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Questions (105)

1. Which national park of Kerala is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve?
(A) Periyar
(B) Silent Valley
(C) Eravikulam
(D) Mathikettan Shola

2. Which tiger reserve forms the Tamil Nadu part of the Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve?
(A) Anamalai
(B) Mudumalai
(C) Kalakad–Mundanthurai
(D) Sathyamangalam

3. The drug 'Jeevani' came from 'Arogyapacha', a plant used by an Agasthyamala tribe. Which tribe?
(A) Toda
(B) Irula
(C) Kani
(D) Badaga

4. Which is NOT one of the four groups of the 21 islands of the Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park?
(A) Kanniyakumari group
(B) Mandapam group
(C) Keelakarai group
(D) Vembar group

5. The Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve lies at the meeting point of which two ranges?
(A) Western & Eastern Ghats
(B) Vindhya & Satpura
(C) Aravalli & Vindhya
(D) Satpura & Maikal

6. Vultr's planned 20 MW AI supercluster in Chennai will use GPUs made by which company?
(A) Nvidia
(B) Intel
(C) AMD
(D) Qualcomm

7. Why are GPUs (Graphics Processing Units) preferred over CPUs for training AI models?
(A) Always lower power use
(B) Massive parallel computing
(C) Larger hard-disk storage
(D) Built-in internet link

8. AI superclusters train 'LLMs'. What does 'LLM' stand for?
(A) Large Language Model
(B) Linear Logic Machine
(C) Low Latency Memory
(D) Layered Learning Module

9. The CANI submarine optical-fibre cable, opened in 2020, links Chennai with which region?
(A) Sri Lanka
(B) Lakshadweep
(C) Singapore
(D) Andaman & Nicobar Islands

10. Which organisation built 'PARAM 8000', India's first supercomputer?
(A) ISRO
(B) BARC
(C) C-DAC
(D) DRDO

11. The award-winning short film 'Awake Before Another Pandemic' raises awareness about which problem?
(A) Water scarcity
(B) Plastic waste
(C) Child labour
(D) Air pollution

12. Tagore, after whom one of the film's awards is named, wrote the national anthem of India and of which other country?
(A) Bangladesh
(B) Nepal
(C) Myanmar
(D) Pakistan

13. Which inscription records Ashoka's remorse after the Kalinga war, recalled by the 'Kalinga' festival's name?

(A) Major Rock Edict II
(B) Rummindei Pillar Edict
(C) Major Rock Edict XIII
(D) Pillar Edict VII

14. In which State was India's first COVID-19 case detected?

(A) Maharashtra
(B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Delhi
(D) Kerala

15. Which famous Dindigul product received a GI tag in 2019?

(A) Lock
(B) Brass lamp
(C) Coir product
(D) Clay doll

16. Which nodal agency runs the 'Renewable Energy Application Portal' launched in Nov 2026?

(A) TNERC
(B) TNGECL
(C) TIDCO
(D) SIPCOT

17. State Electricity Regulatory Commissions like TNERC now function under which Act?

(A) Indian Electricity Act 1910
(B) Electricity (Supply) Act 1948
(C) Electricity Act 2003
(D) Energy Conservation Act 2001

18. Kadamparai pumped-storage hydro station, Tamil Nadu's 'natural battery', is in which district?

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

19. After the 2024 restructuring, which distribution company will buy stored power under the BESS policy?

(A) TANTRANSCO
(B) TNPGCL
(C) TNPDCL
(D) NLC India

20. The BESS policy waives 'wheeling charges' for 10 years. What are these charges paid for?

(A) Fuel cost
(B) Land lease
(C) Carbon tax
(D) Using the power network

21. Khaira, hailed as a '100% solar village' after rooftop solar was fitted on all its 141 homes, is in which State?

(A) Gujarat
(B) Odisha
(C) Chhattisgarh
(D) Madhya Pradesh

22. Under the 'Model Solar Village' component of PM Surya Ghar, one such village is to be developed in each –

(A) Block
(B) Taluk
(C) District
(D) Lok Sabha constituency

23. Modhera, declared India's first 24×7 solar-powered village in 2022, has a Sun Temple built under which dynasty?

(A) Pratihara
(B) Paramara
(C) Rashtrakuta
(D) Chaulukya (Solanki)

24. In rooftop solar, what does 'net metering' mean?

(A) A prepaid electricity meter
(B) Billing only the net difference
(C) Supply only at night
(D) Storing power only in batteries

25. Suryanar Kovil, the Navagraha shrine dedicated to the Sun god, is in which district of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Madurai
(B) Thanjavur
(C) Tirunelveli
(D) Kancheepuram

26. Under the VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules 2026, within how many days of receipt must a grievance be resolved?
(A) 7 days
(B) 30 days
(C) 15 days
(D) 45 days

27. In the name of the 'VB-G RAM G' Act that replaced MGNREGA, what does 'RAM' stand for?
(A) Rural Asset Management
(B) Rashtriya Ajeevika Mission
(C) Rural Area Mission
(D) Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission

28. Under the new rules, at which three levels must States set up the grievance redressal system?
(A) Gram Panchayat–Block–District
(B) Taluk–Division–State
(C) Village–District–State
(D) Block–State–Centre

29. Which department runs 'CPGRAMS', the Centre's public grievance redress portal?
(A) Dept of Rural Development
(B) Dept of Consumer Affairs
(C) MeitY
(D) DARPG

30. Modelled on the rural job scheme, which scheme does the Tamil Nadu Government run for the urban poor?
(A) Naan Mudhalvan
(B) TN Urban Employment Scheme
(C) Pudhumai Penn
(D) Kalaignar Kanavu Illam

31. Which force announced in Nov 2026 that it had completed 12 straight months without an operational fatality, a first in 47 years?
(A) Border Security Force
(B) Central Reserve Police Force
(C) Indo-Tibetan Border Police
(D) Assam Rifles

32. What is the full form of 'CoBRA', the commando unit raised in 2008 for anti-Naxal jungle warfare?
(A) Combat Bn for Rapid Assault
(B) Counter Bandit Rescue Army
(C) Commando Bn for Resolute Action
(D) Central Brigade for Riot Action

33. A central police force's 'Valour Day' (9 April) recalls the 1965 battle at 'Sardar Post'. In which State is it?
(A) Gujarat
(B) Rajasthan
(C) Punjab
(D) Jammu & Kashmir

34. Which Article of the Constitution makes it the Union's duty to protect every State against internal disturbance?
(A) Article 352
(B) Article 355
(C) Article 356
(D) Article 365

35. The Tamil Nadu STF led by K. Vijay Kumar ran which 2004 operation against Veerappan?
(A) Operation Green Hunt
(B) Operation Prahar
(C) Operation Kagar
(D) Operation Cocoon

36. Under TRAI's Complaint Redressal (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 2026, how must telecom complaint centres now operate?
(A) 24×7 on all days
(B) Only on working days
(C) 12 hours a day
(D) Only in office hours

37. In the telecom sector, which body hears appeals against the decisions of TRAI?
(A) NCDRC
(B) Competition Commission
(C) NCLAT
(D) TDSAT

38. In January 1882, India's first telephone exchanges opened in Calcutta, Bombay and which other city?
(A) Delhi
(B) Lahore
(C) Bangalore
(D) Madras

39. Which citizen portal, launched by DoT in 2023, lets users block lost phones and check connections in their name?
(A) Sanchar Saathi
(B) DigiLocker
(C) UMANG
(D) e-Sampark

40. Which new channel for filing telecom complaints and appeals was added by the 2026 amendment?
(A) Postcard
(B) Nearest police station
(C) Operator's mobile app
(D) Collector's office

41. Pune Metro Line 3 (Pink Line), opened on 3 Nov 2026, links Shivajinagar with which IT hub?
(A) Magarpatta
(B) Kharadi
(C) Hadapsar
(D) Hinjewadi

42. What is special about the operation of Pune Metro Line 3?
(A) Driverless (GoA4) running
(B) Run by ex-servicemen
(C) Contract staff only
(D) All-women train operators

43. Pune city stands at the confluence of which two rivers?
(A) Mula and Mutha
(B) Bhima and Nira
(C) Godavari and Pravara
(D) Krishna and Koyna

44. Where in Pune was Gandhiji interned during the Quit India Movement, and where Kasturba died?
(A) Shaniwar Wada
(B) Yerawada Jail
(C) Aga Khan Palace
(D) Lal Mahal

45. Who, a half-brother of Shivaji, founded Maratha rule in Thanjavur?
(A) Serfoji II
(B) Shahaji
(C) Venkoji (Ekoji)
(D) Sambhaji

46. Dr Padma Gurmet, who received the 'Wellness Visionary Award' in Nov 2026, is the Director of which institute?
(A) National Institute of Siddha
(B) Natl Institute of Sowa-Rigpa
(C) All India Inst. of Ayurveda
(D) Natl Institute of Unani

47. The Himalayan 'Amchi' system of medicine got legal recognition in 2010 through an amendment to which Act?
(A) Drugs and Cosmetics Act
(B) Clinical Establishments Act
(C) IMCC Act, 1970
(D) Homoeopathy CC Act, 1973

48. Where in Tamil Nadu is the National Institute of Siddha (NIS) of the Ayush Ministry located?
(A) Tambaram, Chennai
(B) Palayamkottai
(C) Madurai
(D) Thanjavur

49. Since 2021, which body regulates education in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha?
(A) NCISM
(B) NMC
(C) CCRAS
(D) NCH

50. Which journal did Siddha physician and social reformer Ayothidasa Pandithar start in 1907?
(A) Swadesamitran
(B) Kudi Arasu
(C) Dravidan
(D) Oru Paisa Tamilan

51. Which body launched the 'India S&T Scoreboard', comparing States' research and innovation data, in Nov 2026?
(A) Dept of Science & Technology
(B) NITI Aayog
(C) CSIR
(D) ANRF

52. As per the India S&T Scoreboard, which State ranked first in research publications in 2024–25?
(A) Tamil Nadu
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra
(D) Karnataka

53. Which body, set up in 1950, was replaced in 2015 by the Government's new policy think-tank?
(A) National Development Council
(B) Finance Commission
(C) Planning Commission
(D) Inter-State Council

54. Who heads the Governing Board of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)?
(A) NITI Aayog Vice Chairman
(B) President of India
(C) Principal Scientific Adviser
(D) Prime Minister

55. 'GERD', quoted as a share of GDP to show a country's research spending, stands for:
(A) Gross Earnings from R&D
(B) Gross Expenditure on R&D
(C) Govt Expenditure on R&D
(D) Growth Expenditure on R&D

56. Under 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana', a household can get free electricity of up to how many units a month?
(A) 300 units
(B) 100 units
(C) 200 units
(D) 500 units

57. The Omkareshwar floating solar project of Madhya Pradesh is on the reservoir of which river?
(A) Godavari
(B) Tapti
(C) Narmada
(D) Mahanadi

58. What mainly raises the output of floating solar panels compared with ground-mounted ones?
(A) More sunlight over water
(B) Cooling effect of water
(C) Kinetic energy of waves
(D) Water conducting electricity

59. Vaigai Dam, one of Tamil Nadu's floating solar pilot sites, is in which district?
(A) Madurai
(B) Dindigul
(C) Virudhunagar
(D) Theni

60. Which Union Ministry is in charge of the 'PM Surya Sarovar Yojana'?
(A) Ministry of Power
(B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(C) New & Renewable Energy
(D) Ministry of Earth Sciences

61. Five SCCL mines won the '5-Star Rating' for 2024–25. Which Ministry gives this rating to coal and lignite mines?
(A) Ministry of Coal
(B) Ministry of Mines
(C) Ministry of Steel
(D) Ministry of Labour

62. Where is the headquarters of SCCL, jointly owned by the Telangana Government and the Centre?
(A) Hyderabad
(B) Kothagudem
(C) Ramagundam
(D) Mancherial

63. Singareni's mines lie in which coalfield, called 'the only repository of coal in South India'?
(A) Talcher
(B) Godavari Valley
(C) Jharia
(D) Singrauli

64. William King, whose 1871 find of coal near Yellandu began Singareni mining, belonged to which body?
(A) Geological Survey of India
(B) Survey of India
(C) Indian School of Mines
(D) Indian Bureau of Mines

65. Neyveli, home of NLC's Mine-IA that won 5 stars and first prize in the 2023–24 rating, is in which district?
(A) Ariyalur
(B) Villupuram
(C) Perambalur
(D) Cuddalore

66. Which Union Ministry signed an MoU with Bihar in Nov 2026 under 'Nadi Sanjeevani' to use river silt in highway works?
(A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(B) Ministry of Environment
(C) Ministry of Rural Development
(D) Ministry of Road Transport

67. Which river is called the 'Sorrow of Bihar' because it frequently shifts its course and floods?
(A) Kosi
(B) Gandak
(C) Son
(D) Bagmati

68. Which Union Ministry prepared the 'National Framework for Sediment Management' (NFSM)?
(A) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(C) Ministry of Mines
(D) Ministry of Agriculture

69. The fan-shaped sediment deposit a Himalayan river builds where it leaves the hills for the plains is called –
(A) Alluvial fan
(B) Delta
(C) Ox-bow lake
(D) Natural levee

70. Where is the 'Upper Anicut', built by Sir Arthur Cotton at the point where the Kollidam branches off the Cauvery?
(A) Grand Anicut (Kallanai)
(B) Mukkombu
(C) Mettur
(D) Hogenakkal

71. The advanced radiotherapy facility opened at AIIMS Rajkot in Nov 2026 was set up under which scheme?
(A) PMSSY
(B) PM-ABHIM
(C) National Health Mission
(D) Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY

72. In cancer treatment, what is 'brachytherapy'?
(A) Radiation source at the tumour
(B) External X-ray beam from machine
(C) Drugs that kill cancer cells
(D) Heating tumour with microwaves

73. Under Acts of Parliament, what status do all AIIMS institutions hold?
(A) Deemed University
(B) Institute of National Importance
(C) Central University
(D) Autonomous College

74. Tamil Nadu's AIIMS (foundation stone 2019) is coming up at Thoppur. In which district is Thoppur?
(A) Tiruchirappalli
(B) Thanjavur
(C) Coimbatore
(D) Madurai

75. The AIIMS Rajkot radiotherapy centre mainly serves which peninsular region of Gujarat?
(A) Malwa
(B) Saurashtra
(C) Konkan
(D) Bundelkhand

76. In which city was the 63rd ABU General Assembly (Oct–Nov 2026), where Prasar Bharati received two honours, held?
(A) Colombo
(B) Kuala Lumpur
(C) Bangkok
(D) New Delhi

77. Where is the headquarters of the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)?
(A) Singapore
(B) Bangkok
(C) Tokyo
(D) Kuala Lumpur

78. Prasar Bharati, which runs Akashvani and Doordarshan, was set up under which Act?
(A) Cable TV Networks Act, 1995
(B) Prasar Bharati Act, 1990
(C) Indian Telegraph Act, 1885
(D) Press Council Act, 1978

79. Chennai Doordarshan's 'DD Podhigai' channel was renamed as what in Jan 2024?
(A) DD Chennai
(B) DD Thendral
(C) DD Tamil
(D) DD Saptagiri

80. In which city did Doordarshan begin its first experimental telecast in 1959?
(A) Bombay
(B) Madras
(C) Calcutta
(D) Delhi

81. 'Tiger Triumph', the tri-service HADR exercise that opened at Visakhapatnam on 2 Nov 2026, is between India and which country?
(A) United States
(B) Russia
(C) France
(D) Japan

82. Which Indian service takes part in the bilateral exercise 'Cope India'?
(A) Indian Navy
(B) Indian Army
(C) Indian Coast Guard
(D) Indian Air Force

83. INS Jalashwa, the Indian Navy ship seen in Tiger Triumph editions, is of which type?
(A) Aircraft carrier
(B) Landing Platform Dock
(C) Destroyer
(D) Submarine

84. Kakinada, venue of earlier Tiger Triumph sea phases, lies in the delta region of which river?
(A) Krishna
(B) Mahanadi
(C) Godavari
(D) Cauvery

85. Which Indian force took part in Exercise Tiger Triumph for the first time in its 2026 edition?
(A) BSF
(B) NDRF
(C) ITBP
(D) CISF

86. Which Aditya-L1 payload recorded the asymmetric expansion of a solar eruption (CME)? (Nov 2026 study)
(A) SUIT
(B) ASPEX
(C) SoLEXS
(D) VELC

87. Which institution developed ASPEX, the solar-wind particle experiment on Aditya-L1?
(A) IIA, Bengaluru
(B) IUCAA, Pune
(C) PRL, Ahmedabad
(D) NARL, Tirupati

88. What is the main advantage of placing a solar observatory at the Sun–Earth L1 point?
(A) Uninterrupted view, no eclipse
(B) Closest point to the Sun
(C) A place with no gravity
(D) Same as geostationary orbit

89. Geomagnetic storms caused by CMEs reaching Earth produce which light display in polar skies?
(A) Aurora
(B) Rainbow
(C) Zodiacal light
(D) Noctilucent cloud

90. How does a coronagraph study the Sun's corona?
(A) By cooling the detector
(B) By magnifying sunspots
(C) By blocking the solar disc
(D) By measuring radio waves

91. Against which team did Glenn Maxwell score 201* in Mumbai at the 2023 ODI World Cup?
(A) England
(B) Netherlands
(C) Pakistan
(D) Afghanistan

92. Where is the headquarters of the International Cricket Council (ICC)?
(A) London
(B) Dubai
(C) Melbourne
(D) Mumbai

93. The 2026 men's T20 World Cup, Maxwell's last event, was co-hosted by India and which country?
(A) Bangladesh
(B) Pakistan
(C) Sri Lanka
(D) UAE

94. Chennai's Chepauk hosted the second tied Test in history in 1986. India played which team?
(A) England
(B) Pakistan
(C) West Indies
(D) Australia

95. In which city was the 2023 men's ODI World Cup final played?
(A) Mumbai
(B) Ahmedabad
(C) Kolkata
(D) Chennai

96. Which body proclaimed 3 November as the International Day for Biosphere Reserves?
(A) UN General Assembly
(B) UNEP Governing Council
(C) UNESCO General Conference
(D) IUCN World Congress

97. The 'Cold Desert', India's 13th reserve to join the World Network of Biosphere Reserves in 2025, is located in:
(A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Ladakh
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Sikkim

98. In a biosphere reserve, which outer zone permits settlements and sustainable economic activities?
(A) Transition zone
(B) Core zone
(C) Buffer zone
(D) Wilderness zone

99. The 'Seville Strategy' (1995) for biosphere reserves was adopted at a world congress in which country?
(A) Italy
(B) France
(C) Spain
(D) Portugal

100. Which of these Indian biosphere reserves is NOT in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR)?

(A) Panna
(B) Manas
(C) Similipal
(D) Nokrek

101. Who moved the Draft Constitution for consideration in the Constituent Assembly on 4 November 1948?

(A) Jawaharlal Nehru
(B) Rajendra Prasad
(C) B.N. Rau
(D) B.R. Ambedkar

102. Which Madras legal luminary among the following was a member of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution?

(A) C. Rajagopalachari
(B) K. Kamaraj
(C) S. Satyamurti
(D) Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar

103. Who was the Constitutional Adviser of the Constituent Assembly who prepared the first draft examined by the Drafting Committee?

(A) B.N. Rau
(B) K.M. Munshi
(C) S.N. Mukherjee
(D) H.C. Mukherjee

104. Quoting historian Grote, which idea was described in the Constituent Assembly as 'not a natural sentiment' that 'has to be cultivated'?

(A) Constitutional morality
(B) Basic structure
(C) Due process of law
(D) Judicial review

105. Who was the President of the Constituent Assembly when the Constitution was adopted on 26 November 1949?

(A) Sachchidananda Sinha
(B) Rajendra Prasad
(C) H.C. Mukherjee
(D) G.V. Mavalankar

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31 **B**	32 **C**	33 **A**	34 **B**	35 **D**	36 **A**	37 **D**	38 **D**	39 **A**	40 **C**
41 **D**	42 **D**	43 **A**	44 **C**	45 **C**	46 **B**	47 **C**	48 **A**	49 **A**	50 **D**
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61 **A**	62 **B**	63 **B**	64 **A**	65 **D**	66 **D**	67 **A**	68 **B**	69 **A**	70 **B**
71 **A**	72 **A**	73 **B**	74 **D**	75 **B**	76 **A**	77 **D**	78 **B**	79 **C**	80 **D**
81 **A**	82 **D**	83 **B**	84 **C**	85 **B**	86 **D**	87 **C**	88 **A**	89 **A**	90 **C**
91 **D**	92 **B**	93 **C**	94 **D**	95 **B**	96 **C**	97 **A**	98 **A**	99 **C**	100 **B**
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Answers & explanations

1. (B) Silent Valley – Silent Valley – evergreen forests of the Kunthi river valley. Periyar and Eravikulam lie outside the Nilgiri reserve.

2. (C) Kalakad–Mundanthurai – Kalakad–Mundanthurai. The Kerala side has the Neyyar, Peppara and Shendurney wildlife sanctuaries.

3. (C) Kani – Kani – TBGRI (Thiruvananthapuram) shared 50% of the licence fee and royalty with them. Toda and Badaga are of the Nilgiris; Irula of the Nilgiris and northern TN.

4. (A) Kanniyakumari group – There is no Kanniyakumari group. The four are Mandapam (7), Keelakarai (7), Vembar (3) and Tuticorin (4).

5. (A) Western & Eastern Ghats – The Western and Eastern Ghats. The reserve sits at the trijunction of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka.

6. (C) AMD – AMD – Instinct MI355X GPUs (288 GB HBM3E). The company calls it India's largest AMD Instinct deployment.

7. (B) Massive parallel computing – Their ability to run thousands of small calculations in parallel. First built for graphics, the GPU is now the main chip for AI.

8. (A) Large Language Model – Large Language Model – an AI model trained on huge text data to understand and generate language (e.g. chatbots).

9. (D) Andaman & Nicobar Islands – Andaman & Nicobar Islands – about 2,300 km; built by BSNL with USOF funds. It lands at Port Blair and 7 other islands.

10. (C) C-DAC – C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing), Pune – in 1991, led by Vijay Bhatkar.

11. (D) Air pollution – Air pollution – it explains the steps needed to stop it from leading to a pandemic. Directed by Mani Arputharaj.

12. (A) Bangladesh – Bangladesh – 'Amar Shonar Bangla'. India adopted 'Jana Gana Mana' as its national anthem on 24 Jan 1950.

13. (C) Major Rock Edict XIII – Major Rock Edict XIII – it expresses grief over the war's deaths and a turn to 'Dhamma-vijaya'. Kalinga is present-day Odisha.

14. (D) Kerala – Kerala – Thrissur, 30 Jan 2020 (a student back from Wuhan). WHO declared a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

15. (A) Lock – The Dindigul Lock – Aug 2019; Karaikudi's Kandangi saree got its GI at the same time.

16. (B) TNGECL – TNGECL (Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation) – also the nodal agency of the BESS policy. TNERC is the regulatory commission.

17. (C) Electricity Act 2003 – Electricity Act 2003 – it replaced the 1910, 1948 and 1998 Acts. The Energy Conservation Act 2001 created the BEE.

18. (B) Coimbatore – Coimbatore – near Valparai; 400 MW (4 × 100 MW), 1987. It went to TNGECL in the 2024 restructuring.

19. (C) TNPDCL – TNPDCL (Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation) – ex-TANGEDCO's distribution arm. TNPGCL is thermal generation; TANTRANSCO is transmission.

20. (D) Using the power network – For using the utility's wires to carry power to a consumer elsewhere.

21. (C) Chhattisgarh – Chhattisgarh – Rajnandgaon district; 2 kW per home, ≈ 282 kW in all. No cost to residents – subsidy plus CSR funds.

22. (C) District – District – the village installing the most renewable capacity in the contest gets ₹1 crore; the component's total outlay is ₹800 crore.

23. (D) Chaulukya (Solanki) – The Chaulukyas (Solankis) of Gujarat – reign of Bhima I, c. 1026–27 CE; on the Pushpavati river. Odisha's Konark Sun Temple is an Eastern Ganga work.

24. (B) Billing only the net difference – A bi-directional meter – surplus power sent to the grid is set off against power drawn, and only the difference is billed. That is why Khaira's bills are zero.

25. (B) Thanjavur – Thanjavur district, near Aduthurai – built in the reign of Kulottunga Chola I (11th century); it also has separate shrines for the other eight planets.

26. (C) 15 days – 15 days. The enquiry must finish within 7 working days; unresolved grievances escalate automatically to the next level.

27. (D) Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission – Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin). It received Presidential assent on 21 Dec 2025.

28. (A) Gram Panchayat–Block–District – Gram Panchayat, Block and District – the District Programme Coordinator (DPC) oversees the district level.

29. (D) DARPG – DARPG – under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; portal pgportal.gov.in.

30. (B) TN Urban Employment Scheme – TNUES – announced in 2021 with ₹100 crore; most workers are women (State Planning Commission, 2023). Naan Mudhalvan is a skilling scheme.

31. (B) Central Reserve Police Force – CRPF – announced by DG G.P. Singh; the last operational fatality was on 30 Oct 2025. The previous such stretch ended in Jan 1979.

32. (C) Commando Bn for Resolute Action – Commando Battalion for Resolute Action – raised in 2008. Riot control is the job of the Rapid Action Force (RAF, 1992).

33. (A) Gujarat – Gujarat – in the Rann of Kutch; a small CRPF detachment beat back an attack by a Pakistani brigade.

34. (B) Article 355 – Article 355 – duty to protect against external aggression and internal disturbance. 352 – National Emergency; 356 – President's Rule in States.

35. (D) Operation Cocoon – Operation Cocoon – Oct 2004, near Papparapatti, Dharmapuri district. 'Green Hunt' (2009) and 'Kagar' are anti-Naxal operations.

36. (A) 24×7 on all days – 24×7 – a mix of humans, automated systems and AI agents is allowed, but human help is mandatory for at least 16 hours a day.

37. (D) TDSAT – Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) – created by the 2000 amendment to the TRAI Act; its orders can be appealed in the Supreme Court.

38. (D) Madras – Madras (Chennai) – 28 Jan 1882; run by England's Oriental Telephone Company. The 1881 licence also covered Karachi and Ahmedabad.

39. (A) Sanchar Saathi – Sanchar Saathi – 16 May 2023; stolen phones can be blocked through CEIR. DigiLocker and UMANG are MeitY digital services.

40. (C) Operator's mobile app – The operator's mobile app – in addition to the existing complaint centre, website and portal. Dedicated help desks for persons with disabilities are also mandatory.

41. (D) Hinjewadi – Hinjewadi – Maan to District Court, ≈ 23 km, over ₹8,300 crore; ≈ 30% of its power from solar.

42. (D) All-women train operators – It will be run entirely by women train operators – a first-of-its-kind step, says PMIndia. It is the first corridor approved as a PPP under the 2017 Metro Rail Policy.

43. (A) Mula and Mutha – The Mula-Mutha – it joins the Bhima, a Krishna tributary. Phase II Line 4 runs to Khadakwasla on the Mutha.

44. (C) Aga Khan Palace – Aga Khan Palace – 9 Aug 1942 to 6 May 1944; Mahadev Desai also died there. The 1932 'Poona Pact' was signed in Yerawada Jail.

45. (C) Venkoji (Ekoji) – Venkoji (Ekoji I) – son of Shahaji; captured Thanjavur in the 1670s. Serfoji II later enriched the Saraswathi Mahal Library; the line ended in 1855.

46. (B) Natl Institute of Sowa-Rigpa – National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh (Ladakh). The award was given by CSJM University, Kanpur, at its 3rd International Conference on Wellness.

47. (C) IMCC Act, 1970 – The Indian Medicine Central Council (IMCC) Act, 1970 – amended in 2010. 'Amchi' is the popular name of Sowa-Rigpa; its education and practice came under regulation.

48. (A) Tambaram, Chennai – Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai – opened in 2005. Palayamkottai has the Government Siddha Medical College.

49. (A) NCISM – The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) – replacing the old CCIM. NMC regulates modern medicine; NCH is the National Commission for Homoeopathy.

50. (D) Oru Paisa Tamilan – 'Oru Paisa Tamilan' (1907, Madras). The hospital of the National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram, bears his name; 'Kudi Arasu' was Periyar's (1925).

51. (B) NITI Aayog – NITI Aayog – released by Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri. It allows side-by-side comparison of any two States.

52. (A) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – 44,611 papers; UP second, Maharashtra third. Tamil Nadu is also first in patent applications.

53. (C) Planning Commission – The Planning Commission (1950). NITI Aayog was created by a Cabinet resolution on 1 Jan 2015; the PM is its chairperson.

54. (D) Prime Minister – The Prime Minister (as President); the Science and Education Ministers are Vice-Presidents. The ANRF Act, 2023 repealed the SERB Act, 2008.

55. (B) Gross Expenditure on R&D – Gross Expenditure on Research and Development – total R&D spending by government, industry and higher education. In India it is below 1% of GDP.

56. (A) 300 units – Up to 300 units – through rooftop solar with Central subsidy (launched Feb 2024; target 1 crore homes). Farm solar pumps come under PM-KUSUM.

57. (C) Narmada – Narmada – Khandwa district; a 600 MW park. Omkareshwar is also one of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines.

58. (B) Cooling effect of water – Water cooling – solar cells work better when cooler. The shade also cuts evaporation from the reservoir.

59. (D) Theni – Theni district, near Andipatti. Mettur, Bhavanisagar and Sathanur dams are also on TNGECL's list.

60. (C) New & Renewable Energy – Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) – Minister Pralhad Joshi. Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM are also under it.

61. (A) Ministry of Coal – Ministry of Coal – it assesses safety, environment, rehabilitation and more; the 2024–25 awards were given at Raipur on 2 Nov 2026. Non-coal mines are star-rated by the Ministry of Mines (through IBM).

62. (B) Kothagudem – Kothagudem (Bhadradri-Kothagudem district). Equity – Telangana 51%, Centre 49%.

63. (B) Godavari Valley – The Godavari Valley (Pranhita–Godavari) coalfield – Gondwana rocks. Talcher is in Odisha; Jharia in Jharkhand.

64. (A) Geological Survey of India – The Geological Survey of India (GSI, 1851) – HQ Kolkata. A coal seam there is named after King.

65. (D) Cuddalore – Cuddalore district – home to NLC India's lignite mines and thermal plants. NLC also runs Talabira (Odisha) and Barsingsar (Rajasthan) mines.

66. (D) Ministry of Road Transport – Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (NHAI). Bihar's Cabinet approved the 'Water Resources Restoration and Silt Management Policy 2026' on 15 Sept 2026.

67. (A) Kosi – The Kosi flows from Nepal into Bihar and joins the Ganga; the Damodar was called the 'Sorrow of Bengal'.

68. (B) Ministry of Jal Shakti – Its Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation. The framework prioritises reducing silt generation over silt removal.

69. (A) Alluvial fan – A sudden fall in gradient slows the river and its load spreads as a fan; a delta forms at the river's mouth.

70. (B) Mukkombu – Mukkombu, about 18 km west of Tiruchi (1836–38). The Cauvery and Kollidam together enclose Srirangam island.

71. (A) PMSSY – Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana – its two parts are new AIIMS and upgrading government medical colleges. PM-JAY beneficiaries get free treatment here.

72. (A) Radiation source at the tumour – Placing the source inside or next to the tumour spares nearby healthy tissue; external X-ray beams come from a LINAC.

73. (B) Institute of National Importance – The first AIIMS was set up in New Delhi under the AIIMS Act, 1956; these institutes award their own degrees.

74. (D) Madurai – PM Modi laid the foundation stone on 27 Jan 2019; the Centre says the OPD will be fully functional from 1 Jan 2027.

75. (B) Saurashtra – Saurashtra (Kathiawar) – Rajkot, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Porbandar, Bhavnagar and other districts; Malwa is in Madhya Pradesh.

76. (A) Colombo – Colombo, Sri Lanka (30 Oct – 3 Nov). Akashvani Bengaluru's 'Beyond the Call' got a Special Commendation; N. Nandakumar Singh the engineering excellence award.

77. (D) Kuala Lumpur – The ABU, founded in 1964, is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Its 59th General Assembly was held in New Delhi in 2022.

78. (B) Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 – Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990 – in force from 23 Nov 1997; hence it is a statutory autonomous body.

79. (C) DD Tamil – The PM launched 'DD Tamil' in Chennai on 19 Jan 2024. DD Saptagiri is Andhra Pradesh's Telugu channel.

80. (D) Delhi – Delhi, 15 Sept 1959. Doordarshan Kendra Chennai began telecasting in 1975.

81. (A) United States – This is the 5th edition; the series began in 2019. The first edition was India's first tri-service exercise with the US.

82. (D) Indian Air Force – Cope India – air forces; Yudh Abhyas – armies; Vajra Prahar – special forces; Malabar – navies.

83. (B) Landing Platform Dock – It is the former USS Trenton of the US; it joined the Indian Navy in 2007; home port Visakhapatnam.

84. (C) Godavari – Godavari delta; the Coringa mangroves are nearby. The 2019, 2024 and 2025 sea phases were at Kakinada.

85. (B) NDRF – The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) – set up under the Disaster Management Act, 2005; it works under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Its 4th Battalion is at Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu.

86. (D) VELC – VELC – Visible Emission Line Coronagraph; it saw blue and red shifts at once. SoLEXS is a soft X-ray spectrometer.

87. (C) PRL, Ahmedabad – Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad – 'cradle of Indian space science', founded by Vikram Sarabhai in 1947. PAPA is from SPL, Thiruvananthapuram.

88. (A) Uninterrupted view, no eclipse – At L1 the pulls of Sun and Earth balance, so a craft stays with little fuel and sees the Sun round the clock, never hidden by Earth or Moon. L1 is about 1.5 million km from Earth.

89. (A) Aurora – Aurora – solar particles strike oxygen and nitrogen in the upper atmosphere; 'aurora borealis' in the north, 'aurora australis' in the south.

90. (C) By blocking the solar disc – It blocks the bright disc with an occulter to create an 'artificial eclipse'; France's Bernard Lyot invented it in 1930.

91. (D) Afghanistan – Afghanistan – 7 Nov 2023, Wankhede Stadium; he chased 292 from 91/7. Against the Netherlands he hit a 40-ball hundred.

92. (B) Dubai – Dubai (UAE) – moved from Lord's, London, in 2005. The ICC began in 1909 as the 'Imperial Cricket Conference'.

93. (C) Sri Lanka – Sri Lanka. Maxwell's last game was v Oman on 20 Feb 2026. He was in Australia's 2021 T20 World Cup-winning side.

94. (D) Australia – Australia – 18–22 Sep 1986; Dean Jones made 210. The first tied Test – 1960, Brisbane (Australia v West Indies).

95. (B) Ahmedabad – Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, 19 Nov 2023 – Australia's 6th ODI World Cup; Travis Head made 137.

96. (C) UNESCO General Conference – UNESCO General Conference – 41st session, 2021; first observed in 2022. UNESCO is headquartered in Paris.

97. (A) Himachal Pradesh – Himachal – Lahaul–Spiti; includes Pin Valley NP and Kibber WLS; home of the snow leopard. Announced at Hangzhou (China).

98. (A) Transition zone – Transition zone. Core – strictly protected; buffer – only compatible uses like research and education.

99. (C) Spain – Spain – Seville; the WNBR Statutory Framework was adopted then too. The latest is the Hangzhou Strategic Action Plan 2026–2035.

100. (B) Manas – Manas (Assam) is only a national reserve (though a World Heritage Site). Panna joined in 2020; Similipal and Nokrek in 2009.

101. (D) B.R. Ambedkar – Drafting Committee Chairman Ambedkar moved the Draft of 315 Articles and 8 Schedules; general discussion ran till 9 Nov.

102. (D) Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar – Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar – Advocate-General of Madras (1929–44). N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar and later entrant T.T. Krishnamachari were also from Madras.

103. (A) B.N. Rau – Sir Benegal Narsing Rau – prepared the first draft in Oct 1947; later a judge of the International Court of Justice. S.N. Mukherjee was the Chief Draftsman.

104. (A) Constitutional morality – In his 4 Nov 1948 speech Ambedkar said constitutional morality 'is not a natural sentiment. It has to be cultivated.' The 'basic structure' doctrine came from Kesavananda Bharati (1973).

105. (B) Rajendra Prasad – Dr Rajendra Prasad – permanent President from 11 Dec 1946; H.C. Mukherjee was Vice-President. 26 Nov has been 'Constitution Day' since 2015.

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