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Questions (50)

1. After the Theni jailbreak, who heads the panel set up in Nov 2026 to review prison security in Tamil Nadu?

(A) J.K. Tripathy
(B) C. Sylendra Babu
(C) Sandeep Rai Rathore
(D) Shankar Jiwal

2. In the Seventh Schedule, 'Prisons, reformatories, Borstal institutions' are placed in the –

(A) Union List
(B) Concurrent List
(C) Eleventh Schedule
(D) State List

3. The Centre's 'Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023' was drafted to replace which colonial law?

(A) Police Act, 1861
(B) Prisons Act, 1894
(C) Indian Evidence Act, 1872
(D) Indian Penal Code, 1860

4. Which Tamil Nadu prison complex houses two Central Prisons and a Special Prison for Women?

(A) Vellore
(B) Palayamkottai
(C) Puzhal
(D) Madurai

5. Who laid down the 'bail, not jail' principle in State of Rajasthan v. Balchand (1977)?

(A) V.R. Krishna Iyer
(B) P.N. Bhagwati
(C) Y.V. Chandrachud
(D) H.R. Khanna

6. Which of these is NOT among the 7 airports in the international DigiYatra trial begun in Nov 2026?

(A) Chennai
(B) Kochi
(C) Amritsar
(D) Kolkata

7. Which technology does 'DigiYatra' use to identify passengers for paperless travel?

(A) Iris scanning
(B) Fingerprint scanning
(C) RFID tags
(D) Facial Recognition Technology

8. During international DigiYatra enrolment, the e-passport chip is read using which smartphone feature?

(A) Bluetooth
(B) NFC
(C) GPS
(D) Infrared

9. What kind of entity is the 'DigiYatra Foundation' that runs DigiYatra?

(A) A not-for-profit company
(B) A statutory body
(C) A constitutional body
(D) A ministry department

10. ICAO, whose Public Key Directory (PKD) DigiYatra plans to link with, is headquartered in –

(A) Geneva
(B) Paris
(C) Montreal
(D) Chicago

11. Where are the 108 stupas, one of which (No. 76) Bhutan's King dedicated to PM Modi in Nov 2026?

(A) Thimphu
(B) Paro
(C) Gelephu
(D) Punakha

12. 'Lhabab Duchen', the day the stupas were consecrated, marks which event in the Buddha's life?

(A) Descent from heaven
(B) Birth
(C) Enlightenment
(D) First sermon

13. In Buddhist tradition, a 'stupa' is basically built to –

(A) House monks
(B) Enshrine sacred relics
(C) Serve as a prayer hall
(D) Store manuscripts

14. Which of these Indian States does NOT share a border with Bhutan?

(A) Sikkim
(B) Assam
(C) Arunachal Pradesh
(D) Meghalaya

15. Which of the five great Tamil epics is the Buddhist work composed by Seethalai Saathanar?

(A) Silappathikaram
(B) Manimekalai
(C) Seevaga Sinthamani
(D) Valayapathi

16. From which port did the first import container received by Vizhinjam on 31 Oct 2026 come?

(A) Ningbo (China)
(B) Colombo (Sri Lanka)
(C) Singapore
(D) Jebel Ali (UAE)

17. Present-day Vizhinjam was the capital of which South Indian dynasty in the 8th–11th centuries CE?

(A) Cheras
(B) Pallavas
(C) Kalabhras
(D) Ays

18. In port trade, what is a 'Container Freight Station' (CFS)?

(A) A berth for mother ships
(B) A dry dock for ship repair
(C) Off-port customs cargo area
(D) A coastal lighthouse

19. Which company builds and operates Vizhinjam port under the public-private partnership?

(A) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
(B) DP World
(C) Adani Ports & SEZ
(D) Sagarmala Development Co.

20. MSC, the line behind 'MSC Sabrina III' that brought the first import container, is headquartered in which country?

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

21. Where will the proton beam therapy centre, for which Assam signed a pact in Oct 2026, be set up?

(A) GMCH, Guwahati
(B) AIIMS, Guwahati
(C) Assam Medical College
(D) Silchar Medical College

22. Which centre, opened in Chennai in 2019, was billed as 'South-East Asia's first proton therapy centre'?

(A) Apollo Proton Cancer Centre
(B) Cancer Institute, Adyar
(C) Rajiv Gandhi Govt Gen. Hospital
(D) Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre

23. The Tata Memorial Centre, offering proton therapy in Navi Mumbai since 2023, functions under which department?

(A) Dept of Health Research
(B) Dept of Atomic Energy
(C) Dept of Science & Technology
(D) Dept of Biotechnology

24. In proton therapy, the point where protons release most of their energy, sparing tissue beyond the tumour, is called:

(A) Compton effect
(B) Bragg peak
(C) Doppler effect
(D) Raman effect

25. 'Bhabhatron', India's indigenous radiotherapy machine for cancer, uses which radioisotope?
(A) Iodine-131 (B) Uranium-235
(C) Carbon-14 (D) Cobalt-60

26. The 57 new dairy cooperative societies being launched in Sikkim in Nov 2026 come under which initiative?
(A) Operation Flood (B) Blue Revolution
(C) Rashtriya Gokul Mission (D) White Revolution 2.0

27. What type of scheme is the National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)?
(A) Central Sector Scheme (B) Centrally Sponsored (60:40)
(C) State Government scheme (D) Public–Private Partnership

28. What is 'Churpi', for which a traceability initiative is being launched in Sikkim?
(A) Fermented bamboo shoot (B) Millet beer
(C) Rice porridge (D) Traditional cheese

29. The 'Siri' native cattle breed, now under a conservation project, belongs to which region?
(A) Kutch desert (B) Sikkim–Darjeeling hills
(C) Kongu region (D) Malabar coast

30. Which simple test is used to judge the bacterial (microbial) quality of raw milk?
(A) Biuret test (B) Benedict's test
(C) Methylene blue reduction test (D) Litmus test

31. The Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games is the first Olympic event held in which continent?
(A) South America (B) Asia
(C) Oceania (D) Africa

32. Where were the first Summer Youth Olympic Games (2010) held?
(A) Nanjing (B) Innsbruck
(C) Singapore (D) Buenos Aires

33. Who won India's first-ever gold medal at the Youth Olympic Games (Buenos Aires 2018)?
(A) Jeremy Lalrinnunga (B) Mirabai Chanu
(C) Lakshya Sen (D) Abhinav Bindra

34. Senegal's capital Dakar, home to mainland Africa's westernmost point, lies on which peninsula?
(A) Horn of Africa (B) Cape of Good Hope
(C) Cap-Vert peninsula (D) Sinai peninsula

35. Which national sports event did Tamil Nadu host in Jan 2024 at Chennai, Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore?
(A) National Games (B) South Asian Games
(C) Khelo India University Games (D) Khelo India Youth Games

36. In which event did Dhinidhi Desinghu win bronze at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympics?
(A) 200m freestyle (B) 100m butterfly
(C) 100m freestyle (D) 200m individual medley

37. Who became the first Indian swimmer to achieve the Olympic 'A' qualifying time, at a 2021 meet in Rome?
(A) Srihari Nataraj (B) Likith S.P.
(C) Sajan Prakash (D) Kushagra Rawat

38. Which fastest stroke do swimmers almost always use in 'freestyle' events?
(A) Front crawl
(B) Breaststroke
(C) Backstroke
(D) Butterfly

39. Who was the first Asian woman to swim across the English Channel?
(A) Bula Choudhury
(B) Arati Saha
(C) Rupali Repale
(D) Shikha Tandon

40. Which Tamil Nadu swimmer entered the Guinness Book by swimming six channels in the single year 1994?
(A) Kutraleeswaran
(B) Mihir Sen
(C) Srihari Nataraj
(D) Virdhawal Khade

41. Kimi Antonelli, F1's youngest-ever world champion, races for which team?
(A) Ferrari
(B) Red Bull
(C) McLaren
(D) Mercedes

42. Who was the first world champion of the F1 World Championship, which began in 1950?
(A) Juan Manuel Fangio
(B) Giuseppe Farina
(C) Alberto Ascari
(D) Jack Brabham

43. Which world body governs Formula One racing?
(A) FIM
(B) FIA
(C) FIFA
(D) FIVB

44. India's first Formula One driver, Narain Karthikeyan, was born in which city?
(A) Coimbatore
(B) Madurai
(C) Salem
(D) Tiruchirappalli

45. The Buddh International Circuit, which hosted the Indian Grand Prix (F1), is in which State?
(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) Haryana
(C) Rajasthan
(D) Maharashtra

46. Which oil company hosts ADIPEC 2026, held in Abu Dhabi on 2–5 Nov 2026?
(A) Saudi Aramco
(B) ADNOC
(C) QatarEnergy
(D) Kuwait Petroleum (KPC)

47. Which country quit OPEC and OPEC+ in 2026 after 59 years of membership?
(A) Qatar
(B) Angola
(C) United Arab Emirates
(D) Ecuador

48. At a conference in which city was OPEC founded in 1960?
(A) Vienna
(B) Baghdad
(C) Riyadh
(D) Tehran

49. India's Phase-I strategic crude oil reserves are at Visakhapatnam, Mangaluru and which other place?
(A) Padur
(B) Chandikhol
(C) Paradip
(D) Kochi

50. Chennai Petroleum Corporation's (CPCL) 'Cauvery Basin Refinery' is in which Tamil Nadu district?
(A) Thoothukudi
(B) Cuddalore
(C) Nagapattinam
(D) Ramanathapuram

Answer key at a glance

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Answers & explanations

1. (A) J.K. Tripathy – Former TN DGP J.K. Tripathy (1985 IPS); he was also Chennai Police Commissioner and later Odisha's Chief Information Commissioner (2021).

2. (D) State List – State List – Entry 4. So each State frames its own prison rules (e.g. Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983).

3. (B) Prisons Act, 1894 – Prisons Act, 1894. The Home Ministry (BPR&D) drafted the model law and sent it to States in May 2023; States have to adopt it.

4. (C) Puzhal – Puzhal (Chennai) – Central Prison-1 and -2 plus a Special Prison for Women; foreign prisoners are lodged here. Tamil Nadu has 9 Central Prisons.

5. (A) V.R. Krishna Iyer – Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer. Today Section 479 of the BNSS, 2023 provides bail for undertrials held for long periods.

6. (D) Kolkata – Kolkata is not included. The 7: Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, Mumbai, Chennai, Amritsar; only for Air India and IndiGo flights.

7. (D) Facial Recognition Technology – Facial Recognition Technology (FRT). It was launched on 1 Dec 2022 at Delhi, Bengaluru and Varanasi.

8. (B) NFC – NFC – Near Field Communication: works only over a few centimetres; also used in contactless payment cards.

9. (A) A not-for-profit company – A not-for-profit joint-venture company – AAI 26%, five airport companies 14.8% each; coordinated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

10. (C) Montreal – Montreal (Canada). ICAO was created under the 1944 Chicago Convention; it sets e-passport standards.

11. (C) Gelephu – Gelephu Mindfulness City (Sarpang, southern Bhutan). Minister Kiren Rijiju represented India.

12. (A) Descent from heaven – His descent after teaching his mother Mayadevi in the Heaven of the Thirty-Three; by tradition he landed at Sankassa (UP).

13. (B) Enshrine sacred relics – To enshrine relics of the Buddha or monks. A monks' residence is a vihara; a prayer hall is a chaitya.

14. (D) Meghalaya – Meghalaya. Bhutan borders Sikkim, West Bengal, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh; Gelephu lies on the Assam border.

15. (B) Manimekalai – Manimekalai. Kundalakesi is also Buddhist; Seevaga Sinthamani and Valayapathi are Jain works; Silappathikaram is by Ilango Adigal.

16. (A) Ningbo (China) – Ningbo, China – aboard 'MSC Sabrina III'; customs clearance was done at Vizhinjam itself. EXIM operations began on 18 Aug 2026.

17. (D) Ays – The Ays – their kingdom ran from Nagercoil (Kanyakumari) to Thiruvalla; the Pandya Srivaramangalam plates mention Vizhinjam.

18. (C) Off-port customs cargo area – A customs-bonded area outside the port for stuffing/destuffing containers and customs clearance. Vizhinjam's CFS is coming up at Balaramapuram.

19. (C) Adani Ports & SEZ – Adani Ports & SEZ (APSEZ) – for 40 years; the owner is the Kerala government's VISL. The port's natural depth is nearly 20 m.

20. (B) Switzerland – Switzerland (Geneva) – the world's largest container line. Maersk – Denmark; CMA CGM – France; Hapag-Lloyd – Germany.

21. (A) GMCH, Guwahati – Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH); Belgium's IBA will supply the machine. Cost ≈ ₹600 crore (World Bank loan ₹315 crore).

22. (A) Apollo Proton Cancer Centre – Apollo Proton Cancer Centre, Taramani – opened on 25 Jan 2019 by Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu. It is a private centre.

23. (B) Dept of Atomic Energy – Department of Atomic Energy (DAE). So TMC's is the first public-sector centre; Assam's will be the first set up by a State Government.

24. (B) Bragg peak – The Bragg peak – named after William Henry Bragg. X-rays keep depositing energy beyond the tumour, harming nearby tissue.

25. (D) Cobalt-60 – Cobalt-60 – Bhabhatron was developed by BARC, Mumbai. Iodine-131 is used for thyroid disorders and Carbon-14 for dating.

26. (D) White Revolution 2.0 – White Revolution 2.0 – launched by the Union Ministry of Cooperation (Amit Shah) on 19 Sep 2024; it aims to raise dairy cooperatives' milk procurement by 50% in five years. Operation Flood (1970) was the first White Revolution.

27. (A) Central Sector Scheme – Central Sector Scheme – funded by the Centre and run by its own department (DAHD). In Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) costs are shared with States in fixed ratios (e.g. 60:40).

28. (D) Traditional cheese – Churpi is a hard Himalayan cheese made from yak or cow milk; it is made at Gangtok and Jorethang.

29. (B) Sikkim–Darjeeling hills – Siri is the breed of the Sikkim, Darjeeling and Bhutan hills; its strong legs suit ploughing on slopes. The Kongu region is home to the Kangayam breed.

30. (C) Methylene blue reduction test – MBRT – the more bacteria, the faster the blue colour fades. Biuret detects protein; Benedict's detects reducing sugars.

31. (D) Africa – Africa – in Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly, Senegal, from 31 Oct to 13 Nov. South America's first Olympics was Rio de Janeiro 2016.

32. (C) Singapore – Singapore (2010). The first Winter YOG was Innsbruck, Austria (2012). The IOC approved these Games for 15–18-year-olds in 2007.

33. (A) Jeremy Lalrinnunga – Mizoram weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga (men's 62 kg). India won 13 medals, including 3 golds, in 2018.

34. (C) Cap-Vert peninsula – The Cap-Vert peninsula – its Pointe des Almadies is the westernmost point of mainland Africa. The Somalia region is the 'Horn of Africa'.

35. (D) Khelo India Youth Games – The 6th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG 2023), 19–31 Jan 2024; mascot 'Veera Mangai' (Velu Nachiyar); Silambam was a demonstration sport.

36. (C) 100m freestyle – 100m freestyle – 56.27 s; India's first swimming medal at the Youth Olympics. At Paris 2024 she swam the 200m freestyle.

37. (C) Sajan Prakash – Sajan Prakash (Kerala) – 200m butterfly, Sette Colli Trophy, June 2021. Days later Srihari Nataraj (backstroke) also made the 'A' cut.

38. (A) Front crawl – Any stroke is allowed in freestyle, but the front crawl is the fastest. Breaststroke is the slowest of the four strokes.

39. (B) Arati Saha – Arati Saha (Kolkata) – 29 Sep 1959; in 1960 she became the first Indian sportswoman to get the Padma Shri. Mihir Sen (1958) was the first Indian.

40. (A) Kutraleeswaran – Erode-born V. Kutraleeswaran – six channels including the Palk Strait and the English Channel; Arjuna Award in 1996 at 14.

41. (D) Mercedes – Mercedes – he replaced Hamilton in 2025. Winning at 20, he broke Vettel's record (2010, aged 23).

42. (B) Giuseppe Farina – Italy's Giuseppe 'Nino' Farina (Alfa Romeo). Antonelli is the third Italian champion, after Farina and Ascari.

43. (B) FIA – FIA – Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile, HQ Paris. FIM governs motorcycling; FIVB governs volleyball.

44. (A) Coimbatore – Coimbatore – he debuted for Jordan in 2005; Padma Shri 2010. The second Indian F1 driver was Karun Chandhok (2010).

45. (A) Uttar Pradesh – Uttar Pradesh – Greater Noida; all three Indian GPs (2011–13) were won by Sebastian Vettel.

46. (B) ADNOC – ADNOC – Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (1971); CEO Dr Sultan Al Jaber. The first ADIPEC was held in 1984.

47. (C) United Arab Emirates – The UAE – from 1 May 2026 (Abu Dhabi joined in 1967). Qatar left in 2019, Ecuador in 2020 and Angola in 2024.

48. (B) Baghdad – Baghdad – five founders: Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela. Its HQ has been in Vienna since 1965.

49. (A) Padur – Padur (Udupi, Karnataka) – the largest cavern (2.5 MT). Chandikhol (Odisha) comes under Phase II.

50. (C) Nagapattinam – Nagapattinam (Panangudi) – began in 1993; a new 9-million-tonne-a-year refinery is planned there. CPCL's main refinery is at Manali, Chennai.

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