about State names and does not explain district renaming.

59. (D) Handmade carpets – The 'Carpet City of India', home of the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology. (Brass – Moradabad, bangles – Firozabad, chikankari – Lucknow)

60. (C) 14 January 1969 – Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act, 1968 – effective 14 Jan 1969, under CM C.N. Annadurai.

61. (B) Light-gated ion channels and optogenetics – Deisseroth, Hegemann and Nagel (5 Oct 2026). microRNA – 2024; mRNA – 2023; immune tolerance – 2025.

62. (A) The green alga Chlamydomonas – It helps the alga Chlamydomonas reinhardtii swim towards light; found by Hegemann and Nagel.

63. (D) a-2, b-3, c-1 – Only the Peace prize is decided in Oslo; the others in Stockholm; all are presented on 10 December.

64. (C) Malaria – In 1897 at Secunderabad he showed that mosquitoes transmit malaria.

65. (B) 1 and 2 only – Khorana won the 1968 Medicine Nobel for the genetic code, so statement 3 is wrong.

66. (D) 6 October – 6 October; started in 2012 by Australia's Cerebral Palsy Alliance. (2 Apr – autism, 3 Dec – disability, 21 Mar – Down syndrome)

67. (C) 21 – 7 under the 1995 Act, 21 under the 2016 Act; cerebral palsy is a locomotor disability; 4% job reservation.

68. (A) #UniqueANDUnited – It celebrates individual experiences while building one voice for access and inclusion.

69. (B) Autism, CP, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities – Its schemes include Niramaya (health insurance), Disha, Vikaas and Gharaunda.

70. (C) Poonam Natarajan – Poonam Natarajan later chaired the National Trust; NIEPMD is at Muttukadu, Chennai.

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1. (C) Ilanji – A half-buried stone in farmer Thangadurai's field at Ilanji was studied by the Thenpothigai archives team; it records a gift linked to the Ilanji Murugan temple.

2. (D) Execution of the Marudhu brothers at Tiruppattur – The Marudhu brothers were hanged on 24 October 1801. Kattabomman: 16 Oct 1799 (Kayathar); Vellore Mutiny: 10 July 1806; Seringapatam: 1792.

3. (B) Murugan – The vel and peacock are Murugan's emblems; the Tolkappiyam names Seyon (Murugan) as the god of Kurinji (hills). Mullai has Mayon (Thirumal), Palai has Kotravai.

4. (C) Tirunelveli – Tenkasi became Tamil Nadu's 33rd district on 22 November 2019, carved out of Tirunelveli.

5. (D) 1, 2 and 3 – All three are correct. Parakrama Pandya built the temple in the 15th century; the Chittar rises in the Courtallam hills and joins the Thamirabarani; the Malayadipatti hero stone (Aug 2026) is in a Tamil-Brahmi to Vattezhuthu transition script.

6. (B) 6.25 MW – One 6.25 MW turbine, about 1,650 m from the inner harbour's southern breakwater, at an estimated ₹77 crore (tender open till 29 Oct 2026).

7. (B) Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation (IPRCL) – IPRCL works under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The VOC Port prototype is a learning base for large offshore wind farms.

8. (C) Chennai – NIWE (formerly C-WET, 1998) is at Velachery, Chennai, under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; it leads offshore wind resource assessment.

9. (D) Tamil Nadu and Gujarat (500 MW each) – In June 2024 the Cabinet approved a ₹7,453 crore VGF scheme: 500 MW each off Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, the two coasts with the strongest offshore winds.

10. (C) 1906 – 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' VOC launched the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company in 1906 on the Thoothukudi–Colombo route to rival a British firm (ships: SS Gallia and SS Lawoe).

11. (B) Montek Singh Ahluwalia – A six-member panel under former Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Ahluwalia (GO of 24 July 2026) will suggest ways to plug leakages and raise revenue; now a high-level advisory panel follows on cutting expenditure.

12. (D) State's Own Tax Revenue to GSDP – With SOTR/GSDP at 5.45%, the revenue foregone was estimated at about ₹1.23 lakh crore a year; panels on revenue, staff rationalisation and spending followed.

13. (D) Article 202 – Art. 202: State budget; Art. 112: Union budget; Art. 266: Consolidated Funds; Art. 280: Finance Commission.

14. (B) 2003 – Tamil Nadu passed its Act in 2003, the same year as the Union FRBM Act; both aim to hold the fiscal deficit near 3% of GDP/GSDP.

15. (A) Both true; (R) explains (A) – Salaries, pensions and interest cannot be skipped; when they eat most revenue, less is left for asset-creating capital spending such as roads and schools. So R explains A.

16. (C) 4 – Four doctors under the transplant rules: the hospital's medical in-charge, an independent expert from an approved panel, a neurologist/neurosurgeon and the treating doctor. On 5 Oct 2026 the Centre asked States to enforce this.

17. (D) 6 hours – The National Brain Stem Death Certification Guidelines (Edition I, Aug 2026): two sets of tests at least 6 hours apart for adults, including the apnoea test.

18. (C) 1994 – The 1994 Act recognised brain death as death; a 2011 amendment added tissues (THOTA), with rules in 2014.

19. (D) NOTTO – The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), New Delhi, works under the DGHS. One deceased donor can save up to eight lives.

20. (A) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. After the Hitendran case (2008) Tamil Nadu's deceased-donor programme (now TRANSTAN) became the national model. Hearts and lungs come only from deceased donors, so 3 is wrong.

21. (C) HSL, Visakhapatnam – Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched Surya (FSS-1) at HSL on 6 October 2026; it leads a five-ship series.

22. (C) Refuelling and resupplying warships at sea – Fleet Support Ships keep task groups at sea longer without returning to port (replenishment at sea); they carry a helicopter deck, repair workshops and self-defence systems.

23. (D) 43,500 tonnes – At 43,500 tonnes Surya is among the largest ships HSL has built; for comparison the carrier INS Vikrant is about 45,000 tonnes.

24. (D) Walchand Hirachand – Walchand Hirachand set it up in 1941; its first ship was Jala Usha (1948). Nationalised in 1961 as Hindustan Shipyard.

25. (A) 5 – A roughly ₹19,000 crore contract for five FSS was signed in August 2023; at the same event the keel of the fifth (FSS-5) was laid.

26. (A) 21 km – On 6 Oct 2026 the HAPS climbed to 21 km above sea level, held about 20 km for over 30 minutes and was recovered safely, streaming live video to the ground station.

27. (C) ADRDE, Agra – The Aerial Delivery R&D Establishment (ADRDE), Agra, handles parachutes and airships. CVRDE at Avadi in Tamil Nadu designed the Arjun tank.

28. (C) Stratosphere – The stratosphere runs from about 12 to 50 km and holds the ozone layer; with little weather it suits long, satellite-like (pseudo-satellite) surveillance.

29. (A) Nyoma, Ladakh – AHAP's first live jump was at Nyoma in Ladakh, also home to one of the IAF's highest airfields (Mudh–Nyoma).

30. (B) 2 and 3 only – The HAPS is a lighter-than-air, airship-type platform, not a jet, so only 2 and 3 are correct. In May 2025 DRDO had flown a stratospheric airship to about 17 km at Sheopur (MP).

31. (B) IIT Ropar – IIT Ropar (2008), at Rupnagar in Punjab, launched AVNI in October 2026.

32. (C) AI-supported, observation-based activities – Children observe and photograph leaf shape, colour and veins while computer-vision AI helps identify the plant, with human checks to avoid errors.

33. (A) Hindi and English – It launched in Hindi and English. The Eighth Schedule lists 22 languages; Tamil became India's first classical language in 2004.

34. (C) ANNAM.AI – ANNAM.AI has set up 100 AI weather stations in Punjab. AgriStack is the farmers' digital registry; Bhashini is a language-translation platform.

35. (A) Coimbatore – TNAU was formed in Coimbatore in 1971, tracing back to the 1868 Saidapet farm school. Tamil Nadu's 'Uzhavan' farmers' app came in 2018.

36. (B) Arusha – Arusha, Tanzania, hosts delegates of 183 member parliaments on the theme of good governance through inclusivity, trust and opportunity. Tanzania's capital is Dodoma.

37. (D) Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha – Harivansh led a nine-member team including Anurag Thakur, Aparajita Sarangi, Sasmit Patra and N.K. Premachandran. The Rajya Sabha's Chairman is Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan, from Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu.

38. (A) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. The IPU is an independent body with UN observer status, not a specialised agency. Both founders won the Peace Nobel (Passy 1901, Cremer 1903). India joined in 1949.

39. (B) Zanzibar – Tanganyika and Zanzibar united as Tanzania on 26 April 1964 under Julius Nyerere. India has long trade ties with this Indian Ocean nation.

40. (A) Kilimanjaro – Kilimanjaro (5,895 m) in Tanzania is a dormant volcano and the world's highest free-standing mountain; Mount Kenya is Africa's second highest.

41. (C) National Statistics Office (NSO) – MoSPI's NSO, at the request of the Railways Ministry, covered 4.92 lakh households and 20.34 lakh persons.

42. (D) Two-wheeler (42.6%) – Two-wheelers 42.6% (urban 52.3%, rural 37.1%). Average monthly commute cost ₹785 (urban ₹1,044, rural ₹612); average time 25 minutes.

43. (A) Bus (55.8%) – Bus 55.8% plus rail 17.7% make 73.5%; cars 15.1%. Social and religious purposes account for 70.2% of trips, leisure only 7.4%.

44. (C) CSO and NSSO – Central Statistics Office (CSO, 1951) plus National Sample Survey Office (NSSO, 1950) became the NSO in 2019. The ISI is a separate institute.

45. (B) P.C. Mahalanobis – Mahalanobis founded the ISI in Kolkata (1931), framed the Second Five-Year Plan model (1956) and set up the NSS.

46. (B) ₹500 crore – Approved by the Union Cabinet under the PM on 6 Oct 2026, ITLA will monitor projects above ₹500 crore and give a common platform to resolve hold-ups.

47. (D) One integrated plan for all transport modes – A national apex body (special purpose vehicle) to draw up one long-term plan across roads, rail, ports, aviation, inland waterways, coastal shipping, urban mobility and logistics.

48. (B) 2021 – Launched on 13 Oct 2021 with seven engines: roads, railways, airports, ports, mass transport, waterways and logistics infrastructure. The National Logistics Policy followed on 17 Sept 2022.

49. (A) Commerce Ministry (DPIIT) – LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) is published since 2018 by DPIIT under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

50. (C) Kamarajar Port, Ennore – Ennore Port near Chennai began in 2001 as a company, later renamed Kamarajar Port. Tamil Nadu has three major ports: Chennai, Kamarajar and V.O. Chidambaranar.

51. (C) The fifth Fleet Support Ship (FSS-5) – Three firsts at one event: Surya (FSS-1) launched, FSS-5's keel laid, and the upgraded Slipway-4 and 300-tonne Goliath crane opened. Keel laying marks the formal start of a ship's construction.

52. (D) 45,000 DWT – The lengthened, strengthened Slipway-4 plus the new crane let HSL build and launch ships of up to 45,000 DWT; DWT is the total weight a ship can carry.

53. (A) 300 tonnes – The 300-tonne Goliath (gantry) crane lifts large ship blocks in one go, cutting build time.

54. (B) 2010 – Nationalised in 1961 under the Shipping Ministry, moved to the Defence Ministry in 2010, and made Miniratna Category-I in 2025.

55. (B) Visakhapatnam – Naval commands: Western – Mumbai, Eastern – Visakhapatnam, Southern – Kochi. Chennai hosts the Coast Guard's Eastern Region HQ.

56. (A) Land, air and sea – Land: Agni missiles; air: Rafale, Mirage-2000, Su-30MKI; sea: K-4/K-15 missiles on Arihant-class nuclear submarines.

57. (B) INS Aridhaman – INS Aridhaman (3 Apr 2026, Visakhapatnam): about 7,000 t, 8 launch tubes (8 K-4 or 24 K-15). With three SSBNs one can always be on patrol: continuous at-sea deterrence. Arihant 2016, Arighaat 2024; Chakra was a leased Russian SSN.

58. (B) 3,500 km – K-4: about 3,500 km; K-15 (Sagarika): 750 km. The 'K' series honours Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam of Rameswaram.

59. (C) No First Use – Credible minimum deterrence, No First Use and 'massive' retaliation; the Nuclear Command Authority's Political Council is chaired by the PM. Tests: Pokhran 1974 and 1998.

60. (D) Tirunelveli – INS Kattabomman at Vijayanarayanam, Tirunelveli district (since 1990), sends messages to submerged submarines; a second VLF station is coming up at Damagundam, Telangana.

61. (B) C-DAC, Mohali – Built by C-DAC Mohali for the Health Ministry (November 2019). It crossed 50,00,92,730 consultations on 15 Sept 2026, the world's largest primary-care telemedicine service.

62. (A) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. It links 1.42 lakh Arogya Mandirs, 19,473 hubs and 901 online OPDs, and works in 15 languages, so 3 is wrong.

63. (B) 57% – Women 57.14%; people over 46 more than 40%. It handles 2.5-3 lakh consultations a day; its AI clinical-decision support won the 2026 National e-Governance Gold Award.

64. (D) National Health Authority (NHA) – ABDM began on 27 Sept 2021 and gives each person a 14-digit ABHA health ID; NHA also runs PM-JAY.

65. (D) Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam – Launched on 5 Aug 2021 at Samanapalli (Krishnagiri) for home care of non-communicable diseases; it won the UN Inter-Agency Task Force award in 2024.

66. (A) IceCube and high-energy cosmic neutrinos – 'For decisive contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin.' Halzen, 82, won it alone (SEK 12 million); he works at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, USA.

67. (C) South Pole, Antarctica – Completed in 2011 at the Amundsen–Scott South Pole Station after Halzen proposed it in 1988. UPSC Prelims 2015 asked about IceCube. Lake Baikal hosts Russia's Baikal-GVD neutrino telescope.

68. (A) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. Neutrinos rarely interact with matter, hence 'ghost particles' that pass through the Earth; Wolfgang Pauli proposed them in 1930.

69. (D) Theni – INO was planned under a hill at Pottipuram in Theni district but stalled over environmental objections. Atmospheric neutrinos were first detected at the Kolar Gold Fields, Karnataka, in 1965.

70. (A) François Englert – Englert: Higgs mechanism (2013). Lemaître pioneered the Big Bang idea (no Nobel); Prigogine won Chemistry 1977; de Duve won Medicine 1974.

71. (A) Maharashtra FDA Commissioner – His surprise raids on restaurants, warehouses and quick-commerce dark stores led to closures and licence suspensions. He replied: 'Good governance is not about making headlines but about making a difference.'

72. (D) Health and Family Welfare – FSSAI was set up in 2008, headquartered in New Delhi. State Food Safety Commissioners enforce the law; in Maharashtra the FDA Commissioner holds that role.

73. (D) 2006 – The FSS Act 2006 merged eight food laws and came into force on 5 Aug 2011. 1986 and 2019 are Consumer Protection Acts.

74. (B) Hyderabad (Nizam) – Hyderabad joined India after Operation Polo in September 1948; 17 September is Marathwada Liberation Day. Mundhe is a 2005-batch IAS officer transferred 25 times in 21 years.

75. (B) Article 47 – Art. 47 covers nutrition, living standards, public health and prohibition. Tamil Nadu leads with the Nutritious Meal Scheme (1982) and Breakfast Scheme (2022). Art. 48 deals with agriculture and animal husbandry.

76. (A) Africa – Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali; first marked at the WTO in 2019 and recognised by the UN General Assembly in August 2021.

77. (D) Tashkent, Uzbekistan – Hosted by Uzbekistan with the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC); theme 'Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership', with FAO as a key organiser.

78. (C) Deccan Trap basalt – Weathered basalt gives moisture-holding black soil that cracks when dry. In Tamil Nadu the karisal lands of Kovilpatti, Virudhunagar and Thoothukudi are known for rain-fed cotton.

79. (A) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) – ITUC (2006, Brussels) started the day. The ILO coined 'decent work' in 1999; it is UN SDG 8. The ILO dates from 1919, is in Geneva and won the 1969 Peace Nobel.

80. (C) a-2, b-1, c-3 – Coimbatore: spinning mills, 'Manchester of South India'; Tiruppur: knitwear exports ('Dollar City'); Karur: home textiles such as bed linen and curtains. India has the world's largest cotton area.

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1. (B) Krishnagiri – Denkanikottai taluk is in Krishnagiri district, which was carved out of Dharmapuri in 2004.

2. (C) Periyar University, Salem – History students of Government Men's Arts College, Krishnagiri, led by Prof. Venkateswaran, did the field study for Periyar University, Salem's professional training / PG research; the university was set up in 1997.

3. (A) Dolmen – Dolmens lie on the southern part of the same rock. A dolmen is a burial marker of upright stones capped by a large flat slab – an Iron Age / megalithic marker.

4. (A) 1, 2 and 3 – All three are correct. Wakankar found Bhimbetka (Raisen district) in 1957; UNESCO listed it in 2003.

5. (A) Mallapadi – Mallapadi – Krishnagiri; Kilvalai and Sethavarai – Villupuram; Karikkiyur – Nilgiris.

6. (C) Oonamancheri (near Vandalur) – The Tamil Nadu Police Academy is at Oonamancheri near Vandalur, in Chengalpattu district.

7. (A) 25 – 25 officers (14 men, 11 women) finished 52 weeks of training; '52' is the number of weeks and '14' the batch number.

8. (B) State List – 'Police' is Entry 2 and 'Public order' Entry 1 of the State List, so police administration rests with the State.

9. (D) TNPSC Group I – TNPSC Group I fills posts such as Deputy Collector, DSP and Assistant Commissioner. UPSC recruits IPS officers.

10. (C) Thousand Lights – It opened at Thousand Lights in 1992. India's first all-women police station opened at Kozhikode in 1973.

11. (B) 8th – It is the 8th edition; the theme is 'Wind – Powering India's Energy Resilience'.

12. (C) IWTMA (Manufacturers' body) – IWTMA and PDA Ventures organise it, with MNRE support. IREDA is the finance company that lends to renewable projects.

13. (D) Chennai – NIWE (formerly C-WET, 1998) is in Chennai; it assesses wind resources and tests and certifies turbines.

14. (A) Kanyakumari – Muppandal is in Kanyakumari district near the Aralvaimozhi gap, which funnels strong winds.

15. (B) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. 3 is wrong: the wind target is 100 GW; 500 GW is the total non-fossil capacity goal for 2030.

16. (D) Tamil Nadu Working Women's Hostels Corporation – TNWWHCL runs the government-owned hostels through public–private partnership.

17. (C) 2023 – In July 2023, the first 11 hostels opened across nine districts: Chennai, Chengalpattu, Salem, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Villupuram, Perambalur and Thanjavur.

18. (B) 25 – 25 hostels (2,282 beds) are running and 22 more are being built. 38 is the number of districts.

19. (A) Govt-school girls in higher education – Launched in 2022, the scheme (Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme) helps girls who studied Classes 6–12 in government schools to pursue higher education.

20. (D) Mission Shakti – Sakhi Niwas is under the 'Samarthya' arm of Mission Shakti; its 'Sambal' arm covers One Stop Centres and the 181 women's helpline.

21. (C) 7 October 2001 – He took office on 7 Oct 2001, so he completes 25 years as head of government on 7 Oct 2026. 26 May 2014 is when he first became PM.

22. (A) Pawan Kumar Chamling – Sikkim CM Pawan Chamling (1994–2019, 8,930 days); Naveen Patnaik (Odisha, 24 yrs) and Jyoti Basu (West Bengal, 23 yrs) come next.

23. (B) Article 75(3) – 75(3) – collective responsibility to the Lok Sabha. 164(2) does the same for a State ministry and its Assembly; 74(1) – aid and advice; 78 – PM's duties.

24. (D) M. Karunanidhi – Karunanidhi was CM five times (between 1969 and 2011), about 19 years in all. Jayalalithaa was sworn in six times but served about 14 years.

25. (C) Article 352 – Added to Article 352 by the 44th Amendment (1978): a national emergency can be proclaimed only on the Cabinet's written advice.

26. (A) 29th – He is the 29th chief; the 28th, Amar Preet Singh, retires on 31 Oct 2026.

27. (B) Vice Chief of the Air Staff – He was Vice Chief of the Air Staff; earlier he served as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC).

28. (A) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) – The ACC, headed by the PM with the Home Minister, clears top appointments; the President is supreme commander (Art. 53(2)).

29. (C) Arjan Singh – Arjan Singh, who led the IAF in the 1965 war, received the 5-star rank in 2002. In the Army, Sam Manekshaw and K.M. Cariappa were Field Marshals.

30. (D) Thanjavur – No. 222 Squadron 'Tigersharks' was raised at Thanjavur in January 2020 and guards the Indian Ocean region.

31. (D) EyeROV (IROV Technologies), Kochi – Kochi start-up EyeROV delivered the first 2 of 5 systems; it is India's first military-grade ROV.

32. (A) iDEX (DISC-7 SPRINT) – iDEX began in 2018 and is run by the DIO. TROUT came out of the Navy's SPRINT challenge in DISC-7.

33. (C) 300 m – Down to 300 m, even in strong currents and poor visibility. 6,000 m is Matsya-6000's target depth.

34. (B) NIOT, Chennai – NIOT (1993) at Pallikaranai, Chennai, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, is building it for 3 people and 6,000 m.

35. (C) Both 1 and 2 – Both are correct. ROV = Remotely Operated Vehicle; AUV = Autonomous Underwater Vehicle, used for mine hunting and seabed mapping.

36. (C) $4.1 billion – It more than tripled from $1.2 billion in 2024 to $4.1 billion in 2025.

37. (A) 23% – About 23% in India against about 43% in the US; the report urges better infrastructure and skills to close the gap.

38. (D) ₹10,371.92 crore – ₹10,371.92 crore over 5 years, with 7 pillars including compute, innovation, datasets and skilling.

39. (A) New Delhi – It was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi – the first such summit in the Global South. Earlier: Bletchley (2023), Seoul (2024), Paris (2025).

40. (B) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. 3 is wrong: IDA gives concessional loans to the poorest countries; IBRD lends to middle-income ones.

41. (C) 5.75% – MSF and Bank Rate are 25 bps above the 5.50% repo at 5.75%; SDF is 25 bps below at 5.25%.

42. (B) Calibrated tightening – 'Calibrated tightening' signals more hikes are possible to fight inflation; the Governor said cuts are off the table for now.

43. (A) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. 3 is wrong: the Centre sets the CPI 4% (±2%) target in consultation with the RBI (Section 45ZA).

44. (D) C. Rangarajan – Dr C. Rangarajan (b. 1932, Trichy) led the RBI in the post-1991 reform years; later Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Chairman of the 12th Finance Commission.

45. (B) Hilton Young Commission – On the Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance (Hilton Young, 1926), the RBI Act 1934 was passed and the RBI opened on 1 April 1935.

46. (D) Search and Rescue Exercise – SAREX = Search and Rescue Exercise; it tests how many agencies work together to save lives in maritime disasters.

47. (A) Odisha – Mahanadi – Paradip is in Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha, at the Mahanadi mouth; it became a major port in 1966.

48. (C) 30 – 32 observers from 30 countries took part; Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth opened it.

49. (B) 1978 – The Coast Guard Act came on 18 Aug 1978; the interim force began on 1 Feb 1977, now ICG Day.

50. (D) Kolkata – The MRCCs are Mumbai, Chennai and Port Blair. Kolkata hosts the North-East Region headquarters.

51. (C) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru – He has been at IISc Bengaluru since 2019; IISc was founded in 1909 through Jamsetji Tata's vision.

52. (B) Trieste – ICTP was founded in 1964 by Nobel laureate Abdus Salam at Trieste, Italy; the prize is given jointly with the IMU.

53. (A) Brumer–Stark conjecture – His work (with Samit Dasgupta) on the Gross–Stark and Brumer–Stark conjectures bears on Hilbert's 12th problem. The Poincaré conjecture was solved by Perelman (2003).

54. (D) Erode – He was born at Erode on 22 Dec 1887 (at his maternal grandparents' home) and grew up in Kumbakonam. His birthday is National Mathematics Day.

55. (C) 32 years – The limit is 32, the age at which Ramanujan died; given since 2005. The ICTP prize limit is 45.

56. (B) Non-linear effects & autocatalysis – Kagan (non-linear effect) and Soai (autocatalysis). Click chemistry – 2022; quantum dots – 2023; MOFs – 2025.

57. (C) Enantiomers – Enantiomers are chemically alike but can act differently in the body; they rotate light in opposite directions.

58. (D) Thalidomide – Thalidomide (1957–61) was given for morning sickness; thousands of babies were born with limb defects.

59. (A) Louis Pasteur – Pasteur sorted the two mirror-image crystals by hand. Lord Kelvin later coined the word 'chirality' (1894).

60. (D) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan – Venki Ramakrishnan won the 2009 Chemistry Nobel for ribosome structure. Raman and Chandrasekhar won in Physics; Khorana in Medicine (1968).

61. (C) Australia – Australia (Brisbane) already hosts 2032. The seven: India, Qatar, South Africa, Germany, Hungary, Turkey, South Korea.

62. (A) Ahmedabad – Ahmedabad also hosts the 2030 Commonwealth Games, seen as a step towards the Olympics.

63. (C) Zimbabwe – The Zimbabwean Olympic swimming champion became the 10th IOC president in June 2025, after Thomas Bach.

64. (D) Lausanne – Founded in Paris in 1894, the IOC has been based in Lausanne, Switzerland, since 1915 – the 'Olympic Capital'.

65. (B) Mamallapuram – It was held at Mamallapuram, 28 July–10 Aug 2022; mascot 'Thambi' (a knight). India's B team won bronze.

66. (A) 94th – Founded on 8 Oct 1932, it marks its 94th year in 2026; the theme is 'Infallible, Impervious and Precise'.

67. (B) Bhagavad Gita – It is from Chapter 11 of the Bhagavad Gita, meaning 'Touch the sky with glory'. 'Satyameva Jayate' comes from the Mundaka Upanishad.

68. (C) Uttar Pradesh – Hindon is at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh – one of Asia's largest air bases and home to C-17 and C-130J aircraft.

69. (D) Subroto Mukerjee – Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee took charge on 1 Apr 1954 – the 'Father of the IAF'; he died in Tokyo in 1960.

70. (A) Sulur – Sulur in Coimbatore district hosts Tejas squadrons No. 45 (raised 2016; at Sulur since 2018) and No. 18 (2020). Thanjavur has Su-30MKIs.

71. (A) Second Thursday of October – The second Thursday of October – 8 Oct in 2026. 10 Oct is World Mental Health Day; 8 Oct fits only this year.

72. (C) Love Your Eyes – 'Love Your Eyes' urges personal eye care and eye tests for all. 'Hope in Sight' was the 2020 theme.

73. (B) Madurai – It began in Madurai with 11 beds; its mix of free and paid care is world-famous. Chennai's Egmore eye institute (1819) is Asia's oldest.

74. (D) 1 and 2 only – 1 and 2 are correct. 3 is wrong: the octopus is a mollusc (class Cephalopoda); crabs and insects are arthropods.

75. (C) Gulf of Mannar – The Gulf of Mannar, with 21 islands between Thoothukudi and Rameswaram, became a biosphere reserve in 1989; its marine national park dates from 1986.

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1. (C) 750 sq m – Up to 750 sq m (about 8,070 sq ft). The limit is 300 sq m for commercial buildings and 2,500 sq m for factories.

2. (D) 16,140 sq ft – From 10,000 to 16,140 sq ft (1,500 sq m). Town and village panchayats get 12,912 sq ft; commercial buildings 5,380 sq ft.

3. (B) Housing & Urban Development – The Housing and Urban Development Department; CMDA and DTCP work under it.

4. (A) 12th Schedule – 12th Schedule (74th Amendment, 1992) – 18 subjects. 11th – panchayats; 10th – anti-defection.

5. (C) State Industries Promotion Corp. of TN – SIPCOT – State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (1971); it develops large industrial parks. SIDCO serves small industries.

6. (B) TB-Free JOSH – JOSH = Joint Squad for Health; young people spread awareness and identify and refer people with symptoms. Ni-kshay Mitra is the Centre's volunteer scheme.

7. (A) 2,390 – 2,390 panchayats were verified under national guidelines and recognised. 12,525 is Tamil Nadu's total number of village panchayats.

8. (A) Madurai – First-phase districts: Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Tiruchi, Theni and Thoothukudi. Madurai is not among them.

9. (C) Robert Koch – Robert Koch announced Mycobacterium tuberculosis in 1882 and won the 1905 Nobel in Medicine. Fleming – penicillin; Jenner – smallpox vaccine.

10. (D) Chennai – It began in Chennai in 1956 as the Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre; the 'Madras study' proving home treatment works was done here.

11. (B) Communication equipment – Communication gets ₹99.03 crore – nearly half the total. Weapons get only ₹3.33 crore.

12. (C) 500 – 500 special vehicles – to respond faster to emergency calls.

13. (A) 112 – 112 covers police, fire and ambulance. 108 is the ambulance line; 181 is the women's helpline.

14. (D) ₹3.33 crore – Weapons get ₹3.33 crore; most of the money goes to communication, vehicles and CCTV.

15. (B) Nirbhaya Fund – The Nirbhaya Fund (2013) is for women's safety; ERSS-112 and Safe City projects come under it.

16. (D) 400 MLD – 400 million litres a day; the Minjur plant that opened in 2010 is 100 MLD.

17. (C) Reverse osmosis – Seawater reverse osmosis (SWRO) forces water through a membrane under pressure, leaving the salt behind.

18. (A) JICA (Japan) – The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is lending; CMWSSB is implementing.

19. (B) Minjur (Kattupalli) – Minjur opened in 2010 and Nemmeli in 2013. The 400 MLD Perur plant is under construction.

20. (D) Chengalpattu – Chengalpattu district (Thiruporur taluk); Chengalpattu was carved out of Kancheepuram in 2019. Mamallapuram is in the same district.

21. (A) Wildlife Week – It was launched at Leh on 7 Oct during Wildlife Week (2–8 Oct). Van Mahotsav is in the first week of July.

22. (C) Rumbak – First phase: Rumbak, Shang and Uley, where snow leopards are often seen. Hemis and Nubra come next.

23. (B) 718 – India has 718, of which 477 are in Ladakh. 3,682 is the 2022 tiger census figure.

24. (C) Vulnerable – 'Vulnerable'; under Indian law it has the highest protection in Schedule I.

25. (D) 31 October 2019 – From 31 Oct 2019 (Sardar Patel's birthday) under the J&K Reorganisation Act 2019; 5 Aug 2019 was when the Article 370 change was announced.

26. (B) 30% of MRP – A 30% cap, which could cut prices by up to 70%. '42' is the number of drugs capped in 2019.

27. (D) 110 – 110 drugs (35 patented). 384 is the NLEM 2022 count; 526 is the number of brands cut in 2019.

28. (A) Chemicals and Fertilizers – The NPPA (1997) is under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers; drug quality control (CDSCO) is under the Health Ministry.

29. (C) Essential Commodities Act 1955 – The DPCO is issued under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act 1955. The 1940 Act regulates drug quality.

30. (B) Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy – Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy, India's first woman legislator, founded it; Dr V. Shanta built it into a major centre.

31. (B) Tirunelveli – IPRC is at Mahendragiri in Tirunelveli district; it tests cryogenic and liquid engines.

32. (A) Sputnik-1 (1957) – 4 Oct 1957 – Sputnik-1, the first satellite. 10 Oct 1967 – the Outer Space Treaty took effect; the week spans these two dates.

33. (C) Rocket Revolution – 2026 – 'Rocket Revolution'; 2025 – 'Living in Space'; 2024 – 'Space and Climate Change'; 2021 – 'Women in Space'.

34. (D) SSLV (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle) – India's second spaceport, for SSLV; foundation laid in Feb 2024. It was chosen for its southern, near-equator location suited to southward launches.

35. (B) Thumba (TERLS) – 21 Nov 1963 – Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station near Thiruvananthapuram, Keralam, chosen for its nearness to the magnetic equator.

36. (C) 10th – The 10th edition (7–10 Oct 2026); the PM opened it on 8 Oct. The first IMC was held in 2017.

37. (B) Dwarka, New Delhi – Yashobhoomi is the India International Convention and Expo Centre at Dwarka (2023). Bharat Mandapam is at Pragati Maidan.

38. (A) Scale Without Boundaries – 'Scale Without Boundaries', with four pillars: Srishti, Samvardhan, Sashakt and Suraksha.

39. (D) DoT and COAI – The Department of Telecommunications and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) run it. TRAI is the regulator.

40. (C) 2022 – On 1 Oct 2022, at the 6th IMC, PM Modi launched 5G services. 'Bharat 6G Vision' followed in March 2023.

41. (A) IGP Ajitha Begum – On the Home Department's order, IGP Ajitha Begum IPS is in charge; Minister Ramesh Chennithala announced it.

42. (C) Article 3 – Article 3. Kerala became 'Keralam' (25 Aug 2026). Article 2 admits new territories; Article 1 says 'India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States'.

43. (B) 14 January 1969 – 14 January 1969 (first day of Thai) under the Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act 1968. 18 July 1967 – the Assembly resolution (Anna); 1 Nov 1956 – linguistic reorganisation.

44. (D) 2005 – Enacted in 2005, in force from 26 Oct 2006. 1961 – Dowry Prohibition Act; 2013 – the workplace sexual harassment (POSH) Act.

45. (A) Section 85 – BNS Section 85 (formerly IPC 498A); Section 86 defines 'cruelty'. BNS 103 – murder; 64 – rape.

46. (C) Hydrogen's atomic weight 1.008 – Because hydrogen's atomic weight is 1.008 – the 8th day of the 10th month. Henry Cavendish identified hydrogen as an element (1766).

47. (B) 5 MMT a year – 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen a year by 2030, with about 125 GW of linked renewable capacity.

48. (D) ₹19,744 crore – Approved in January 2023 with ₹19,744 crore, most of it for the SIGHT incentive scheme. ₹10,371 crore is the IndiaAI Mission.

49. (A) Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood – Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood has been PSA since 2022, after K. VijayRaghavan. Jitendra Singh is the Minister of State for Science and Technology.

50. (C) V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Thoothukudi) – Three major ports – Deendayal (Kandla), Paradip and V.O.C. (Thoothukudi) – were chosen as hydrogen hubs.

51. (A) 57th – The 57th meeting – no rate changes, focused on process reforms.

52. (B) 1 April – 1 April – start of the financial year. 1 July is when GST began (2017), marked as 'GST Day'.

53. (C) Article 279A – 279A – GST Council. 246A – power to legislate on GST; 269A – IGST; 270 – sharing of Union taxes with States.

54. (D) 101st – The 101st Amendment (2016). 99th – NJAC; 100th – India–Bangladesh land boundary; 103rd – 10% EWS reservation.

55. (B) Union Finance Minister – The Union Finance Minister chairs it; the Union MoS for Revenue or Finance and all State finance ministers are members.

56. (C) ₹5 crore – From ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore – a fivefold rise.

57. (D) 1 April 2027 – From 1 April 2027. Only the refund on input services starts earlier, from 1 Nov 2026.

58. (A) ₹10,000 – Cut from ₹25,000 to ₹10,000; no notice will be sent for tax below ₹10,000 either.

59. (B) IGST – IGST (Integrated GST) is collected by the Centre and shared with the destination State (Article 269A). Intra-State sales attract CGST + SGST.

60. (A) 5% and 18% – 5% and 18% are the main slabs, with 40% for luxury and sin goods. Earlier there were four: 5, 12, 18 and 28%.

61. (B) 21 – 388 mandals in 21 districts (283 severe, 105 moderate). Andhra went from 13 to 26 districts in 2022.

62. (C) 53.4% – About 53.4% – 'deficient' (−20% to −59%) on the IMD scale.

63. (A) Agriculture and Farmers Welfare – The Agriculture Ministry (2016, revised 2020). For other disasters, the Home Ministry is the nodal ministry.

64. (D) Rayalaseema – Rayalaseema (Anantapur, Kurnool, Kadapa, Chittoor) is in the Western Ghats' rain shadow; Telangana has been a separate State since 2014.

65. (A) North-east monsoon – The north-east monsoon (Oct–Dec) brings about 48% of Tamil Nadu's annual rain. During the south-west monsoon most of Tamil Nadu is in the rain shadow.

66. (A) 10% – At least 10% in all urban and rural local bodies; drinking water gets top priority.

67. (C) 30% – At least 30%; every dam will also hold a 10% emergency reserve.

68. (B) El Niño – El Niño – warming of the Pacific – often means a weaker Indian monsoon. A positive IOD usually helps rainfall.

69. (D) Western Ghats (Sahyadri) – South-west monsoon winds from the Arabian Sea rain on the Sahyadri's western slope; Marathwada to the east gets little.

70. (B) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – made it compulsory for all buildings by ordinance in 2003; it helped raise groundwater levels.

71. (C) Canada – Canada – born in Toronto in 1950; she also holds Icelandic citizenship.

72. (A) Classics (ancient Greek) – A professor of classics who translated and reworked Sappho, Euripides and others.

73. (B) Alice Munro – Alice Munro – 2013, the 'master of the contemporary short story'. Atwood has often been tipped; Ondaatje won the Booker.

74. (D) 1913 – 1913 – for 'Gitanjali'; India's only Literature Nobel. 1930 – C.V. Raman (Physics); 1979 – Mother Teresa (Peace).

75. (A) 2004 – 12 Oct 2004. Later Sanskrit (2005), Telugu and Kannada (2008), Malayalam (2013), Odia (2014), and five more in 2024.

76. (C) Vishwanath Patekar – Vishwanath Patekar; born on 1 January 1951 at Murud-Janjira, Maharashtra.

77. (B) Krantiveer – 'Krantiveer' (1994) – Best Actor. 'Parinda' (1989) and 'Agni Sakshi' (1996) won him Best Supporting Actor.

78. (D) 2013 – Padma Shri in 2013. Padma awards date from 1954; the Padma Shri is the fourth-highest civilian award.

79. (A) Kaala – Pa. Ranjith's 'Kaala' (2018), set in Mumbai's Dharavi; Nana Patekar played 'Hari Dada'.

80. (D) Drought-hit farmers – Started in 2015 with Makarand Anaspure – helps drought-hit farmers in Maharashtra and families of farmers who died.

81. (D) Bern – Bern, Switzerland – the Treaty of Bern, 9 Oct 1874; the UPU is still headquartered there.

82. (A) One postal network, infinite possibilities – 'One postal network, infinite possibilities' – stressing the post office as a one-stop shop for many services.

83. (B) Shriram Bhikaji Velankar – 15 Aug 1972 – Shriram Bhikaji Velankar; a 6-digit code with 9 PIN zones. Sam Pitroda led the telecom revolution.

84. (C) 2023 – The Post Office Act 2023, in force from 18 June 2024.

85. (D) Tamil Nadu, Keralam – 6 – Tamil Nadu and Keralam (with Puducherry and Lakshadweep); 5 – Andhra, Telangana, Karnataka; 4 – Maharashtra, Goa and others.

86. (B) Second Friday of October – The second Friday of October – 9 Oct in 2026. 16 Oct is World Food Day.

87. (D) Protein that Powers and Protects – 'Protein that Powers and Protects' – the 30th year; it highlights choline, vitamin D, B12 and selenium.

88. (C) 1996, Vienna – It was decided at the International Egg Commission (IEC) conference in Vienna in 1996; 2026 is its 30th year.

89. (A) Namakkal – Namakkal – a hub of poultry farms and egg exports, also known for its lorry industry. Palladam is a broiler hub.

90. (C) 1982 – It began in 1982. 1956 is when Kamaraj expanded the mid-day meal; the national Mid-Day Meal scheme came in 1995.

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1. (D) Parasakthi – The three added: Thiruvilayadal (1965), Thiruvarutchelvar (1967), Thillana Mohanambal (1968). 'Parasakthi' (1952) was Sivaji's first film.

2. (B) A.P. Nagarajan – A.P. Nagarajan, famous for mythological and devotional films. B.R. Panthulu directed 'Veerapandiya Kattabomman'.

3. (C) Pune – Pune, which also hosts the FTII. NFAI was merged into the NFDC in 2022.

4. (A) Parasakthi (1952) – 'Parasakthi' (1952), with dialogue by M. Karunanidhi; its courtroom speech is famous. 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' is about V.O. Chidambaranar.

5. (D) Veerapandiya Kattabomman – 'Veerapandiya Kattabomman' (1959), on the Panchalankurichi poligar; Sivaji was the first Indian actor to win Best Actor at a foreign festival.

6. (C) Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board – TNPCB handles consent, authorisation and EPR applications online; the help desk is at its Guindy head office.

7. (B) Environment and Climate Change – Minister for Environment and Climate Change (the Pollution Control Board is also under him). The Forest Minister is R.V. Ranjith Kumar.

8. (A) Water Act 1974 – The Water Act 1974 created the CPCB and State boards; they were later given functions under the Air Act 1981 too.

9. (C) Extended Producer Responsibility – Extended Producer Responsibility – makers must collect and recycle their plastic, e-waste and battery waste.

10. (D) White – White – barely polluting; no consent needed, only intimation. Red is the most polluting.

11. (B) Guindy Children's Nature Park – Guindy Children's Nature Park, Chennai – opened in 1959, beside Guindy National Park.

12. (A) Naagam – Volunteers on the 'Naagam' app got kits to rescue snakes safely. 'Kaaval Uthavi' is the police app.

13. (C) Blackbuck – Blackbuck, a grassland antelope; it became a national park in 1976. The Nilgiri tahr, the State animal, lives in the hills.

14. (D) Article 51A(g) – 51A(g) is the citizen's duty; 48A is the State's Directive Principle. Both were added by the 42nd Amendment (1976).

15. (B) Olive Ridley – Olive Ridley – IUCN 'Vulnerable'; mass nesting at Gahirmatha, Odisha. Tamil Nadu's Forest Department guards the eggs and releases the hatchlings.

16. (A) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) – TTD – it guides pilgrims to darshan routes, laddu counters, lodging, annaprasadam and more in Tirumala–Tirupati.

17. (B) Vishnu – Garuda carries Vishnu. Shiva – Nandi; Murugan – peacock; Ganesha – mouse.

18. (D) Seshachalam Hills – Seshachalam, part of the Eastern Ghats, with seven hills. Javadhu and Shevaroy are in Tamil Nadu.

19. (C) Tiruttani – Tiruttani – part of Tamil Nadu since 1 April 1960 (1959 boundary Act on the Pataskar Commission's advice). Tirupati stayed in Andhra.

20. (A) Tirupati – Tirupati district was formed in April 2022 from parts of Chittoor and Nellore.

21. (B) Gautam Buddh Nagar – Gautam Buddh Nagar district (Noida), near the Yamuna Expressway. Hindon air base is in Ghaziabad.

22. (C) DXN – DXN. Delhi is DEL, Chennai MAA, Mumbai BOM.

23. (D) Switzerland – Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd of the Zurich Airport group (Switzerland); built on a PPP model.

24. (A) Union List – Union List Entry 29, so renaming an airport needs the Centre's approval – the State can only propose.

25. (B) C.N. Annadurai – International terminal – Anna Terminal; domestic terminal – Kamaraj Terminal.

26. (C) Isaac Herzog – Isaac Herzog has been Israel's President since 2021. Netanyahu is PM; Rivlin is a former President.

27. (B) flydubai – flydubai FZ1073 – a Boeing 737 MAX 8 from Dubai to Tel Aviv.

28. (A) Tabuk, Saudi Arabia – It landed at Tabuk, Saudi Arabia (Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Airport).

29. (D) 1992 – 1992 (P.V. Narasimha Rao government). 1950 was recognition only; 2017 was Modi's first PM visit.

30. (C) Madras – Karachi → Bombay → Madras (Tata Air Services), which later became 'Air India'.

31. (D) Best Branded Programme – 'Best Branded Programme'. Best Documentary History went to 'India Today @50'; Best Documentary Series to 'Nithari'.

32. (B) Warner Bros. Discovery – Warner Bros. Discovery, which aired it worldwide on Discovery channels.

33. (A) Vitthal (Vithoba) – Vitthal/Vithoba, worshipped as a form of Krishna; the temple is on the Chandrabhaga (Bhima) river.

34. (C) Alandi – Alandi – site of Dnyaneshwar's samadhi. Sant Tukaram's palanquin leaves from Dehu; Paithan is Eknath's town.

35. (D) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu in the 6th–9th centuries – 12 Alvars ('Nalayira Divya Prabandham') and 63 Nayanmars ('Thevaram' – Appar, Sambandar, Sundarar).

36. (C) 73% – 73% (1970–2022, 52 years). 85% is freshwater; 69% is terrestrial.

37. (A) Freshwater – Freshwater – 85%; terrestrial 69%; marine 59%. Dams, pollution and water extraction are key drivers.

38. (D) Latin America & Caribbean – Latin America & Caribbean 95%; Africa 80%; Asia-Pacific 49%. Europe's big losses happened before 1970, so its figure is lower.

39. (B) Zoological Society of London (ZSL) – ZSL – the Zoological Society of London. IUCN publishes the 'Red List'.

40. (C) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – including Point Calimere, Vedanthangal, Pallikaranai and the Gulf of Mannar. The Ramsar Convention dates from 1971, Iran.

41. (A) Agency for Defense Development (ADD) – ADD is the state defence research agency (like India's DRDO). KARI runs space programmes (the 'Nuri' rocket).

42. (C) Mach 5 – Above Mach 5 is hypersonic; Mach 1–5 is supersonic (e.g. BrahMos, about Mach 2.8–3).

43. (D) Lee Jae-myung – Lee Jae-myung (President since 2025); a president attending a new strike-weapon test is rare.

44. (B) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island – Odisha's Abdul Kalam Island (formerly Wheeler Island, renamed 2015); a DRDO test. Sriharikota is ISRO's launch site.

45. (A) Irungattukottai (Sriperumbudur) – Irungattukottai – since 1998; Chennai is called the 'Detroit of India'. Hosur has Ashok Leyland, TVS and others.

46. (B) Lord Dalhousie – Lord Dalhousie (1848–56) – post, telegraph and railways all began in his time (first train 1853).

47. (C) Fun with Philately Day – 12 Oct – philately; 13 Oct – financial inclusion; 14 Oct – mails & parcels; 15 Oct – technology & innovation.

48. (D) 1986 – 1986. 1972 saw the PIN code; IPPB came in 2018.

49. (C) 2018 – 1 Sept 2018 – a payments bank; it cannot lend and may accept deposits up to ₹2 lakh.

50. (A) 1786 – 1 June 1786; the present Rajaji Salai building was built in 1884.

51. (D) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change – 2026 – 'Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change'; 2024 – 'Mental Health at Work'; 2023 – 'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right'.

52. (B) World Federation for Mental Health – The WFMH (1948) began it in 1992; the WHO supports it.

53. (A) 14416 – 14416 – a free 24-hour line since 10 Oct 2022. 1098 is Childline; 112 is the emergency number.

54. (C) Bachan Singh (1980) – Bachan Singh (1980) – the death penalty is constitutional but only for the 'rarest of rare' cases. Machhi Singh (1983) elaborated it.

55. (D) 2010 – 2010; 2026 is the 17th. There is no yearly theme; it aims to spur local action.

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1. (B) Keralam – He was Governor of Keralam and held additional charge of Tamil Nadu from March 2026. He was Bihar's Governor in 2023–25.

2. (D) 7th Amendment (1956) – The 7th Amendment (1956), which accompanied the reorganisation of States, added this to Article 153.

3. (C) Chief Justice of the State High Court – Article 159 – the High Court Chief Justice, or failing him the senior-most judge. The Chief Justice of India swears in the President.

4. (A) 35 years – Article 157 – an Indian citizen who has completed 35 years. Rajya Sabha member – 30; Lok Sabha – 25.

5. (B) M. Fathima Beevi – M. Fathima Beevi (1997–2001), also the Supreme Court's first woman judge. Sarojini Naidu was India's first woman Governor (Uttar Pradesh, 1947).

6. (D) Dr Sudha Yadav – Sudha Yadav succeeds Thaawarchand Gehlot. Dushyant Gautam – Sikkim; Dhal Singh Bisen – Uttarakhand; Mathur – Keralam.

7. (A) Article 154 – Article 154. 163 – ministerial advice; 200 – assent to Bills; 213 – ordinances.

8. (B) Article 161 – Article 161 – the Governor; Article 72 – the President (who can also pardon a death sentence). 356 – President's Rule in a State.

9. (C) Sarkaria Commission – Sarkaria Commission (1983–88, Justice R.S. Sarkaria). Punchhi – 2007; Rajamannar – 1969, Tamil Nadu government; Kothari – education (1964–66).

10. (A) V.S. Ramadevi – V.S. Ramadevi – CEC (1990), Governor of Karnataka (1999–2002); Sudha Yadav is Karnataka's second woman Governor.

11. (C) Serum Institute of India, Pune – Serum Institute, Pune – with DBT/BIRAC support. Bharat Biotech makes Covaxin.

12. (B) 6, 11, 16, 18 – Quadrivalent: 16 and 18 are high cancer-risk types; 6 and 11 cause warts.

13. (D) Prequalification – Prequalification (5 Oct 2026) lets UN agencies such as UNICEF and GAVI procure it.

14. (A) Harald zur Hausen – Harald zur Hausen (Germany), 2008; Montagnier and Barré-Sinoussi shared it that year for discovering HIV. Karikó – mRNA (2023).

15. (C) Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy – Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy, India's first woman legislator (1927). Dr V. Shanta later chaired it; Ida Scudder founded CMC Vellore.

16. (D) IIT Madras – IIT Madras – started in 2022 and dedicated to the nation by the PM on 11 Oct 2026. NIMHANS is a partner.

17. (A) C-STROKE – C-STROKE (Oct 2026). DHARANI (2024) is the foetal-brain atlas; ANCHOR (2026) is the brainstem atlas.

18. (B) IIT Kharagpur – IIT Kharagpur, under the National Supercomputing Mission (2015). India's first supercomputer was PARAM 8000 (1991, C-DAC).

19. (C) Cerebellum – The cerebellum handles balance and coordination. Medulla – heartbeat and breathing; hypothalamus – body temperature and hunger.

20. (D) West Germany – West Germany. IIT Bombay – Soviet Union; IIT Kanpur – USA; IIT Delhi – Britain.

21. (B) Cochin Shipyard – Cochin Shipyard builds the eight Mahe-class craft; GRSE builds the eight Arnala-class craft.

22. (A) Gujarat – Gujarat – Junagadh district, Saurashtra coast. 'Mahe' is part of Puducherry, on the Kerala coast.

23. (C) Anti-Submarine Warfare – Anti-Submarine Warfare – Shallow Water Craft.

24. (D) Mumbai – Mumbai. Eastern – Visakhapatnam; Southern – Kochi. Karwar hosts the 'Project Seabird' naval base.

25. (C) INS Anjadip – INS Anjadip – 27 Feb 2026, Chennai. Arnala was the first ASW-SWC (June 2025); Malvan – Kochi (July 2026).

26. (D) Emergency Medicine – Emergency Medicine at ESIC Medical College, Hyderabad; she now works at ESI Hospital, Sanathnagar.

27. (A) Telangana – Telangana – Khammam district. She became a government doctor at Osmania Hospital in 2022.

28. (B) NALSA (2014) – NALSA v. Union of India (2014). Navtej – read down IPC 377; Puttaswamy – privacy; Vishaka – workplace sexual harassment.

29. (C) 2019 – 2019 – bans discrimination, creates a National Council. 2014 was the NALSA judgment.

30. (D) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – 2008 (Aravani Welfare Board); 15 April is Transgender Day. K. Prithika Yashini – first transgender Sub-Inspector (2017).

31. (A) World Meteorological Organization (WMO) – WMO – Geneva, a UN specialised agency. IPCC produces climate assessment reports (set up by WMO and UNEP in 1988).

32. (C) Central-eastern equatorial Pacific – The equatorial Pacific (5°N–5°S, 170°W–120°W). The 2026 forecast is +3.7°C.

33. (B) The boy / Christ child – 'The boy / Christ child' – Peruvian fishermen noticed it around Christmas. 'La Niña' means 'the little girl' (cold phase).

34. (D) 23 March – 23 March, when the WMO Convention came into force in 1950. 5 June – Environment; 16 Sept – Ozone; 22 April – Earth Day.

35. (C) Northeast monsoon – The northeast monsoon (Oct–Dec), about half of the State's annual rain. Tamil Nadu lies in the rain-shadow during the southwest monsoon.

36. (D) Berlin – The World Health Summit in Berlin, 11 Oct 2026. The World Health Assembly is the WHO's decision-making body (Geneva).

37. (A) Malicious AI use and nuclear war – Malicious AI use and nuclear war – but the likelihood is 'low', and no probability figure is given.

38. (B) Years lost to early death + years lived with disability – DALY = YLL + YLD; one DALY is one lost year of healthy life. The Commission's estimates use DALYs.

39. (C) Thomas Wakley – Thomas Wakley, a surgeon. Jenner – smallpox vaccine; Lister – antiseptic surgery; Ross – malaria (1902 Nobel).

40. (D) Russia – Russia – VVER reactors, in Tirunelveli district. Kalpakkam has IGCAR and the fast breeder reactor.

41. (B) United Kingdom – The UK – since 2004. France – 'Varuna'; USA – 'Malabar' (multilateral); Japan – 'JIMEX'.

42. (C) Plymouth – Plymouth, Devon, on the English Channel; 8–15 Oct 2026.

43. (A) Talwar class – A Talwar-class stealth frigate built at Russia's Baltiysky Zavod and commissioned in 2003. Shivalik and Nilgiri are Indian-built classes.

44. (D) HMS Prince of Wales – HMS Prince of Wales – first joint carrier-group drill with INS Vikrant (Oct 2025). HMS Hermes later became INS Viraat.

45. (C) Ajeya Warrior – Ajeya Warrior – India–UK armies. Yudh Abhyas – USA; Shakti – France; Mitra Shakti – Sri Lanka.

46. (D) Chevalier – Chevalier (Knight), the first of five grades. The highest is Grand-Croix.

47. (A) Napoleon Bonaparte – Napoleon Bonaparte, in 1802. De Gaulle founded the Fifth Republic (1958).

48. (B) Gurugram – Gurugram (Haryana) – the first treaty-based international body headquartered in India. It was announced at COP21 in Paris.

49. (C) 2007 – 2007. He got an honorary KBE from the UK in 2024 and France's Legion of Honour in 2026.

50. (D) 1962 – 16 Aug 1962 de jure; the de facto transfer was 1 Nov 1954. It became a Union Territory by the 14th Amendment (1962).

51. (C) Ambaji temple – Ambaji – Banaskantha, Arasur hills; one of the 51 Shakti Peethas. Somnath is the first of the 12 Jyotirlingas.

52. (A) Banaskantha – Banaskantha, near the Rajasthan border and Mount Abu. Pavagadh is in Panchmahal.

53. (D) 1999 – Enacted in 1999 and in force from Sept 2003; a registration lasts 10 years.

54. (B) Darjeeling Tea – Darjeeling Tea (2004–05). Kanchipuram silk got its GI in 2005–06.

55. (C) Palani Panchamirtham – Palani Panchamirtham, of the Palani Murugan temple, Dindigul district. Tirupati Laddu is Andhra's (2009); Palkova is not a temple prasad.

56. (A) BNHS – Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS, 1883) – by citizen science, with State Forest Departments. WII – Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun; ZSI – Zoological Survey of India (1916, Kolkata).

57. (C) Sarus Crane – The Sarus crane, about 1.5 m tall. The Great Indian Bustard is among the heaviest flying birds (Rajasthan's State bird).

58. (B) Uttar Pradesh – Uttar Pradesh – home to most of India's Sarus (about 19,918 in 2024). Gujarat's State bird is the flamingo.

59. (D) Vulnerable – Vulnerable; Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. The Great Indian Bustard is Critically Endangered.

60. (B) Point Calimere (Kodiakkarai) – Point Calimere, Nagapattinam district – also a Ramsar site. Vedanthangal is India's oldest bird sanctuary.

61. (B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs – The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, which held the Kolkata conference; joint advisories were issued with the Environment Ministry.

62. (A) 75 years (three generations) – 75 years – one generation is 25 years. For Scheduled Tribes, occupation before 13 Dec 2005 is enough.

63. (C) Gram Sabha – The Gram Sabha (Section 6) receives, checks and recommends claims; then the Sub-Divisional and District Level Committees.

64. (D) 1996 – 1996 – Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act. The 73rd Amendment was passed in 1992 and came into force in 1993.

65. (D) Santhal – The Santhals live in Jharkhand, West Bengal and Odisha and are not a PVTG. Tamil Nadu's 6 PVTGs: Toda, Kota, Kurumba, Irula, Paniya, Kattunayakan.

66. (B) 604 million tonnes – 604 MT. 505 MT is the consumption target; 300 MT was the 2017 policy's 2030–31 target.

67. (D) 302 kg – 302 kg (about 116 kg now). 160 kg was NSP 2017's target for 2030–31.

68. (A) China – China produces over half the world's steel; India is second.

69. (C) Bhilai – Bhilai (Chhattisgarh) – USSR. Rourkela – West Germany; Durgapur – Britain; Bokaro came later with Soviet help (1960s).

70. (B) Stainless steel – Stainless steel (cold-rolled sheets). Rails are made at Bhilai.

71. (A) 350 lakh tonnes – 350 lakh tonnes. 242 was the starting level; 274.09 was the first-year (2025–26) output.

72. (C) Tur, urad, masoor – Tur, urad and masoor – through NAFED and NCCF for 4 years (2025–26 to 2028–29).

73. (B) Rhizobium – Rhizobium lives in symbiosis with legumes. Blue-green algae (Azolla–Anabaena) fix nitrogen in paddy fields.

74. (D) 2016 – 2016. 2023 was the International Year of Millets (India's proposal); 2008 – Potato; 2013 – Quinoa.

75. (A) Vamban, Pudukkottai – Vamban (Pudukkottai) – Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. Aduthurai has a rice research station.

76. (B) 100 – 100 farm districts. 112 is the Aspirational Districts Programme (2018); 500 is the Aspirational Blocks Programme (2023).

77. (C) ₹24,000 crore – ₹24,000 crore a year for 6 years, merging 36 schemes of 11 ministries. ₹11,440 crore is the Pulses mission's total.

78. (D) Ramanathapuram – The top three were Gaya (Bihar), Nagaur (Rajasthan) and Umaria (MP). Ramanathapuram is in the scheme but not among the winners.

79. (A) Aspirational Districts Programme – NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme (2018) – indicators and competitive ranking.

80. (C) Virudhunagar – Virudhunagar, along with Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga and Thoothukudi – rain-fed southern districts.

81. (A) Northeast Frontier Railway – Northeast Frontier Railway (HQ Maligaon, Guwahati), with IIT Guwahati.

82. (B) Doors, locks and seals of freight wagons – Freight-wagon security – reading wagon numbers and spotting open doors, damage and pilferage.

83. (A) Kavach – Kavach – an automatic braking system to prevent collisions; RDSO is headquartered in Lucknow.

84. (D) Bombay–Thane – Bombay (Bori Bunder) – Thane, 16 Apr 1853, 34 km. Royapuram–Walajah Road (Arcot) was south India's first line (1856).

85. (C) 1951 – 14 Apr 1951 – the first zone of Indian Railways. ICF Perambur built the first Vande Bharat train (2018).

86. (A) Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford – 2026 – Hall and Woodford. 2025 – Mokyr, Aghion, Howitt; 2024 – Acemoglu, Johnson, Robinson; 2022 – Bernanke, Diamond, Dybvig.

87. (D) Micro foundations of macro stabilisation – 'For microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation' – the basis of models used by central banks.

88. (B) Sveriges Riksbank (Sweden's central bank) – Sveriges Riksbank, in 1968; first awarded in 1969. The Swedish Academy picks Literature; Norway's parliament appoints the Peace Prize committee.

89. (A) Amartya Sen – Amartya Sen – welfare economics and famine studies; Bharat Ratna (1999). Abhijit Banerjee won in 2019.

90. (C) C.V. Raman – C.V. Raman – the 'Raman effect' (28 Feb 1928 – National Science Day). S. Chandrasekhar won in 1983 for stellar evolution.

91. (B) UNICEF – UNICEF (the UN Children's Fund) – announced on the International Day of the Girl Child.

92. (A) 1965 – 1965. 1946 is when UNICEF was set up. 1954 and 1981 were the UNHCR's Peace Prizes.

93. (D) Maharashtra – Maharashtra, on the Krishna river; it is called the 'Turmeric City'.

94. (A) 2019 – 2019. ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year – 2018 and 2021 (Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award).

95. (B) Keerthy Suresh – Keerthy Suresh – Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam films; National Award (Best Actress) for 'Mahanati'.

96. (C) End child marriage and invest in girls' rights – 2026 – 'End child marriage and invest in girls' rights'. 2025 – 'The girl I am, the change I lead'; 2024 – 'Girls' vision for the future'.

97. (A) 2012 – 2012, under UN resolution 66/170 (19 Dec 2011). 2008 is when India's National Girl Child Day began.

98. (D) 24 January – 24 January (since 2008). 11 Oct is the international day; 8 March – Women's Day; 14 Nov – Children's Day.

99. (B) Panipat, Haryana – Panipat, Haryana – 22 Jan 2015; it first targeted districts with a low child sex ratio.

100. (A) Salem – Salem – 1992; later extended to Madurai, Theni, Dharmapuri and other districts.

101. (B) 9 Oct 1946 – 9 Oct 1946 – hence IFS Day on 9 Oct; 2026 is the 80th year.

102. (D) Sushma Swaraj – Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (renamed 2020). LBSNAA – Lal Bahadur Shastri; SVPNPA (Hyderabad) – Patel, for IPS training.

103. (C) K.P.S. Menon – K.P.S. Menon (1948–52). V.K. Krishna Menon was the first High Commissioner to Britain and later Defence Minister; G.S. Bajpai was the MEA's first Secretary-General.

104. (A) 1961 – 1961 – diplomatic relations. 1963 – consular relations; 1969 – law of treaties.

105. (B) Article 51 – Article 51. 48A – environment; 50 – separating judiciary from executive; 44 – uniform civil code.

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1. (D) 12 TMC – 12 TMC – 8 TMC in July–Oct and 4 TMC in Jan–Apr. It was first 15 TMC (5 TMC each from three States).

2. (A) Poondi (Sathyamurthy Sagar) – Poondi, Tiruvallur district; from there water goes to Puzhal and Chembarambakkam. Veeranam (Cuddalore district) gets Cauvery water.

3. (B) MGR – NTR – M.G. Ramachandran (Tamil Nadu) and N.T. Rama Rao (Andhra Pradesh), 1983.

4. (C) Mahabaleshwar – Mahabaleshwar (Maharashtra). Trimbakeshwar – Godavari; Talakaveri – Cauvery; Amarkantak – Narmada.

5. (A) Article 262 – Article 262 – Parliament may bar the Supreme Court's jurisdiction in such disputes; the River Water Disputes Act 1956. 263 – Inter-State Council; 131 – the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction.

6. (B) Department of Environment and Climate Change – The Department of Environment and Climate Change – Director's office, Nandanam, Chennai.

7. (C) ₹50,000 – ₹50,000; second ₹30,000; third ₹20,000. ₹1 lakh is the TNPCB Green Champion Award.

8. (A) Supriya Sahu – Supriya Sahu, who served as Additional Chief Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forests.

9. (D) Nairobi – Nairobi, Kenya – set up after the 1972 Stockholm Conference. Bonn hosts the UNFCCC secretariat.

10. (B) Meendum Manjappai – Meendum Manjappai (Dec 2021). The Green Tamil Nadu Mission targets 33% green cover.

11. (C) Madurai – Madurai – the Melur area. Other priority clusters: Hazaribagh (pearl), Lakshadweep (seaweed), Andaman (tuna).

12. (A) Jharkhand – Jharkhand – freshwater pearl culture. Lakshadweep has the seaweed cluster.

13. (D) 2020 – 10 Sept 2020 – ₹20,050 crore. 2018 saw the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF).

14. (B) 10 July – 10 July – the 1957 induced-breeding feat (Hiralal Chaudhury, Alikunhi). 21 Nov – World Fisheries Day; 8 June – World Oceans Day; 5 April – National Maritime Day.

15. (C) Kolathur – Kolathur – hundreds of ornamental fish units. Kasimedu is a fishing harbour.

16. (C) $3.00 a day – $3.00 a day (2021 PPP). $2.15 was the previous line (2017 PPP); $1.90 the one before (2011 PPP); $4.20 is the lower-middle-income line.

17. (A) 2.6% – 2.6% (2023); it was 27.1% in 2011. 16.1% is at the $4.20 line; 11.28% is NITI Aayog's MPI (2022–23).

18. (D) Per-capita income – The MPI covers health, education and living standards (three dimensions, 12 indicators); income is not included.

19. (B) Ajay Banga – Ajay Banga (since June 2023), of Indian origin. Georgieva is the IMF Managing Director; Malpass was his predecessor.

20. (C) Rangarajan Committee – Rangarajan Committee (2014). Tendulkar – 2009; Lakdawala – 1993; Alagh – 1979.

21. (C) 56% – 56% – SC 17 + ST 7 + OBC 32. EWS 10% is not counted in this. 69% is Tamil Nadu's.

22. (A) Indra Sawhney (1992) – Indra Sawhney (Mandal case, 1992). Champakam Dorairajan (Madras) led to the 1st Amendment (1951); Nagaraj – reservation in promotions; Janhit – EWS.

23. (D) 76th Amendment – The 76th Amendment (1994). 77th – SC/ST reservation in promotions (Art 16(4A)); 93rd – reservation in private educational institutions (Art 15(5)).

24. (B) 1st Amendment (1951) – The 1st Amendment (1951) – Article 31B and the Ninth Schedule, to protect land-reform laws. I.R. Coelho (2007) – laws added after 1973 are reviewable.

25. (A) Article 338(9) – Article 338(9) – SC Commission; 338A(9) – ST Commission. 340 – Backward Classes Commission; 341 – list of SCs; 46 – educational and economic interests of weaker sections (DPSP).

26. (C) Ladakh – Ladakh – June 2024. Lakshadweep is the second UT (Oct 2026). The first State was Mizoram (May 2025).

27. (B) 95% – 95%. Lakshadweep is described as '100%' because all 1,113 identified learners passed.

28. (D) Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society – Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society – the Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (2022–27), for those aged 15+.

29. (A) 8° Channel – The 8° Channel. 9° separates Minicoy from the rest of Lakshadweep; 10° separates Andaman from Nicobar; the Palk Strait lies between India and Sri Lanka.

30. (C) Kanniyakumari – Kanniyakumari (about 91.7%). The State average was 80.09%; the lowest was Dharmapuri.

31. (A) Lodhi Estate, New Delhi – 55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi – 12 Oct 2026. Mysuru – the 2023 launch; Gurugram – ISA headquarters.

32. (D) Jaguar – The jaguar lives in the Americas (as does the puma). Lion – Gir (Gujarat); snow leopard – the Himalaya.

33. (B) Project Tiger – Project Tiger (1973) – Mysuru, 9 Apr 2023. The Wildlife Act dates from 1972; Project Elephant from 1992.

34. (C) Kuno – Kuno National Park (MP) – 17 Sept 2022, from Namibia. Gandhi Sagar sanctuary was added later.

35. (B) Bandipur – Bandipur is in Karnataka (adjoining Mudumalai). Tamil Nadu's 5: Mudumalai, Anamalai, Sathyamangalam, Kalakad–Mundanthurai, Srivilliputhur–Megamalai.

36. (A) Russia – Russia – since 2003. Indonesia – 'Samudra Shakti' (navy), 'Garuda Shakti' (army).

37. (C) INS Sahyadri – INS Sahyadri – Shivalik class. Tarkash is at IBSAMAR 2026; Trishul at KONKAN-26 (UK).

38. (D) Vladivostok – Vladivostok – the Pacific Fleet base, linked to Chennai by the 'Eastern Maritime Corridor'.

39. (B) Shivalik class (Project-17) – Shivalik class – indigenous stealth frigates built by Mazagon Dock. Kalvari – submarines; Kolkata – destroyers.

40. (A) SAGAR (2015) – SAGAR – Security and Growth for All in the Region (2015, Mauritius). Sagarmala is a port-development programme.

41. (B) India, Brazil, South Africa – The IBSA countries – India, Brazil, South Africa; since 2008. There is an India–France–UAE trilateral too, but that is not IBSAMAR.

42. (C) Simon's Town – Simon's Town – False Bay, Western Cape, near the Cape of Good Hope.

43. (D) Brasilia Declaration – The Brasilia Declaration – 6 June 2003. A 'Delhi Declaration' was adopted at the BIMSTEC Home Ministers' meeting (Oct 2026).

44. (A) INS Tarkash – INS Tarkash, with a Chetak helicopter. IBSAMAR VIII (2024) had INS Talwar; Sahyadri is at INDRA 2026.

45. (C) Vasco da Gama – Vasco da Gama (Portugal), 1498. Bartolomeu Dias first rounded the cape in 1488.

46. (B) NAFED – NAFED, directly to Army Supply Depots. A separate MoU with FCI covers warehouse use.

47. (D) ₹29 – ₹29/kg through NAFED, NCCF and Kendriya Bhandar. In phase 2 (Nov 2024) it was about ₹34.

48. (A) Lal Bahadur Shastri – Lal Bahadur Shastri (1965). Vajpayee added 'Jai Vigyan' in 1998; Modi added 'Jai Anusandhan' in 2019.

49. (C) 1965 – 1965 – under the Food Corporations Act 1964; its first district office was at Thanjavur.

50. (D) 2013 – 2013 – covering up to 75% of the rural and 50% of the urban population. Tamil Nadu implemented NFSA in 2016 but kept its universal PDS.

51. (B) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh – Keylong – headquarters of Lahaul–Spiti district, about 3,080 m high.

52. (D) Indian Research Fund Association – The Indian Research Fund Association (IRFA) – 1911; renamed ICMR in 1949. It is one of the world's oldest medical research bodies.

53. (A) HAPE – HAPE – High Altitude Pulmonary Oedema (lungs). HACE – High Altitude Cerebral Oedema (brain). Both are caused by hypoxia.

54. (C) Atal Tunnel – Atal Tunnel (Rohtang), Oct 2020. Zojila – J&K–Ladakh; Sela – Arunachal; Jawahar – Banihal (J&K).

55. (B) Tuberculosis – Tuberculosis – the National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (begun 1956). Chennai also has the National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE).

56. (D) Amit Shah – Union Home Minister Amit Shah – 13 Oct 2026, New Delhi; the 'Delhi Declaration' was adopted.

57. (A) Dhaka – Dhaka (2014). Kathmandu hosts the SAARC Secretariat; Bangkok saw the 1997 founding declaration.

58. (B) Maldives – The Maldives is in SAARC, not BIMSTEC. Members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand.

59. (C) 2024 – 20 May 2024. It was signed at the Colombo Summit in 2022; 1997 was the Bangkok Declaration.

60. (D) Bangkok – The Bangkok Declaration – 6 June 1997; first called BIST-EC (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand).

61. (A) Oxford Nanopore Technologies – Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT) – nanopore DNA sequencing technology.

62. (C) Hyderabad – Hyderabad – under DBT's BRIC. Hyderabad also hosts the CCMB.

63. (D) 10,000 – 10,000 – the data was released on 9 Jan 2025 and is held at IBDC, Faridabad.

64. (B) Alec Jeffreys – Alec Jeffreys (1984, UK). Watson – DNA double helix (1953); Sanger – DNA sequencing; Mullis – PCR.

65. (A) Dr Lalji Singh – Dr Lalji Singh – CCMB, Hyderabad. G.N. Ramachandran – the 'Ramachandran plot' (protein structure), University of Madras.

66. (B) 3.1% – 3.1% (3.0% in July). 3.4% is for 2027; 7.0% is India.

67. (D) Bangkok – Bangkok, Thailand (12–18 Oct 2026). Marrakech hosted 2023; Singapore saw Georgieva's curtain-raiser speech (7 Oct).

68. (C) Silvana Tenreyro – Silvana Tenreyro (since 10 Aug 2026), succeeding Gourinchas. Gita Gopinath was an earlier Chief Economist and later First Deputy MD; Indermit Gill is at the World Bank.

69. (A) Bretton Woods Conference – Bretton Woods (New Hampshire, USA), July 1944. San Francisco (1945) – UN Charter; Havana (1948) – ITO Charter.

70. (B) International Monetary Fund – The IMF, twice a year (April and October). The World Bank publishes 'Global Economic Prospects'; the WEF publishes the Global Competitiveness and Global Gender Gap reports.

71. (D) Resilience Starts at Home – 2026 – 'Resilience Starts at Home' (announced by UNDRR in June 2026) – focusing on safe housing.

72. (A) Sendai – Sendai, Japan – 18 Mar 2015; 7 targets, 4 priorities. Hyogo – the 2005–2015 framework; Paris – the climate agreement (2015).

73. (C) The Prime Minister – The Prime Minister – under the DM Act 2005; the CM chairs the State authority and the Collector the district authority.

74. (B) 2019 – 23 Sept 2019 – UN Climate Action Summit, New York; secretariat in New Delhi. 2015 saw the International Solar Alliance announced.

75. (D) Indian Ocean tsunami (2004) – The 26 Dec 2004 tsunami – Nagapattinam was worst hit. The Disaster Management Act followed in Dec 2005.

76. (A) 14 October – 14 October. 15 March – World Consumer Rights Day; 24 Dec – National Consumer Day (India); 17 May – World Telecommunication Day.

77. (D) SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy – SDG 7 – 'Shared vision for a better world: Spotlight on SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy'.

78. (B) 1947 – 1947 (HQ Geneva). 1946 – the London meeting (14 Oct); 1906 – IEC; 1970 – the first World Standards Day.

79. (C) Consumer Affairs – Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution – Department of Consumer Affairs. BIS Act 2016; HQ Manak Bhavan, New Delhi.

80. (A) Agmark – Agmark – Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act 1937. ISI – industrial goods; Hallmark – gold and silver; Ecomark – eco-friendly products (1991).

81. (C) 13 Oct 2021 – 13 Oct 2021 – Pragati Maidan. 17 Sept 2022 – the National Logistics Policy.

82. (B) Gandhinagar – Gandhinagar, Gujarat – Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics. Dehradun hosts the Survey of India.

83. (D) Power generation – The 7 engines – roads, railways, ports, waterways, airports, mass transport, logistics; power generation is not one.

84. (A) 2022 – 17 Sept 2022 – targeting a top-25 LPI rank by 2030.

85. (D) Vadodara – Vadodara, Gujarat (2022) – for transport and logistics education; formerly the National Rail and Transportation Institute.

86. (B) 12 Oct 2005 – 12 Oct 2005 – hence the anniversary on 12 Oct (21 years in 2026). 15 June 2005 was the date of Presidential assent.

87. (C) 48 hours – 48 hours (Section 7(1)); normally 30 days; 40 days if third-party information is involved.

88. (A) Article 19(1)(a) – Article 19(1)(a) – speech and expression; Raj Narain (1975) and later cases. 14 – equality; 32 – constitutional remedies; 25 – freedom of religion.

89. (D) Raj Kumar Goyal – Raj Kumar Goyal – since 15 Dec 2025. Wajahat Habibullah was the first CIC (2005); Heeralal Samariya was his predecessor.

90. (B) Tamil Nadu and Goa – Tamil Nadu and Goa – 1997. Rajasthan (2000), Karnataka (2000), Delhi (2001) and Maharashtra (2002) followed.

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1. (C) ₹1,27,500 crore – ₹1,27,500 crore (about ₹1.28 lakh crore). ₹76,000 crore was Semicon India 1.0 (2021); ₹6,003 crore is the National Quantum Mission.

2. (A) Kancheepuram – Kancheepuram – a ₹175 crore park expected to draw about ₹2,000 crore of investment and 5,000 jobs.

3. (D) Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test – Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test – assembling, testing and packaging chips; similar to ATMP. Micron's Sanand plant is an ATMP unit.

4. (B) Silicon – Silicon (element 14); germanium is also a semiconductor. Adding boron gives p-type, phosphorus n-type.

5. (A) 41% – 41.23% ($14.65 billion) – first for the third year running.

6. (B) 3 – 3 – the old-age, widow and disability pensions. With NSAP and NFBS, there were 5 renamings in all.

7. (D) PM Vridhavastha Pension Yojana – PM Vridhavastha Pension Yojana. PM Shram Yogi Maandhan (2019) is a contributory pension for unorganised workers.

8. (A) 2007 – 2007 – along with extension to all BPL elderly. 1995 – NSAP was launched.

9. (C) 125 – 125 days (100 under MGNREGA). Funding 60:40; 90:10 for North-Eastern and Himalayan States; 100% Central for UTs without a legislature.

10. (B) Indira Gandhi – Indira Gandhi – 14 banks nationalised on 19 July 1969; 6 more in 1980. 'Garibi Hatao' – 1971.

11. (A) Spiti valley – Spiti – Rongtong near Kaza, Lahaul–Spiti district; about 3,600 m.

12. (C) 1 MWh – A 1 MWh battery with 2 MW of solar; ₹4.42 crore.

13. (B) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu – Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu – 14 Oct 2026. Jai Ram Thakur was CM in 2017–22.

14. (D) Stored energy – MWh (megawatt-hour) measures energy; MW measures power. 1 MWh = 1,000 units (kWh).

15. (C) Ramanathapuram – Ramanathapuram district – commissioned in 2016. Himachal's large solar plant is Pekhubela (32 MW, Una).

16. (D) Koraput – Koraput – Nageswari reserve forest, Nandapur tehsil. Rayagada has the Niyamgiri hills (the Vedanta case).

17. (B) Endangered – Endangered; Wildlife Act Schedule I.

18. (C) Panama, 2022 – Panama City, 2022 (CoP19). Geneva hosted CoP18 (2019); Johannesburg CoP17 (2016).

19. (A) Aluminium – Aluminium. Odisha has India's largest bauxite reserves; NALCO is at Damanjodi, Koraput. Iron – haematite, magnetite; copper – chalcopyrite.

20. (D) Anamalai hills – Anamalai belongs to the Western Ghats. Javadhu, Shevaroy, Kolli and Pachamalai are in the Eastern Ghats.

21. (B) Porbandar – Porbandar (with part of Devbhumi Dwarka) – 192.31 sq km. Gir spans Junagadh, Amreli and Gir Somnath districts.

22. (A) 891 – 891 (May 2025, 16th estimation); 674 in 2020 – up 32.2%. 523 was the 2015 count.

23. (D) 2020 – 2020 (announced in the Independence Day speech). 1973 was Project Tiger.

24. (C) Madhya Pradesh – Madhya Pradesh (Sheopur district). The lion move never happened; cheetahs were brought here in 2022.

25. (A) 1965 – 1965 – sanctuary; 1975 – national park. Barda became a sanctuary in 1979.

26. (C) Proof and Experimental Establishment (PXE) – PXE – the artillery and armoured-weapon test ranges. Chandipur also has the ITR, but this test was at PXE.

27. (D) BB84 – BB84 – Charles Bennett and Gilles Brassard (1984). E91 – Artur Ekert (1991, entanglement-based). RSA and AES are classical encryption methods.

28. (B) ₹6,003.65 crore – ₹6,003.65 crore (2023–24 to 2030–31). ₹10,372 crore is the IndiaAI Mission; ₹76,000 crore was Semicon India 1.0.

29. (A) IIT Madras – IIT Madras (with C-DOT). IISc – computing; IIT Bombay – sensing and metrology; IIT Delhi – materials and devices.

30. (C) Prayagraj – Vindhyachal – Prayagraj – Vindhyachal (Uttar Pradesh), Feb 2022 – over existing commercial optical fibre.

31. (A) Excellence in People – Excellence in People – the 'Dakshata' safety programme. Clean steel production went to JSW Steel.

32. (B) JSW Steel – JSW Steel – clean steel production (green hydrogen). Tata Steel was only a finalist in the 'People' category.

33. (C) Brussels – Brussels, Belgium (1967, first as IISI); it has a Beijing office (2006).

34. (D) New Delhi – New Delhi – 12 Oct 2026 (per Nippon Steel and Jindal press releases).

35. (B) Naveen Jindal – Naveen Jindal. Sajjan Jindal heads the JSW group; Ratan Jindal – Jindal Stainless; O.P. Jindal founded the group (died 2005).

36. (D) Suvendu Adhikari – Suvendu Adhikari – West Bengal's first BJP CM since May 2026; inaugurated it on 14 Oct 2026.

37. (C) 3.45 lakh tonnes – 3.45 lakh tonnes of phenol; 2.15 lakh tonnes is acetone. Investment ₹6,000 crore.

38. (A) Benzene and propylene – Benzene + propylene → cumene → (oxidation) → phenol + acetone (the Hock process).

39. (B) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata – Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (formerly Kolkata Port) – India's only major river port, with docks at Kolkata and Haldia.

40. (D) Joseph Lister – Joseph Lister – 'father of modern antiseptic surgery'. Fleming – penicillin (1928); Koch – the TB bacillus (1882).

41. (B) 5 – 5 pillars with 12 key considerations; 12 is the number of considerations.

42. (A) Bank of Thailand – The Bank of Thailand (Governor Vitai Ratanakorn). The Bank of England's governor took part only as a speaker.

43. (D) 1930 – 1930 – Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), Home Ministry. 112 – emergency; 1098 – children; 14416 – Tele-MANAS.

44. (C) Home Affairs – The Ministry of Home Affairs. CERT-In falls under the Electronics and IT Ministry (cyber-security incidents).

45. (A) Baht – Baht. Ringgit – Malaysia; dong – Vietnam; kyat – Myanmar.

46. (C) Oman – Oman – 585,000 t (27%). Nigeria 2nd, US 3rd; Qatar, usually first, was 6th.

47. (B) 6th – 6th (94,000 t) – because of the March 2026 Ras Laffan strike and the Hormuz disruption.

48. (A) Dahej, Gujarat – Dahej – Petronet LNG, 22.5 MTPA (expanded from 17.5 in 2026). Ennore – 5 million t (IOCL).

49. (D) 15% – 15% (about 6% now) – towards a 'gas-based economy'.

50. (C) −162°C – About −162°C – volume shrinks about 600 times. −273°C is absolute zero.

51. (A) Greco-Roman – Men's Greco-Roman 55 kg – the first Indian to reach a U23 world final in this style, where holds below the waist are banned.

52. (D) Maharashtra – Maharashtra – Sarawade village, Radhanagari taluka, Kolhapur district; a Havildar in the Army's Maratha Light Infantry.

53. (C) 1952 Helsinki – 1952 Helsinki – bronze (bantamweight freestyle). He too was from Maharashtra (Satara).

54. (B) Switzerland – Switzerland – Corsier-sur-Vevey. It began as FILA in Stockholm (Sweden) in 1921 and became UWW in 2014.

55. (B) Georgia – Georgia – 13–12. Vishvajit beat Iran's Armin Shamsipour in the quarter-final and Russia's Malik Gigiev in the semi-final.

56. (D) Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow. – 2026 – 'Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow.' 2025 – Hand in Hand...; 2024 – Right to foods...; 2023 – Water is life, water is food.

57. (A) Quebec City – Quebec City, Canada – 16 Oct 1945; its HQ moved to Rome in 1951.

58. (B) 1981 – 1981 ('Food comes first'). 1979 – Hungary's proposal adopted at the FAO Conference; 1996 – the World Food Summit in Rome.

59. (C) M.S. Swaminathan – M.S. Swaminathan (Kumbakonam). Borlaug founded the prize (1986); Kurien won it in 1989; C. Subramaniam (Pollachi) – Union Agriculture Minister during the Green Revolution; Bharat Ratna 1998.

60. (D) B.R. Sen – B.R. Sen (1956–67) – he launched the 'Freedom from Hunger' campaign (1960). The current DG is Qu Dongyu.

61. (B) Ether – Ether – Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston (the 'Ether Dome'). Chloroform – Simpson (1847); nitrous oxide – Horace Wells.

62. (C) Spine Health for Life – 2026 – 'Spine Health for Life'; 2025 – 'Invest in Your Spine'. Organised by the World Federation of Chiropractic.

63. (A) Dentist – A dentist – the surgeon who operated was John Collins Warren. Horace Wells, who used nitrous oxide, was also a dentist.

64. (D) Calcutta – Medical College Hospital, Calcutta – 22 Mar 1847 (Dr O'Shaughnessy), five months after Morton's demonstration.

65. (A) 7 – 7 – as in most mammals, including the giraffe. Thoracic 12, lumbar 5; 33 in all (26 after fusion).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1. (A) Tenkasi – Tenkasi – carved out of Tirunelveli in 2019. The study covers the 33 wards of Kadayanallur municipality.

2. (A) Takeda (Japan) – Takeda; its Indian manufacturing partner is Biological E. Sanofi's 'Dengvaxia' was an earlier dengue vaccine.

3. (B) Flavivirus – Flavivirus – the same genus has Zika, yellow fever and Japanese encephalitis viruses. Chikungunya is an Alphavirus.

4. (D) Aedes aegypti – Aedes aegypti – breeds in stored clean water. Anopheles spreads malaria; Culex spreads filariasis and Japanese encephalitis.

5. (B) Chennai – Chennai. The National Institute of Virology (NIV) is in Pune. National Dengue Day is 16 May.

6. (C) Gaana – Gaana – North Chennai's urban folk music. Deva's other title was 'Thenisai Thendral'.

7. (D) Ranipet – Ranipet – Sakkaramallur near Arcot; 72-gun salute. Ranipet was carved out of Vellore in 2019.

8. (C) TN Iyal Isai Nataka Manram – Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram – for artistes in literature, music, drama, dance and cinema. Sangeet Natak Akademi is the national body.

9. (B) Information & Broadcasting – Information & Broadcasting Ministry, along with the National Film Awards. From Tamil cinema, Sivaji Ganesan (1996), K. Balachander (2010) and Rajinikanth (2019) have received it.

10. (B) Article 80 – Article 80 – the President nominates 12 members from literature, science, art and social service. Article 81 deals with the composition of the Lok Sabha.

11. (D) Social Justice & Empowerment – Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment; 100% centrally funded. 18,093 villages were declared Adarsh Grams by 8 Sept 2026.

12. (C) Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana – Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) – 2014, Rural Development Ministry; each MP adopts villages.

13. (B) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu (225 villages); the other pilot States were Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan – 1,000 villages in all.

14. (C) Article 341 – Article 341; only Parliament can amend the list by law. Art 342 – Scheduled Tribes; 338 – NCSC; 340 – Backward Classes Commission.

15. (C) Directive Principles – Directive Principles of State Policy (Part IV, Arts 36–51) – not enforceable by courts but fundamental to governance.

16. (A) C-heavy molasses – C-heavy molasses – final molasses left after sugar extraction; using it does not reduce sugar output.

17. (C) Saccharomyces cerevisiae – Saccharomyces cerevisiae (yeast) – anaerobic respiration gives ethanol and CO_2. Lactobacillus curdles milk; Rhizobium fixes nitrogen.

18. (B) CACP – Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP); the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approves it. Tamil Nadu pays a special incentive above FRP.

19. (D) Panipat – Panipat (Haryana) – Indian Oil, 2022; uses paddy straw, helping cut stubble-burning pollution.

20. (C) Petroleum & Natural Gas – Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas; the 2022 amendment advanced the E20 target to 2025–26. World Biofuel Day is 10 August.

21. (D) Reflect Orbital – Reflect Orbital (California) – two launches on Vikram-1 and Vikram-1U. Axiom runs private space-station missions (Shubhanshu Shukla, Ax-4).

22. (A) Hyderabad – Hyderabad. Chennai's IIT-M-incubated Agnikul Cosmos flew 'Agnibaan SOrTeD' (2024) with a single-piece 3D-printed engine.

23. (C) Vikram Sarabhai – Vikram Sarabhai – father of the Indian space programme; pioneer of INCOSPAR (1962) and ISRO (1969). The Chandrayaan lander is also 'Vikram'.

24. (B) IN-SPACe – IN-SPACe – set up in 2020, HQ Ahmedabad; an autonomous body under the Department of Space. NSIL and Antrix are ISRO's commercial arms.

25. (C) Thoothukudi – Thoothukudi district – close to the equator and allows launches straight south without skirting Sri Lanka. Kulasekarapattinam is also famous for its Dasara festival.

26. (D) High-speed guided torpedo – A high-speed precision-guided torpedo – 15 Oct 2026, reported by KCNA on 17 Oct. A torpedo is a self-propelled underwater weapon.

27. (C) Reflection of sound (echo) – Reflection (echo) of sound/ultrasonic waves; sound travels about 1,500 m/s in water – roughly four times faster than in air. RADAR uses radio waves.

28. (D) Panmunjom – Panmunjom – 27 July 1953; no peace treaty has been signed to this day. Korea was divided along the 38th parallel in 1945.

29. (B) Non-Proliferation Treaty – The NPT (signed 1968, in force 1970) – North Korea is the only country to withdraw. India has not signed the NPT, calling it discriminatory.

30. (B) Tirunelveli – Vijayanarayanam, Tirunelveli district (1990), named after Veerapandiya Kattabomman; INS Parundu, a naval air station, is at Uchipuli, Ramanathapuram.

31. (D) The Prime Minister – The Prime Minister – the Department of Atomic Energy too is under the PM. Dr Jitendra Singh is the MoS for both.

32. (A) NewSpace India Limited – NSIL (March 2019) – it transferred SSLV technology to HAL and PSLV production to an industry consortium. Antrix dates from 1992.

33. (A) Bharatiya Antariksh Station – Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS); there is also a goal to land an Indian on the Moon by 2040. Aryabhata was India's first satellite (1975).

34. (B) Bengaluru – Bengaluru (Antariksh Bhavan). Thiruvananthapuram has the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre; Ahmedabad has the Space Applications Centre (SAC) and IN-SPACe.

35. (D) Testing rocket engines – Testing and integration of rocket engines (cryogenic, liquid) and stages. Satellites are launched from Sriharikota (Satish Dhawan Space Centre).

36. (A) Non-scheduled drugs – Non-scheduled drugs (outside price ceilings) – branded, generic and patented alike. NLEM drugs already have ceiling prices.

37. (A) Chemicals and Fertilizers – Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers; NPPA dates from 1997. Drug quality regulation (CDSCO) is under the Health Ministry.

38. (D) Essential Medicines List (NLEM) – NLEM (now NLEM 2022, 384 drugs) – NPPA fixes ceiling prices for these. DPCO 2013 was issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

39. (C) Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy – Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy – through the Women's Indian Association (WIA); India's first woman legislator. Dr V. Shanta later led the institute.

40. (D) Mitosis – Uncontrolled mitosis (body-cell division) forms a tumour; its spread to other sites is 'metastasis'. Meiosis occurs in reproductive cells.

41. (A) ICAR-CPRI, Shimla – Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla; all its varieties carry the prefix 'Kufri'.

42. (A) Anthocyanin – Anthocyanin – a water-soluble flavonoid antioxidant. Lycopene gives tomatoes their red colour.

43. (B) Stem tuber – Stem tuber – its 'eyes' are nodal buds. Sweet potato is a root tuber; onion is a bulb.

44. (D) Andes, South America – The Andes (Peru–Bolivia). The International Potato Center (CIP) is in Lima, Peru.

45. (B) Muthorai, Udhagamandalam – Muthorai, Ooty (Nilgiris) – since 1957; it released a cyst-nematode-resistant variety in 1985.

46. (C) Intl. Menopause Society – The International Menopause Society (IMS); its 20th World Congress was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 30 Sep to 3 Oct 2026.

47. (B) Chronic Pain at Midlife – 'Chronic Pain at Midlife'. The 2025 theme was 'Lifestyle Medicine'.

48. (A) Oestrogen – Oestrogen (progesterone also falls). WHO definition: 12 consecutive months without menstruation.

49. (D) Osteoporosis – Osteoporosis – loss of oestrogen reduces bone density. Rickets is vitamin D deficiency in children.

50. (D) J. Jayalalithaa – J. Jayalalithaa; extended to urban areas in 2020. In 2026 the Supreme Court held menstrual health to be part of Article 21.

51. (A) Varanasi – Varanasi, on World TB Day (24 March 2023). A family-centric care model was also announced there.

52. (D) Mahatma Gandhi – A Mahatma Gandhi statuette – bronze for one year, silver for two, gold for three; the certificate is valid for a year.

53. (B) Robert Koch – Robert Koch (Germany) – 24 March 1882; germ: Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Vaccine: BCG.

54. (C) Reducing TB deaths – Since April 2022 – it triages severely ill patients at diagnosis and admits them to hospital to prevent deaths.

55. (A) National TB Elimination Prog. – National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP). Ni-kshay Poshan (2018) gives patients nutrition support – ₹1,000 a month since 2024.

56. (A) Aichi–Nagoya, Japan – Aichi–Nagoya (18–24 Oct); motto 'Imagine One Heart', mascot 'Uzumin'. The 2026 Asian Games were held in the same cities.

57. (D) Dubai – Dubai (UAE). The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is headquartered in Bonn, Germany.

58. (C) Guangzhou – Guangzhou, China (2010). At Hangzhou (2022 edition) India posted its best-ever haul of 111 medals.

59. (A) High jump – High jump (T63) – Rio 2016 gold, Tokyo silver, Paris bronze; Padma Shri (2017) and Khel Ratna (2020) awardee.

60. (A) Para badminton – Para badminton (SU5) – Paris 2024 silver. Tamil Nadu's Manisha Ramadass won bronze in the same class.

61. (C) FSS Act, 2006 – FSS Act 2006; the Authority was set up in 2008 under the Health Ministry, HQ New Delhi. The Act replaced the 1954 Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.

62. (B) Chronic kidney disease – 'Renal' means relating to the kidney. Such special medical-purpose foods need FSSAI prior approval under the 2022 regulations.

63. (A) Brown – FSS (Labelling and Display) Regulations 2020: brown for non-veg, green for veg. The Nestle product lacked this symbol.

64. (A) Commissioner of Food Safety – Section 30 of the FSS Act – State Commissioner of Food Safety. Tamil Nadu topped India with 2,865 criminal convictions from 2021–22 to 2025–26 (Lok Sabha, July 2026).

65. (D) Consumer Protection Act, 2019 – Section 10 of CPA 2019 – CCPA set up on 24 July 2020. Guidelines for Prevention of Misleading Advertisements – 2022.

66. (C) Converts to Islam – The bench of Justices P.K. Mishra and Shree Chandrashekhar upheld the quashing of G.O. No. 31 (2024); the 3.5% quota itself continues.

67. (D) Backward Classes (BC) – BC 30% = BC 26.5% + BC(M) 3.5%, under the 2007 Act. MBC/DNC have a separate 20%.

68. (A) Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist – Originally Hindus only; Sikhs were added in 1956 and Buddhists in 1990. The order was cited in this ruling too.

69. (D) Indra Sawhney – Indra Sawhney (Mandal case) – nine-judge bench. Hence Tamil Nadu's 69% Act was put in the Ninth Schedule by the 76th Amendment (1994).

70. (A) Champakam Dorairajan – After the communal G.O. was struck down in 1951, Periyar and others agitated; the Nehru government added Article 15(4).

71. (B) Article 19(1)(a) – 19(1)(a) – freedom of speech and expression. Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and K. Vinod Chandran; it rejected blanket age-based bans.

72. (B) Kerala High Court – A student's challenge to a hostel mobile-phone ban. Anuradha Bhasin (2020) – speech and trade via internet protected under 19(1)(a) and (g).

73. (C) Verifiable parental consent – Under the DPDP Act a person below 18 is a 'child'; targeted ads and tracking of children are barred. Oversight – Data Protection Board of India.

74. (B) IT Act, 2000 – In its 23 Sept 2024 judgment the Supreme Court said platforms ignoring POCSO duties lose Section 79 protection. IT Rules 2021 lay down intermediary guidelines.

75. (A) Edappadi K. Palaniswami – Launched on 26 Aug 2019 for Classes 1–12, with SCERT content.

76. (C) Infant Nutrition Regs, 2020 – FSS (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations 2020, Reg. 3(6); draft gazetted on 16 Oct 2026; 60-day comment period.

77. (B) Glucose + fructose – Glucose + galactose = lactose (milk sugar); glucose + glucose = maltose. Fructose is the sweetest natural sugar.

78. (C) IMS Act, 1992 – IMS Act 1992 (amended 2003) – based on WHO's 1981 International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes.

79. (D) Breastfeeding – A national programme to promote breastfeeding (Aug 2016). WHO and UNICEF advise exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months; World Breastfeeding Week – 1–7 Aug.

80. (D) Bus stands – Opened by CM Jayalalithaa on 3 Aug 2015; 7 human milk banks in government hospitals were launched the same day.

81. (B) Neonicotinoids – Neonicotinoids – chemically similar to nicotine. Because they harm bees, the EU banned outdoor use of three of them in 2018.

82. (D) Nervous system – Nervous system – they bind to nicotinic acetylcholine receptors and paralyse the insect; they are systemic, spreading inside the plant.

83. (C) Insecticides Act, 1968 – Insecticides Act, 1968 – CIB&RC is under the Agriculture Ministry, at Faridabad. It approved both chemicals for use on tea in Jan 2026.

84. (C) Kolkata – Kolkata – under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Its South India office is at Coonoor.

85. (D) Valparai – Valparai (Coimbatore district). UPASI (1893) itself is headquartered at Coonoor.

86. (C) CSMC – The Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC), chaired by the MoHUA Secretary. Its 10th meeting on 16 Oct 2026 approved 1.93 lakh houses.

87. (B) Housing and Urban Affairs – The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). PMAY-Gramin is under the Ministry of Rural Development.

88. (A) Affordable Rental Housing – Affordable Rental Housing – for migrant workers, students and working women. The other verticals are BLC, AHP and ISS.

89. (D) Woman (sole or joint) – In a woman's sole or joint name – 97% (20.16 lakh) of PMAY-U 2.0 houses are allotted to women.

90. (B) Concrete houses for rural huts – Concrete houses replacing rural huts – target 8 lakh houses by 2030; announced in the 2024–25 Budget.

91. (A) Nashik – Nashik (Nashik Road) – the next two will be at Nagpur and Thane. Nashik lies on the Godavari.

92. (C) World Food Programme (WFP) – The World Food Programme (WFP) – HQ Rome; it won the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize.

93. (B) Odisha – Odisha – at a fair price shop in Bhubaneswar, 9 Aug 2024. It dispenses up to 50 kg in 5 minutes.

94. (C) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – TNCSC, 1972. Tamil Nadu follows a Universal PDS covering all card-holders.

95. (C) National Food Security Act – The National Food Security Act, 2013. Free grain under PMGKAY has been extended to 2028.

96. (A) Interstellar dust – Interstellar dust – it will measure the polarisation of UV light from about 70 stars; launch targeted for 2030.

97. (A) Astrophysics Pioneers – Pioneers (2020) – small missions under a $20 million cap. Artemis is the programme to return humans to the Moon.

98. (D) Ozone layer absorbs UV – The ozone layer absorbs most UV radiation. India's AstroSat (2015) carries the UVIT ultraviolet telescope.

99. (B) Kavalur – Kavalur, Javadhu Hills (Tirupattur district). Kodaikanal has IIA's Solar Observatory (1899); Ooty a TIFR radio telescope; Mahendragiri ISRO's propulsion complex.

100. (B) James Webb – James Webb (JWST) – 25 Dec 2021. Hubble (1990) observes UV and visible light; Chandra observes X-rays.

101. (D) Ocean acidification – Ocean acidification – macroalgae plus aragonite raise alkalinity and remove CO_2. The prize is $25,000.

102. (A) Carbon dioxide – Carbon dioxide – with water it forms weak carbonic acid (H_2CO_3), lowering pH; average pH has fallen from about 8.2 to 8.1.

103. (C) Zooxanthellae algae – Zooxanthellae – photosynthetic algae that give corals food and colour; ocean warming is the main trigger of bleaching.

104. (A) Calcium carbonate – Calcium carbonate ($CaCO_3$) – aragonite and calcite are its crystal forms. Limestone and marble are also $CaCO_3$.

105. (B) Sri Lanka – Sri Lanka – the Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve (1989) was the first marine biosphere reserve in South and South-East Asia; home to the dugong.

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1. (B) Upper rampart (wall) – The upper rampart – damaged by plant roots and rainwater stagnation; estimate ₹59 lakh. Monuments are protected under the AMASR Act, 1958.

2. (D) Rajaraja Chola I – Rajaraja Chola I – completed in 1010 CE; architect Kunjara Mallan Raja Raja Perunthachan. His son Rajendra I built the Gangaikonda Cholapuram temple.

3. (A) Kampahareswarar, Thirubuvanam – Kampahareswarar, Thirubuvanam, is a Chola temple but not in this group. Thanjavur was inscribed in 1987, the other two added in 2004.

4. (D) Sathaya Vizha – Sathaya Vizha – Sathayam star in Aippasi; a Tamil Nadu Government function since November 2022. Rajendra I's birth anniversary (Aadi Thiruvathirai) has also been declared a State function.

5. (C) Alexander Cunningham – Alexander Cunningham (1861) – 'Father of Indian Archaeology'. Harappa–Mohenjo-daro were excavated under Director-General John Marshall; ASI is now under the Ministry of Culture.

6. (A) Bulgaria – Varna, Bulgaria – a Black Sea port city. Bulgaria became the 21st eurozone member on 1 Jan 2026.

7. (A) Commerce and Industry – Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Dept of Commerce) – APEDA Act 1985. APEDA also runs the NPOP organic certification system used for exports.

8. (C) Borassus flabellifer – Borassus flabellifer. Cocos nucifera is coconut; Phoenix sylvestris the wild date palm; Areca catechu the areca nut palm.

9. (D) Thoothukudi – Thoothukudi district, Tiruchendur taluk – red sand-dune (theri) soil gives its taste. A GI registration under the 1999 Act is valid for 10 years.

10. (C) Pathaneer (neera) – Pathaneer – lime coating in the pot stops fermentation; boiled, it gives karupatti. Fermented sap is toddy; nungu is the tender fruit's jelly.

11. (B) MNCFC (Mahalanobis Centre) – WINDS = Weather Information Network and Data System. Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC) – under the Union Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare; States install the sensors through private partners.

12. (A) PM Fasal Bima Yojana – PMFBY (2016) – farmer premium: kharif 2%, rabi 1.5%, commercial/horticulture 5%. The WINDS portal was launched under PMFBY in July 2023.

13. (D) Shortage of suitable land – Land shortage – many proposed sites were rejected in several States; on IMD advice rooftop rain gauges were capped at 10–15% (Dec 2025).

14. (C) Chennai – Chennai (Nungambakkam). IMD – founded 1875; under the Ministry of Earth Sciences; HQ New Delhi; six regional centres.

15. (D) Anemometer – Anemometer. Barometer – atmospheric pressure; hygrometer – humidity; hydrometer – specific gravity of liquids.

16. (D) Sangeet Natak Akademi – Sangeet Natak Akademi – since 2006, for artists under 40; 106 awardees for 2024–25. Lalit Kala covers fine arts; Sahitya, literature.

17. (B) Shehnai – Shehnai – a reed wind instrument, akin to Tamil Nadu's nadaswaram. Sarod – Amjad Ali Khan; santoor – Shivkumar Sharma.

18. (B) P. V. Rajamannar – Dr P. V. Rajamannar – former Chief Justice of the Madras High Court. President Rajendra Prasad inaugurated the Akademi on 28 Jan 1953.

19. (C) M. S. Subbulakshmi – M. S. Subbulakshmi (Madurai) – 1998. Then Ravi Shankar (1999), Lata Mangeshkar and Bismillah Khan (2001). M.S. also won the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1974.

20. (D) TN Eyal Isai Nataka Manram – Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram – under the Dept of Art and Culture. The Music Academy, Chennai, gives 'Sangita Kalanidhi'; the Tamil Isai Sangam gives 'Isai Perarignar'.

21. (A) Women and Child Development – CARA was set up in 1990; Section 68 of the JJ Act 2015 made it a statutory body. HQ: New Delhi.

22. (D) Disclosure of child's identity – Name, photo, school, address or other identifying details cannot be published in media or social media; violation is punishable under Sec 74(3).

23. (A) Hague Convention – India ratified the 1993 Hague Convention in 2003. Ramsar – wetlands; Geneva – laws of war.

24. (B) Child Welfare Committee – The CWC declares it after inquiry; the adoption order is issued by the District Magistrate (since the 2021 amendment). JJ Board deals with children in conflict with law.

25. (C) Salem – Launched in Salem under CM Jayalalithaa; extended to Madurai, Theni, Dindigul and Dharmapuri in 2001.

26. (B) OIML – CIML is the governing committee of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML); India hosts it for the first time.

27. (A) Paris – OIML was set up in 1955; India has been a member since 1956 and in 2023 became the 13th country authorised to issue OIML certificates.

28. (B) Department of Consumer Affairs – It replaced the 1976 and 1985 weights-and-measures Acts and came into force in 2011. The Indian Institute of Legal Metrology is at Ranchi.

29. (D) CSIR–National Physical Lab – NPL, New Delhi is India's National Metrology Institute. IST = UTC + 5:30, based on the 82.5° E meridian.

30. (A) Labour Department – Assistant Commissioners of Labour and Labour Inspectors carry out checks under the 'Tamil Nadu Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011'.

31. (B) Dhal Singh Bisen – He is the 9th Governor and a former Lok Sabha MP from Balaghat (MP); he succeeds Lt Gen Gurmit Singh.

32. (C) Article 155 – Art 155 – appointment by warrant under hand and seal. Art 153 – a Governor for each State; Art 154 – executive power.

33. (B) President – Art 156 – normal term 5 years, but the President may remove earlier. There is no impeachment procedure for a Governor.

34. (A) Gairsain – Gairsain (Bhararisain) in Chamoli district was declared in 2020; Dehradun is the capital; the High Court sits at Nainital.

35. (B) Rajendra Arlekar – Kerala Governor holding additional charge since March 2026; he assumed charge at Lok Bhavan, Chennai on 15 Oct 2026. R.N. Ravi had moved to West Bengal.

36. (D) Chief Justice of High Court – Art 159; in the CJ's absence, the senior-most judge. Orissa HC CJ Harish Tandon administered the oath to Braj Mohan Ram.

37. (C) Lok Bhavan – Aim: drop the colonial association; UT 'Raj Niwas' became 'Lok Niwas'. West Bengal and Ladakh were among the first.

38. (A) Utkal Divas – 1 April – Utkal Divas; one of the first provinces formed on linguistic lines. Nuakhai is a harvest festival.

39. (C) Article 161 – Art 72 – President's pardoning power; a Governor cannot pardon court-martial sentences. Arts 123 and 213 – ordinances.

40. (B) Assent to Bills – Art 200; the 8 Apr 2025 ruling deemed assent to 10 Bills under Art 142. A Constitution Bench later gave its opinion on the Art 143 reference (Nov 2025).

41. (D) Global Finance – Global Finance (1987, New York). The ceremony was held in Oct 2026 during the IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings in Bangkok; SBI's second win in a row.

42. (C) All India Rural Credit Survey – The AIRCS committee headed by A.D. Gorwala; SBI was born on 1 July 1955 under the SBI Act, 1955. The Narasimham Committees (1991, 1998) dealt with banking reforms.

43. (B) Bank of Madras – Bank of Madras (1843); the others were the Bank of Bengal (Bank of Calcutta, 1806) and the Bank of Bombay (1840).

44. (A) Hilton Young Commission – The Hilton Young Commission (Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance, 1926); RBI Act, 1934; began work on 1 Apr 1935.

45. (C) Indian Overseas Bank – Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) – nationalised in 1969. Indian Bank (1907) is also headquartered in Chennai; Canara Bank is in Bengaluru.

46. (C) Commerce and Industry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry – developed by the Department of Commerce; Minister Piyush Goyal launched it at Vanijya Bhawan.

47. (A) Dual-use export control list – India's national export control list – Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies; exports need a licence (mostly DGFT; nuclear – DAE, munitions – DDP).

48. (D) DGFT – The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) – a 10-digit, PAN-based code. DGFT works under the Foreign Trade (D&R) Act, 1992.

49. (C) Geneva – Geneva, Switzerland; the WTO began on 1 Jan 1995 and India is a founding member. Paris hosts the OECD; Vienna hosts OPEC.

50. (C) Tiruppur – Tiruppur – a major hub of cotton knitwear exports. Karur is known for home-textile exports.

51. (B) Banks Board Bureau – The Banks Board Bureau (BBB, 2016). The FSIB recommends heads for public sector insurers as well as banks.

52. (B) S.C.L. Das – S.C.L. Das – retired IAS (1992, AGMUT); 3 years. Arijit Basu is a new member; Vinod Rai was BBB's first chairman.

53. (D) Appointments Cttee of Cabinet – The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by the PM. The FSIB was set up by a resolution of the Finance Ministry's Department of Financial Services (DFS).

54. (A) P.J. Nayak Committee – The P.J. Nayak Committee (2014) on governance of bank boards. It was implemented through the 'Indradhanush' plan (2015).

55. (B) United India Insurance – United India Insurance – Chennai. New India – Mumbai; National – Kolkata; Oriental – New Delhi.

56. (A) Madhya Pradesh – Madhya Pradesh (350); Punjab was second (185). MP also topped during the April 2026 wheat-harvest season.

57. (C) IARI, New Delhi – IARI (Pusa Institute), New Delhi – Division of Agricultural Physics. CREAMS = Consortium for Research on Agroecosystem Monitoring and Modelling from Space.

58. (C) A fungal microbial solution – A fungal microbial solution that rots straw into manure in the field. The 'Happy Seeder' sows wheat without removing the straw.

59. (B) CAQM – The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) – formed in 2020 (Act of 2021); it replaced the earlier EPCA. GRAP has 4 stages based on air quality.

60. (D) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – the Cauvery delta (Thanjavur) is its 'rice bowl'. The Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute is at Aduthurai.

61. (C) China – China – 'YJ' = 'Ying Ji' (Eagle Strike). It is a hypersonic ballistic missile aimed at aircraft carriers.

62. (B) Ballistic missile – Ballistic missile (e.g. Agni). A cruise missile is jet-powered throughout a low flight (e.g. BrahMos) – a concept asked in UPSC 2023.

63. (A) Sound in that medium – The speed of sound in that medium. Above Mach 5 = hypersonic; the YJ-21's terminal speed is claimed to be ~Mach 10.

64. (D) Brahmaputra – Moskva – Brahmaputra (India) + Moskva (Russia). Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam signed the 1998 agreement for India.

65. (C) Madurai – Madurai. Nodes – Chennai, Hosur, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli; launched at Tiruchi on 20 Jan 2019. The other corridor is in Uttar Pradesh.

66. (B) Holds the gun without support – SH1 – shooters who hold the gun unaided; both rifle and pistol. Those who need a stand are SH2 (rifle only).

67. (A) Mona Agarwal – Mona Agarwal (250.0); Avani Lekhara took silver (249.6). The previous record was Avani's 249.6 at Hangzhou 2022.

68. (B) Dubai – Dubai (UAE). Bonn (Germany) is the HQ of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). The first Asian Para Games – 2010 Guangzhou.

69. (C) Tokyo 2020 – Tokyo 2020 (held in 2021). She won gold again at Paris 2024 – the first Indian woman with two Paralympic golds; Khel Ratna 2021, Padma Shri 2022.

70. (D) Salem – Salem – Periavadagampatti. Tokyo 2020 silver, Paris 2024 bronze; Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna in 2020.

71. (A) Phobos – Phobos – the larger, closer moon of Mars (~22 km). MMX will also observe Deimos remotely; Titan orbits Saturn, Europa Jupiter.

72. (D) Asaph Hall – Asaph Hall (USA, 1877). Galileo found Jupiter's four big moons; Huygens found Titan; Herschel found Uranus.

73. (A) Ryugu – Ryugu – the capsule landed in Australia in Dec 2020. Itokawa was the first Hayabusa's target; Bennu was NASA's OSIRIS-REx.

74. (B) CNES and DLR – CNES (France) + DLR (Germany); ~25 kg. NASA provides the MEGANE spectrometer.

75. (D) Mylswamy Annadurai – Mylswamy Annadurai (Kothavadi, Coimbatore) – also Project Director of Chandrayaan-1. MOM was launched by PSLV-C25 on 5 Nov 2013.

76. (D) Kancheepuram – Kancheepuram. She reached the women's doubles SL3–SU5 semi-finals with Manasi Joshi (17 Oct), assuring a medal.

77. (C) Standing, upper-limb impaired – SU = Standing Upper – standing, upper-limb impairment. WH1/WH2 – wheelchair; SL3/SL4 – lower limb; SH6 – short stature.

78. (D) Kuala Lumpur – Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia). BWF has also governed para-badminton since 2011; Lausanne is the IOC's HQ.

79. (A) Manisha Ramadass – Manisha Ramadass – the two became the first Indian women to win Paralympic badminton medals. Nithya Sre Sivan won SH6 bronze.

80. (A) Arjuna Award – Arjuna Award (announced 2 Jan 2025) – also to Manisha Ramadass and Nithya Sre Sivan. 2024 Khel Ratna – D. Gukesh, Manu Bhaker, Harmanpreet Singh, Praveen Kumar.

81. (B) Supreme Court of India – A bench led by CJI Surya Kant set it up on 18 Aug 2026; it is chaired by former SC judge R. Subhash Reddy.

82. (A) Article 19(1)(b) – 19(1)(a) is speech, 19(1)(c) is forming associations. Article 19(3) allows reasonable restrictions on assembly for public order.

83. (B) Sawai Jai Singh II – Sawai Jai Singh II of Amber built five; Delhi (1724) was the first. The name comes from 'yantra' (instrument) + 'mantra' (calculation).

84. (C) Jaipur – Jaipur's was inscribed in 2010; it holds the Samrat Yantra, the world's largest stone sundial.

85. (C) Indian Institute of Astrophysics – IIA, Bengaluru runs it; it succeeded the 1786 Madras Observatory. IIA also runs the Vainu Bappu Observatory at Kavalur (Javadhu Hills). Evershed effect – 1909.

86. (A) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan – The Black Mace Brigade and Battle Axe Division held it in the Thar Desert; the first edition (Nov 2025) was part of Exercise Trishul.

87. (D) Jodhpur – XII Corps was raised in 1987; its 12 Infantry Division is based at Jaisalmer. Bhopal hosts XXI Sudarshan Chakra Corps.

88. (A) Pune – The Army has 7 commands; Jaipur is South Western, Lucknow is Central. Chennai hosts Southern Command's Dakshin Bharat Area.

89. (B) Smiling Buddha – 18 May 1974, under Indira Gandhi. The 1998 Pokhran-II tests were 'Operation Shakti', marked by National Technology Day on 11 May.

90. (D) Wellington, Nilgiris – Its war cry is 'Veera Madrassi, Adi Kollu'. Chennai (Alandur) hosts the Officers Training Academy (OTA, 1963).

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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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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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1. (A) Rainwater harvesting – Rainwater harvesting; 'Thuli' = a drop. Its mascot is a blue water-drop carrying a house.

2. (B) Municipal Admin & Water Supply – Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department – G.O. No. 184 (16.10.2026). The TWAD Board comes under this department.

3. (C) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – by a 2003 ordinance under CM Jayalalithaa; compliance deadline 31 Aug 2003.

4. (D) Ministry of Jal Shakti – Ministry of Jal Shakti – 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain', launched by the PM on 22 March 2021 (World Water Day).

5. (C) Northeast monsoon – Northeast monsoon (Oct–Dec) – about 48%. During the Southwest monsoon Tamil Nadu lies in the rain-shadow of the Western Ghats.

6. (D) Confederation of Indian Industry – Confederation of Indian Industry – an industry body founded in 1895, headquartered in New Delhi.

7. (B) Companies Act 2013 – Companies Act 2013, Chapter XXIA. Earlier it was Part IXA of the 1956 Act, added by a 2002 amendment.

8. (D) Chitrakoot – Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh (Feb 2020); a ₹6,865 crore Central Sector Scheme.

9. (C) Agriculture & Farmers Welfare – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare – SFAC was set up as an autonomous society on 18 Jan 1994.

10. (D) Coimbatore – Coimbatore (Sultanpet). Isha's first FPO, 'Velliangiri Uzhavan' (2013), is at Thondamuthur, Coimbatore.

11. (B) Des Moines – Des Moines, Iowa (USA) – the Dialogue is named after Norman Borlaug, founder of the World Food Prize; 2026 marks the Prize's 40th year.

12. (D) M.S. Swaminathan – M.S. Swaminathan (Kumbakonam) – used the prize money to found MSSRF, Chennai (1988). Verghese Kurien won it in 1989.

13. (A) Food-safety standards – Science-based international food-safety standards that cut foodborne illness and food loss. Soil carbon was Rattan Lal (2020).

14. (C) Peace – Nobel Peace Prize 1970 – for fighting hunger with high-yielding semi-dwarf wheat. He worked with M.S. Swaminathan on India's Green Revolution.

15. (D) Food & Agriculture Org. (FAO) – FAO – founded on 16 Oct 1945 at Quebec City, Canada; HQ Rome (Italy). The Borlaug Dialogue is held around this day.

16. (B) IIT (BHU) Varanasi – IIT (BHU) Varanasi. The earlier five: IIT Kanpur, Gandhinagar, Roorkee, Hyderabad and IISc Bengaluru.

17. (A) Dept of Telecommunications – Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications. C-DOT has built indigenous 4G/5G technology.

18. (B) Sam Pitroda – Sam Pitroda – adviser to Rajiv Gandhi; drove rural RAX exchanges and the spread of public phones (STD/PCO).

19. (D) IIT Madras – IIT Madras – launched by the PM on 17 May 2022 at TRAI's silver jubilee; cost over ₹220 crore.

20. (D) TRAI Act 1997 – The TRAI Act 1997. The Telecommunications Act 2023 replaced the Telegraph Act of 1885.

21. (B) Oil India Ltd – Oil India – 'Godavari-1' well, Matsyapuri formation; it is the block's sole operator.

22. (C) Duliajan, Assam – Duliajan (Assam); incorporated in 1959. Digboi, also in Assam, has India's oldest oil refinery (1901).

23. (D) NELP – NELP (New Exploration Licensing Policy, 1997-98). HELP brings one licence, revenue sharing and OALP block selection by firms.

24. (B) Andhra Pradesh – Andhra Pradesh – from the Godavari and Krishna deltas into the Bay of Bengal; Reliance's KG-D6 (2002) is here.

25. (D) Thiruvarur – Thiruvarur (with Thanjavur and Nagapattinam); only some blocks of Cuddalore and Pudukkottai. New oil, gas and methane exploration is banned.

26. (A) Solar Defence & Aerospace – Nagpur's Solar Defence and Aerospace (SDAL) made it; its 4 kg tandem warhead can strike tanks.

27. (B) Drone that circles, then strikes – It is a 'kamikaze drone' that circles over a target area and then crashes into the target; many models can also be recovered.

28. (C) BrahMos – IGMDP (1983) produced Prithvi, Agni, Trishul, Akash and Nag. BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile of an India–Russia joint venture.

29. (C) MIT, Chromepet, Chennai – The Madras Institute of Technology (MIT, 1949) was India's first to offer UG aeronautical engineering; it has been an Anna University constituent since 1978.

30. (D) Operation Sindoor – Nagastra-1 struck targets in 'Operation Sindoor' (May 2025). Kaveri – Sudan evacuation (2023), Ajay – Israel evacuation (2023); Dost – Türkiye earthquake aid (2023).

31. (A) Rajnath Singh – Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released it; the twice-yearly conference was chaired by Army Chief Gen Dhiraj Seth.

32. (A) Gen Bipin Rawat – Gen Bipin Rawat took charge on 1 Jan 2020; the second CDS was Anil Chauhan; N.S. Raja Subramani (3rd CDS) since 31 May 2026.

33. (D) Cariappa becoming C-in-C – On 15 Jan 1949 K.M. Cariappa became the first Indian Commander-in-Chief. The 1971 victory is marked as 'Vijay Diwas' on 16 Dec.

34. (C) Field Marshal – Manekshaw became Field Marshal in Jan 1973; the second was K.M. Cariappa (1986). In the IAF, Arjan Singh was 'Marshal of the Air Force'.

35. (D) Chief of Defence Staff – The DMA was created in 2019 along with the CDS post; the CDS is its Secretary. The President is Supreme Commander of the forces (Art. 53(2)).

36. (B) DG Fire Svcs, CD & Home Guards – The DGFSCDHG coordinates it; 600 trainers from 12 States get 3 days of training at Army establishments.

37. (C) Civil Defence Act, 1968 – Civil Defence Act 1968 (Act 27); a 2009 amendment added disaster management to its role.

38. (B) Nagpur – It began in 1957 as the Central Emergency Relief Training Institute (CERTI) and was renamed NCDC in 1968.

39. (A) Bombay Province – Raised in Bombay on 6 Dec 1946 under Morarji Desai; 6 Dec is Civil Defence and Home Guards Day.

40. (D) Kalpakkam – MAPS is at Kalpakkam, Chengalpattu district; Kudankulam (Tirunelveli) is the Russian-assisted nuclear plant.

41. (D) Reserve Bank of India – The RBI issues them; being Government Securities, they carry a sovereign guarantee.

42. (B) India Bullion & Jewellers Assn – It is the average of IBJA closing prices for the previous 3 business days. BIS sets jewellery hallmarking standards.

43. (A) Exempt from tax – Capital gains on maturity redemption are exempt; but the 2.5% annual interest is taxed at slab rates.

44. (C) Gold Monetisation Scheme – Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS) – deposits earn interest; the 'Indian Gold Coin' was released the same day.

45. (A) Devadasi system – A Self-Respect Movement activist; the Madras Devadasis (Prevention of Dedication) Act, 1947 followed this struggle.

46. (B) Women's doubles SL3–SU5 – Doubles gold with Manasi Joshi; silver in singles SU5 and mixed doubles (with Nitesh Kumar) – 3 medals in one day.

47. (D) Short stature – SH6 – short stature; SU5 – upper limb; SL3/SL4 – lower limb; WH1/WH2 – wheelchair. Nithya Sre won bronze at Paris 2024.

48. (A) Rajasimha (Narasimhavarman II) – Rajasimha built structural stone temples (also the Shore Temple, Mamallapuram). Mahendravarman I is known for rock-cut cave temples.

49. (D) New Delhi – 10–17 Dec 2023 – 7 sports at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi and JLN stadiums and Karni Singh Shooting Range.

50. (A) Murlikant Petkar – Gold in the 50 m freestyle with a world record at the 1972 Heidelberg Paralympics; Padma Shri 2018.

51. (C) Om Prakash Mathur – Om Prakash Mathur, a senior BJP leader from Rajasthan; Kerala HC Chief Justice Soumen Sen administered the oath.

52. (C) Sikkim – He was Sikkim's 18th Governor (from July 2024); Dushyant Gautam is Sikkim's new Governor. Rajasthan is his home State.

53. (B) Article 167 – Art 167; the CM must also furnish information the Governor seeks. Art 78 is the PM's counterpart; 163 – Council of Ministers to advise; 166 – conduct of government business.

54. (D) P. Sathasivam – P. Sathasivam (Kadappanallur, near Bhavani) – the first ex-CJI to become a Governor. Fathima Beevi was Tamil Nadu's first woman Governor (1997).

55. (C) States Reorganisation Act – States Reorganisation Act, 1956 (Fazl Ali Commission's recommendation). The same day the Kanyakumari area joined Madras State.

56. (A) Spurious drug – Sec 17B – spurious drug. The Sept 2026 alert found one spurious sample in Delhi; 17A – adulterated, 17 – misbranded.

57. (A) DGHS – CDSCO is under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Union Health Ministry; headed by the DCGI; HQ New Delhi. NPPA (drug pricing authority) is under the Department of Pharmaceuticals (Chemicals & Fertilizers).

58. (B) Good Manufacturing Practices – Schedule M – GMP. The revised Schedule M was notified on 28 Dec 2023; MSMEs got time till 31 Dec 2025.

59. (A) Diethylene glycol – About 48.6% diethylene glycol (DEG), which causes acute kidney failure. Maker: Sresan Pharma (Sunguvarchatram); melamine was behind China's 2008 milk adulteration scandal.

60. (C) Concurrent List – Concurrent List (List III, Entry 19). So the Central CDSCO and State drug control departments work together; State labs flagged 288 of the NSQ samples in Sept 2026.

61. (C) Undergraduate thesis – For a final-year undergraduate solo thesis; started by Correa in 1998. The 2026 winner – Kochi's 'Energy Commons'.

62. (B) Council of Architecture – Council of Architecture (COA). Only COA-approved colleges are eligible for the medal; IIA is only a professional association.

63. (C) Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur – Jawahar Kala Kendra (1986–92). Rashtrapati Bhavan – Edwin Lutyens; Lotus Temple – Fariborz Sahba; Chandigarh – Le Corbusier.

64. (B) Navi Mumbai – Navi Mumbai (New Bombay, 1970–75). In 1985 Rajiv Gandhi made him Chairman of the National Commission on Urbanisation.

65. (A) Robert Fellowes Chisholm – Robert Fellowes Chisholm – Senate House (1874–79), Chepauk Revenue Board building (1871). Laurie Baker is known for low-cost buildings in Kerala.

66. (D) Greece – Greece – in force from 1 Jan 2027; no exemption even with parental consent. The government 'Kids Wallet' app is used for age checks.

67. (B) Australia – Australia – Online Safety Amendment Act 2024; in force from 10 Dec 2025. Regulator – the eSafety Commissioner.

68. (C) Hellenic Parliament – Hellenic Parliament (Vouli) – unicameral, in Athens. Bundestag – Germany; Folketing – Denmark; Sejm – Poland.

69. (A) Digital Services Act (DSA) – Digital Services Act (DSA) – oversight of the largest platforms under the Greek law falls under it. GDPR – personal data; DMA – market competition.

70. (A) Madras HC, Madurai Bench – Madras High Court, Madurai Bench (Justices G. Jayachandran and K.K. Ramakrishnan). Meanwhile child rights commissions could prepare an awareness plan, it said.

71. (B) UNESCO – UNESCO – it has marked the week since 2011; the UN General Assembly recognised it in 2021. UNESCO is headquartered in Paris.

72. (A) We All Play a Part – In full: 'We All Play a Part – Media and Information Literacy for the People'. This year it is held as decentralised regional and online events.

73. (C) Press Council of India – The Press Council of India – 1966; a statutory, quasi-judicial body, now functioning under the Press Council Act, 1978.

74. (D) Article 19(1)(a) – Article 19(1)(a) – freedom of speech and expression; upheld in 'Romesh Thappar v. State of Madras' (1950). Restrictions come under Article 19(2).

75. (A) G. Subramania Iyer – G. Subramania Iyer – also a co-founder of 'The Hindu' in Madras (1878). Thiru. Vi. Ka. edited 'Desabhaktan' and 'Navasakthi'.

76. (A) UN Environment Programme – UNEP – published since 2010; the 2026 report is the 17th edition. The IPCC (1988, set up by WMO + UNEP) publishes Assessment Reports.

77. (B) Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) – HFCs do not deplete ozone but are potent greenhouse gases. The Montreal Protocol (1987) itself phased out CFCs.

78. (C) NDCs – NDCs – Nationally Determined Contributions. India's new NDC (March 2026): 60% non-fossil power capacity by 2035; net zero by 2070.

79. (B) Antalya – Antalya, Türkiye – 9–20 Nov 2026. COP30 was at Belém, Brazil (2025); COP29 at Baku, Azerbaijan (2024).

80. (C) TN Green Climate Company – Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC, 2021) – it runs four missions: Climate Change, Wetlands, Green Tamil Nadu and TN-SHORE.

81. (D) UNGA SSOD-I (1978) – 1978 – the UNGA's first Special Session on Disarmament (resolution S-10/2). The week starts on 24 Oct, the UN's founding anniversary.

82. (A) The Hague – The Hague, Netherlands; the OPCW won the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize. The CWC came into force in 1997; India is an original State Party.

83. (B) India – India – it regards the NPT as discriminatory; Pakistan and Israel have not signed either. North Korea withdrew in 2003; South Africa gave up its nuclear weapons and joined in 1991.

84. (B) Prime Minister – The Prime Minister – it is the only body that can authorise nuclear use. The Executive Council is chaired by the NSA; the doctrine rests on 'No First Use'.

85. (C) R. Chidambaram – R. Chidambaram – AEC Chairman (1993–2000) and Principal Scientific Adviser (2001–2018); died on 4 Jan 2025. Raja Ramanna led the 1974 test team.

86. (D) UN Charter entering into force – 24 Oct 1945 – the Charter came into force after most signatories ratified it. The UNGA first met in London in January 1946.

87. (D) San Francisco – San Francisco – 26 June 1945; 50 countries signed, and Poland signed later to make 51 original members. India is an original member.

88. (B) Trusteeship Council – Trusteeship Council – Palau, the last trust territory, became independent in 1994. The ICJ (The Hague) is the only principal organ located outside New York.

89. (C) Security Council – The Security Council (Article 97). Guterres's term ends on 31 Dec 2026; the Council is holding straw polls to choose his successor.

90. (A) A. Ramaswami Mudaliar – Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar – he led India's delegation at the 1945 San Francisco Conference. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit became the first woman UNGA President in 1953.

91. (C) United Nations Day – UN Day (24 Oct) – to stress development's central role in the UN's work. The Second Development Decade strategy was adopted on this date in 1970.

92. (A) UNCTAD – UNCTAD (proposal of May 1972) – set up in 1964, HQ Geneva; it publishes the 'World Investment Report'.

93. (C) NITI Aayog – NITI Aayog – since 2018; a tool of competitive federalism. The National Indicator Framework (NIF) is maintained by MoSPI.

94. (B) Front Runner – Front Runner (score 65–99) – Tamil Nadu scored 78. Achiever = 100; Performer = 50–64; Aspirant = 0–49. In 2023–24, 32 States/UTs were Front Runners.

95. (A) Millennium Development Goals – MDGs (2000–2015, 8 goals). SDGs – 17 goals, 169 targets, deadline 2030. 'Agenda 21' came from the 1992 Rio Earth Summit.

96. (D) Rotary International – Rotary International – to commemorate Jonas Salk's birth. Rotary is a founding partner of the 1988 GPEI; 'PolioPlus' began in 1985.

97. (A) Jonas Salk – Jonas Salk (1955). Oral OPV – Albert Sabin; smallpox – Jenner; rabies – Pasteur.

98. (A) West Bengal – West Bengal – Howrah, 13 Jan 2011. India was certified polio-free with the WHO South-East Asia Region on 27 Mar 2014.

99. (C) Pakistan and Afghanistan – Pakistan and Afghanistan (WPV1). The African Region, including Nigeria, was certified free of wild polio in 2020.

100. (A) Spinal cord motor neurons – The spinal cord's motor neurons. Poliovirus is an enterovirus – it spreads by the faecal–oral route and first multiplies in the gut.

101. (C) 1962 India–China war – The 1962 India–China war – raised on 24 Oct 1962 with 4 battalions. BSF was formed after the 1965 war.

102. (C) Ministry of Home Affairs – Ministry of Home Affairs – ITBP is a Central Armed Police Force; ITBP Act 1992. HQ New Delhi.

103. (D) Jachep La – Jachep La – 3,488 km in all. Nathu La – Sikkim; Shipki La – Himachal; Lipulekh – Uttarakhand.

104. (A) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) – SSB. China – ITBP; Pakistan and Bangladesh – BSF; Myanmar – Assam Rifles.

105. (A) Auli (Uttarakhand) – Auli (Uttarakhand). ITBP Academy – Mussoorie. Darjeeling has the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI); Gulmarg has the Army's HAWS.

106. (D) Sivaganga – Sivaganga district. The 'Tirupathur district' carved out of Vellore in 2019 is a different place – do not confuse them.

107. (C) Tiruchi fort and Srirangam – The Nawab's palace in Tiruchi fort and walls at Srirangam – 16 June 1801. Hence it is also called the 'Tiruchirappalli Proclamation'.

108. (B) South Indian Rebellion – South Indian Rebellion (1800–01) – the Second Poligar War. The Vellore Mutiny took place in 1806.

109. (D) Velu Nachiyar – Velu Nachiyar – after the 1772 battle of Kalaiyarkoil she stayed 8 years under Gopala Nayak's protection at Virupachi and regained Sivaganga with Hyder Ali's help.

110. (B) Kalaiyarkoil – Kalaiyarkoil – Sivaganga district; Muthu Vaduganathar was also killed here in 1772. Panchalankurichi is Kattabomman's fort (Thoothukudi).

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1. (C) Kaveri – Kollidam – Kaveri – Kollidam. The Kollidam is the northern branch of the Kaveri; downstream stands the Grand Anicut (Kallanai) on the Kaveri, built by Karikalan.

2. (C) Alvars – The Alvars (12) – their hymns form the Nalayira Divya Prabandham (compiled by Nathamuni). The 63 Nayanmars were Saiva saints.

3. (D) Article 26 – Article 26(c),(d). Art 25 – freedom of conscience and religion; Art 27 – no tax for promoting a religion; Art 28 – no religious instruction in State institutions.

4. (C) Concurrent List – Concurrent List (Entry 6). So States can amend the central Registration Act 1908; in Tamil Nadu the Registration Department runs the Sub-Registrar offices.

5. (A) HR&CE Commissioner – The Commissioner (Section 34) – a sale, mortgage or exchange without sanction is void. Its forerunner was the Justice Party government's 1926 Endowments Act.

6. (D) Dindigul – Dindigul – Palani Hills; it is viewed from Dum Dum Rock on the Batlagundu–Kodaikanal road.

7. (B) Rat Tail Falls – Rat Tail Falls – its long, thin stream looks like a rat's tail. Silver Cascade and Bear Shola are at Kodaikanal; Palaruvi (Milk Falls) is in Kerala.

8. (B) Vaigai – The Vaigai. The Amaravathi and Bhavani are Kaveri tributaries; the Thamirabarani rises in the Pothigai hills and enters the Gulf of Mannar.

9. (A) Chittar – The Chittar (Tenkasi district), which later joins the Thamirabarani. Hogenakkal Falls is on the Kaveri in Dharmapuri district.

10. (D) North-east monsoon – The north-east monsoon (Oct–Dec). During the south-west monsoon Tamil Nadu lies in the rain-shadow of the Western Ghats.

11. (C) Golden Jackal Ambassadors – Golden Jackal Ambassadors (2025) – trains students as wildlife-awareness ambassadors. The golden jackal is Canis aureus.

12. (C) Bare-bellied hedgehog – Bare-bellied hedgehog – its belly is almost hairless. The porcupine is a rodent, the hedgehog an insectivore – they are different animals.

13. (B) Least Concern – Least Concern – but data are very scarce; because of grassland loss and hunting, the State treats it as a lesser-known threatened species and funds it.

14. (B) Palk Bay – Palk Bay (Thanjavur–Pudukkottai coast, 2022). The dugong is a seagrass-eating marine mammal listed in Schedule I of the Wildlife Act.

15. (A) Karur and Dindigul – Karur and Dindigul (2022). The slender loris is nocturnal and helps farmers by eating insect pests.

16. (C) Any person, including a voter – Any private person, including a voter – the Sec 195(1) CrPC bar does not apply. Penalty: up to 6 months' jail, fine or both.

17. (D) Union of India v. ADR – The ADR case (2002) – the right flows from free speech under Art 19(1)(a); PUCL (2003) reaffirmed it. Sections 33A and 125A were then added to the RP Act.

18. (A) High Court – The High Court (RPA Sec 80A) – within 45 days of the result; appeal lies to the Supreme Court. Presidential election disputes go straight to the Supreme Court.

19. (D) PUCL case – PUCL v. Union of India (Sept 2013) – even if NOTA polls the most votes, the candidate with the highest votes wins.

20. (C) Article 324 – Article 324. Art 326 – adult suffrage; 280 – Finance Commission; 320 – functions of Public Service Commissions. Local body polls are run by State Election Commissions (243K).

21. (B) Kharghar, Navi Mumbai – Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. Odisha was chosen for low seismic risk and distance from borders and subsea-cable landing points.

22. (D) Fault tolerant – Fault tolerant – any single component can fail without disrupting operations; about 99.995% uptime. Tier III is 'concurrently maintainable'.

23. (B) Electronics & IT – MeitY – the national cyber-incident response agency under Section 70B of the IT Act 2000. NCIIPC is under Section 70A.

24. (A) Chennai – Chennai, Anna Salai – since 1963. Pune has the College of Agricultural Banking (CAB); Hyderabad has IDRBT.

25. (A) Central Government – The Central Government (RBI Act, Section 8) – the Governor and up to four Deputy Governors. The Governor chairs RBI's Central Board.

26. (B) IITM – Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) – HQ Pune. AATAL is linked to IITM's AIRWISE decision-support system.

27. (D) Mission Mausam – Mission Mausam – approved Sept 2024; run by IMD, IITM and NCMRWF. NCAP (2019) belongs to the Environment Ministry.

28. (D) 2010 Commonwealth Games – SAFAR – System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research; later extended to Pune, Mumbai and Ahmedabad.

29. (C) Alveoli of the lungs – Being 2.5 micrometres or smaller, they pass the alveoli and can enter the blood. NAAQS (2009) sets limits for 12 pollutants.

30. (A) Chennai – Manali – North Chennai; a hub of refinery, fertiliser and chemical units. Chennai is one of the NCAP 'non-attainment cities'.

31. (B) Housing & Urban Affairs – MoHUA runs it through the Institute of Urban Transport (India). The 19th edition (2026) was in Bhubaneswar on accessibility and liveability in the digital age.

32. (D) Greater Chennai Corp. – Non-motorised transport means walking and cycling. CMRL shared the 'Best Passenger Services' award with NCRTC.

33. (D) Public–Private Partnership – Approved in 2023; 10,000 e-buses, run by MoHUA. Segment B covers green mobility steps like NCMC fares and charging.

34. (B) AMRUT – AMRUT – Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation; launched with the Smart Cities Mission and PMAY-U on 25 June 2015.

35. (A) Move people, not vehicles – It prioritises public transport, walking and cycling. The Metro Rail Policy 2017 stresses Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

36. (D) ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal – NBAGR – National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources. With the 2026 additions India has 262 registered breeds. NDRI is also at Karnal.

37. (B) Theni – Named after Kombai town in Theni district; a guard dog also called the 'Polygar dog'. It is the only dog among the 16 breeds of 2026.

38. (D) Rajapalayam and Chippiparai – These three were the first dog breeds registered (2020). Rajapalayam – white hunting and guard dog; Chippiparai – slender sighthound.

39. (B) Pulikulam – Pulikulam is a grazing breed. Kangayam bulls are also used in Jallikattu; Umblachery is a Cauvery-delta breed.

40. (C) Conserve indigenous bovines – It develops and conserves indigenous cattle and buffalo breeds scientifically; run by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

41. (C) Crops and solar on same land – Farming and power generation on the same land at the same time; shade from raised panels helps keep soil moisture.

42. (B) Odisha – Odisha Agri-PV Policy 2026 – 'One Field, Two Harvests'; at least 90% of the land must stay under cultivation.

43. (D) Standalone solar pumps – Component B – standalone solar pumps for off-grid areas. Launched by MNRE in 2019; A – solar plants, C – pump solarisation.

44. (C) TN Green Energy Corp. (TNGECL) – TNGECL – the renewable-energy company formed in TANGEDCO's 2024 restructuring. TEDA had been set up in 1984.

45. (C) NAPCC – The National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC, 2008) has eight national missions, including Solar and Enhanced Energy Efficiency.

46. (B) Madhya Pradesh – The Rewa–Churhat line links Sidhi; it is part of the Lalitpur–Singrauli project. Sanjay National Park is in Sidhi district.

47. (A) Coal mines & thermal plants – Singrauli, on the MP–UP border, is a coal-rich area with several large thermal power stations.

48. (A) Jabalpur – WCR – Jabalpur; divisions Jabalpur, Bhopal, Kota. Bilaspur is South East Central Railway; Prayagraj is North Central Railway.

49. (D) Acworth Committee – Acworth Committee (1920–21). The Bibek Debroy committee advised the merger; from 2017–18 the Railway Budget is part of the Union Budget.

50. (A) ICF, Chennai – Integral Coach Factory, Perambur (1955); Train 18 – 2018. CLW is the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works.

51. (A) Maharashtra – Maharashtra's Animal Husbandry Department; launched after 305 of 358 talukas were declared drought-hit.

52. (D) Anaerobic fermentation – Lactic acid bacteria ferment green fodder sealed airtight; sun-dried fodder is called hay.

53. (B) Union Agriculture Ministry – Issued in 2016 and revised in 2020; the Agriculture Ministry is the central nodal ministry for drought. The State Government declares drought.

54. (D) TNAU, Coimbatore – Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore (CO = Coimbatore); CO (BN) 5 is another of its hybrids. NDDB is headquartered at Anand, Gujarat.

55. (D) Anabaena – Azolla is a water fern; Anabaena (a cyanobacterium) in its leaves fixes nitrogen. Rhizobium lives in root nodules of legumes.

56. (B) Central MV Rules, 1989 – The Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989, framed under the Motor Vehicles Act 1988, which replaced the 1939 Act.

57. (B) Passenger vehicle up to 8 seats – M1 – passenger vehicle with not more than 8 seats besides the driver (cars); goods vehicles up to 3.5 t are N1; two-wheelers are 'L' category.

58. (C) Crash-safety star rating of cars – Crash tests award 1–5 stars for adult and child occupant protection and safety assist technologies; participation is voluntary.

59. (D) Chennai – The Chennai–Sriperumbudur–Oragadam belt is a major auto cluster. Detroit in the USA is known as the 'Motor City'.

60. (C) MV (Amendment) Act, 2019 – The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2019 inserted Sec 134A – no civil or criminal liability on the helper. Earlier, in 2016, the Supreme Court had endorsed guidelines.

61. (A) Government of Assam – Announced by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma; first recipient Usha Mangeshkar. The PM will present it on 29 Nov.

62. (D) Bhupen Hazarika – 'Sudhakantha' = nectar-voiced; also called the 'Bard of the Brahmaputra'. Ilaiyaraaja is 'Isaignani'; A.R. Rahman the 'Mozart of Madras'.

63. (C) Lohit – The Lohit is a tributary of the Brahmaputra; the bridge, opened in 2017, improves road access to Arunachal Pradesh. The Barak is a separate river of southern Assam.

64. (B) Pranab Mukherjee, N. Deshmukh – Hazarika and Nanaji Deshmukh posthumously. Vajpayee–Malaviya 2015; Sachin–C.N.R. Rao 2014; Karpoori Thakur–Advani 2024.

65. (A) Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle – The Mangeshkar sisters – Lata, Meena, Asha, Usha; brother composer Hridaynath. Lata Mangeshkar received the Bharat Ratna in 2001.

66. (C) Civil Services Capacity Building – National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) – approved by the Union Cabinet in Sept 2020; nodal department DoPT.

67. (A) Prime Minister – The apex council is chaired by the Prime Minister; a Coordination Unit works under the Cabinet Secretary.

68. (B) Karmayogi Bharat (SPV) – Karmayogi Bharat – a 100% government-owned not-for-profit company under Sec 8 of the Companies Act 2013. LBSNAA in Mussoorie trains IAS officers.

69. (C) Rajya Sabha – The Rajya Sabha, by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting; a similar resolution under Article 249 enables laws on State List subjects.

70. (C) Anna Admin. Staff College – G.O. No. 110 (7.10.2021); Chennai, State ATI since 1999. Foundation training is given at the Civil Services Training Institute, Bhavanisagar, Erode district.

71. (A) France – Handed over at the closing of the 2026 conference in New Delhi. The series began at Perpignan, France, in 2020.

72. (A) Edmond Becquerel – French physicist Edmond Becquerel (1839). Einstein explained the photoelectric effect; Raman discovered light scattering (Raman effect).

73. (C) COP-21 – COP-21, Paris, Dec 2015; in force from 4 Nov 2016. COP-15 was Copenhagen (2009), COP-26 Glasgow (2021).

74. (A) Tharangambadi – Tharangambadi (Tranquebar) was Danish. Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam joined India de facto in 1954 and de jure in 1962.

75. (B) Mirra Alfassa (The Mother) – French-born Mirra Alfassa, 28 Feb 1968; Sri Aurobindo's spiritual collaborator. Administered under the Auroville Foundation Act 1988.

76. (B) Australia – Australia – Hobart, Tasmania. The battery system came from Norway-based Corvus Energy.

77. (C) Paraná and Uruguay – Paraná and Uruguay rivers; the estuary forms the Argentina–Uruguay boundary and opens into the Atlantic. The Amazon–Rio Negro meeting is near Manaus, Brazil.

78. (A) Akira Yoshino – Akira Yoshino – with John Goodenough and Stanley Whittingham. Shuji Nakamura won the 2014 Physics Nobel for the blue LED.

79. (B) Varanasi – Varanasi (Ganga, Namo Ghat) – built by Cochin Shipyard, owned by IWAI. Kochi runs India's first water metro (2023).

80. (D) Green Tug Transition Prog. – Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) – 50 green tugs by 2030. India's first all-electric tug project began at Deendayal Port, Kandla.

81. (A) Mosqivac – Mosqivac – GSK sold the same vaccine as 'Mosquirix'. Covaxin (COVID), Rotavac (rotavirus) and Typbar-TCV (typhoid) are other Bharat Biotech vaccines.

82. (D) Gavi – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance – founded in 2000, headquartered in Geneva. Its advance payment for this deal came through the International Finance Facility for Immunisation (IFFIm).

83. (D) Plasmodium falciparum – Plasmodium falciparum – causes the deadliest (cerebral) malaria. Vivax malaria is also common in India.

84. (B) Secunderabad – Secunderabad (20 Aug 1897 – World Mosquito Day); Nobel in Medicine 1902. Almora is Ross's birthplace.

85. (D) Cat. 1 – elimination phase – Category 1 – elimination phase (API below 1), a group that also includes Kerala, Karnataka and Puducherry. National target: elimination by 2030.

86. (A) Oviedo – Oviedo – capital of Asturias in northern Spain. The awards have been held here since 1981.

87. (B) Amartya Sen – Amartya Sen – Economics Nobel 1998, Bharat Ratna 1999. Abhijit Banerjee won the Economics Nobel in 2019.

88. (D) Joan Miró – Joan Miró – along with a diploma, insignia and €50,000. Antoni Gaudí was the architect of Barcelona's Sagrada Família.

89. (B) Spain – Spain – 1–0 after extra time; their second title (first in 2010). The final was at MetLife Stadium, New Jersey.

90. (D) France Football – France Football – since 1956; jointly with UEFA since 2024. Messi's last Ballon d'Or came in 2023.

91. (C) Judit Polgar – Judit Polgar (Hungary) – regarded as the strongest woman player ever. Bodhana set the new mark at 11 years 7 months.

92. (D) Tiruchirappalli – Tiruchirappalli – she was born in London and lives in Harrow; in Aug 2026 she became the youngest Women's British Champion.

93. (A) Paris – Paris – hence 20 July is International Chess Day. Its HQ is now Lausanne; motto 'Gens una sumus'.

94. (C) Viswanathan Anand – Viswanathan Anand (Chennai) – India's first GM (1988). Timur Turlov was elected FIDE President.

95. (C) S. Vijayalakshmi – S. Vijayalakshmi (2001). Koneru Humpy (Andhra Pradesh) became India's first woman Grandmaster in 2002.

96. (D) Para-athletics – Para-athletics – 65 medals (22 gold). Para-swimming rose from 1 medal to 11.

97. (A) China – China (400+ medals); Japan 2nd, Uzbekistan 3rd; India 4th – its best-ever finish.

98. (C) Devendra Jhajharia – Devendra Jhajharia – javelin gold at Athens 2004 and Rio 2016. The PCI was founded in 1992 and is based in New Delhi.

99. (D) Shot put – Shot put (F53 class). She later served as PCI president; Khel Ratna 2019.

100. (C) Chief Minister – The Chief Minister – the separate department was created in 1992 and renamed in 2010. At the national level, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 applies.

101. (B) WBL World Billiards – He beat Robert Hall 1906–1206 in the WBL World Billiards final in England. Next he plays the IBSF World Snooker Championship at Indore in November.

102. (D) Udhagamandalam (Ooty) – British Army officer Neville Chamberlain finalised snooker's rules at Ooty. The game had grown among army officers at Jabalpur in the 1870s.

103. (B) Khel Ratna – The Khel Ratna is the country's highest sports award; since 2021 it is named the 'Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna'. Advani also holds the Arjuna (2004), Padma Shri (2009) and Padma Bhushan (2018).

104. (A) Black – Black 7, pink 6, blue 5, yellow 2; snooker uses 22 balls. English billiards uses only three balls.

105. (A) Wilson Jones – Pune-born Wilson Jones won the title at Kolkata. Chennai's Viswanathan Anand is India's first chess Grandmaster.

106. (B) Women & Child Development – The decision followed a meeting convened by Minister Bindhu Krishna. The Local Self-Government, Health and Police departments will assist.

107. (C) Mission Vatsalya – Mission Vatsalya is the umbrella child-protection scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development; 1098 is integrated with emergency number 112 (ERSS). Mission Shakti is for women's safety and empowerment.

108. (A) CPCR Act, 2005 – NCPCR was set up on 5 March 2007 under the Ministry of Women and Child Development. It also monitors implementation of the POCSO and RTE Acts.

109. (C) Article 39(f) – Article 39(f) is a Directive Principle (Part IV). Article 24 bars employing children below 14 in factories (Fundamental Right).

110. (A) Oottachathai Uruthi Sei – Phase I was launched on 21 May 2022 in the Nilgiris district; Phase II (Nov 2024) covers malnourished infants up to six months and their mothers. Anganwadi workers identify the children.

111. (B) Helium – Helium was added under the Energy Act of 2020. Helium is a Group-18 noble gas with atomic number 2.

112. (D) Guntur – 18 Aug 1868 – Guntur (AP). Lockyer called it a new element; William Ramsay isolated it on Earth in 1895. Kodaikanal Solar Observatory began in 1899.

113. (A) To cool superconducting magnets – Helium has the lowest boiling point of all elements, so it keeps superconducting magnets extremely cold. It is also used in 'heliox' for deep-sea diving.

114. (B) Ministry of Mines – KABIL is a NALCO–HCL–MECL joint venture exploring lithium in Argentina. The Ministry of Mines listed 30 critical minerals in 2023.

115. (A) Manavalakurichi – Manavalakurichi is in Kanyakumari district; IREL is under the Department of Atomic Energy. Chavara and Aluva are in Kerala; Chhatrapur (OSCOM) is in Odisha.

116. (C) European Parliament – The European Parliament has given it since 1988; the 2026 prize went to the ICC and its officials. Prize money is €50,000.

117. (A) Rome Statute – The Rome Statute was adopted in 1998 and came into force in 2002; India is not a party. The ICC tries individuals for genocide, war crimes and similar crimes.

118. (B) International Court of Justice – The ICJ was set up under the UN Charter (1945); it settles disputes between States; 15 judges. The ICC is not a UN organ; both sit in The Hague.

119. (C) Nelson Mandela – Mandela later won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize. Malala won the Sakharov Prize in 2013 and the Nobel in 2014.

120. (B) Protection of Human Rights Act – Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 – Section 21 provides for State Human Rights Commissions. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) was also set up under this Act in 1993.

121. (C) Rashtrapati Bhavan – Curator of the Rashtrapati Bhavan art collection from 1972; in 2014 he returned as its first artist-in-residence.

122. (D) Madhya Pradesh – Kalidas Samman – Government of Madhya Pradesh; for music, theatre, dance and plastic arts. West Bengal's top honour 'Banga Bibhushan' – he received it in 2012.

123. (B) Visva-Bharati University – Tagore started Kala Bhavana in 1919; Visva-Bharati is a central university. The Prime Minister is its 'Acharya' (Chancellor).

124. (A) Lalit Kala Akademi – Lalit Kala Akademi – 5 Aug 1954; HQ Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi. Sangeet Natak Akademi – music, dance, drama; Sahitya Akademi – literature.

125. (C) K.C.S. Paniker – K.C.S. Paniker, former principal of the Madras School of Arts, founded it with his students; the 'Madras Art Movement' brought modernism to South Indian art.

126. (D) Nobel Committee for Physics – The Nobel Committee for Physics of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. The same Academy selects the Physics and Chemistry Nobel Prizes.

127. (C) String theory – String theory – S-duality, black hole entropy, string field theory. He won the Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics for it in 2012.

128. (D) Vigyan Yuva – 'Vigyan Yuva–Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar' – for young scientists up to 45 years. Ashoke Sen won the old S.S. Bhatnagar Prize in 1994.

129. (B) Raman effect – 28 Feb 1928 – the Raman effect, on the scattering of light, was discovered; it won the 1930 Nobel. C.V. Raman was born at Thiruvanaikaval, Tiruchirappalli.

130. (C) White dwarf – A white dwarf cannot be stable above about 1.4 solar masses – it collapses into a neutron star or black hole. Chandrasekhar studied at Presidency College, Madras.

131. (B) Pablo Picasso – Picasso was born on 25 Oct 1881 in Málaga, Spain. Canadian artist Chris MacClure started the day in 2004.

132. (A) Cubism – Cubism shows objects as geometric shapes from several viewpoints. Impressionism – Claude Monet; Fauvism – Henri Matisse.

133. (B) Spanish Civil War bombing – In 1937 Germany's Condor Legion bombed the Basque town of Guernica. The painting is now in the Reina Sofía Museum, Madrid.

134. (A) Travancore – Travancore (present-day Kerala). He painted Indian mythological scenes in the European oil technique and spread them through his printing press.

135. (C) Marathas of Thanjavur – It flourished under the Maratha rulers of Thanjavur, drawing on Nayak and Vijayanagara traditions. It holds a GI tag.

136. (D) WHO and UNEP – WHO (HQ Geneva) and UNEP (HQ Nairobi). The 2026 week's theme: 'From Detection to Prevention'.

137. (D) Plumbum – Plumbum = lead (atomic number 82). Ferrum – iron (Fe), Argentum – silver (Ag), Stannum – tin (Sn).

138. (A) Environment (Protection) Act – Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 – an 'umbrella' law enacted after the Bhopal gas tragedy. The Rules came into force in Nov 2017.

139. (C) Haem (of haemoglobin) – Lead inhibits the enzymes of haem synthesis, causing anaemia. In children it harms brain development and lowers IQ – no safe level (WHO).

140. (A) To prevent engine knocking – TEL is an anti-knock agent. India switched to unleaded petrol in 2000; Algeria was the last country to stop, in 2021.

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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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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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1. (A) Railway Recruitment Boards – The RRBs (CEN 08/2026) – applications via rrbapply.gov.in. Group 'A' railway officers are selected through UPSC examinations.

2. (D) Railway Board – The Railway Board (1905) is headed by its Chairman & CEO. RDSO is the research and standards body at Lucknow.

3. (D) Bombay VT – Kurla – 3 Feb 1925, Bombay VT – Kurla (Harbour line). The Madras Beach – Tambaram suburban electric service began in 1931.

4. (A) Mandapam – Mandapam – about 2.07 km long; opened by the PM on 6 April 2025. The old Pamban bridge (1914) had a bascule (upward-opening) span.

5. (A) Nilgiri Mountain Railway – Nilgiri Mountain Railway (2005) – Mettupalayam to Ooty; rack section between Kallar and Coonoor. Darjeeling (1999) and Kalka–Shimla (2008) are the other two.

6. (C) NMDFC – NMDFC – National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (1994). NSFDC – Scheduled Castes; NBCFDC – Backward Classes; NSKFDC – sanitation workers.

7. (B) Jains – Jains were added as the sixth in 2014. The other five (Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis) were notified in 1993.

8. (A) Article 30 – Article 30 applies to both religious and linguistic minorities. Article 29 protects language, script and culture.

9. (D) Statutory body under 1992 Act – A statutory body set up in 1993 under the NCM Act 1992; first chairman Sardar Ali Khan. The Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities is under Article 350B.

10. (D) Virasat – Virasat – concessional loans for artisans. Nai Roshni – leadership training for minority women; Padho Pardesh – interest subsidy on education loans for study abroad.

11. (A) Bureau of Immigration – The Bureau of Immigration (1971), under the MHA, only executes the LOC. Changing or deleting it is up to the Originating Agency.

12. (C) Satwant Singh Sawhney case – Satwant Singh Sawhney (1967); the Passports Act 1967 followed. A.K. Gopalan (1950) was a preventive-detention case.

13. (B) Article 226 – Article 226 – writ power of High Courts (for fundamental and other legal rights). Article 32 – Supreme Court, fundamental rights only.

14. (A) Fair, just and reasonable – Fair, just and reasonable – the case challenged the impounding of a passport. So travel curbs such as an LOC must also pass this test.

15. (D) Till originator seeks deletion – OM of 22.02.2021 – an LOC stays until the originating agency asks for deletion. The earlier 2010 OM generally gave one-year validity (renewable).

16. (B) 16th Finance Commission – 16th Finance Commission (Chairman Arvind Panagariya) – 2026–27 to 2030–31. A Finance Commission is set up under Article 280.

17. (C) Part IX – Part IX (Articles 243–243O) – 73rd Amendment. Part IXA – Municipalities (74th Amendment); Part VIII – Union Territories.

18. (C) Parantaka Chola I – Parantaka Chola I (10th century CE) – Uthiramerur, Kancheepuram district. Names on palm leaves were put in a pot and drawn by lot.

19. (A) Ministry of Panchayati Raj – The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (2004) also ran the earlier RGSA. Schemes such as MGNREGA belong to the Ministry of Rural Development.

20. (A) Balwant Rai Mehta Committee – Balwant Rai Mehta (1957) – first implemented at Nagaur, Rajasthan (2 Oct 1959). Ashok Mehta (1977) – two tiers; L.M. Singhvi (1986) – recommended constitutional status.

21. (B) Busan – Busan Naval Harbour. ROKS Munmu the Great joins the sea phase; the first IN–RoKN exercise (Oct 2025) was also held at Busan.

22. (A) Rabindranath Tagore – Rabindranath Tagore. Written when Korea was under Japanese rule, the poem is still cherished in Korea.

23. (B) Korea Strait – Korea Strait – with Tsushima island in the middle. The Tsugaru Strait separates Japan's Honshu and Hokkaido islands.

24. (A) P.V. Narasimha Rao – P.V. Narasimha Rao (1991). It was upgraded to the 'Act East' policy in 2014; South Korea is a key partner.

25. (A) K.S. Thimayya – K.S. Thimayya, then a Lt Gen (later Army Chief). Maj. Gen. S.P.P. Thorat commanded the Custodian Force (India) that guarded the prisoners of war.

26. (D) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi – Bharat Mandapam (Pragati Maidan). The PM opens it on 2 Nov; theme 'Invest. Innovate. Inspire.'

27. (C) Between Cancer & Capricorn – Sun-rich countries between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. Since a 2020 amendment, all UN member states can join.

28. (A) COP26, Glasgow – COP26, Glasgow (Nov 2021). The net-zero-by-2070 goal was announced there too; non-fossil capacity now stands at 308 GW.

29. (C) Rooftop solar for homes – Rooftop solar for homes – 1 crore households, up to 300 free units a month. Solar pumps come under PM-KUSUM.

30. (C) Gujarat, Tamil Nadu – Gujarat and Tamil Nadu – 500 MW each. Tamil Nadu's Gulf of Mannar–Palk Strait zone has high offshore wind potential.

31. (A) Container Mfg. Promotion Scheme – Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS) – till 2039–40; announced in Budget 2026–27. The other three are separate maritime schemes.

32. (D) Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit – Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit – one 20-ft box = 1 TEU; a 40-ft box = 2 TEU (FEU).

33. (B) Malcom McLean – Malcom McLean (USA) – 'father of containerisation'. Robert Fulton ran the first commercial steamboat (1807).

34. (C) Resists weather corrosion – Weathering steel – a stable surface oxide layer stops deeper rusting; small amounts of copper, chromium and nickel are added.

35. (A) Vizhinjam – Vizhinjam (Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala), close to the international shipping route. Enayam (Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu) is a proposed transshipment port.

36. (B) Electrolysers & green H_2 output – SIGHT – Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (₹17,490 crore): incentives for electrolyser manufacturing and green hydrogen production.

37. (C) Cathode – Cathode – positive H^+ ions gain electrons to form H_2; oxygen is released at the anode ($H_2 : O_2 = 2 : 1$ by volume).

38. (B) Green methanol – Green methanol – a marine fuel made by combining green hydrogen with captured CO_2. Refuelling ships is called 'bunkering'.

39. (C) Henry Cavendish – Henry Cavendish (1766). Lavoisier named it 'hydrogen' (water-former); Priestley is known for discovering oxygen.

40. (D) Nitrogen fertilisers – Nitrogen fertilisers such as urea – Haber–Bosch process ($N_2 + 3H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$). SPIC's plant at Thoothukudi makes urea from ammonia.

41. (D) Samvidhan Sadan – The Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan – the old Parliament House, where the Constituent Assembly met.

42. (A) Moscow – Moscow, 8 June 2015, under Russia's chairship. The 11th Forum was held in Brasília in 2025.

43. (A) Speaker of the Lok Sabha – The Lok Sabha Speaker – Article 118(4); in his absence the Deputy Speaker, then the Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman. The President summons the joint sitting.

44. (D) Indonesia – Indonesia – 6 Jan 2025. Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the UAE had joined on 1 Jan 2024.

45. (C) M. Thambidurai – M. Thambidurai (AIADMK). The Deputy Speaker is elected under Article 93 and acts as Speaker when the office is vacant (Article 95).

46. (C) Govisana – Govisana (Xuanzang's 'Kiu-pi-shwang-na') – the identification was made by Alexander Cunningham.

47. (B) Bhabar – Bhabar – 8–16 km wide along the Shiwalik foothills; streams sink underground here and re-emerge in the marshy Terai to the south. Kashipur is in Udham Singh Nagar district.

48. (C) Iron Age (Later Vedic) – Iron Age / Later Vedic period, c. 1100–500 BCE; it was followed by Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW).

49. (D) B.B. Lal – B.B. Lal – Hastinapur (near Meerut), 1950s; awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2021. R.D. Banerji found Mohenjo-daro (1922).

50. (D) Narasimhavarman I – Narasimhavarman I (Mamalla), around 640 CE. He captured Vatapi in 642 and took the title 'Vatapikonda'.

51. (B) Groundwater recharge planning – Groundwater recharge – it shows suitable zones within 3 km; built by BISAG-N with the National Water Mission.

52. (C) Aquifer – Aquifer – sand, gravel or fractured rock; artificial recharge refills it. A clay-like layer that does not transmit water is an aquiclude.

53. (B) Surat – Surat, Gujarat (6 Sept 2024). Its guiding '3Cs' are Community, CSR and Cost.

54. (D) Faridabad – Faridabad (Haryana), Bhujal Bhawan. It works under the Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

55. (B) Tank restoration by people – Desilting and restoring minor-irrigation tanks and lakes with farmers' participation – launched on 13 March 2017.

56. (B) Offshore Patrol Vessel – Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV); 'Srishti' means 'creation'. Of the 11 NGOPVs, 7 are being built at GSL and 4 at GRSE (Kolkata).

57. (A) Manufactured – Manufactured – the top-priority category in DAP 2020; the NGOPV contract (March 2023) was signed under it.

58. (D) Hull first put into water – The built hull enters the water for the first time; outfitting and trials follow. Commissioning is induction into the Navy with the 'INS' prefix.

59. (B) Saptarishi Mandal – Saptarishi Mandal (Great Bear) – its two 'pointer' stars lead to the Pole Star, an aid to navigation at sea.

60. (C) Operation Trident – Operation Trident – the attack on Karachi harbour (4 Dec 1971). Meghdoot – Siachen (1984); Cactus – Maldives (1988).

61. (C) Belagavi – Belagavi – a district bordering Maharashtra and Goa; it houses the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha.

62. (B) St John Thackeray – Thackeray – largely brought down by her lieutenant Amatur Balappa. Thomas Munro was Governor of Madras (1820–27), known for the Ryotwari system.

63. (B) Sangolli Rayanna – Sangolli Rayanna. Chennamma died in captivity at Bailhongal fort in 1829.

64. (D) Kuyili – Kuyili. Velu Nachiyar regained Sivaganga in 1780; Jhalkari Bai was a soldier of Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi.

65. (C) Doctrine of Lapse – Doctrine of Lapse (from 1848) – Satara, Jhansi and Nagpur were annexed. Subsidiary Alliance was Lord Wellesley's policy.

66. (B) Mumbai – Mumbai – 17 Nov 2026. Earlier ceremonies: London, Boston, Singapore, Cape Town, Rio de Janeiro.

67. (C) Prince William – Prince William – through the Royal Foundation; five winners get £1 million each.

68. (D) Clean Our Air – Clean Our Air – a machine that turns crop residue into fuel and fertiliser instead of burning it (Vidyut Mohan).

69. (A) Solar-powered ironing cart – Solar ironing cart (Iron-Max) – avoids smoke from charcoal irons; she also spoke at COP26 in Glasgow.

70. (D) John F. Kennedy – John F. Kennedy – set the goal of landing a man on the Moon in the 1960s; Apollo 11 landed in 1969.

71. (D) Greater Noida – Greater Noida (Gautam Buddh Nagar district); PRAGATI = Platform for Robotics and AI Growth Through Technology and Innovation.

72. (C) Karel Čapek – Karel Čapek – 'R.U.R.' (1920); Czech 'robota' = forced labour. Isaac Asimov gave the 'Three Laws of Robotics'.

73. (C) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – released in Sept 2020 along with its Cyber Security and Blockchain policies.

74. (B) Electronics & IT (MeitY) – MeitY – through the 'IndiaAI' Independent Business Division of Digital India Corporation; approved in March 2024.

75. (A) GDP – GDP (Gross Domestic Product). GVA (Gross Value Added) = output − intermediate inputs. The PRAGATI park is expected to add about ₹2,000 crore of GVA a year at full scale.

76. (D) ESTIC 2026 – ESTIC (Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave) 2026 – 27–29 Oct, Bharat Mandapam; coordinated by CSIR.

77. (B) Split genes (introns) – Split genes – introns lie between exons and are removed by RNA splicing. DNA double helix – Watson & Crick (1962 Nobel).

78. (B) Vitamin A – Vitamin A – via beta-carotene (hence the golden colour). Vitamin A deficiency causes night blindness and preventable blindness in children.

79. (A) Environment, Forest & Climate – MoEFCC – GEAC is a statutory body under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

80. (C) TNAU, Coimbatore – TNAU, Coimbatore (along with UAS Dharwad and IIVR Varanasi). Bt brinjal was put under a moratorium in February 2010.

81. (B) Yerevan – Yerevan (Armenia), 19–30 Oct 2026. COP16 was at Cali (Colombia, 2024); COP15 at Montreal (Kunming–Montreal framework, 2022); Belém hosted climate COP30 (2025).

82. (D) By eating coral polyps – It is a predator that eats coral polyps; its outbreaks strip large reef areas. A starfish is not a fish but an echinoderm (phylum Echinodermata).

83. (A) Queensland – Queensland – in the Coral Sea; a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1981. It is a 'barrier reef' type.

84. (B) Cnidaria – Cnidaria – animals with stinging cells (cnidocytes); jellyfish, sea anemones and Hydra also belong here. Sponges are Porifera.

85. (C) Atoll – Atoll – Charles Darwin explained it forms around a subsiding volcanic island. The Maldives too is made of atolls.

86. (A) World Stroke Organization – WSO – formed in 2006 by the merger of the International Stroke Society and the World Stroke Federation. World Heart Day (29 Sept) is led by the World Heart Federation.

87. (B) Ischaemic stroke – Ischaemic – the majority of strokes; a burst vessel causes haemorrhagic stroke. A myocardial infarction (heart attack) is a blockage of blood to the heart muscle.

88. (C) World Health Assembly – The World Health Assembly – 79th session, Geneva (ended 23 May 2026). It named hypertension, tobacco and diabetes among the key risk factors.

89. (B) Hypertension, diabetes – Hypertension and diabetes – both non-communicable diseases. The scheme also provides palliative care, physiotherapy and dialysis support.

90. (D) NP-NCD – NP-NCD – National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases. NPHCE is for elderly care, NPCB&VI for blindness control, NMHP for mental health.

91. (A) UN General Assembly – The UN General Assembly – resolution A/RES/77/317. The 2026 theme is 'Building sustainable care and support systems through decent work'.

92. (D) Gender Equality – SDG 5 – Gender Equality. The UN adopted the 17 SDGs in 2015 with a 2030 deadline; SDG 8 is Decent Work and Economic Growth.

93. (D) National Statistics Office – NSO (MoSPI) – first survey 2019, second 2024. In 2024 women spent 289 minutes a day on unpaid domestic work (men 88).

94. (B) C.N. Annadurai – C.N. Annadurai – launched on his birth anniversary, 15 Sept 2023, at Kancheepuram; ₹1,000 a month to women heads of families via DBT.

95. (C) Article 42 – Article 42 – a Directive Principle (Part IV). Article 39A is free legal aid; Article 43A is workers' participation in management (42nd Amendment, 1976).

96. (C) Department of Defense – ARPA (now DARPA) of the Department of Defense. The first message went from UCLA to the Stanford Research Institute (SRI) – only 'LO' got through.

97. (A) TANFINET – TANFINET – Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation; target: optical fibre to 12,524 village panchayats. ELCOT is the Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu; TNeGA the e-Governance Agency.

98. (A) VSNL – Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) – later acquired by the Tata group. BSNL was formed in 2000; C-DOT (1984) is the government's telecom R&D centre.

99. (D) It is an autoimmune disease – A chronic immune-mediated skin disease; not contagious. WHO recognised it as a serious non-communicable disease in 2014 (WHA67.9).

100. (D) IFPA – IFPA – International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (1971). The 2026 theme 'Look Beyond My Skin' tackles the stigma young people face.

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1. (D) Madras High Court – The Madras High Court Bench (30 Oct 2026). In 2014 the Supreme Court had returned the administration to the Dikshitars.

2. (D) Space (Akasha) – Space (Akasha). Earth – Ekambareswarar, Kanchipuram; Water – Thiruvanaikaval; Air – Srikalahasti (Andhra Pradesh).

3. (C) Manikkavasagar – Manikkavasagar; Thiruvasagam is the 8th Thirumurai. Sekkizhar wrote the Periya Puranam (12th Thirumurai).

4. (A) Parantaka I – Parantaka Chola I – hence hailed as 'Ponveynda Cholan'; the hall is therefore called 'Ponnambalam'. Nataraja was the family deity of the Cholas.

5. (A) Natya Shastra – Bharata's Natya Shastra. These dance poses are considered a foundation of Bharatanatyam.

6. (D) HD Hyundai (HD KSOE) – HD KSOE, HD Hyundai's shipbuilding arm. Sonowal met its chairman in Seoul on 28 Oct 2026.

7. (A) SIPCOT – SIPCOT – a 50:50 JV (announced Jan 2026). Minor ports are managed by the Tamil Nadu Maritime Board.

8. (D) Total internal volume – GT is the total internal volume (a dimensionless index). Cargo-carrying weight is called 'Deadweight'.

9. (B) Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 – Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 – target 4.5 million GT a year. Sagarmala (2015) is a port-led development programme.

10. (B) Gulf of Mannar pearl fishery – The Gulf of Mannar pearl fishery. Nearby Korkai was the ancient pearl port of the Pandyas.

11. (A) 37 years – Raised from 32 to 37. For reserved categories it is 42; valid for five years from 30 Oct 2026.

12. (A) The Governor – The Governor. Term is 6 years or till age 62, whichever is earlier.

13. (C) Services under Union & States – Services under the Union and the States (Articles 308–323); Article 309 – recruitment and conditions of service. Part XV – Elections; Part XVII – Official language.

14. (B) The President – The President – after an inquiry by the Supreme Court (Article 317). The Governor may suspend the member during the inquiry.

15. (C) Madras – Madras – the 'Madras Service Commission' (1929); renamed TNPSC in 1970.

16. (A) Davos – Davos-Klosters, 18–22 Jan 2027. WEF's headquarters is at Cologny near Geneva.

17. (C) Klaus Schwab – German economist Klaus Schwab. It was renamed the 'World Economic Forum' in 1987.

18. (A) Global Gender Gap Report – Global Gender Gap Report – WEF. World Development Report – World Bank; HDR – UNDP; WEO – IMF.

19. (B) Guidance Tamil Nadu – Guidance Tamil Nadu. The TN Global Investors Meet 2024 was held in Chennai on 7–8 January.

20. (D) Bern – Bern; currency, the Swiss franc. WEF's HQ is at Cologny near Geneva; Davos lies in the Alps.

21. (C) Tirunelveli – Tirunelveli is not. Projects: Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Coimbatore, Krishnagiri, Erode; total ₹3,767 crore.

22. (B) Article 163 – Article 163. Its Union equivalent is Article 74; Article 164(2) makes the Council collectively responsible to the Legislative Assembly.

23. (B) Technical textiles – Technical textiles – 12 segments. The National Technical Textiles Mission was launched by the Ministry of Textiles in 2020.

24. (D) Turmeric – 'Erode Manjal' (turmeric) has a GI tag; Erode is called the 'Turmeric City'.

25. (D) Hosur – Hosur. Ambur and Vaniyambadi (Tirupattur district) are leather-industry centres.

26. (A) Exports – Exports – to buyers in Japan, Germany and South Korea. In all, 23 contracts for over 5.5 lakh tonnes a year.

27. (C) Germany – Germany – its intermediary HINT.CO buys long-term and resells in Europe. AM Green's deliveries begin in 2029.

28. (B) Iron – Iron (molybdenum as promoter). Nickel – hydrogenation of oils; V_2O_5 – sulphuric acid (Contact process); platinum – nitric acid (Ostwald).

29. (B) Assam – Assam (Golaghat district) – set up as an outcome of the 1985 Assam Accord. Digboi in Assam is India's oldest refinery.

30. (A) Indian Oil (IOCL) – Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL). India's largest refinery is Reliance's Jamnagar (Gujarat).

31. (C) Eastern Air Command – Eastern Air Command (HQ Shillong) – since 1 Feb 2026. He takes over as VCAS from Ashutosh Dixit on 1 Nov.

32. (A) Khadakwasla, Pune – Khadakwasla (Pune, Maharashtra) – the joint-services academy. Dehradun has the Indian Military Academy (IMA).

33. (C) Gwalior – Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh); it began at Adampur in 1971. Dundigal has the Air Force Academy; Bidar trains pilots on Hawk jets.

34. (D) Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon – Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon – defended Srinagar airfield in the 1971 war (posthumous). A.B. Devayya got the Maha Vir Chakra (1965).

35. (D) Coimbatore – Coimbatore – it trains officers of the administrative branch. Nearby Sulur hosts Tejas fighter squadrons.

36. (B) Cabinet Committee on Security – The PM-led CCS gives final approval to big defence buys. The DAC had granted this project AoN in 2022.

37. (C) Kolkata – Kolkata (West Bengal); the other 3 go to Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL). Mumbai has Mazagon Dock.

38. (D) Nautical mile per hour – 1 knot = 1 nautical mile per hour = 1.852 km per hour. The new corvettes will do about 30 knots.

39. (A) Kamorta class – Kamorta class – 4 ships; lead ship INS Kamorta (2014). Shivalik is a frigate class; Kolkata a destroyer class.

40. (A) Uchipuli, Ramanathapuram – Uchipuli (Ramanathapuram district) – named INS Parundu in 2009; it also flies UAVs. It is under the Eastern Naval Command.

41. (D) Health and Family Welfare – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; launched by MoS Prataprao Jadhav. A 60-day drive focused on colleges and universities.

42. (C) Smoking in public places – Smoking in public places. Section 5 – advertising ban; Section 6 – no sale to minors or near schools; Section 7 – health warnings.

43. (C) Electronic cigarettes – Electronic cigarettes (Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act) – their production, sale, import, export and advertising are all banned.

44. (B) WHO FCTC – WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) – adopted 2003, in force 2005. Stockholm – persistent organic pollutants; Minamata – mercury.

45. (D) Food Safety & Stds Act, 2006 – Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 – treating chewable tobacco as a food item, the Commissioner of Food Safety renews the ban every year.

46. (B) Gnathang Valley – Gnathang – Pakyong district, near the India–China border, at about 13,500 ft. Spiti – Himachal; Ziro – Arunachal; Dzukou – Nagaland–Manipur.

47. (B) Dirang, Arunachal – Set up in 1989 at Dirang, West Kameng district. Karnal hosts NBAGR and NDRI.

48. (A) Bos grunniens – Bos grunniens (Poephagus grunniens), family Bovidae. Bos indicus – humped cattle; Bubalus bubalis – water buffalo; Bos gaurus – gaur.

49. (D) Article 371F – 371F – Sikkim (36th Amendment, 1975). 371A – Nagaland; 371G – Mizoram; 371H – Arunachal Pradesh.

50. (C) Buffalo – Todas are buffalo herders, and their rituals centre on the buffalo. They are one of Tamil Nadu's six PVTGs.

51. (C) Cut 18% to 5% (no ITC) – Cut from 18% to 5% without input tax credit; it does not cover courier and postal services.

52. (B) The e-commerce operator – The e-commerce operator is deemed the supplier and pays the tax; the same applies to restaurant delivery and cab services.

53. (B) Union Revenue Secretary – The Revenue Secretary is the ex-officio Secretary; the Council's secretariat is in New Delhi.

54. (D) Alcoholic liquor (human use) – Article 366(12A) excludes alcoholic liquor for human consumption; States levy excise duty on it.

55. (A) Commercial Taxes Department – The Commercial Taxes Department (headed by the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes). The Registration Department handles property deeds and stamp duty.

56. (C) Manas – The grasslands of Manas National Park. Kaziranga too became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.

57. (B) Melastomataceae – Melastomataceae, order Myrtales. Neelakurinji (Strobilanthes kunthiana) belongs to Acanthaceae.

58. (C) Bustard – A bustard (Houbaropsis bengalensis). Its relative, the Great Indian Bustard, is the State bird of Rajasthan.

59. (D) Wild pig – The pygmy hog is the world's smallest wild pig; Manas also has tigers, one-horned rhinos and the Bengal florican.

60. (D) Coimbatore – Coimbatore (1955) – it houses the 'Madras Herbarium'. BSI headquarters: Kolkata, under the Environment Ministry.

61. (C) Mahasamund – Mahasamund district, on the Mahanadi – about 78 km from Raipur. Its ancient name was 'Shripur'.

62. (B) Brick – One of India's earliest, best-preserved brick temples; a Vishnu temple commissioned by Queen Vasata.

63. (B) Dakshina Kosala – South Kosala – ruled by the Sharabhapuriyas and then the Panduvamshis; it peaked under Mahashivagupta Balarjuna.

64. (A) ICOMOS – ICOMOS – cultural sites; IUCN – natural sites; ICCROM – advice on conservation and training.

65. (D) Chettinad village clusters – Chettinad village clusters and Srirangam temple have been on the Tentative List since 2014; the other three are already World Heritage Sites.

66. (A) First Class Order of Zayed II – It is the UAE's second-highest civilian honour. The Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud is Saudi Arabia's; the Order of the Nile is Egypt's.

67. (D) Narendra Modi – Announced in April 2019 and presented in Abu Dhabi on 24 August; it is named after UAE founder Sheikh Zayed.

68. (C) CEPA – CEPA – Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. ECTA – Australia; TEPA – EFTA nations; CECA – Singapore (2005).

69. (A) Abu Dhabi – Abu Dhabi's first traditional stone Hindu temple, opened on 14 Feb 2024. Abu Dhabi is the UAE's capital.

70. (D) Republic Day – The Chief Minister presents it at the Republic Day function, where the 'Kottai Ameer Communal Harmony Award' is also given.

71. (D) Banas Dairy – Banas Dairy (Palanpur) built it on 127 acres at about ₹325 crore with NDDB's guidance.

72. (B) Guzerá – Guzerá – it also contributed to the American Brahman. Nelore comes from Ongole; Gyr from Gir.

73. (C) Outside the body, in a lab – The embryo formed outside the body is transferred to a surrogate cow's uterus (embryo transfer).

74. (D) Kongu region – Kangayam – Tiruppur and Erode districts (Kongu). Cauvery delta – Umblachery; Sivaganga–Ramanathapuram – Pulikulam.

75. (A) Rann of Kutch (Guj–Raj) – The arid Rann of Kutch area of Gujarat–Rajasthan; silver to dark grey coat. Ongole – coastal Andhra; Hariana – Haryana.

76. (B) Worth a Journey – A Germany-based travel guide; first place went to Mexico City's National Museum of Anthropology.

77. (B) Mauryan – A chauri-bearer in Chunar sandstone with the 'Mauryan polish'; found near Patna in 1917.

78. (A) Kolkata – The Indian Museum, Kolkata. The Government Museum, Egmore, Chennai (1851) is the second oldest.

79. (C) Egmore – Founded in 1851; it also has a fine collection of Chola bronzes.

80. (A) 18 May – By the International Council of Museums (ICOM, Paris) since 1977. 18 April is World Heritage Day; 27 Sept is World Tourism Day.

81. (D) World Restoration Flagship – One of 35 World Restoration Flagships. 'Namami Gange' got the same recognition in Dec 2022 (CBD COP15, Montreal).

82. (B) Platanista gangetica – Platanista gangetica ('susu'). Orcaella brevirostris is the Irrawaddy dolphin (Chilika Lake); Gavialis gangeticus the gharial; Dugong dugon the sea cow.

83. (C) Bihar – Bihar – on the Ganga in Bhagalpur district (1991). The 2025 estimate found the most dolphins in Uttar Pradesh, then Bihar.

84. (B) FAO – FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization, HQ Rome). The Decade was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly.

85. (C) Assam – Assam – it occurs in the Brahmaputra system. 5 October is National Dolphin Day.

86. (C) Hamina – Hamina – cooled with seawater. The new €13 billion plan adds three centres at Kajaani, Muhos and Vaala.

87. (B) Russia – Russia (about 1,340 km). Estonia lies across the Gulf of Finland – no land border.

88. (A) Sweden – Sweden (7 March 2024) – ending about 200 years of neutrality. NATO is headquartered in Brussels.

89. (D) Nuclear – A nuclear plant (Fortum) – about 10% of Finland's electricity. Google will buy up to 50% of its output.

90. (C) Madurai – Madurai; grew up in Chennai and studied at IIT Kharagpur. Google CEO in 2015, Alphabet CEO in 2019; Padma Bhushan 2022.

91. (C) Cybersecurity – Cybersecurity – built on three pillars: THINK, INNOVATE and DEFEND. It was inaugurated by DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya.

92. (B) NCIIPC – NCIIPC – Section 70A of the IT Act; a unit of NTRO. CERT-In (Section 70B) responds to cyber-security incidents.

93. (D) Ransomware – Ransomware – e.g. 'WannaCry', which spread worldwide in 2017. Phishing steals data through fake e-mails.

94. (A) Quantum computers – Quantum computers – Shor's algorithm could break public-key encryption such as RSA. The US NIST issued post-quantum standards in Aug 2024.

95. (C) I4C – I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre). TN-S4C works from the Cyber Crime Wing HQ and handles the 1930 helpline.

96. (B) Denmark – Denmark; Norway 2nd, Finland 3rd. Venezuela is last (143rd); India 88th (0.48).

97. (D) Washington, D.C. – Washington, D.C. – it began in 2006 as an American Bar Association initiative. The Hague hosts the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

98. (A) Article 14 – Article 14 – 'equality before the law' is a British idea; 'equal protection of the laws' comes from the US Constitution.

99. (C) A.V. Dicey – A.V. Dicey – 'Law of the Constitution' (1885). Montesquieu gave the separation of powers; Rousseau wrote 'The Social Contract'.

100. (A) DVAC – Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC), Chennai – under the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988. The State Lokayukta came under a 2018 Act.

101. (D) Soyuz MS-29 – Soyuz MS-29 – 14 July 2026 from Baikonur, Kazakhstan, with Russian cosmonauts Pyotr Dubrov and Anna Kikina.

102. (D) Sunita Williams – Sunita Williams – 9 spacewalks, 62 h 6 min. With the 29 Oct 2026 walk, Anil Menon has 4.

103. (C) Salyut 7 – Salyut 7 – via Soviet 'Soyuz T-11' on 3 Apr 1984 (Interkosmos). Mir was the Soviet/Russian station begun in 1986.

104. (A) Alexei Leonov – Alexei Leonov (USSR) – 'Voskhod 2', 18 March 1965. The first American spacewalk was by Ed White (Gemini 4, June 1965).

105. (A) Shubhanshu Shukla – Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla – lifted off 25 June 2025. All four are Gaganyaan astronaut-designates (named Feb 2024).

106. (B) Ramanathapuram – Ramanathapuram district, near Kamuthi. Thevar Jayanti has been a State function since 1979 (announced by MGR).

107. (D) All India Forward Bloc – Forward Bloc – founded by Bose in May 1939; Thevar was its Tamil Nadu president from 1948. Swatantra Party – Rajaji (1959).

108. (A) Pattabhi Sitaramayya – Pattabhi Sitaramayya was Gandhiji's candidate. Thevar backed Bose at Tripuri; Bose later resigned and formed the Forward Bloc.

109. (B) A. Vaidyanatha Iyer – A. Vaidyanatha Iyer – 8 July 1939; Thevar openly backed it. Rajaji's government passed a temple-entry Act the same year.

110. (D) Criminal Tribes Act – The Criminal Tribes Act (first enacted 1871) was repealed in 1952; those communities became 'Denotified Tribes'.

111. (C) Milan – Milan (Italy) – proclaimed by Prof. Filippo Ravizza. Brussels is the HQ of WSBI, which runs the campaign today.

112. (A) Indira Gandhi death anniversary – Indira Gandhi was assassinated on 31 Oct 1984. UN Day is 24 Oct; National Statistics Day is 29 June.

113. (A) Public Account of India – Public Account – Article 266(2); NSSF since 1 Apr 1999. The Contingency Fund is under Article 267.

114. (B) Union Ministry of Finance – The Union Finance Ministry (Department of Economic Affairs). The Department of Posts only operates these schemes as an agent.

115. (B) Valiyarithal (Knowing strength) – Valiyarithal (chapter 48, Porutpal) – Kural 478: a small income does no harm if spending does not exceed it.

116. (C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel – Sardar Patel – born 31 Oct 1875 at Nadiad; 2026 is his 151st birth anniversary. The Day has been observed since 2014.

117. (A) Narmada – Narmada – near the Sardar Sarovar Dam; 182 m tall, sculptor Ram V. Sutar, unveiled 31 Oct 2018.

118. (C) Bardoli Satyagraha – Bardoli Satyagraha (1928, Gujarat) – peasants against a land-revenue hike. Kheda (1918) was Patel's first major struggle with Gandhi.

119. (A) Advisory Cttee on Fund. Rights – Advisory Committee on Fundamental Rights, Minorities and Tribal & Excluded Areas. Drafting – Ambedkar; Union Powers – Nehru; Steering – Rajendra Prasad.

120. (B) Pudukkottai – Pudukkottai – last ruler Rajagopala Tondaiman. Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga and Ettayapuram were zamindaris, not princely states.

121. (B) 2.6% – It was 27.1% in 2011; 16.1% is the rate at the $4.20 line.

122. (C) $3.00 a day (2021 PPP) – Since June 2025; $4.20 is the lower-middle-income line.

123. (C) 496 million – 248.2 million is NITI Aayog's MPI figure; 134 million is the rise in employment.

124. (B) Tendulkar Committee – The Rangarajan Committee (2014) estimated 29.5%; it was not adopted.

125. (B) The Uttar Pradesh–West Bengal belt – The brief describes it as a continuous belt.

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