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1. Which Virudhunagar patriot died in 1956 after a 76-day fast for demands including the name 'Tamil Nadu'?
(A) Ma. Po. Sivagnanam
(B) Sankaralinganar
(C) Marshal A. Nesamony
(D) Periyar E.V. Ramasamy

2. Who was NOT a member of the States Reorganisation Commission set up in 1953?
(A) Fazl Ali
(B) K.M. Panikkar
(C) H.N. Kunzru
(D) V.P. Menon

3. Which was the first State formed on a linguistic basis in 1953, after Potti Sriramulu's death while fasting?
(A) Kerala
(B) Mysore
(C) Andhra State
(D) Bombay

4. Under which Chief Minister did the Tamil Nadu government first declare 1 November as 'Tamil Nadu Day' in 2019?
(A) Edappadi K. Palaniswami
(B) M.K. Stalin
(C) O. Panneerselvam
(D) J. Jayalalithaa

5. Which 1948 committee of Nehru, Patel and Pattabhi Sitaramayya examined the demand for linguistic States?
(A) JVP Committee
(B) Dhar Commission
(C) Rajamannar Committee
(D) Sarkaria Commission

6. Who was named FICCI's 'President-Elect' for 2026–27 in October 2026?
(A) Anant Goenka
(B) Harsha Vardhan Agarwal
(C) Subhrakant Panda
(D) Vijay Sankar

7. Who among the following was one of the founders of FICCI (1927)?
(A) J.R.D. Tata
(B) Dadabhai Naoroji
(C) Purshottamdas Thakurdas
(D) M. Visvesvaraya

8. Electrolysis of brine in the chlor-alkali industry gives chlorine, hydrogen and which compound?
(A) Sodium carbonate
(B) Caustic soda (NaOH)
(C) Bleaching powder
(D) Baking soda

9. Which apex chamber of commerce was set up in 1920 by chambers from across India?
(A) CII
(B) NASSCOM
(C) ASSOCHAM
(D) PHDCCI

10. PVC, made by a Sanmar Group company, is a polymer of which monomer?
(A) Vinyl chloride
(B) Ethylene
(C) Styrene
(D) Tetrafluoroethylene

11. Who is NOT among the listed beneficiaries of the 'Vetri Magalir Goat Rearing Scheme'?
(A) Destitute widows
(B) Transgender persons
(C) Persons with disabilities
(D) Urban college students

12. The native Tamil Nadu goat breed 'Kanni Adu' mainly belongs to which region?
(A) Salem–Dharmapuri
(B) The Nilgiris
(C) Cauvery delta
(D) Tirunelveli–Thoothukudi

13. Which animal is called the 'poor man's cow' because it gives milk and meat at low cost?
(A) Sheep
(B) Buffalo
(C) Goat
(D) Pig

14. Where is the ICAR–Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG) located?
(A) Avikanagar, Rajasthan
(B) Makhdoom, Mathura (UP)
(C) Karnal, Haryana
(D) Izatnagar, UP

15. 'Peste des Petits Ruminants' (PPR), targeted for global eradication, mainly affects which animals?
(A) Poultry
(B) Goats and sheep
(C) Pigs
(D) Fish

16. The 26 new special courts in Tamil Nadu will try cases only under which Act?
(A) Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961
(B) Domestic Violence Act, 2005
(C) Juvenile Justice Act, 2015
(D) POCSO Act, 2012

17. What is the main use of Tamil Nadu Police's 'Kaaval Uthavi' mobile app?
(A) Track ration card status
(B) Send SOS alert to police
(C) Pay traffic fines
(D) Book bus tickets

18. Which Article of the Constitution empowers the State to make special provisions for women and children?
(A) Article 14
(B) Article 21A
(C) Article 39A
(D) Article 15(3)

19. Under Section 28 of the POCSO Act, whom does the State consult before designating a Sessions Court as a Special Court?
(A) Union Law Minister
(B) State Governor
(C) Chief Justice of High Court
(D) NCPCR Chairperson

20. Which body, set up in 1986 under the NDPS Act, is India's apex drug law enforcement agency?
(A) Narcotics Control Bureau
(B) Enforcement Directorate
(C) National Investigation Agency
(D) CBI

21. Who will head the 'Tamil Sangam' to be set up at the Tamil Nadu Secretariat?
(A) Chief Minister
(B) Governor
(C) Chief Secretary
(D) Assembly Speaker

22. Who founded the 'Fourth Tamil Sangam' at Madurai in 1901?
(A) U.V. Swaminatha Iyer
(B) Maraimalai Adigal
(C) Bharathidasan
(D) Pandithurai Thevar

23. Where was the first World Tamil Conference (1966) held?
(A) Chennai
(B) Kuala Lumpur
(C) Jaffna
(D) Paris

24. Which is the oldest extant Tamil grammar work?
(A) Nannool
(B) Veerasoliyam
(C) Tolkappiyam
(D) Yapparungalam

25. Which Article lets a State Legislature adopt a language as the official language of the State?
(A) Article 343
(B) Article 348
(C) Article 351
(D) Article 345

26. Cyclone 'Murasu', formed over the Bay of Bengal in Nov 2026, is forecast by IMD to cross the coast of which State?

(A) Odisha
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) West Bengal

27. Nellore, at the southern end of Cyclone Murasu's landfall zone, stands on the banks of which river?

(A) Penna (North Pennar)
(B) Krishna
(C) Godavari
(D) Tungabhadra

28. The calm central region of a cyclone, where the sky is often clear, is called the

(A) Eye wall
(B) Eye
(C) Spiral rain bands
(D) Anvil cloud

29. The abnormal rise of sea water that floods low-lying coasts when a cyclone makes landfall is called

(A) Tsunami
(B) Spring tide
(C) Rip current
(D) Storm surge

30. Which country contributed the name of Cyclone 'Michaung', which flooded Chennai in December 2023?

(A) Myanmar
(B) Thailand
(C) Oman
(D) Sri Lanka

31. Which law bars the sale of liquor to persons below 23 years in Kerala?

(A) Abkari Act
(B) Kerala Police Act
(C) Kerala Public Health Act
(D) Kerala Gaming Act

32. 'Intoxicating liquors – production, possession, transport, purchase and sale' is placed in which list of the Seventh Schedule?

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

33. The Directive Principle on prohibiting intoxicating drinks, except for medicinal use, is classed among the

(A) Socialistic principles
(B) Gandhian principles
(C) Liberal-intellectual principles
(D) International principles

34. Who headed the Madras Presidency government that first introduced prohibition in Salem district in 1937?

(A) P. Subbarayan
(B) C. Rajagopalachari
(C) K. Kamaraj
(D) T. Prakasam

35. Which State has had total prohibition ever since its formation in 1960?

(A) Bihar
(B) Nagaland
(C) Mizoram
(D) Gujarat

36. Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu balancing reservoir is near the confluence of the Cauvery with which tributary?

(A) Kabini
(B) Hemavathi
(C) Arkavathi
(D) Shimsha

37. Under which law was the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (1990) constituted?

(A) ISRWD Act, 1956
(B) River Boards Act, 1956
(C) Water (Pollution) Act, 1974
(D) Dam Safety Act, 2021

38. The Kabini, a major tributary of the Cauvery, rises in which district of Kerala?

(A) Wayanad
(B) Idukki
(C) Palakkad
(D) Kasaragod

39. Where does the river Cauvery originate?

(A) Nandi Hills
(B) Mahabaleshwar
(C) Trimbakeshwar
(D) Talakaveri

40. Hogenakkal falls, where the Cauvery enters Tamil Nadu, is in which district?

(A) Krishnagiri
(B) Dharmapuri
(C) Salem
(D) Erode

41. Who is conducting the Nagapattinam dig that yielded Chola bronzes?

(A) ASI
(B) TN Archaeology Dept
(C) HR&CE Dept
(D) Idol Wing CID

42. The Sivakami bronze found at Nagapattinam is in the 'tribhanga' pose. What does 'tribhanga' mean?

(A) Having four arms
(B) A seated posture
(C) Body bent at three points
(D) Dancing on one leg

43. Chola bronze icons were mainly cast by which method?

(A) Lost-wax (cire perdue)
(B) Sand casting
(C) Repoussé (beaten sheet)
(D) Electroplating

44. The GI-tagged 'Swamimalai Bronze Icons' belong to which district of Tamil Nadu?

(A) Thanjavur
(B) Tiruvarur
(C) Nagapattinam
(D) Ariyalur

45. In the reign of which Chola king did a Srivijaya ruler build the 'Chudamani Vihara' at Nagapattinam?

(A) Parantaka I
(B) Rajaraja I
(C) Kulothunga I
(D) Vijayalaya

46. By what name was the 'Digital Bharat Nidhi' (DBN) earlier known?

(A) Universal Service Oblig. Fund
(B) Telecom Development Fund
(C) National Broadband Fund
(D) Digital India Corpus Fund

47. BharatNet, which gives broadband to gram panchayats, was launched in 2011 under which name?

(A) Digital India
(B) National e-Governance Plan
(C) Common Service Centres
(D) National Optical Fibre Network

48. After BBNL was merged into it in 2022, which central PSU implements the BharatNet network?

(A) BSNL
(B) MTNL
(C) RailTel
(D) Power Grid

49. Which of the following Acts was repealed by the Telecommunications Act, 2023?

(A) TRAI Act, 1997
(B) Indian Telegraph Act, 1885
(C) IT Act, 2000
(D) Indian Post Office Act, 1898

50. Optical fibre, used in BharatNet, works on which principle of physics?

(A) Refraction
(B) Scattering
(C) Total internal reflection
(D) Diffraction

51. Which company unveiled the first driverless train for Mumbai Metro Lines 4 and 4A in Oct 2026?
(A) BEML
(B) Titagarh Rail Systems
(C) BHEL
(D) Alstom

52. Among train 'Grades of Automation', which level means fully automatic running with no staff on board?
(A) GoA 2
(B) GoA 4
(C) GoA 1
(D) GoA 3

53. On which line did India's first driverless metro train operation begin in Dec 2020?
(A) Delhi Metro Magenta Line
(B) Bengaluru Purple Line
(C) Mumbai Metro Line 1
(D) Kolkata East-West Line

54. The propulsion system for the Mumbai Line 4 trains was supplied from which Tamil Nadu city?
(A) Hosur
(B) Madurai
(C) Coimbatore
(D) Tiruchirappalli

55. In 'CBTC' (... Train Control) signalling used by driverless metros, what does 'CB' stand for?
(A) Central Block
(B) Computer-Based
(C) Communication-Based
(D) Coach Braking

56. The 'El Niño Heat Mortality Tracker', projecting about 55,000 extra heat deaths in India in Oct 2026–Mar 2027, belongs to:
(A) Climate Impact Lab, Chicago
(B) World Meteorological Org.
(C) India Meteorological Dept
(D) Copernicus (C3S)

57. Which part of the human brain acts as the body's 'thermostat'?
(A) Cerebellum
(B) Medulla oblongata
(C) Pons
(D) Hypothalamus

58. In 2024, the Tamil Nadu government declared which of the following a 'State-specific disaster'?
(A) Heat wave
(B) Hailstorm
(C) Cloudburst
(D) Avalanche

59. Which Indian city prepared South Asia's first 'Heat Action Plan' in 2013?
(A) Nagpur
(B) Chennai
(C) Jaipur
(D) Ahmedabad

60. The 'Copernicus Climate Change Service', which said Aug 2026 was the warmest August on record, belongs to:
(A) UN Environment Programme
(B) European Union
(C) NASA (USA)
(D) World Meteorological Org.

61. Who was the Chief Minister when Mysore State was renamed 'Karnataka' on 1 Nov 1973?
(A) S. Nijalingappa
(B) Kengal Hanumanthaiah
(C) Veerendra Patil
(D) D. Devaraj Urs

62. The Rajyotsava Award is Karnataka's second-highest civilian honour. Which is its highest?
(A) Pampa Award
(B) Basava Puraskara
(C) Kempegowda Award
(D) Karnataka Ratna

63. Who is called 'Karnataka Kulapurohita' for leading the Karnataka unification (Ekikarana) movement?
(A) Kuvempu
(B) Aluru Venkata Rao
(C) D.V. Gundappa
(D) Masti Venkatesha Iyengar

64. Kollegal taluk, merged with Mysore State in 1956, was earlier part of which district of Madras State?
(A) Coimbatore
(B) Salem
(C) Nilgiris
(D) Tiruchirappalli

65. Who wrote 'Jaya Bharata Jananiya Tanujate', Karnataka's State song?
(A) D.R. Bendre
(B) Kuvempu
(C) Shivaram Karanth
(D) Girish Karnad

66. Who became Kerala's first Chief Minister in 1957, heading an elected Communist government?
(A) Pattom Thanu Pillai
(B) C. Achutha Menon
(C) R. Sankar
(D) E.M.S. Namboodiripad

67. Under the law passed by Parliament in 2026, what is the official name of the State of Kerala?
(A) Kerala Pradesh
(B) Malanadu
(C) Keralam
(D) Kairali

68. Shenkottai, transferred from Travancore-Cochin to Madras State in 1956, is now in which Tamil Nadu district?
(A) Tirunelveli
(B) Kanniyakumari
(C) Tenkasi
(D) Virudhunagar

69. Who was the Rajpramukh of Travancore-Cochin (1949–56)?
(A) Chithira Thirunal Balarama Varma
(B) Swathi Thirunal
(C) Marthanda Varma
(D) Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar

70. Before it joined Kerala in 1956, Malabar district was part of which State?
(A) Madras State
(B) Mysore State
(C) Travancore-Cochin
(D) Coorg State

71. Which company is co-designing and building the indigenous 'B-28' bullet train with ICF?
(A) BHEL
(B) RITES
(C) Titagarh Rail Systems
(D) BEML

72. Which company is implementing the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) project?
(A) RVNL
(B) IRCON
(C) NHSRCL
(D) DFCCIL

73. Which track gauge is used on the Mumbai–Ahmedabad high-speed rail corridor?
(A) Broad gauge (1,676 mm)
(B) Standard gauge (1,435 mm)
(C) Metre gauge (1,000 mm)
(D) Narrow gauge (762 mm)

74. Which of the following is among the 7 high-speed rail corridors announced in the Union Budget 2026–27?
(A) Chennai – Madurai
(B) Chennai – Coimbatore
(C) Chennai – Bengaluru
(D) Chennai – Kochi

75. Japan's 'Tokaido Shinkansen' (1964), the world's first bullet train, linked Tokyo with which city?
(A) Hiroshima
(B) Osaka
(C) Sapporo
(D) Nagasaki

76. The 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak' recognises excellence in which fields?
(A) Battlefield gallantry
(B) Ops, investigation, forensics
(C) Disaster rescue only
(D) Police sports meets

77. The CRPF, which won the most Dakshata medals in 2026, was raised in 1939 under what name?
(A) Crown Representative's Police
(B) Imperial Police Force
(C) Malabar Special Police
(D) Frontier Constabulary

78. Which of the following is NOT a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) under the Home Ministry?
(A) Border Security Force
(B) Sashastra Seema Bal
(C) CISF
(D) Railway Protection Force

79. The CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs), which got 56 Dakshata medals, is under which Ministry?
(A) Home Affairs
(B) Commerce and Industry
(C) Finance (Dept of Revenue)
(D) Law and Justice

80. Where is the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), an Institution of National Importance, located?
(A) Hyderabad
(B) New Delhi
(C) Chandigarh
(D) Gandhinagar

81. Ramkund in Nashik, where the Kumbh flag was hoisted on 31 Oct 2026, is on which river?
(A) Krishna
(B) Tapi
(C) Narmada
(D) Godavari

82. In 2017, UNESCO inscribed the Kumbh Mela on which list?
(A) World Heritage List
(B) Intangible Cultural Heritage
(C) Memory of the World
(D) Creative Cities Network

83. The Nashik and Ujjain Kumbhs are called 'Simhastha' because Jupiter is then in which zodiac sign?
(A) Aquarius (Kumbha)
(B) Aries (Mesha)
(C) Leo (Simha)
(D) Capricorn (Makara)

84. Trimbakeshwar temple, the other centre of this Simhastha Kumbh, is famous as one of the:
(A) 12 Jyotirlingas
(B) 51 Shakti Peethas
(C) Char Dham
(D) Pancha Bhoota Sthalams

85. The Mahamaham, called the 'Kumbh of the South', is held once in 12 years at:
(A) Srirangam
(B) Madurai
(C) Rameswaram
(D) Kumbakonam

86. Guwahati international airport, approved as an agarwood export point, is named after whom?
(A) Bhupen Hazarika
(B) Gopinath Bordoloi
(C) Lachit Borphukan
(D) Srimanta Sankardev

87. Agarwood (oud) is obtained from trees of which genus?
(A) Aquilaria
(B) Santalum
(C) Shorea
(D) Boswellia

88. In which CITES Appendix are the agarwood-producing tree species listed?
(A) Appendix I
(B) Appendix III
(C) Not listed
(D) Appendix II

89. What triggers the formation of fragrant resin (agarwood) in the heartwood of agar trees?
(A) Insect pollination
(B) Nitrogen fixation
(C) Frost injury
(D) Fungal infection

90. Which Tamil Nadu port is among the points already allowed for agarwood oil and chips exports?
(A) Ennore (Kamarajar)
(B) Nagapattinam
(C) Tuticorin
(D) Cuddalore

91. Which company developed Pioxaniliprole, recognised by CIB&RC as the first insecticide active ingredient discovered in India?
(A) UPL
(B) PI Industries
(C) Coromandel International
(D) Rallis India

92. The 'yellow stem borer', targeted by Pioxaniliprole, is a major pest of which crop?
(A) Cotton
(B) Sugarcane
(C) Tea
(D) Rice

93. The fall armyworm, an invasive pest from the Americas, was first reported in India from which State?
(A) Punjab
(B) Assam
(C) Karnataka
(D) Tamil Nadu

94. The RELIEF scheme for exporters is implemented under which central mission?
(A) Export Promotion Mission
(B) PM Gati Shakti
(C) Districts as Export Hubs
(D) RoDTEP scheme

95. Where is the headquarters of ECGC, which provides export risk cover under RELIEF?
(A) New Delhi
(B) Mumbai
(C) Chennai
(D) Kolkata

96. The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), which held the 'National Science Seminar 2026', works under which Union Ministry?
(A) Science & Technology
(B) Education
(C) Culture
(D) Earth Sciences

97. India's 'Engineers' Day' (15 September) marks the birth anniversary of:
(A) C.V. Raman
(B) M. Visvesvaraya
(C) Homi J. Bhabha
(D) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

98. The National Science Seminar 2026 was held on which theme?
(A) Artificial Intelligence
(B) Millets and nutrition
(C) Indian Energy Basket 2047
(D) Quantum technology

99. NCSM, the organiser of this seminar, is headquartered in which city?
(A) Kolkata
(B) New Delhi
(C) Mumbai
(D) Bengaluru

100. NCSM's own unit in Tamil Nadu, a 'District Science Centre', is located at:
(A) Madurai
(B) Tirunelveli
(C) Tiruchirappalli
(D) Vellore

101. In what capacity have Rahul Dravid and Saina Nehwal been nominated to the 2030 CWG Organising Committee?
(A) Brand ambassadors
(B) Chefs de mission
(C) Athlete representatives
(D) Technical delegates

102. At which Olympics did Saina Nehwal win India's first Olympic medal (bronze) in badminton?
(A) London 2012 (B) Beijing 2008
(C) Rio 2016 (D) Tokyo 2020

103. Which ICC title did India win in 2024 with Rahul Dravid as head coach?
(A) Champions Trophy (B) T20 World Cup
(C) ODI World Cup (D) World Test Championship

104. The Commonwealth Games Federation, renamed 'Commonwealth Sport' in 2025, is headquartered in:
(A) London (B) Glasgow
(C) Lausanne (D) Kuala Lumpur

105. The 1995 South Asian Federation (SAF) Games were hosted by:
(A) Madurai (B) Coimbatore
(C) Tiruchirappalli (D) Chennai

106. Where is the first BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise (30 Oct – 3 Nov 2026) being held?
(A) Sri Vijaya Puram (B) Visakhapatnam
(C) Kochi (D) Chattogram

107. Which of these BIMSTEC countries taking part in the exercise is landlocked?
(A) Myanmar (B) Bhutan
(C) Sri Lanka (D) Thailand

108. What was the theme of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit held in Bangkok in April 2025?
(A) Peace, Plenty, Progress (B) Blue Economy First
(C) Prosperous, Resilient, Open (D) Connect, Trade, Grow

109. Which island of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands has India's only active volcano?
(A) Narcondam Island (B) Havelock Island
(C) Barren Island (D) Car Nicobar

110. Tamil Nadu's eastern coast along the Bay of Bengal is known as the:
(A) Konkan Coast (B) Coromandel Coast
(C) Malabar Coast (D) Northern Circars

111. In which city were the 2026 World Wrestling Championships, where Manisha Bhanwala won gold, held?
(A) Belgrade (B) Zagreb
(C) Astana (D) Manama

112. Before Manisha, who was the only Indian to become senior World Wrestling Champion (2010)?
(A) Sushil Kumar (B) Bajrang Punia
(C) Yogeshwar Dutt (D) Ravi Kumar Dahiya

113. Who was the first Indian woman to win a medal at the World Wrestling Championships?
(A) Geeta Phogat (B) Alka Tomar
(C) Sakshi Malik (D) Vinesh Phogat

114. Which is the world's largest inland water body (largest lake by area)?
(A) Lake Baikal (B) Caspian Sea
(C) Lake Victoria (D) Lake Superior

115. Silambam, a traditional martial art of Tamil Nadu, is mainly performed with:
(A) Long bamboo staff
(B) Sword and shield
(C) Bare hands
(D) Bow and arrow

116. 'Aapravasi Diwas', observed in Mauritius on 2 November, commemorates:
(A) Arrival of indentured labourers
(B) Abolition of slavery
(C) Independence of Mauritius
(D) Gandhi's visit to Mauritius

117. Where is the 'Aapravasi Ghat', inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2006?
(A) Durban
(B) Port Louis
(C) Suva (Fiji)
(D) Port of Spain

118. India's 'Pravasi Bharatiya Divas' (9 January) commemorates:
(A) Founding of the MEA
(B) Start of the Dandi March
(C) Gandhi's return to India
(D) First emigrant ship's sailing

119. Who is revered as the 'Father of the Nation' of Mauritius?
(A) Seewoosagur Ramgoolam
(B) Anerood Jugnauth
(C) Navin Ramgoolam
(D) Paul Bérenger

120. Which Tamil festival is an official public holiday in Mauritius?
(A) Pongal
(B) Karthigai Deepam
(C) Aadi Perukku
(D) Thaipoosam Cavadee

121. In which country did 550,000+ people march on 17 Oct 2026 against a 2027 austerity budget?
(A) Italy
(B) Belgium
(C) France
(D) Portugal

122. Tirana, which saw student-led protests in Oct 2026 demanding PM Edi Rama's resignation, is the capital of which country?
(A) Serbia
(B) Albania
(C) Greece
(D) North Macedonia

123. In which city is the European Central Bank (ECB), which sets monetary policy for the euro area, based?
(A) Brussels
(B) Paris
(C) Luxembourg
(D) Frankfurt

124. Which treaty formally created the European Union (EU)?
(A) Treaty of Rome
(B) Lisbon Treaty
(C) Maastricht Treaty
(D) Treaty of Paris

125. Which State has continued a 'universal Public Distribution System' even after the Targeted PDS was introduced in 1997?
(A) Tamil Nadu
(B) Gujarat
(C) Punjab
(D) Maharashtra

126. To keep the Kolkata port navigable, the Farakka Barrage mainly diverts Ganga water into which river?
(A) Damodar
(B) Teesta
(C) Hooghly
(D) Mahananda

127. By what name is the main stream of the Ganga known in Bangladesh?
(A) Jamuna
(B) Padma
(C) Meghna
(D) Surma

128. Which Prime Minister signed the 1996 India–Bangladesh Ganga Waters Treaty for India?
(A) H.D. Deve Gowda
(B) I.K. Gujral
(C) P.V. Narasimha Rao
(D) A.B. Vajpayee

129. Which Article lets Parliament legislate even on State List subjects to implement international treaties?
(A) Article 249
(B) Article 252
(C) Article 51
(D) Article 253

130. The Teesta, whose India–Bangladesh water-sharing pact is pending since 2011, rises in which State?
(A) West Bengal
(B) Assam
(C) Arunachal Pradesh
(D) Sikkim

131. Nuclear-powered submarines that carry nuclear ballistic missiles, like 'Generalissimus Suvorov', are classified as
(A) SSN
(B) SSBN
(C) SSK
(D) SSGN

132. In Oct 2026, from which sea did Russia's Borei-A submarine fire the 'Bulava' missile while submerged?
(A) White Sea
(B) Barents Sea
(C) Sea of Okhotsk
(D) Black Sea

133. Where was INS Arighaat, India's second nuclear missile submarine commissioned in August 2024, built?
(A) Mazagon Dock, Mumbai
(B) Cochin Shipyard
(C) GRSE, Kolkata
(D) SBC, Visakhapatnam

134. Which of the following is India's submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM)?
(A) Agni-V
(B) Prithvi-II
(C) Nirbhay
(D) K-4

135. Where is the land-based prototype of the reactor that powers INS Arihant located?
(A) Tarapur
(B) Trombay
(C) Kalpakkam
(D) Kudankulam

136. Google's 'Project Suncatcher' mainly aims at:
(A) Asteroid mining
(B) Space tourism
(C) Solar-powered AI in orbit
(D) Satellite internet

137. What does 'TPU', the Google chip that ran the AI model on the Suncatcher satellite, stand for?
(A) Tensor Processing Unit
(B) Thermal Power Unit
(C) Transistor Processing Unit
(D) Terminal Processing Unit

138. Which orbit, planned for future Suncatcher satellites, passes over each place at the same local solar time?
(A) Geostationary orbit
(B) Molniya orbit
(C) Sun-synchronous orbit
(D) Lagrange point L1

139. Svalbard, over which the Suncatcher satellite flew when its first AI reply was received, belongs to which country?

(A) Denmark
(B) Iceland
(C) Finland
(D) Norway

140. In the vacuum of space, heat from a satellite can escape into space only by which mode?

(A) Conduction
(B) Convection
(C) Evaporation
(D) Radiation

141. Data from which observatory led to the discovery of the dwarf-planet candidate '2026 ED138'?

(A) Keck Observatory, Hawaii
(B) Vera C. Rubin, Chile
(C) Arecibo, Puerto Rico
(D) Hubble Space Telescope

142. Under the IAU's 2006 definition, which condition for a planet does a dwarf planet fail to meet?

(A) Orbits the Sun
(B) Is nearly round in shape
(C) Has cleared its orbital zone
(D) Is not a satellite

143. Which dwarf planet lies in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter?

(A) Ceres
(B) Eris
(C) Makemake
(D) Haumea

144. The icy 'Kuiper Belt' lies just beyond the orbit of which planet?

(A) Neptune
(B) Uranus
(C) Saturn
(D) Jupiter

145. Which NASA spacecraft made the first close flyby of Pluto and imaged it in detail?

(A) Voyager 1
(B) Cassini
(C) New Horizons
(D) Juno

146. The over-4.1-billion-year-old Martian meteorite 'Teghaza 001', studied in Oct 2026, was found in which desert?

(A) Gobi
(B) Atacama
(C) Thar
(D) Sahara

147. To trace Mars' early water loss, scientists studied the ratio of hydrogen to which of its isotopes?

(A) Tritium
(B) Deuterium
(C) Helium-3
(D) Oxygen-18

148. Mars is called the 'Red Planet' mainly because of which compound on its surface?

(A) Copper sulphate
(B) Sulphur
(C) Frozen carbon dioxide
(D) Iron oxide

149. Which NASA rover is collecting samples in Jezero crater, an ancient lake bed on Mars?

(A) Curiosity
(B) Opportunity
(C) Perseverance
(D) Spirit

150. India's Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan) made India the first nation to achieve what?

(A) Mars orbit on maiden attempt
(B) Landing a rover on Mars
(C) Returning Mars samples
(D) A flyby of Phobos

151. World Cities Day 2026 theme is '... : Adequate Housing for All'. What is the missing first part?

(A) Act Local to Go Global
(B) Regenerating the City
(C) People-centred Smart Cities
(D) Financing Urban Futures

152. Which city hosted the global observance of World Cities Day 2026?
(A) Bogotá
(B) Alexandria
(C) Shanghai
(D) Fuzhou

153. What is the permanent general theme of World Cities Day?
(A) Cities for All
(B) Leave No One Behind
(C) Better City, Better Life
(D) Smart City, Safe City

154. UN-Habitat's 'Urban October' begins with which day observed on the first Monday of October?
(A) World Town Planning Day
(B) World Environment Day
(C) World Habitat Day
(D) World Wildlife Day

155. Which of these Tamil Nadu cities was NOT selected under the Smart Cities Mission?
(A) Hosur
(B) Erode
(C) Thoothukudi
(D) Vellore

156. The date 2 November recalls the 2013 killing of two French journalists in which country?
(A) Syria
(B) Iraq
(C) Mali
(D) Afghanistan

157. UNESCO's 2026 campaign theme for this day is 'Threats Evolve. ...' – complete it.
(A) Truth Prevails
(B) Press Stays Free
(C) Voices Rise
(D) Impunity Endures

158. The Press Council of India (PCI) is a statutory body functioning under which Act?
(A) Press Council Act, 1978
(B) Cinematograph Act, 1952
(C) Official Secrets Act, 1923
(D) IT Act, 2000

159. 'Reasonable restrictions' on freedom of speech and expression can be imposed under which provision?
(A) Article 19(1)(a)
(B) Article 19(2)
(C) Article 21
(D) Article 32

160. Which was the earliest newspaper published in the Madras Presidency?
(A) The Hindu
(B) Swadesamitran
(C) Madras Mail
(D) Madras Courier

161. GSLV-F18, which launched NVS-03, was which flight of the GSLV?
(A) 18th
(B) 19th
(C) 20th
(D) 21st

162. Which navigation signal does NVS-03 add to the existing L5 and S-band signals?
(A) L1
(B) L2
(C) C-band
(D) Ka-band

163. Which was the first NavIC satellite to carry an indigenous atomic clock?
(A) IRNSS-1A
(B) NVS-01
(C) NVS-02
(D) IRNSS-1I

164. Up to roughly how far beyond India's boundary does NavIC's service cover?
(A) 500 km
(B) 1,000 km
(C) 1,500 km
(D) 3,000 km

165. Where is the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), where GSLV's CE-7.5 cryogenic engine is tested?

(A) Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli
(B) Thumba, Kerala
(C) Kulasekarapattinam, Thoothukudi
(D) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

166. Who took charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the IAF on 31 Oct 2026?

(A) Ashutosh Dixit
(B) A.P. Singh
(C) V.R. Chaudhari
(D) Nagesh Kapoor

167. What post did Ashutosh Dixit hold just before becoming the Chief of the Air Staff?

(A) Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS)
(B) AOC-in-C, Western Air Command
(C) Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
(D) Defence Secretary

168. In which stream and year was Ashutosh Dixit commissioned into the IAF?

(A) Transport, 1984
(B) Fighter, 1986
(C) Helicopter, 1988
(D) Fighter, 1990

169. From which Air Force Station in Tamil Nadu do the Tejas squadrons (No. 45 and No. 18) operate?

(A) Sulur
(B) Tambaram
(C) Thanjavur
(D) Meenambakkam

170. Who was the first Indian chief of the Indian Air Force?

(A) Subroto Mukerjee
(B) Arjan Singh
(C) Thomas Elmhirst
(D) P.C. Lal

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21 **A**	22 **D**	23 **B**	24 **C**	25 **D**	26 **B**	27 **A**	28 **B**	29 **D**	30 **A**
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41 **B**	42 **C**	43 **A**	44 **A**	45 **B**	46 **A**	47 **D**	48 **A**	49 **B**	50 **C**
51 **D**	52 **B**	53 **A**	54 **C**	55 **C**	56 **A**	57 **D**	58 **A**	59 **D**	60 **B**
61 **D**	62 **D**	63 **B**	64 **A**	65 **B**	66 **D**	67 **C**	68 **C**	69 **A**	70 **A**
71 **D**	72 **C**	73 **B**	74 **C**	75 **B**	76 **B**	77 **A**	78 **D**	79 **C**	80 **D**
81 **D**	82 **B**	83 **C**	84 **A**	85 **D**	86 **B**	87 **A**	88 **D**	89 **D**	90 **C**
91 **B**	92 **D**	93 **C**	94 **A**	95 **B**	96 **C**	97 **B**	98 **C**	99 **A**	100 **B**
101 **C**	102 **A**	103 **B**	104 **A**	105 **D**	106 **A**	107 **B**	108 **C**	109 **C**	110 **B**
111 **C**	112 **A**	113 **B**	114 **B**	115 **A**	116 **A**	117 **B**	118 **C**	119 **A**	120 **D**
121 **C**	122 **B**	123 **D**	124 **C**	125 **A**	126 **C**	127 **B**	128 **A**	129 **D**	130 **D**
131 **B**	132 **C**	133 **D**	134 **D**	135 **C**	136 **C**	137 **A**	138 **C**	139 **D**	140 **D**
141 **B**	142 **C**	143 **A**	144 **A**	145 **C**	146 **D**	147 **B**	148 **D**	149 **C**	150 **A**
151 **B**	152 **D**	153 **C**	154 **C**	155 **A**	156 **C**	157 **D**	158 **A**	159 **B**	160 **D**
161 **C**	162 **A**	163 **B**	164 **C**	165 **A**	166 **A**	167 **A**	168 **B**	169 **A**	170 **A**

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Answers & explanations

1. (B) Sankaralinganar – Sankaralinganar fasted at Virudhunagar from 27 July 1956 and died in Madurai on 13 Oct. His death strengthened the renaming demand.

2. (D) V.P. Menon – Commission: Fazl Ali (chairman), K.M. Panikkar, H.N. Kunzru. V.P. Menon helped Patel integrate the princely States.

3. (C) Andhra State – Andhra State was formed on 1 Oct 1953 from the Telugu areas of Madras State (capital Kurnool).

4. (A) Edappadi K. Palaniswami – The Edappadi K. Palaniswami government (2019). In 2021 the M.K. Stalin government shifted 'Tamil Nadu Day' to 18 July; in 2026 CM Vijay announced both days will be celebrated.

5. (A) JVP Committee – The JVP Committee (1948–49) did not favour immediate linguistic States. The Rajamannar Committee (1969) was set up by Tamil Nadu on Centre–State relations.

6. (D) Vijay Sankar – Sanmar Group Chairman Vijay Sankar will take over from Anant Goenka after FICCI's AGM on 18–19 Nov.

7. (C) Purshottamdas Thakurdas – G.D. Birla was another founder. Thakurdas and Birla both signed the 1944 'Bombay Plan'.

8. (B) Caustic soda (NaOH) – Caustic soda (sodium hydroxide). Sanmar's Chemplast Sanmar makes caustic soda and chlorine at Mettur.

9. (C) ASSOCHAM – ASSOCHAM = Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India. PHDCCI dates from 1905; NASSCOM is the IT-industry body.

10. (A) Vinyl chloride – PVC = polyvinyl chloride. Ethylene → polythene; styrene → polystyrene; tetrafluoroethylene → Teflon (PTFE).

11. (D) Urban college students – Rural destitute widows, deserted women, transgender persons and persons with disabilities – about 30,000 people get 5 animals each.

12. (D) Tirunelveli–Thoothukudi – Kanni Adu – Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Virudhunagar districts. Salem Black is a goat of the Salem area; Mecheri is a Salem sheep breed.

13. (C) Goat – The goat thrives on poor grazing and in dry areas. Mahatma Gandhi drank goat's milk.

14. (B) Makhdoom, Mathura (UP) – Avikanagar – Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute; Karnal – NDRI and NBAGR; Izatnagar – Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI).

15. (B) Goats and sheep – PPR ('goat plague') is a viral disease; FAO and WOAH aim to eradicate it by 2030. The only animal disease eradicated worldwide is rinderpest (2011).

16. (D) POCSO Act, 2012 – 12 new + 14 additional POCSO special courts (₹46.59 crore), taking the total to 52. Under POCSO a 'child' is anyone below 18.

17. (B) Send SOS alert to police – In an emergency it sends an alert with location to the police in one touch; it is the upgraded form of the earlier 'Kavalan SOS' app.

18. (D) Article 15(3) – Article 15(3) is in the Fundamental Rights. 21A – right to education for children aged 6–14; 39A – free legal aid (Directive Principle).

19. (C) Chief Justice of High Court – A Court of Session in each district becomes a Special Court by gazette notification; trials should end within one year as far as possible.

20. (A) Narcotics Control Bureau – NCB works under the Union Home Ministry. The NDPS Act was enacted in 1985; 26 June is the International Day against Drug Abuse.

21. (A) Chief Minister – CM Vijay will be its president; existing associations will be merged into it. The Secretariat is at Fort St. George.

22. (D) Pandithurai Thevar – Pandithurai Thevar, zamindar of Palavanatham, started it on 14 Sept 1901; the Sangam published the journal 'Senthamizh'.

23. (B) Kuala Lumpur – The 2nd was in Chennai in 1968 (when Anna was CM); the 3rd in Paris (1970); the 4th in Jaffna (1974).

24. (C) Tolkappiyam – Tolkappiyam has three books – Ezhuthu, Sol and Porul. Nannool is a later grammar by Pavanandi Munivar.

25. (D) Article 345 – Under it the Tamil Nadu Official Language Act, 1956 made Tamil the official language. 343 – official language of the Union; 351 – directive for development of Hindi.

26. (B) Andhra Pradesh – Andhra Pradesh – between Nellore and Narsapur, near Ongole, on the night of 2–3 Nov, as a severe cyclonic storm. North Tamil Nadu is on heavy-rain alert.

27. (A) Penna (North Pennar) – The Penna rises in Karnataka's Nandi Hills; Tamil Nadu's Thenpennai (South Pennar) rises in the same hills.

28. (B) Eye – The eye. The surrounding 'eye wall' has the fastest winds and the heaviest rain.

29. (D) Storm surge – Storm surge – a leading cause of cyclone deaths. A tsunami, by contrast, is caused by an undersea earthquake.

30. (A) Myanmar – Myanmar. Michaung crossed near Bapatla, Andhra Pradesh, on 5 Dec 2023 after drenching Chennai.

31. (A) Abkari Act – The Abkari Act, 1077 (Kollam era). A 2017 ordinance raised the age limit from 21 to 23.

32. (C) State List – State List, Entry 8. That is why the drinking age differs by State (Kerala 23, Tamil Nadu 21).

33. (B) Gandhian principles – Gandhian principles (Article 47). Village panchayats (Art. 40) and cottage industries (Art. 43) are also in this group.

34. (B) C. Rajagopalachari – Rajaji (Premier of Madras, 1937–39); it was later extended from Salem to other districts.

35. (D) Gujarat – Gujarat (continuing the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949). Bihar has been dry since 2016, Nagaland since 1989.

36. (C) Arkavathi – Arkavathi – Kanakapura taluk, Bengaluru South district, about 4 km from the TN border. 'Mekedatu' means 'goat's leap'.

37. (A) ISRWD Act, 1956 – The Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956 – made under Article 262. The tribunal's final award came in 2007.

38. (A) Wayanad – Wayanad. The Kabini passes the Kabini dam in Karnataka and joins the Cauvery at Tirumakudalu Narasipura; Kerala is a Cauvery basin State (share 30 TMC).

39. (D) Talakaveri – Talakaveri – Brahmagiri hills, Kodagu district, Karnataka. It enters the Bay of Bengal at Poompuhar.

40. (B) Dharmapuri – Dharmapuri district (Pennagaram taluk). Downstream lies Mettur dam (Stanley Reservoir) in Salem district.

41. (B) TN Archaeology Dept – The Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (since 3 Aug 2026). This is reported to be the first time its excavations have yielded bronze idols.

42. (C) Body bent at three points – A graceful pose bent at neck, waist and knee. The Nataraja here is in the 'Ananda Tandava' pose.

43. (A) Lost-wax (cire perdue) – Lost-wax – 'madhuchchhishta vidhana' in Sanskrit. The mould is broken to remove the idol, so each piece is unique.

44. (A) Thanjavur – Thanjavur district, near Kumbakonam. The Cauvery's alluvial clay is used to make the moulds.

45. (B) Rajaraja I – Rajaraja I – built by Mara Vijayottungavarman; the 'Larger Leiden Plates' record Rajaraja's grant of Anaimangalam village.

46. (A) Universal Service Oblig. Fund – USOF (from 1 Apr 2002) – it became DBN under the Telecommunications Act, 2023; it is an attached office of DoT.

47. (D) National Optical Fibre Network – National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) – renamed BharatNet in 2015; the 'Amended BharatNet Programme' was approved in 2023.

48. (A) BSNL – BSNL – Bharat Broadband Network Ltd (BBNL) was merged into it in 2022. BBNL was the SPV created to build BharatNet.

49. (B) Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 – The Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 was also repealed). The 1898 Post Office Act was replaced by the Post Office Act, 2023.

50. (C) Total internal reflection – Total internal reflection – the core has a higher refractive index than the cladding; light hitting it beyond the critical angle is fully reflected inside.

51. (D) Alstom – Alstom (France) – the first of 39 trains, built at Sri City. Line 4 links Wadala in Mumbai with Thane.

52. (B) GoA 4 – GoA 4 – Unattended Train Operation (UTO). In GoA 3 there is no driver, but an attendant stays on board.

53. (A) Delhi Metro Magenta Line – Delhi's Magenta Line (Janakpuri West – Botanical Garden) – launched by PM Modi on 28 Dec 2020.

54. (C) Coimbatore – Coimbatore. Design in Bengaluru, assembly at Sri City (Andhra Pradesh), bogies from Savli (Gujarat).

55. (C) Communication-Based – Communication-Based Train Control – radio-based 'moving block' signalling that allows shorter gaps between trains.

56. (A) Climate Impact Lab, Chicago – The University of Chicago's Climate Impact Lab. Nigeria (~56,000) is first, India second.

57. (D) Hypothalamus – The hypothalamus. When this control fails in extreme heat, heatstroke results.

58. (A) Heat wave – Heat wave – ₹4 lakh to victims' families. Hailstorm, cloudburst and avalanche are already nationally notified disasters.

59. (D) Ahmedabad – Ahmedabad – after the deadly 2010 heat wave; it includes early warnings, cooling centres and hospital preparedness.

60. (B) European Union – The European Union – part of its 'Copernicus' Earth-observation programme, run by ECMWF for the European Commission.

61. (D) D. Devaraj Urs – D. Devaraj Urs – Mysore State (Alteration of Name) Act, 1973. S. Nijalingappa was the first CM of the enlarged State in 1956.

62. (D) Karnataka Ratna – Karnataka Ratna – instituted in 1992; first recipients Kuvempu and Dr Rajkumar. In 2026, 71 persons got the Rajyotsava Award (₹5 lakh + 25 g gold).

63. (B) Aluru Venkata Rao – Aluru Venkata Rao – his book 'Karnatakada Gatha Vaibhava' roused Kannada pride.

64. (A) Coimbatore – Coimbatore district; Kollegal is now in Karnataka's Chamarajanagar district. Madras State's South Canara district also joined Mysore in 1956.

65. (B) Kuvempu – Kuvempu (K.V. Puttappa) – adopted as the State song in 2004. He was also the first Kannada writer to win the Jnanpith Award.

66. (D) E.M.S. Namboodiripad – E.M.S. Namboodiripad – 5 Apr 1957. His government was dismissed under Article 356 in 1959.

67. (C) Keralam – Keralam – Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act 2026, in force from Aug 2026. Similar to Mysore becoming 'Karnataka' in 1973.

68. (C) Tenkasi – Tenkasi – carved out of Tirunelveli in 2019. In 1956 Shenkottai had been added to Tirunelveli district.

69. (A) Chithira Thirunal Balarama Varma – Travancore's ruler Chithira Thirunal Balarama Varma – he issued the 1936 Temple Entry Proclamation. Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar was Mysore's Rajpramukh.

70. (A) Madras State – Madras State (formerly Madras Presidency). The Kasaragod taluk of South Canara district also joined Kerala.

71. (D) BEML – BEML – built at its 'Aditya' plant in Bengaluru; design speed 280 km/h; track trials by mid-2027.

72. (C) NHSRCL – National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL). DFCCIL builds freight corridors; RVNL is Rail Vikas Nigam.

73. (B) Standard gauge (1,435 mm) – Standard gauge (1,435 mm) – the world norm for high-speed rail. Indian Railways' main network is broad gauge (1,676 mm).

74. (C) Chennai – Bengaluru – Chennai – Bengaluru. Others: Mumbai–Pune, Pune–Hyderabad, Hyderabad–Bengaluru, Hyderabad–Chennai, Delhi–Varanasi, Varanasi–Siliguri.

75. (B) Osaka – Osaka – 1 Oct 1964, ahead of the Tokyo Olympics. MAHSR uses Japan's Shinkansen technology with a JICA loan.

76. (B) Ops, investigation, forensics – Special operations, investigation, intelligence and forensic science. Instituted on 1 Feb 2024; 490 named for 2026.

77. (A) Crown Representative's Police – Crown Representative's Police – 27 July 1939, Neemuch (MP); renamed CRPF by the 1949 Act. The CRPF won 114 medals in 2026.

78. (D) Railway Protection Force – The RPF is under the Railways Ministry (RPF Act 1957). The seven CAPFs: Assam Rifles, BSF, CISF, CRPF, ITBP, NSG, SSB.

79. (C) Finance (Dept of Revenue) – Finance – Department of Revenue. It handles customs and Central GST; renamed from CBEC in 2018. Direct taxes are under the CBDT.

80. (D) Gandhinagar – Gandhinagar (Gujarat) – an Institution of National Importance under the NFSU Act 2020. Forensic science got 9 medals in 2026.

81. (D) Godavari – The Godavari – the 'Dakshin Ganga'; it rises at Brahmagiri near Trimbakeshwar and flows into the Bay of Bengal.

82. (B) Intangible Cultural Heritage – The Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity – 12th session, Jeju (South Korea).

83. (C) Leo (Simha) – Leo – 'Simha + stha' = being in Leo. The Haridwar Kumbh is held when Jupiter is in Aquarius (Kumbha).

84. (A) 12 Jyotirlingas – One of the 12 Jyotirlingas (Nashik district). Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu is also a Jyotirlinga; four of the Pancha Bhoota Sthalams are in Tamil Nadu.

85. (D) Kumbakonam – Kumbakonam (Thanjavur district) – the Mahamaham tank; last held in 2016, next in 2028.

86. (B) Gopinath Bordoloi – Gopinath Bordoloi – Assam's first Chief Minister after Independence; Bharat Ratna 1999. Lachit Borphukan won the 1671 Battle of Saraighat.

87. (A) Aquilaria – Aquilaria – main species A. malaccensis (Thymelaeaceae). Santalum is sandalwood; Shorea is sal; Boswellia gives frankincense.

88. (D) Appendix II – Appendix II – A. malaccensis since 1995, all Aquilaria species since 2004; trade only with permits. IUCN status of A. malaccensis: Critically Endangered.

89. (D) Fungal infection – Fungal infection (e.g. Phaeoacremonium parasitica) – the tree secretes resin in defence; naturally only about 7 in 100 trees.

90. (C) Tuticorin – Tuticorin (V.O. Chidambaranar Port); Chennai is also on the list. 12 points in all, now plus Guwahati.

91. (B) PI Industries – PI Industries (founded 1946) – product 'Pioxazon'. Coromandel International belongs to Chennai's Murugappa Group.

92. (D) Rice – Rice (Scirpophaga incertulas) – causes 'dead heart' in young plants and 'white ear' at heading.

93. (C) Karnataka – Karnataka (2018); scientific name Spodoptera frugiperda – it attacks maize most.

94. (A) Export Promotion Mission – Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – ₹25,060 crore (2025–31); sub-schemes 'Niryat Protsahan' and 'Niryat Disha'. RELIEF – ₹497 crore.

95. (B) Mumbai – Mumbai – ECGC (Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India) was set up in 1957, under the Commerce Ministry.

96. (C) Culture – Ministry of Culture. The seminar is for Classes VIII–X; one winner from each State/UT reaches the national round.

97. (B) M. Visvesvaraya – Sir M. Visvesvaraya – Bharat Ratna 1955; NCSM's Bengaluru museum (VITM) is named after him.

98. (C) Indian Energy Basket 2047 – Full title: 'Indian Energy Basket 2047: Prospects and Challenges'. The 2024 theme was Artificial Intelligence.

99. (A) Kolkata – Kolkata; registered as a society in 1978. Its first museum was BITM, Kolkata (1959).

100. (B) Tirunelveli – The District Science Centre, Tirunelveli, has functioned since 1987 under VITM Bengaluru's South zone.

101. (C) Athlete representatives – The Union Sports Ministry nominated both as 'athlete representatives'; Gujarat Deputy CM Harsh Sanghavi is expected to head the committee.

102. (A) London 2012 – Bronze at London 2012. Later P.V. Sindhu won silver at Rio 2016 and bronze at Tokyo 2020.

103. (B) T20 World Cup – India beat South Africa in the 2024 T20 World Cup final in Barbados; Dravid is known as 'The Wall'.

104. (A) London – London. Lausanne (Switzerland) is the IOC headquarters; Glasgow hosted the 2026 Games.

105. (D) Chennai – Chennai (then Madras) – the 7th SAF Games. These are now called the 'South Asian Games'.

106. (A) Sri Vijaya Puram – Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly Port Blair) – conducted through the Andaman & Nicobar Command (2001), India's first integrated tri-service command.

107. (B) Bhutan – Bhutan – Nepal is also landlocked. Both joined BIMSTEC in 2004.

108. (C) Prosperous, Resilient, Open – 'BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open' (PRO BIMSTEC); it adopted the 'Bangkok Vision 2030'. The maritime exercise builds on this summit's outcomes.

109. (C) Barren Island – Barren Island, in the Andaman Sea. Narcondam is a dormant volcano; Havelock Island is now 'Swaraj Dweep'.

110. (B) Coromandel Coast – Cholamandalam → Coromandel. Northern Circars – Andhra–Odisha coast; Malabar – Kerala; Konkan – Maharashtra–Goa.

111. (C) Astana – Astana (Kazakhstan), Barys Arena. It was first allotted to Manama (Bahrain) but moved due to the geopolitical situation.

112. (A) Sushil Kumar – Sushil Kumar – Moscow 2010, 66 kg freestyle. Bajrang Punia won four World medals but no gold.

113. (B) Alka Tomar – Alka Tomar – Guangzhou 2006, 59 kg bronze; Manisha won India's first women's gold in the same 59 kg class in 2026.

114. (B) Caspian Sea – The Caspian Sea – on the western edge of Kazakhstan, the 2026 host. Russia's Lake Baikal is the world's deepest lake.

115. (A) Long bamboo staff – Silambam is a staff-fighting art. Kerala's Kalaripayattu and Punjab's Gatka are other traditional martial arts.

116. (A) Arrival of indentured labourers – On 2 Nov 1834, 36 Indian labourers landed from the ship 'Atlas'; 2026 marks the 192nd anniversary. Mauritius became independent on 12 March 1968.

117. (B) Port Louis – Port Louis (Mauritius) – an immigration depot for indentured labour from 1849; almost half a million people passed through it.

118. (C) Gandhi's return to India – Gandhi returned to Bombay from South Africa on 9 January 1915; the day has been observed since 2003.

119. (A) Seewoosagur Ramgoolam – Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam – independent Mauritius's first PM (1968–82); Mauritius's main international airport is named after him. His son Navin Ramgoolam has also served as PM.

120. (D) Thaipoosam Cavadee – Thaipoosam Cavadee – a festival of Lord Murugan, widely celebrated by Mauritian Tamils. 2 November is also a public holiday there.

121. (C) France – France – against €54 billion of cuts and a civil-servant pay freeze. The 2018 'Yellow Vest' movement against fuel tax also began in France.

122. (B) Albania – Albania – an EU candidate since 2014; currency lek. Students have protested since 13 Oct over education costs and corruption.

123. (D) Frankfurt – Frankfurt, Germany (1998). The EU statistical office Eurostat is in Luxembourg; the European Commission is in Brussels.

124. (C) Maastricht Treaty – Maastricht Treaty – signed 1992, in force from 1 Nov 1993. The Treaty of Rome (1957) created the European Economic Community (EEC).

125. (A) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu; free rice for all rice-card holders since 1 June 2011. The National Food Security Act was enacted in 2013.

126. (C) Hooghly – The Bhagirathi–Hooghly; the Farakka Barrage is in Murshidabad district, West Bengal, and became operational in 1975.

127. (B) Padma – Padma; it joins the Jamuna (Brahmaputra) near Goalundo and later merges with the Meghna.

128. (A) H.D. Deve Gowda – Deve Gowda – with Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina on 12 Dec 1996. The 1977 agreement was signed during the Morarji Desai government.

129. (D) Article 253 – Article 253. Though water is a State subject (Entry 17), it enables the Centre to make treaties like the Ganga pact; 249 – Rajya Sabha resolution.

130. (D) Sikkim – Sikkim – it rises from glaciers in North Sikkim and flows through West Bengal to join the Brahmaputra (Jamuna) in Bangladesh. The two countries share 54 rivers.

131. (B) SSBN – SSBN – nuclear-powered ballistic-missile submarine; SSN – nuclear attack submarine; SSK – diesel-electric; SSGN – cruise-missile submarine.

132. (C) Sea of Okhotsk – Sea of Okhotsk → Chizha range, Arkhangelsk. In 2022 the same submarine fired from the White Sea to the Kura range in Kamchatka.

133. (D) SBC, Visakhapatnam – Ship Building Centre (SBC), Visakhapatnam – ATV programme. The third SSBN, INS Aridhaman, was commissioned in April 2026.

134. (D) K-4 – K-4 (about 3,500 km) – tested from INS Arighaat in Nov 2024. Agni-V is land-based; Nirbhay is a cruise missile.

135. (C) Kalpakkam – Kalpakkam, Chengalpattu district. Arihant's pressurised water reactor (PWR) attained criticality on 10 Aug 2013.

136. (C) Solar-powered AI in orbit – Space data centres using solar-powered TPU satellite clusters. The prototype, built with Planet, was launched on 1 Oct 2026.

137. (A) Tensor Processing Unit – Tensor Processing Unit – a special chip (ASIC) for machine learning. The open 'Gemma 4' model ran on it and wrote the haiku.

138. (C) Sun-synchronous orbit – Sun-synchronous orbit – near-polar; in the 'dawn–dusk' type sunlight is almost continuous. Geostationary orbit is about 35,786 km high.

139. (D) Norway – Norway – in the Arctic Ocean. India's Arctic research station 'Himadri' (2008) is at Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard.

140. (D) Radiation – Radiation – convection needs a medium (air). So Suncatcher runs only one TPU at a time, in short sessions.

141. (B) Vera C. Rubin, Chile – The Rubin Observatory on Cerro Pachón is an NSF–DOE project with the world's largest 3.2-gigapixel camera.

142. (C) Has cleared its orbital zone – Pluto was reclassified at the 2006 IAU General Assembly in Prague because it has not cleared its orbital neighbourhood.

143. (A) Ceres – Ceres is the largest object in the asteroid belt; NASA's Dawn spacecraft orbited and studied it.

144. (A) Neptune – The Kuiper Belt supplies short-period comets; long-period comets come from the distant Oort Cloud.

145. (C) New Horizons – New Horizons flew past Pluto in July 2015; Pluto's largest moon is Charon.

146. (D) Sahara – Found in the Sahara in 2022, it is named after the Teghaza salt plain in Mali; the study appeared in Science.

147. (B) Deuterium – Deuterium has one proton and one neutron; as lighter hydrogen escapes, the remaining water gets richer in it.

148. (D) Iron oxide – Iron oxide (rust) in Martian dust gives the red colour; its polar caps hold frozen CO_2.

149. (C) Perseverance – Perseverance landed in Feb 2021; its companion Ingenuity was the first helicopter to fly on another planet.

150. (A) Mars orbit on maiden attempt – It entered Mars orbit on 24 Sep 2014; its Programme Director was Mylswamy Annadurai of Coimbatore.

151. (B) Regenerating the City – The 2025 theme was 'People-centred smart cities' (Bogotá); 2022 – 'Act Local to Go Global' (Shanghai).

152. (D) Fuzhou – Fuzhou is the capital of China's Fujian province; the fourth-cycle 'Shanghai Award' was presented there.

153. (C) Better City, Better Life – It comes from the Shanghai World Expo 2010; each year also has its own sub-theme.

154. (C) World Habitat Day – World Habitat Day fell on 5 Oct in 2026, with the global event in Muscat, Oman; UN-Habitat is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya.

155. (A) Hosur – Tamil Nadu has 11 smart cities; the mission was launched on 25 June 2015 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

156. (C) Mali – Ghislaine Dupont and Claude Verlon were killed; UNGA resolution 68/163 (Dec 2013) proclaimed the day.

157. (D) Impunity Endures – It highlights, among others, the 50 journalists killed by drones in 2024–25.

158. (A) Press Council Act, 1978 – PCI was first set up in 1966 (1965 Act), dissolved in the Emergency and revived under the 1978 Act; its chair is by convention a retired SC judge.

159. (B) Article 19(2) – Grounds include sovereignty, security, public order, defamation and contempt of court; 'public order' was added by the First Amendment, 1951.

160. (D) Madras Courier – Richard Johnston started it on 12 Oct 1785; India's first newspaper was Hicky's 'Bengal Gazette' (1780, Calcutta).

161. (C) 20th – The 20th flight; it lifted off from Sriharikota at 11:51 pm IST on 30 Oct 2026.

162. (A) L1 – The L1 signal – also used by GPS, so it makes NavIC easier to use in common devices.

163. (B) NVS-01 – NVS-01 – launched on 29 May 2023 by GSLV-F12.

164. (C) 1,500 km – The Indian landmass and about 1,500 km beyond it – NavIC is a regional system.

165. (A) Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli – Mahendragiri (Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu); it became a separate centre named IPRC from 1 Feb 2014.

166. (A) Ashutosh Dixit – Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit; the 28th chief, A.P. Singh, retired.

167. (A) Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) – VCAS (from July 2026); earlier CISC and AOC-in-C, Central Air Command.

168. (B) Fighter, 1986 – Fighter stream, 6 Dec 1986; over 3,500 flying hours.

169. (A) Sulur – Sulur (Coimbatore); No. 18 'Flying Bullets' was operationalised with Tejas on 27 May 2020.

170. (A) Subroto Mukerjee – Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee (1 Apr 1954); Arjan Singh is the only Marshal of the IAF.

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