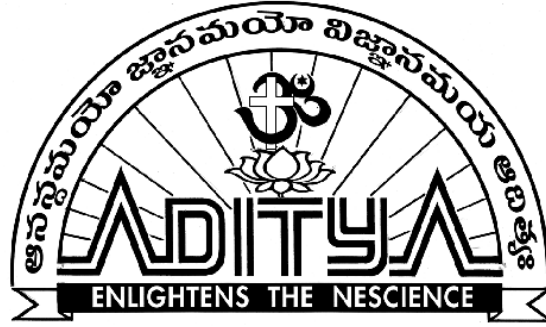


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- Under which Article is Parliament's approval required before money can be withdrawn from the Consolidated Fund of India?
(a) Article 112 (b) Article 114 (c) Article 266 (d) Article 117 (e) Article 110 Ans. c
- In 2026, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented a Budget in the Lok Sabha amid global economic uncertainties and a slowdown in exports. Considering her previous terms as Finance Minister, which number Budget of hers was presented in 2026?
(a) 7th (b) 8th (c) 9th (d) 10th (e) 11th Ans. c
- The Government's 'Sankalp' Mission focuses on uplifting the poor, underprivileged, and disadvantaged. It is guided by three Kartavya principles. In the Union Budget 2026, which of the following is the First Kartavya of the Sankalp Mission?
(a) Fulfil aspirations of the people (b) Vision of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas
(c) Accelerate and sustain economic growth (d) Promote cultural heritage
(e) Strengthen defense capabilities Ans. c
- The Union Budget 2026 outlined several Pillars of Growth and Development. Which of the following is NOT one of the pillars mentioned in the Budget?
(a) Sustaining Economic Growth (b) People-Centric Development (c) Trust-Based Governance
(d) Promotion of Traditional Arts (e) Fiscal Matters Ans. d
- In the Union Budget 2026, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the Bio Pharma Shakti programme to strengthen India's biopharmaceutical sector. With a focus on domestic manufacturing, innovation, and production of biosimilars, what is the total allocation proposed for this programme over the next five years?
(a) Rs.5,000 crore (b) Rs.10,000 crore (c) Rs.15,000 crore
(d) Rs.20,000 crore (e) Rs.25,000 crore Ans. b
- On which date is Indian Coast Guard Day observed every year?
(a) 1 February (b) 2 February (c) 3 February (d) 4 February (e) 5 February Ans. a
- Which state government signed an MoU to develop an exclusive industrial park for women entrepreneurs?
(a) Tamil Nadu (b) Andhra Pradesh (c) Karnataka (d) Telangana (e) Maharashtra Ans. b
- Recently, which bank has received RBI approval to open a branch in GIFT City IFSC?
(a) Punjab National Bank (b) Bank of Baroda (c) Canara Bank
(d) Punjab & Sind Bank (e) Union Bank of India Ans. d
- Assertion (A): The Ministry of Culture's tableau on "Vande Mataram – 150 Years Journey" won the First Prize at the Republic Day Parade 2026.
Reason (R): The tableau effectively depicted the historical, cultural, and civilisational significance of Vande Mataram through powerful symbolism.
(a) A and R both are true and R is the correct explanation of A
(b) A and R both are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A
(c) A is true but R is false (d) A is false but R is true (e) None of above Ans. a
- Slice has positioned itself to match the everyday payment behaviour of Indian consumers. In this context, slice is designed as which type of bank?
(a) Branch-centric traditional bank (b) Card-first digital bank
(c) Wallet-based fintech platform (d) UPI-first digital bank
(e) Cooperative digital bank Ans. d
- What is the name of the new web-based portal recently operationalised by MoSPI?
(a) OCMS-2006 (b) PAIMANA (c) IPMP (d) NIC-Monitor (e) e-Project Ans. b
- Patna Bird Sanctuary in Etah (Uttar Pradesh) and Chhari-Dhand in Kutch (Gujarat) have been officially designated as Ramsar wetlands of international importance. With these additions, how many Ramsar sites does India now have?
(a) 95 (b) 96 (c) 97 (d) 98 (e) 100 Ans. d

13. Which country has recently passed major reforms in its oil laws to allow greater foreign participation?
(a) Brazil (b) Venezuela (c) Mexico (d) Saudi Arabia (e) Argentina Ans. b
14. India is participating as a partner country at Gulfood 2026 in Dubai for the first time in the event's 31-year history. Which organisation is leading India's participation at Gulfood 2026?
(a) FSSAI (b) APEDA (c) FICCI (d) NABARD (e) CII Ans. b
15. Recently, what is the name of the new plant species recently recorded in Nagaland?
(a) Hoya nagaensis (b) Rhododendron naga (c) Magnolia nagensis
(d) Ficus nagalandia (e) Hibiscus naga Ans. a
16. Which two companies signed a resource-sharing MoU to jointly use offshore assets for oil and gas exploration?
(a) ONGC and GAIL (b) Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) and Indian Oil
(c) ONGC and Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) (d) BPCL and Hindustan Petroleum
(e) Cairn India and ONGC Ans. c
17. According to a recent report released by the State Bank of India (SBI), what is the estimated year-on-year growth rate of the central government's capital expenditure (capex) for the financial year 2026–27 (FY27)?
(a) 6% (b) 8% (c) 9% (d) 10% (e) 12% Ans. e
18. Nat Sciver-Brunt of England created history by becoming the first batter to score a century in Women's Premier League (WPL) history during WPL 2026 Match. Nat Sciver-Brunt achieved this historic century while playing for which team?
(a) Royal Challengers Bengaluru (b) Delhi Capitals (c) Gujarat Giants
(d) UP Warriorz (e) Mumbai Indians Ans. e
19. Which institute signed a landmark MoU with the Centre for Ayurveda Education, Innovation & Technology (CAYEIT) to strengthen digital health initiatives in Ayurveda?
(a) AIIMS New Delhi (b) CCRAS (c) National Institute of Ayurveda
(d) All India Institute of Ayurveda (e) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Ans. d
20. Former Australian hockey great and ex-India men's coach Michael Nobbs passed away at the age of 72 after a prolonged illness. Michael Nobbs was the head coach of the Indian men's hockey team during which Olympic Games?
(a) Beijing Olympics 2008 (b) Rio Olympics 2016 (c) London Olympics 2012
(d) Tokyo Olympics 2020 (e) Athens Olympics 2004 Ans. c
21. In the Union Budget 2026–27, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed support for certain mineral-rich states to establish dedicated rare earth corridors. Which of the following sets of states are included in this initiative aimed at strengthening domestic rare earth processing and manufacturing capacity?
(a) Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Punjab
(b) Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu
(c) West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh (d) Karnataka, Telangana, Goa, and Haryana
(e) Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, and Sikkim Ans. b
22. How many key priority areas has the Government of India identified under the first Kartavya in Budget 2026 for targeted interventions aimed at accelerating and sustaining the country's economic growth?
(a) Four (b) Five (c) Six (d) Seven (e) Eight Ans. c
23. How many regional medical hubs were proposed by FM Nirmala Sitharaman to promote medical value tourism in the Budget 2026-27?
(a) Two (b) Three (c) Four (d) Five (e) Six Ans. d
24. While presenting the Union Budget 2026–27 in Parliament, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a major push towards environmentally sustainable passenger transport. Under this initiative, how many high-speed rail corridors have been proposed across India?
(a) Five (b) Six (c) Seven (d) Eight (e) Ten Ans. c
25. What fiscal deficit target has been set for the year 2026–27 in the Union Budget?
(a) 4.0% (b) 4.1% (c) 4.2% (d) 4.3% (e) 4.5% Ans. d
26. In the Union Budget 2026–27, how much allocation was announced for Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) technologies?
(a) Rs.10,000 crore (b) Rs.15,000 crore (c) Rs.20,000 crore
(d) Rs.25,000 crore (e) Rs.30,000 crore Ans. c

27. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)?
 (a) Dr. D.K. Sunil (b) Parul Tyagi (c) Kota Ravi (d) Rajiv Kumar (e) R.K. Singh Ans. c
28. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of IRDAI's Reinsurance Advisory Committee?
 (a) R.K. Sharma (b) P.K. Gupta (c) A. V. Girija Kumar
 (d) S. K. Verma (e) Anil Mehta Ans. c
29. Where has the Fifth Rusoma Orange Festival recently begun?
 (a) Manipur (b) Meghalaya (c) Nagaland
 (d) Arunachal Pradesh (e) Sikkim Ans. c
30. Andhra Pradesh government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FICCI-FLO) to establish an exclusive 30-acre industrial park for women entrepreneurs, aiming to promote women-led industrial entrepreneurship in the State. Which organisation will mentor and mobilise women entrepreneurs in the park?
 (a) APIIC (b) FICCI-FLO (c) NITI Aayog
 (d) MSME Ministry (e) Andhra Pradesh CM Office Ans. b
31. Which state has launched the state-wide Mukhyamantri Gramotthan Yojana to provide urban-equivalent facilities in rural areas and promote inclusive development?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Rajasthan (c) Madhya Pradesh
 (d) Gujarat (e) Uttar Pradesh Ans. d
32. Indian Railways has operationalised the country's first LNG–Diesel dual-fuel DEMU train at Sabarmati in Ahmedabad, marking a major step towards sustainable and eco-friendly rail operations. What is the power capacity of the LNG–Diesel dual-fuel DEMU train introduced by Indian Railways?
 (a) 1,000 HP (b) 1,200 HP (c) 1,400 HP (d) 1,600 HP (e) 1,800 HP Ans. c
33. What is CHAKRA, recently launched by the State Bank of India (SBI)?
 (a) A digital payments platform (b) A rural credit scheme
 (c) A Centre of Excellence for financing sunrise sectors
 (d) An MSME subsidy programme (e) A customer grievance portal Ans. c
34. Which licence has Paysharp recently secured from the Reserve Bank of India?
 (a) Payment Bank licence (b) Small Finance Bank licence
 (c) Payment Aggregator–Physical (PA-P) licence (d) Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) licence
 (e) Bharat Bill Payment licence Ans. c
35. Elena Rybakina defeated which World No. 1 player to win the Australian Open 2026?
 (a) Iga Swiatek (b) Jessica Pegula (c) Coco Gauff
 (d) Aryna Sabalenka (e) Maria Sakkari Ans. d
36. Who won the men's singles title at the Australian Open 2026?
 (a) Novak Djokovic (b) Rafael Nadal (c) Carlos Alcaraz
 (d) Daniil Medvedev (e) Stefanos Tsitsipas Ans. c
37. World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on 2nd February to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands for the environment and biodiversity. What is the theme of World Wetlands Day 2026?
 (a) Wetlands and Climate Change (b) Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage
 (c) Wetlands for Biodiversity (d) Wetlands and Water Security
 (e) Wetlands and Sustainable Tourism Ans. b
38. When is International Development Week observed every year?
 (a) 1–7 February (b) 2–8 February (c) 3–9 February (d) 4–10 February (e) 5–11 February Ans. a
39. On which date is Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Awareness Day observed every year?
 (a) 1st February (b) 2nd February (c) 5th February (d) 4th February (e) 5th February Ans. b
40. On which date is National Golden Retriever Day observed every year?
 (a) 1st February (b) 2nd February (c) 3rd February (d) 4th February (e) 5th February Ans. c
41. How much has the Union Government allocated for the new Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar Aajeevika Mission (Grameen) [VB-G RAM G] scheme in the Budget 2026?
 (a) Rs.75,000 crore (b) Rs.85,508 crore (c) Rs.95,692 crore
 (d) Rs.1,00,20 crore (e) Rs.1,05,100 crore Ans. c

42. In the Union Budget 2026, which two institutions are proposed to be restructured to strengthen public sector financing in the power sector?
 (a) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
 (b) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)
 (c) Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC)
 (d) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) and Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC)
 (e) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) and Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) Ans. c
43. According to the Union Budget 2026–27 and the Macroeconomic Framework Statement presented in Parliament, what is the estimated gross tax revenue of the Central Government for FY 2026–27, and this revenue is expected to account for about 11.2 per cent of GDP?
 (a) Rs.38.5 lakh crore (b) Rs.41.2 lakh crore (c) Rs.42.9 lakh crore
 (d) Rs.44.04 lakh crore (e) Rs.46.8 lakh crore Ans. d
44. The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0, announced in the Union Budget 2026–27, has been allocated how much funding for FY 2026–27?
 (a) Rs.1,000 crore (b) Rs.750 crore (c) Rs.1,200 crore
 (d) Rs.1,500 crore (e) Rs.2,000 crore Ans. a
45. What is the total allocation made to the Ministry of Defence in the Union Budget 2026–27?
 (a) Rs.6.90 lakh crore (b) Rs.7.25 lakh crore (c) Rs.7.50 lakh crore
 (d) Rs.7.85 lakh crore (e) Rs.8.20 lakh crore Ans. d
46. Where has SBI launched its Global Trade Finance Centre (GTFC) to boost trade and global banking?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Kolkata (c) Hyderabad (d) Bengaluru (e) Chennai Ans. e
47. What were the net GST revenues in January 2026?
 (a) Rs.1.65 lakh crore (b) Rs.1.70 lakh crore (c) Rs.1.71 lakh crore
 (d) Rs.1.74 lakh crore (e) Rs.1.93 lakh crore Ans. e
48. What share of tax devolution to States has the 16th Finance Commission recommended the Centre retain?
 (a) 35% (b) 38% (c) 41% (d) 45% (e) 54% Ans. c
49. What was the total value of UPI transactions in January 2026?
 (a) Rs.27.97 lakh crore (b) Rs.28.00 lakh crore (c) Rs.28.33 lakh crore
 (d) Rs.29.00 lakh crore (e) Rs.30.00 lakh crore Ans. c
50. The India–World Bank Country Partnership Framework, announced in January 2026, is designed to accelerate economic growth and job creation across the country. For how many years will this partnership provide annual financing of USD 8–10 billion to support India’s development initiatives?
 (a) 3 years (b) 4 years (c) 5 years (d) 6 years (e) 7 years Ans. c
51. Where was the “Agni Pariksha” joint training exercise conducted by the Indian Army and ITBP?
 (a) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh (b) Sigar, East Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh
 (c) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh (d) Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh
 (e) Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh Ans. b
52. World Cancer Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 2 February (b) 3 February (c) 4 February (d) 5 February (e) 7 February Ans. c
53. Under the Baggage Rules, 2026, what is the revised duty-free allowance for passengers arriving in India by air?
 (a) Rs.50,000 (b) Rs.60,000 (c) Rs.65,000 (d) Rs.75,000 (e) Rs.1,00,000 Ans. d
54. Prime Minister Narendra Modi renamed Adampur Airport, Punjab, as Sri Guru Ravidas Ji Airport on the occasion of Ravidas Jayanti, marking the 649th birth anniversary of Guru Ravidas. Adampur Airport is located in which district of Punjab?
 (a) Ludhiana (b) Amritsar (c) Jalandhar (d) Patiala (e) Bathinda Ans. c
55. Which state government launched the “Garbh Sanskar” initiative to be taught in all universities and set up dedicated rooms in government hospitals?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Rajasthan (c) Madhya Pradesh
 (d) Gujarat (e) Maharashtra Ans. c
56. What is the total allocation for the fisheries sector in Budget 2026–27?
 (a) Rs.2,500 crore (b) Rs.2,761 crore (c) Rs.3,030 crore (d) Rs.2,530 crore (e) Rs.2,000 crore Ans. b

57. Total allocation for the Ministry of Education in Budget 2026–27 rises to Rs.1,39,289.48 crore, an 8.27% increase over the previous year. One girls' hostel will be established in every district through viability gap funding to boost enrolment, especially in STEM education. How many University Townships are proposed under the Budget 2026–27?
 (a) 3 (b) 5 (c) 7 (d) 10 (e) 12 Ans. b
58. What is the total allocation for the agriculture sector in Budget 2026–27?
 (a) Rs.1,62,671 crore (b) Rs.1,51,853 crore (c) Rs.1,50,000 crore
 (d) Rs.1,70,000 crore (e) Rs.1,45,500 crore Ans. a
59. How many new dedicated Chemical Parks are proposed in Budget 2026–27?
 (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 5 (e) 6 Ans. b
60. Who has become the first woman Board Director (HR) of the Airports Authority of India (AAI)?
 (a) Nivedita Dubey (b) Anjali Sharma (c) Priya Singh
 (d) Ritu Kapoor (e) Meena Gupta Ans. a
61. What is the total budget allocation for the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in 2026–27?
 (a) Rs.3,346 crore (b) Rs.4,010 crore (c) Rs.4,479 crore
 (d) Rs.5,000 crore (e) Rs.4,500 crore Ans. c
62. The Union Budget 2026-27 has introduced two major initiatives, named Divyangjan Kaushal Yojana and Divyang Sahara Yojana, for persons with disabilities (Divyangjan). These schemes aim to enhance skill development and access to assistive technologies, reflecting the government's commitment to inclusive growth under the vision of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas. Under the Divyang Sahara Yojana, which organisation is supported to scale up the production of assistive devices?
 (a) ISRO (b) AIIMS (c) ALIMCO (d) DRDO (e) BHEL Ans. c
63. Who did Anahat Singh defeat to win her maiden PSA Bronze-level title at the Squash on Fire Open?
 (a) Nouran Gohar (b) Camille Serme (c) Joelle King
 (d) Georgina Kennedy (e) Amanda Sobhy Ans. d
64. Devika Sihag won her maiden BWF Super 300 title at which tournament?
 (a) All England Open (b) Indonesia Open (c) Thailand Masters
 (d) Malaysia Open (e) Singapore Ope Ans. c
65. Where has the 13th edition of the joint military exercise KHANJAR between India and Kyrgyzstan begun?
 (a) Guwahati, Assam (b) Tezpur, Assam (c) Misamari, Assam
 (d) Shillong, Meghalaya (e) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh Ans. c
66. Defence Ministry has approved the grant of Miniratna Category-I status to Yantra India Limited (YIL). With Miniratna-I status, what is the maximum capital expenditure YIL can incur without government approval?
 (a) Rs.100 crore (b) Rs.250 crore (c) Rs.400 crore (d) Rs.500 crore (e) Rs.1000 crore Ans. d
67. In February 2026, Indian mountaineer Kabak Yano summited which mountain as part of her 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition?
 (a) Mount Everest (b) Mount Denali (c) Mount Kilimanjaro
 (d) Mount Elbrus (e) Mount Aconcagua Ans. e
68. Adani Defence & Aerospace signed an MoU with Italian defence major Leonardo (formerly AgustaWestland) to establish a fully integrated helicopter manufacturing ecosystem in India, targeting the large defence aviation market. Which of the following helicopter models is specifically targeted under the Adani–Leonardo collaboration?
 (a) Apache AH-64 (b) Chinook CH-47 (c) Dhruv ALH
 (d) AW169M (e) Mi-17 Ans. d
69. Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which institution to strengthen cybersecurity in highway operations?
 (a) Central Forensic Science Laboratory (b) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
 (c) National Cyber Coordination Centre (d) Indian Statistical Institute
 (e) National Forensic Sciences University Ans. e
70. Which airport is set to become the first in India to operate hydrogen-powered buses for passenger transportation?
 (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport (b) Kempegowda International Airport
 (c) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (d) Chennai International Airport
 (e) Cochin International Airport Ans. e

71. Which state launched Pilloo AI, a voice-based billing and accounting agent that allows businesses to create invoices, record transactions, generate reports, and manage accounts by speaking in their native language?
 (a) Telangana (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Karnataka
 (d) Maharashtra (e) Andhra Pradesh Ans. e
72. Under the new trade agreement, US tariffs on Indian goods were reduced from 25% to what level?
 (a) 20% (b) 15% (c) 18% (d) 10% (e) 12% Ans. c
73. Assertion (A): Sunetra Pawar became the first woman Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
 Reason (R): She was sworn in after the Deputy CM post fell vacant due to the death of Ajit Pawar.
 (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A. (c) A is true, but R is false.
 (d) A is false, but R is true. (e) Both A and R are false. Ans. a
74. Who has been sworn in as the 13th Chief Minister of Manipur?
 (a) N Biren Singh (b) Yumnam Khemchand Singh (c) Ajay Kumar Bhalla
 (d) Rajnath Singh (e) Thokchom Radheshyam Ans. b
75. To strengthen India's skill development ecosystem and modernise Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), the World Bank has approved a major financial assistance. What is the total amount of loan approved for this purpose?
 (a) \$650 million (b) \$700 million (c) \$750 million (d) \$830 million (e) \$900 million Ans. d
76. From which date will the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025, come into force?
 (a) June 1, 2026 (b) July 15, 2026 (c) February 5, 2026
 (d) March 1, 2026 (e) April 1, 2026 Ans. c
77. Which company has appointed A R Rahman as its brand ambassador?
 (a) L&T Construction (b) DLF Limited (c) Tata Projects
 (d) DAC Developers (e) Shapoorji Pallonji Ans. d
78. Who has been approved by RBI as the new MD & CEO of YES Bank?
 (a) Prashant Kumar (b) Ashwani Kumar (c) Vinay Muralidhar Tonse
 (d) Dinesh Khara (e) Rajnish Kumar Ans. c
79. Bharat Taxi was launched by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, marking India's first cooperative-based ride-hailing platform. Bharat Taxi is registered under which Act?
 (a) Companies Act, 2013 (b) Motor Vehicles Act, 1988
 (c) Cooperative Societies Act, 1912 (d) Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002
 (e) Consumer Protection Act, 2019 Ans. d
80. To strengthen India's drone testing and certification ecosystem, which organisation has entered into a government-to-government collaboration to enable Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) testing of drones?
 (a) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) (b) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)
 (c) National Test House (NTH) (d) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
 (e) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Ans. c
81. Which Indian Navy ship made its first international port call at Salalah, Oman?
 (a) INS Tarangini (b) INS Vikrant (c) INS Sudarshini (d) INS Shardul (e) INS Trikand Ans. c
82. Indian-origin climate scientist Veerabhadran Ramanathan, who is known for his pioneering research on climate change and atmospheric science, has been awarded the 2026 Crafoord Prize. This prestigious award is given specifically for outstanding contributions in which field?
 (a) Environmental Economics (b) Atmospheric Physics (c) Climate Policy Studies
 (d) Geosciences (e) Meteorology Ans. d
83. The 4th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting between India and Tanzania was held at which place?
 (a) Dar es Salaam (b) New Delhi (c) Dodoma (d) Zanzibar (e) Mumbai Ans. d
84. Paradip Port Authority (PPA) was awarded the First Prize at the Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025 by which ministry?
 (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 (c) Ministry of Jal Shakti (d) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
 (e) Ministry of Rural Development Ans. d

85. Which organisation has developed and operationalised the digital portal for issuance of Certificates of Origin for cultivated medicinal plants?
 (a) National Biodiversity Authority (b) Ministry of AYUSH
 (c) National Medicinal Plants Board (d) Botanical Survey of India
 (e) Indian Council of Agricultural Research Ans. a
86. The 22nd Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity' Award, 2025, was conferred on a prominent personality from Bhutan in recognition of lifelong humanitarian and social contributions. Who was the awardee?
 (a) Queen Jetsun Pema (b) King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
 (c) Gyalyum Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck (d) Tshering Tobgay
 (e) Sangay Ngedup Ans. c
87. Walmart recently achieved a historic milestone by becoming the world's first retail company to reach what market valuation?
 (a) \$500 billion (b) \$750 billion (c) \$900 billion (d) \$1 trillion (e) \$2 trillion Ans. d
88. Who became the first female member from Iran to be elected to the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?
 (a) Kimia Alizadeh (b) Samira Asghari (c) Nahid Kiyani Chandeh
 (d) Soraya Aghaei (e) Kirsty Coventry Ans. d
89. India recently joined which BRICS initiative to support manufacturing and MSMEs?
 (a) BRICS Development Bank (b) BRICS Skill Council
 (c) BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies (d) BRICS Trade Facilitation Mechanism
 (e) BRICS Innovation Forum Ans. c
90. Which ministry signed an MoU with IPE Global Limited to strengthen the women-centric skilling ecosystem?
 (a) Ministry of Women & Child Development (b) Ministry of Labour & Employment
 (c) Ministry of Education (d) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
 (e) Ministry of MSME Ans. d
91. Royal Challengers Bengaluru won the Women's Premier League (WPL) title by defeating Delhi Capitals by six wickets in the final held at Vadodara. How many WPL titles have the Royal Challengers Bengaluru won so far?
 (a) One (b) Two (c) Three (d) Four (e) Five Ans. b
92. The RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25%, with the decision announced by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra after the meeting held from February 4–6. What policy stance did the RBI MPC continue with in the latest meeting?
 (a) Accommodative (b) Hawkish (c) Tightening (d) Expansionary (e) Neutral Ans. e
93. According to official trade data for FY 2024–25, what was the total value of bilateral trade between India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, which accounted for more than 15% of India's global trade during the year?
 (a) USD 150 billion (b) USD 165 billion (c) USD 178 billion
 (d) USD 190 billion (e) USD 200 billion Ans. c
94. According to the report "India's 155 Million Student Mandate", which Indian city has been ranked as the world's most affordable city for international students?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru (c) Hyderabad (d) Chennai (e) Delhi Ans. e
95. Axis Bank has launched Rooftop Solar Finance, a customised financing solution aimed at helping MSMEs transition to solar energy and achieve greater energy self-reliance. Under Axis Bank's Rooftop Solar Finance, MSMEs can avail collateral-free loans in which range?
 (a) Rs.5 lakh – Rs.50 lakh (b) Rs.10 lakh – Rs.1 crore (c) Rs.10 lakh – Rs.2 crore
 (d) Rs.25 lakh – Rs.3 crore (e) Rs.50 lakh – Rs.5 crore Ans. c
96. International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is observed on which date?
 (a) 1 February (b) 4 February (c) 6 February (d) 7 February (e) 2 February Ans. c
97. Which team did India defeat to win their sixth U19 Cricket World Cup title in 2026?
 (a) Australia (b) South Africa (c) New Zealand (d) England (e) Pakistan Ans. d
98. Recently, Equitas Small Finance Bank entered into a strategic bancassurance partnership to expand its life insurance offerings for customers. With which life insurance company has this agreement been signed?
 (a) HDFC Life Insurance (b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance (c) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
 (d) SBI Life Insurance (e) Max Life Insurance Ans. c

99. Bastar Pandum Festival is primarily associated with which Indian state?
 (a) Odisha (b) Jharkhand (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Telangana (e) Chhattisgarh Ans. e
100. India successfully test-fired the Agni-III intermediate-range ballistic missile from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur (Odisha). What is the approximate strike range of the Agni-III ballistic missile?
 (a) 1,500–2,000 km (b) 2,000–2,500 km (c) 3,000–3,500 km
 (d) 4,000–4,500 km (e) Above 5,000 km Ans. c
101. Which regulatory body has imposed a compounding fee on Paytm for FEMA violations?
 (a) SEBI (b) SIDBI (c) Reserve Bank of India
 (d) IRDAI (e) NITI Aayog Ans. c
102. The Government has sanctioned over 3.87 crore houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) to States and Union Territories. As of 2nd February, more than 2.95 crore houses have been completed, while 2.10 crore houses were sanctioned in the last five years. Which ministry is responsible for implementing this scheme?
 (a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (b) Ministry of Labour and Employment
 (c) Ministry of Rural Development (d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 (e) Ministry of Panchayati Raj Ans. c
103. Which private equity firm has received RBI approval to acquire up to 9.99% stake in Federal Bank?
 (a) Warburg Pincus (b) SMBC (c) Blackstone
 (d) Emirates NBD (e) Abu Dhabi Investment Authority Ans. c
104. Which district has become the first in India to achieve 100% insurance coverage under the 'Insurance for All by 2047' roadmap?
 (a) Jaipur district of Rajasthan (b) Gurugram dist of Haryana
 (c) Indore district of Madhya Pradesh (d) Ghaziabad district of Uttar Pradesh
 (e) Alwar district of Rajasthan Ans. e
105. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off a joint expedition to Mount Aconcagua from South Block, New Delhi, led by the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (Uttarkashi) and the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (Pahalgam). Mount Aconcagua is located in which country?
 (a) Chile (b) Peru (c) Bolivia (d) Brazil (e) Argentina Ans. e
106. Which institution has launched the Rs.600 crore IIT Madras Unicorn Frontier Fund aimed at supporting deep-tech startups?
 (a) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
 (c) NITI Aayog in collaboration with private investors
 (d) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
 (e) IIT Madras Research Park Ans. e
107. What is the maximum compensation proposed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for victims of small-value online frauds under its new draft framework?
 (a) Rs.10,000 (b) Rs.15,000 (c) Rs.15,000 (d) Rs.25,000
 (e) Full refund of the amount lost without any limit Ans. d
108. The RBI has increased the collateral-free loan limit for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) from Rs.10 lakh to what amount?
 (a) Rs.12 lakh (b) Rs.15 lakh (c) Rs.18 lakh (d) Rs.20 lakh (e) Rs.25 lakh Ans. d
109. India won the SAFF Under-19 Women's Championship title after defeating which team in the final?
 (a) Nepal (b) Sri Lanka (c) Maldives (d) Bangladesh (e) Bhutan Ans. d
110. National Opera Day is observed on which date?
 (a) 6 February (b) 7 February (c) 8 February (d) 9 February (e) 10 February Ans. c
111. According to the government, the India-US Trade Agreement has opened access to a global import market worth how much for textiles and apparel?
 (a) \$85 billion (b) \$95 billion (c) \$108 billion (d) \$118 billion (e) \$130 billion Ans. d
112. Recently, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the nationwide Pulses Self-Reliance Mission with the objective of strengthening domestic pulse production and making India a global exporter of pulses. From which location was this mission officially launched?
 (a) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi
 (b) Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Pusa
 (c) Food Legumes Research Centre (FLRP), Amlaha, Madhya Pradesh
 (d) Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Bhopal (e) National Seed Corporation, Indore Ans. c

113. PLASTINDIA 2026, one of the world's largest plastics exhibitions, is being held in New Delhi as a 6-day event focusing on building a self-reliant industrial base, boosting manufacturing-led growth and large-scale employment. What is the theme of PLASTINDIA 2026?
 (a) Make in India (b) Green Growth (c) Sustainable Future
 (d) Bharat Next (e) Industry 5.0 Ans. d
114. The Black Swan Summit India is being organised by which state government?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Karnataka (c) Telangana (d) Kerala (e) Odisha Ans. e
115. Spain has announced a nationwide ban on social media access for children below which age?
 (a) 10 years (b) 12 years (c) 15 years (d) 16 years (e) 18 years Ans. d
116. Which company has secured a defence export contract to supply a training ship to the Royal Navy of Oman?
 (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders (c) Larsen & Toubro
 (d) Swan Defence and Heavy Industries Limited (e) Cochin Shipyard Limited Ans. d
117. India will host the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship for the second consecutive time in which year?
 (a) 2025 (b) 2026 (c) 2027 (d) 2028 (e) 2029 Ans. c
118. Esha Singh won the gold medal in which event at the Asian Rifle and Pistol Championship?
 (a) 25m Sports Pistol (b) 50m Rifle 3 Positions (c) 10m Air Pistol
 (d) 10m Air Rifle (e) Rapid Fire Pistol Ans. c
119. Which state-owned power sector financier's board approved a merger with its subsidiary REC Ltd, as part of the government's plan to enhance efficiency of public-sector non-banking finance companies (NBFCs)?
 (a) NTPC (b) Power Finance Corporation (c) Rural Electrification Corporation
 (d) NHPC (e) Power Grid Corporation Ans. b
120. International Epilepsy Day is observed every year on 10 February to raise awareness about epilepsy and reduce stigma associated with the condition. What is the theme of International Epilepsy Day 2026?
 (a) #Epilepsy Awareness for All (b) #EpilepsyPledge: Turning Stories into Action
 (c) #Understanding Epilepsy (d) #Early Diagnosis Saves Lives
 (e) #Fighting Stigma Together Ans. b
121. World Pulses Day is observed annually on 10 February to raise awareness about the importance of pulses in food security, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture. What is the theme of World Pulses Day 2026?
 (a) Pulses for Nutrition (b) Pulses of the World: From Modesty to Excellence
 (c) Global Protein Power (d) Sustainable Agriculture and Pulses
 (e) Healthy Eating with Pulses Ans. b
122. The 39th Surajkund International Crafts Mela was held in Faridabad, Haryana, attracting widespread public participation and enthusiasm. This year's theme, "Vocal to Global", aims to promote Indian crafts and culture on the international stage. Which states were the theme states for the Mela?
 (a) Rajasthan and Kerala (b) Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya (c) Gujarat and Punjab
 (d) Madhya Pradesh and Assam (e) Haryana and Bihar Ans. b
123. When is National Deworming Day observed in India?
 (a) 12 February (b) 10 February (c) 11 February (d) 9 February (e) 13 February Ans. b
124. Which state's women's team won the gold medal in the Women's Category at the Para Throwball National Federation Cup 2026?
 (a) Rajasthan (b) Jharkhand (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Telangana (e) Haryana Ans. b
125. Which city has recently joined the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN)?
 (a) London (b) New York (c) Paris (d) Tokyo (e) New Delhi Ans. b
126. State Bank of India's standalone profit after tax in Q3FY26 increased by what percentage on a year-on-year basis?
 (a) 12.5% (b) 18.4% (c) 21.0% (d) 24.5% (e) 30.2% Ans. d
127. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed exempting which category of NBFCs from mandatory registration?
 (a) Type-1 NBFCs with assets below Rs.1,000 crore (b) Systemically Important NBFCs
 (c) Deposit-taking NBFCs (d) Housing Finance Companies
 (e) Microfinance NBFCs Ans. a

128. The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare signed an MoU with which organisation to operationalise a traceable logistics mechanism?
 (a) Department of Posts (b) Food Corporation of India (c) Indian Railways
 (d) NITI Aayog (e) National Informatics Centre Ans. a
129. Goa became the second state in India to publish a comprehensive State-level Bird Atlas after which state?
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Karnataka (c) Kerala (d) Maharashtra (e) West Bengal Ans. c
130. As per the tripartite agreement signed between the Central Government, the Government of Nagaland and the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO), the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNNTA) will be established for how many districts of Nagaland?
 (a) Four (b) Five (c) Six (d) Seven (e) Eight Ans. c
131. What is the name of the operation launched by Delhi Police to curb online threats and fear-mongering?
 (a) Operation Suraksha (b) Operation Cyber Shield (c) Operation Shastra
 (d) Operation Kavach (e) Operation Prahar Ans. c
132. As part of a corporate restructuring exercise approved by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), how many wholly-owned subsidiaries of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) are proposed to be merged?
 (a) 12 (b) 15 (c) 16 (d) 17 (e) 18 Ans. d
133. Which port authority became the first in India to initiate the implementation of an Anti-Drone System?
 (a) Deendayal Port Authority (b) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
 (c) V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (d) Chennai Port Authority
 (e) Paradip Port Authority Ans. c
134. Kerala is set to launch which AI-powered mobile application for identifying invasive plant species?
 (a) FloraScan (b) GreenWatch (c) NeophyteID (d) PlantSafe (e) EcoTrack Ans. c
135. Andhra Pradesh has announced an exclusive Women Industrial Park spread over 30 acres, dedicated entirely to women-owned and women-managed enterprises, to promote women-led industrial growth. With which organisation has the Andhra Pradesh government signed an MoU to operationalise the Women Industrial Park?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) SIDBI (c) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
 (d) FICCI Ladies Organisation (FICCI-FLO)
 (e) National Skill Development Corporation Ans. d
136. The Ministry of Statistics has revised the base year of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 2012 to which year?
 (a) 2022 (b) 2023 (c) 2024 (d) 2025 (e) 2026 Ans. c
137. Who won the Global Teacher Prize 2026, receiving a USD 1 million award at the World Government Summit in Dubai, marking a major global recognition for Indian education?
 (a) Sudha Murty (b) Rouble Nagi (c) Gita Gopinath (d) Kiran Bedi (e) Falguni Nayar Ans. b
138. India and Canada recently agreed on a 'shared work plan' primarily to enhance cooperation in which area?
 (a) Climate change mitigation (b) Trade and investment promotion
 (c) National security and law enforcement cooperation (d) Space research collaboration
 (e) Cultural exchange programmes Ans. c
139. IIT Madras Research Park (IITMRP) partnered with which venture capital firm to launch the Rs.600 crore deep tech fund?
 (a) Sequoia Capital India (b) Accel Partners (c) Unicorn India Ventures
 (d) Nexus Venture Partners (e) Kalaari Capital Ans. c
140. Which bank became the first custodian in India to issue a fully digital Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) licence?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) State Bank of India
 (d) Axis Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. e
141. The Qualcomm 2 nm semiconductor chip was launched in Bengaluru by which Union Minister?
 (a) Piyush Goyal (b) Rajeev Chandrasekhar (c) Ashwini Vaishnaw
 (d) Nirmala Sitharaman (e) Jyotiraditya Scindia Ans. c
142. Which Indian Navy ship concluded the first port call of Lokayan 26 at Salalah, Oman?
 (a) INS Tarangini (b) INS Vikramaditya (c) INS Sudarshini
 (d) INS Shardul (e) INS Tir Ans. c

143. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed an MoU with which organisation to enhance last-mile connectivity at select airports?
 (a) Ola Cabs (b) Uber India (c) Bharat Taxi (d) Meru Cabs (e) Rapido Ans. c
144. iLive Connect, recently launched by India, is described as the world's first:
 (a) AI-based medical college network (b) Doctor-led AI healthcare ecosystem
 (c) Government insurance portal (d) Robotic surgery platform
 (e) Telemedicine-only mobile application Ans. b
145. Transcorp International Limited recently received in-principle approval from which authority to participate in Centralized Payment Systems (CPS)?
 (a) Ministry of Finance (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India
 (c) Reserve Bank of India (d) National Payments Corporation of India
 (e) Department of Financial Services Ans. c
146. India improved its rank to 45th in the Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2025, climbing four places from the previous year. The Network Readiness Index 2025 report is released by which organisation?
 (a) World Economic Forum (b) OECD (c) Portulans Institute, Washington DC
 (d) World Bank (e) ITU Ans. c
147. Yotta Data Services collaborated with which platform to deploy an end-to-end Sovereign AI Cloud in India?
 (a) Aadhaar (b) DigiLocker (c) BHASHINI (d) CoWIN (e) UPI Ans. c
148. World Day of the Sick is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 4 February (b) 10 February (c) 11 February (d) 12 February (e) 15 February Ans. c
149. India has been designated 'Country of the Year' at which international trade fair in 2026?
 (a) Gulfood (b) BIOFACH (c) SIAL (d) Anuga (e) Foodex Ans. b
150. Which Indian state recently launched 'Aikam', an autonomous organisation aimed at promoting the AI ecosystem by upskilling the workforce, supporting AI-first startups, providing compute infrastructure, and establishing a dedicated AI Fund-of-Funds?
 (a) Karnataka (b) Telangana (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Maharashtra (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. b
151. Assam's Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the Atal Vichal Agramami Assam scheme to support research scholars financially, aiming to strengthen the state's academic and innovation ecosystem. How much monthly financial assistance will regular research scholars receive under the scheme?
 (a) Rs.15,000 (b) Rs.20,000 (c) Rs.25,000 (d) Rs.30,000 (e) Rs.40,000 Ans. c
152. Which Indian state government recently signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Starlink, the satellite internet subsidiary of Elon Musk's SpaceX, to provide high-speed satellite-based internet connectivity to remote, tribal, and border areas, as part of a major initiative to strengthen digital infrastructure under the 'Digital India' vision?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Gujarat (c) Karnataka (d) Rajasthan (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. b
153. What real GDP growth rate has Moody's projected for India in the Financial Year 2026-27?
 (a) 5.8% (b) 6.0% (c) 6.4% (d) 6.8% (e) 7.2% Ans. c
154. Which regulatory body granted a No Objection Certificate (NOC) to IIFL Capital Services Limited for setting up a subsidiary at GIFT IFSC?
 (a) RBI (b) SEBI (c) IRDAI (d) NSE (e) PFRDA Ans. b
155. International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed globally on 11 February to promote gender equality in scientific fields. What is the theme of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science for the year 2026?
 (a) Women in Innovation: Shaping the Future
 (b) From Vision to Impact: Redefining STEM by Closing the Gender Gap
 (c) Girls in Tech: Empowering Change (d) Science for All
 (e) STEM Leadership for Women Ans. b
156. Safer Internet Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 10 February (b) 11 February (c) 12 February (d) 9 February (e) 15 February Ans. b
157. Which organisation granted in-principle approval to Transcorp International Limited to participate in Centralized Payment Systems?
 (a) SEBI (b) Ministry of Finance (c) NABARD
 (d) Reserve Bank of India (e) NPCI Ans. d
158. Darwin Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 11 February (b) 12 February (c) 13 February (d) 10 February (e) 15 February Ans. b

159. SBI became the _____ Indian company to cross the Rs.10 lakh crore market capitalisation mark.
 (a) None of these (b) Fifth (c) Sixth (d) Seventh (e) Eighth Ans. c
160. Manu Bhaker won which medal in the women's 25m pistol event at the Asian Shooting Championship held in New Delhi?
 (a) Gold (b) Silver (c) Bronze (d) No medal (e) Platinum Ans. b
161. Which of the following books authored by Biswabhusan Harichandan is written in Odia language?
 (a) Buxi Jagabandhu: The Great Commander (b) Odisha Through Ages
 (c) Freedom Struggle of India (d) E Mati Katha Kahe
 (e) Jagabandhu Chronicles Ans. d
162. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of R. Vijay Anandh as MD & CEO of which bank?
 (a) RBL Bank (b) Axis Bank (c) Federal Bank
 (d) City Union Bank (e) South Indian Bank Ans. d
163. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the inaugural Delhi Khel Mahakumbh?
 (a) Virat Kohli (b) MS Dhoni (c) Shikhar Dhawan (d) Rohit Sharma (e) Gautam Gambhir Ans. c
164. V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority has become the first major Indian port to receive a prestigious green building rating for its sustainable, eco-friendly, and energy-efficient administrative building. Which certification did it achieve?
 (a) LEED Gold (b) IGBC Platinum (c) BEE Silver (d) ISO 14001 (e) Green Globe Ans. b
165. World Radio Day is observed on 13 February every year to celebrate radio as a powerful medium of communication. What is the theme of World Radio Day 2026?
 (a) Radio and Education (b) Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice
 (c) Radio for Entertainment (d) Radio and Technology
 (e) Radio and Communication Ans. b
166. Who has become India's youngest male analog astronaut after completing a lunar-habitat-inspired mission?
 (a) Rohan Sharma (b) Arjun Mehta (c) Aditya Pandya (d) Kunal Singh (e) Vishal Gupta Ans. c
167. Which autonomous organization under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has recently signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the Goa State Pharmacy Council (GSPC), Quality Council of India (QCI), and HLL Infra Tech Services Limited (HITES) to strengthen medicine safety, quality assurance, pharmacovigilance, and capacity building across India?
 (a) National Health Authority (b) Indian Medical Association (c) Both a and b
 (d) Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (e) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation Ans. d
168. Which company received the FIP Award 2025 for 'Oil and Gas Production Company of the Year'?
 (a) Indian Oil Corporation (b) Bharat Petroleum (c) Hindustan Petroleum
 (d) Oil India Limited (e) ONGC Ans. d
169. On which date is National Productivity Day observed in India?
 (a) 10 February (b) 11 February (c) 12 February (d) 15 February (e) 20 February Ans. c
170. India climbs five places to 91st position on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2025, showing a modest improvement in public sector integrity, as per Transparency International. Which country retained the first position in CPI 2025 with a score of 89?
 (a) Finland (b) Singapore (c) Sweden (d) Norway (e) Denmark Ans. e
171. How much additional financing has the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved for flood and riverbank erosion management along the Brahmaputra in Assam?
 (a) \$150 million (b) \$160 million (c) \$175 million (d) \$182 million (e) \$200 million Ans. d
172. Which Indian state has emerged as the largest wool producer in the country, accounting for nearly 47.5% of India's total wool output, producing 16,013.50 thousand kg, and surpassing states like Jammu & Kashmir and Karnataka?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Uttarakhand (c) Gujarat (d) Maharashtra (e) Rajasthan Ans. e
173. Which Indian state has become the first in the country to formally present its own Economic Survey, highlighting its rapid economic development, industrialisation, and contribution to the national economy?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Gujarat (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Karnataka (e) Uttar Pradesh Ans. e
174. Which Indian state/UT has become the first to partner with Bharat Taxi's cooperative mobility platform?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Karnataka (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Delhi (e) Puducherry Ans. d

175. What is the name of the new financial assistance scheme launched by the Delhi government for girls from economically weaker families?
 (a) Beti Bachao Yojana (b) Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana (c) Shiksha Saathi Yojana
 (d) Kanya Samridhi Yojana (e) Ladli Laxmi Yojana Ans. b
176. Which Oscar-winning song is played when vehicles drive over the specially designed rumble strips on Mumbai's Coastal Road musical stretch, allowing passengers to hear the melody through the vibration of the wheels?
 (a) Tum Hi Ho (b) Chaiyya Chaiyya (c) Roobaroo
 (d) Jai Ho (e) Vande Mataram Ans. d
177. Who has been appointed Chair of the USISPF Global Value Chains Committee?
 (a) Ajay Seth (b) Rohit Kumar Singh (c) Piyush Goyal
 (d) Arvind Subramanian (e) S. Jaishankar Ans. b
178. Who won Thailand's 2026 General Election?
 (a) Prayut Chan-o-cha (b) Pita Limjaroenrat (c) Anutin Charnvirakul
 (d) Yingluck Shinawatra (e) Thaksin Shinawatra Ans. c
179. Which two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote science communication and evidence-based science policy research in India?
 (a) Indian National Science Academy and DRDO
 (b) Indian National Science Academy and CSIR-NIScPR (c) CSIR and NITI Aayog
 (d) Department of Science and Technology and UNESCO
 (e) ISRO and Indian Council of Social Science Research Ans. b
180. According to the Bird Census-2026 conducted by the Gujarat Forest Department, which wildlife sanctuary recorded more than 6.42 lakh birds belonging to 270 species?
 (a) Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary (b) Thol Lake Bird Sanctuary (c) Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary
 (d) Porbandar Bird Sanctuary (e) Barda Wildlife Sanctuary Ans. c
181. In February 2026, which company announced that its subsidiary PB Pay had received a Payment Aggregator licence from the RBI?
 (a) Paytm (b) PhonePe (c) PB Fintech Limited
 (d) Razorpay (e) BharatPe Ans. c
182. Agneevasthree, which is a leading Indian manufacturer specialising in advanced carbon fabrics and high-performance composite materials, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for supplying defence-grade materials. With which organisation was this MoU signed?
 (a) Indian Navy (b) DRDO (c) Indian Army
 (d) Indian Air Force (e) Ministry of Defence Ans. c
183. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) recently approved the acquisition of the low voltage motor business of Siemens Limited by which company?
 (a) Amundi Asset Management (b) ICG Plc (c) Innometrics India Private Limited
 (d) Tata Motors (e) Larsen & Toubro Ans. c
184. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved Fidelity Funds' acquisition of a minority stake in which company?
 (a) Tata Motors (b) Flipkart Internet Pvt Ltd (c) Paytm Payment
 (d) Ola Electric (e) Valuedrive Technologies Private Limited Ans. e
185. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed a penalty of Rs.27.38 crore on which company for anti-competitive practices?
 (a) AMD (b) Nvidia (c) Qualcomm (d) Intel Corporation (e) IBM Ans. d
186. In a landmark development highlighting India's growing role in collaborative maritime security and capacity building in the Indian Ocean Region and beyond, the Indian Navy has assumed command of a key multinational training task force. Which task force is it?
 (a) Combined Task Force 150 (b) Combined Task Force 151 (c) Combined Task Force 152
 (d) Combined Task Force 154 (e) Combined Task Force 153 Ans. d

187. To promote private sector participation in India's space ecosystem, Astrome Technologies, Azista Industries and Dhruva Space were selected to develop indigenous small satellite bus platforms under the Satellite Bus as a Service (SBaaS) initiative. Which organisation selected these companies?
 (a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
 (b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
 (c) Antrix Corporation Limited (ACL) (d) NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)
 (e) Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) Ans. e
188. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued draft guidelines to curb harsh and coercive debt recovery practices, explicitly banning abusive language, threats, harassment, public humiliation, misleading claims, and excessive or anonymous calls by banks or recovery agents. Under the draft guidelines, recovery agents are allowed to contact borrowers only between:
 (a) 7 am to 9 pm (b) 9 am to 6 pm (c) 8 am to 8 pm
 (d) 10 am to 7 pm (e) 8 am to 7 pm Ans. e
189. Who has been appointed as the Interim Prime Minister of Bulgaria ahead of the April 19 national elections?
 (a) Andrey Gyurov (b) Boyko Borissov (c) Nikolai Denkov
 (d) Kiril Petkov (e) Rumens Radev Ans. a
190. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Digital Payments Index (DPI) increased to 516.76 in September 2025, up from 465.33 in September 2024, indicating rapid growth and adoption of digital payments across India. The RBI Digital Payments Index (DPI) was constituted with which base period assigned a score of 100?
 (a) January 2017 (b) March 2017 (c) December 2017 (d) March 2018 (e) January 2019 Ans. d
191. World Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day is observed on which date?
 (a) February 10 (b) February 12 (c) February 14 (d) February 18 (e) February 20 Ans. c
192. BOBCARD Premier Credit Card, which was recently launched, is specially designed for which group?
 (a) Senior citizens (b) Students (c) Business professionals
 (d) Visually impaired persons (e) Transgender Ans. d
193. India's retail inflation stood at what percentage in January 2026 under the revised CPI series?
 (a) 1.33% (b) 2.13% (c) 2.50% (d) 2.75% (e) 3.00% Ans. d
194. DuitNow QR is the national QR standard of which country, recently integrated with India's UPI system to enable seamless cross-border merchant payments?
 (a) Singapore (b) Thailand (c) Indonesia (d) Malaysia (e) Vietnam Ans. d
195. NTT DATA Business Solutions partnered with NPCI Bharat Connect to streamline and digitise B2B payments for SAP-based enterprises through a unified payment interface. At which event was the NTT DATA–NPCI Bharat Connect collaboration announced?
 (a) India Digital Summit 2026 (b) Tech Innovate 2026
 (c) Transformation NOW! 2026 (d) Global Payments Forum 2026
 (e) Enterprise Tech Con 2026 Ans. c
196. Recently, the Department of Posts signed an MoU to distribute mutual fund products across India through its vast network of post offices. This agreement has been signed with which of the following organisations?
 (a) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) (b) Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
 (c) National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Ans. c
197. Which homegrown messaging application is being promoted by Russian authorities as an alternative to WhatsApp?
 (a) VK Messenger (b) Telegram (c) Yandex Chat (d) ICQ (e) Max Ans. e
198. Who became the first woman Train Ticket Examiner (TTE) in the history of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway?
 (a) Sarita Yolmo (b) Kavita Rai (c) Parul Tyagi
 (d) Poonam Gurung (e) Sunita Lama Ans. a
199. Goa's first Biodiversity and Cultural Features Map has been developed by which organisation?
 (a) Wildlife Institute of India (b) Ministry of Environment (c) WWF India
 (d) National Biodiversity Authority (e) UNEP Ans. c

200. Under the Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) programme approved by the Defence Acquisition Council, India plans to procure 114 fighter jets to strengthen the Indian Air Force's air dominance, long-range strike capability, and deterrence posture. Which of the following fighter aircraft has been selected under this programme?
 (a) Sukhoi-30 MKI (b) F-21 (c) Tejas Mk-2 (d) Rafale (e) Mirage 2000 Ans. d
201. The Ministry of Defence signed a Rs.2,312 crore contract with which company for the procurement of eight Dornier 228 aircraft?
 (a) Bharat Electronics Limited (b) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
 (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (d) Larsen & Toubro
 (e) Tata Advanced Systems Ans. c
202. Recently, mixed martial artist Pablo Oliveira Costa, who passed away in a tragic accident, belonged to which country?
 (a) Argentina (b) Mexico (c) Chile (d) Colombia (e) Brazil Ans. e
203. The Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of Sanjay Agarwal as Managing Director of which bank?
 (a) Bandhan Bank (b) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (c) Jana Small Finance Bank
 (d) Equitas Small Finance Bank (e) AU Small Finance Bank Ans. e
204. The Gujarat government has appointed Uday Kotak as Chairman of which entity?
 (a) Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (b) Gujarat State Financial Services Ltd
 (c) Gujarat International Finance Tec-City Company Ltd
 (d) International Financial Services Centres Authority
 (e) Gujarat Urban Development Authority Ans. c
205. Mia Mottley is the Prime Minister of which country?
 (a) Jamaica (b) Bahamas (c) Trinidad and Tobago
 (d) Barbados (e) Grenada Ans. d
206. In February 2026, India signed an Agreement on Social Security relating to Social Security Contributions with which country?
 (a) France (b) Germany (c) Australia (d) Canada (e) United Kingdom Ans. e
207. What is Seva Teerth, which was seen in the news recently?
 (a) A newly launched pilgrimage tourism project
 (b) A defence training establishment under the Ministry of Defence
 (c) A residential complex for Members of Parliament
 (d) A newly inaugurated administrative complex housing the PMO
 (e) A digital governance portal for citizen services Ans. d
208. Which two institutions signed an MoU to collaborate on telecom and cybersecurity products, as seen in the news recently?
 (a) ISRO and IIT Delhi (b) DRDO and IISC Bengaluru (c) C-DOT and RRU
 (d) BSNL and NIC (e) MeitY and CERT-In Ans. c
209. Oil India Limited (OIL) was conferred which prestigious award in 2025 for its outstanding performance in the oil and gas sector?
 (a) ONGC Excellence Award 2025 (b) FIPI Award 2025
 (c) Golden Hydrocarbon Award 2025 (d) National Energy Leadership Award 2025
 (e) PSU Performance Award 2025 Ans. b
210. Amazon India has partnered with which institute to develop non-wood paper packaging from agricultural waste?
 (a) IIT Delhi (b) IIT Bombay (c) IIT Roorkee (d) IISc Bangalore (e) NIT Trichy Ans. c
211. Dayananda Sagar University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which global technology company to build India's first AI-first factory aimed at large-scale AI research and supercomputing?
 (a) Intel Corporation (b) Google LLC (c) NVIDIA
 (d) Microsoft Corporation (e) IBM Corporation Ans. c
212. Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launched the Sthree Suraksha Scheme, providing a monthly pension to unemployed women and transwomen in Kerala. How much monthly pension is provided under the Sthree Suraksha Scheme?
 (a) Rs.500 (b) Rs.1,000 (c) Rs.1,500 (d) Rs.2,000 (e) Rs.2,500 Ans. b

213. Which two organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote science communication and evidence-based policy research in India?
 (a) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
 (b) Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR)
 (c) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
 (d) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
 (e) Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Ans. b
214. Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, inaugurated the SATYA, bringing STQC services onto a single, integrated, and user-friendly digital platform. In the context of the STQC Lab Automation Portal, what does the abbreviation 'SATYA' stand for?
 (a) System for Automated Testing of Young Applications
 (b) Software Access and Technology Yield Application
 (c) Standardisation, Automation and Testing for Your Assurance
 (d) Secure Access for Testing and Yield Analysis
 (e) Standard Application for Technology and Your Assessment Ans. c
215. Which state has introduced the Nawodhan Scheme to bring fallow agricultural land back into active cultivation?
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Karnataka (c) Kerala
 (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Telangana Ans. c
216. Which authority imposed monetary penalties on Bank of Maharashtra, DCB Bank, CSB Bank, IIFL Finance and Navi Finserv for regulatory non-compliance?
 (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (b) Ministry of Finance
 (c) Reserve Bank of India (d) National Payments Corporation of India
 (e) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Ans. c
217. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited?
 (a) Sandeep Kumar (b) Deepak Gupta (c) Rajeev Singh
 (d) Anil Mehta (e) Manoj Sharma Ans. b
218. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of Slice Small Finance Bank?
 (a) Rajeev Jain (b) Rajan Bajaj (c) Mehak Gupta
 (d) Ankit Mehta (e) Sandeep Bakhshi Ans. b
219. The six-lane Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu, inaugurated to enhance connectivity in Assam, has been constructed over which of the following rivers?
 (a) Ganga (b) Barak (c) Teesta (d) Brahmaputra (e) Subansiri Ans. d
220. India's first National Cow Culture Museum is proposed to be established in which city?
 (a) Varanasi (b) Ayodhya (c) Mathura (d) Prayagraj (e) Agra Ans. c
221. National Payments Corporation of India has extended its UPI One World wallet to international delegates attending the India AI Impact Summit 2026, enabling UPI payments without an Indian mobile number or bank account. What is the maximum limit per transaction under the 'UPI One World' wallet?
 (a) Rs.10,000 (b) Rs.20,000 (c) Rs.25,000 (d) Rs.40,000 (e) Rs.50,000 Ans. c
222. Which bank became the first issuer in the Asia-Pacific region to pilot Visa Intelligent Commerce (VIC)?
 (a) HSBC (b) Standard Chartered (c) DBS Bank
 (d) OCBC Bank (e) Citi Bank Ans. c
223. The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has signed an MoU to establish 'VAYYU'—a Virtual Research Centre focusing on aerosol–meteorology interactions and Himalayan atmosphere-cryosphere studies. It has partnered with which of the following organizations?
 (a) World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (b) European Environment Agency (EEA)
 (c) Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI)
 (d) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
 (e) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Ans. c
224. IIT Bombay signed an MoU with which international university to establish the Centre of AI for Manufacturing?
 (a) Harvard University (b) Stanford University
 (c) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (d) Columbia University
 (e) University of Oxford Ans. d

225. The 2026 edition of the MILAN naval exercise is being held at which place?
 (a) Kochi (b) Mumbai (c) Chennai (d) Visakhapatnam (e) Port Blair Ans. d
226. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has approved a Joint Venture Agreement with which company for the HAMMER weapon system project?
 (a) Thales Group (b) Dassault Aviation (c) MBDA
 (d) Safran Electronics and Defence (e) Airbus Defence Ans. d
227. Recently in the news, space tech start-up GalaxEye signed a data reseller partnership agreement to expand the global reach of its satellite imagery solutions. This agreement was signed with which organisation?
 (a) Antrix Corporation (b) IN-SPaCE (c) Department of Space
 (d) NewSpace India Limited (e) Defence Space Agency Ans. d
228. Who won the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship?
 (a) Fabiano Caruana (b) Hikaru Nakamura (c) Ding Liren
 (d) Ian Nepomniachtchi (e) Magnus Carlsen Ans. e
229. Geeta Patnaik passed away at the age of 73. Geeta Patnaik was primarily associated with which regional music industry?
 (a) Bengali (b) Marathi (c) Gujarati (d) Assamese (e) Odia Ans. e
230. David J. Farber, widely regarded as a "grandfather of the internet," passed away in Tokyo at the age of 91. David J. Farber is known for which of the following contributions?
 (a) Development of microprocessors (b) Invention of the World Wide Web
 (c) Pioneering work in computer networking and foundations of the Internet
 (d) Creation of the Linux operating system
 (e) Development of quantum computing models Ans. c
231. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first Emergency Landing Facility in Northeast India at which location?
 (a) Tezpur (b) Jorhat (c) Silchar (d) Dibrugarh (e) Tinsukia Ans. d
232. When is Global Tourism Resilience Day observed annually?
 (a) 15 February (b) 13 February (c) 14 February (d) 17 February (e) 28 February Ans. d
233. What is the primary purpose of the AI-based farmer platform Bharat-VISTAAR, recently launched in Jaipur by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan?
 (a) To promote e-commerce and online sale of farm products among farmers
 (b) To Provide AI-based agricultural assistance and information
 (c) To replace agricultural universities and research institutions
 (d) To facilitate international exports of Indian crops directly from farms
 (e) To train farmers exclusively in modern mechanical farming techniques Ans. b
234. Who inaugurated India's first CBDC-based Public Distribution System (PDS) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat?
 (a) Nirmala Sitharaman (b) Piyush Goyal (c) Amit Shah
 (d) Narendra Modi (e) Rajnath Singh Ans. c
235. The Union Cabinet recently approved the Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 to provide financial support to startups across India, especially in non-metro areas, and to reduce early-stage funding failures. What is the total corpus allocated for this initiative?
 (a) Rs.5,000 crore (b) Rs.7,500 crore (c) Rs.10,000 crore
 (d) Rs.12,500 crore (e) Rs.15,000 crore Ans. c
236. What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation in January 2026?
 (a) 0.83% (b) 1.25% (c) 2.51% (d) 1.81% (e) 3.00% Ans. d
237. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the Rs.1 lakh crore Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) to promote market-linked, reform-driven urban infrastructure development across India from FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31 (extendable to FY 2033–34), aiming to leverage Rs.4 lakh crore in urban sector investments. Under the Urban Challenge Fund, what percentage of project costs will be covered by Central Assistance (CA)?
 (a) 10% (b) 20% (c) 25% (d) 50% (e) 75% Ans. c
238. Google announced the 'America-India Connect' initiative at the India AI Impact Summit, a \$15 billion investment over five years to link India and the USA through new subsea cables. Where will the new international subsea gateway be established as part of the initiative?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai (c) Vizag (d) Kolkata (e) Hyderabad Ans. c

239. Tarique Rahman, Chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, was sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Bangladesh, ending nearly 18 months of political uncertainty under the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus. Tarique Rahman is the Chairman of which political party?
 (a) Awami League (b) Jatiya Party (c) Communist Party of Bangladesh
 (d) Bangladesh Nationalist Party (e) Liberal Democratic Party Ans. d
240. India and France elevated their bilateral relationship to which new designation during President Macron's 2026 visit to India?
 (a) Comprehensive Economic Partnership (b) Indo-Pacific Strategic Alliance
 (c) Global Defence Cooperation Framework (d) Special Global Strategic Partnership
 (e) Enhanced Multilateral Partnership Ans. d
241. The first national call for the BIRAC-RDI Fund, aimed at scaling high-impact biotechnology innovations under the Rs.1 lakh crore RDI initiative, was announced by which Union Minister?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Nirmala Sitharaman (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
 (d) Dr Jitendra Singh (e) Piyush Goyal Ans. d
242. Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda has launched two national AI-driven healthcare initiatives—SAHI and BODH—at the India AI Summit being held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI (BODH) has been developed by IIT Kanpur in collaboration with which organisation?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) Indian Council of Medical Research (c) Ministry of Electronics and IT
 (d) National Health Authority (e) National Informatics Centre Ans. d
243. Which Indian state has approved the country's first comprehensive Graphene Policy with the objective of emerging as a global hub for graphene research, development and manufacturing?
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Karnataka (c) Gujarat (d) Kerala (e) Maharashtra Ans. d
244. The first indigenous Cadet Training Ship (CTS) for the Indian Navy was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai, in the presence of Chief of Defence Staff Anil Chauhan. The Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna' was built by which company?
 (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (b) Cochin Shipyard Limited
 (c) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (d) Larsen & Toubro Shipyard
 (e) Hindustan Shipyard Limited Ans. d
245. As part of efforts to strengthen decentralised agricultural storage and cooperative infrastructure, which district has been selected as the pilot region under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector, where a modern 500-metric-tonne godown has been constructed at the PACS level?
 (a) Sehore (b) Lucknow (c) Balaghat (d) Jaipur (e) Sohna Ans. c
246. In a major step toward digital transformation of the judiciary, which High Court has introduced the Artificial Intelligence-assisted system known as Superlaw Courts to enhance case management and improve judicial efficiency?
 (a) Madras High Court (b) Delhi High Court (c) Bombay High Court
 (d) Calcutta High Court (e) Karnataka High Court Ans. a
247. Lucas Pinheiro Braathen won the gold medal in which event at the Winter Olympics Milano Cortina 2026?
 (a) Slalom (b) Super-G (c) Giant Slalom (d) Downhill (e) Combined Ans. c
248. Norway's Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo won his ninth gold medal in which sport at the Milan Cortina Olympics?
 (a) Biathlon (b) Alpine Skiing (c) Cross-country skiing
 (d) Ice Hockey (e) Ski Jumping Ans. c
249. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the PM RAHAT (Road Accident Victim Hospitalization and Assured Treatment) Scheme, providing cashless treatment to eligible road accident victims for seven days from the date of the accident. What is the maximum cashless treatment amount provided under the PM RAHAT scheme per road accident victim?
 (a) Rs.50,000 (b) Rs.1,00,000 (c) Rs.1,50,000 (d) Rs.2,00,000 (e) Rs.75,000 Ans. c
250. Who has become the first Asian bowler to take more than 150 wickets in T20 International cricket, marking a historic milestone for the continent?
 (a) Mohammed Shami (b) Rashid Khan (c) Jasprit Bumrah
 (d) Yuzvendra Chahal (e) Dawlat Zadran Ans. b

251. The President of India inaugurated the 100-year celebrations of the OI Chiki script, organised by the Ministry of Culture in New Delhi. Who invented the OI Chiki script for the Santhali language?
 (a) Pandit Raghunath Murmu (b) Rabindranath Tagore (c) Mahatma Gandhi
 (d) Bhimrao Ambedkar (e) Smt. Droupadi Murmu **Ans. a**
252. The 23rd edition of the international summit begins at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC) with the theme 'TechBio Unleashed – AI, Automation, and the Revolutionary Changes in Life Sciences.' What is the theme of BioAsia 2026 this year?
 (a) Life Sciences for Sustainable Future (b) TechBio Unleashed (c) Digital India in Healthcare
 (d) Pharma Innovations 2047 (e) AI and Robotics in Medicine **Ans. b**
253. Which two companies recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on thermal and renewable energy projects in India?
 (a) NTPC & BHEL (b) NLCIL & NALCO (c) SAIL & Coal India
 (d) ONGC & GAIL (e) Power Grid & NHPC **Ans. b**
254. According to recent official data, the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) facilitated refund claims amounting to approximately how much across 31 sectors during the nine-month period from 25 April to 31 January 2026?
 (a) Rs.36 crore (b) Rs.52 crore (c) Rs.79 crore (d) Rs.31 crore (e) Rs.47 crore **Ans. b**
255. The AI Impact Casebooks on Health & Education, launched at the India AI Impact Summit 2026, were developed with support from which international organisation to document large-scale AI deployments in India's health and education sectors?
 (a) UNICEF (b) World Bank (c) World Health Organisation
 (d) International Monetary Fund (e) UNESCO **Ans. c**
256. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will develop India's first-ever bee-friendly corridors along national highways. What is the primary goal of NHAI's BeeCorridors initiative?
 (a) To promote highway toll collection (b) To enhance habitat for pollinators like bees
 (c) To build more highways in urban areas (d) To encourage road transport businesses
 (e) To reduce traffic congestion **Ans. b**
257. Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has launched an Online Death Claim Settlement Portal, enabling families and legal heirs to settle claims digitally in a simplified, time-bound manner. What is the maximum claim amount for which no third-party surety is required?
 (a) Rs.15 lakh (b) Rs.10 lakh (c) Rs.20 lakh (d) Rs.5 lakh (e) Rs.25 lakh **Ans. a**
258. Paras Dogra became the second player to cross 10,000 runs in the Ranji Trophy during the 2025-26 semi-final against Bengal in Kalyani. Which state team is Paras Dogra currently captaining?
 (a) Jammu and Kashmir (b) Himachal Pradesh (c) Bengal
 (d) Mumbai (e) Delhi **Ans. a**
259. Who has been named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2025?
 (a) Smriti Mandhana (b) Harmanpreet Kaur (c) Divya Deshukh
 (d) Suruchi Singh (e) Jyothi Yarraji **Ans. a**
260. Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi resigned along with her cabinet. Which political party does Sanae Takaichi belong to?
 (a) Liberal Democratic Party (b) Democratic Party of Japan
 (c) Constitutional Democratic Party (d) Komeito Party (e) Japan Innovation Party **Ans. a**
261. The Department of Posts released a set of 8 commemorative postage stamps titled "Puppets of India" at the India Habitat Centre, highlighting India's rich puppetry heritage. Which of the following puppetry forms from Rajasthan is featured in the stamp set?
 (a) Tolu Bommalatta (b) Ravanachhaya (c) Pavakathakali
 (d) Kathputli (e) Daanger Putul **Ans. d**
262. Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the World Food Programme (WFP), how much rice will be supplied by FCI to support global humanitarian operations aimed at combating hunger and food insecurity?
 (a) 1 lakh metric tonnes (b) 1.5 lakh metric tonnes (c) 2 lakh metric tonnes
 (d) 2.75 lakh metric tonnes (e) 3 lakh metric tonnes **Ans. c**

263. In February 2026, India and Nepal signed an agreement primarily related to cooperation in which of the following areas?
 (a) Extradition of prisoners (b) Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters
 (c) Border trade facilitation (d) Defence technology transfer
 (e) Cybersecurity infrastructure Ans. b
264. World Anthropology Day is observed every year on which of the following occasions?
 (a) First Monday of February (b) Second Tuesday of February (c) Third Thursday of February
 (d) Fourth Friday of February (e) Last Sunday of February Ans. c
265. Which company has recently partnered with leading Indian universities such as IIT Delhi, IIM Ahmedabad, and AIIMS New Delhi to embed Artificial Intelligence across management, healthcare, engineering, and multidisciplinary education in order to build AI-ready talent for a technology-driven economy?
 (a) Google (b) Microsoft (c) OpenAI (d) IBM (e) Meta Ans. c
266. IIT Madras Global Research Foundation will establish its first Applied Artificial Intelligence Innovation Centre in which location?
 (a) Abu Dhabi Free Zone (b) Dubai Silicon Oasis (c) Dubai CommerCity
 (d) Sharjah Media City (e) Qatar Science Park Ans. c
267. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has recently collaborated with which technology company to scale and advance its sovereign AI model capabilities, specifically designed to strengthen India's large-scale, real-time digital payments ecosystem with enhanced trust, resilience, and security?
 (a) Intel (b) Microsoft (c) IBM (d) Google (e) NVIDIA Ans. e
268. The European Union has opened its first European Legal Gateway Office in which Indian city?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru (c) Chennai (d) New Delhi (e) Hyderabad Ans. d
269. Amit Shah will launch the Vibrant Villages Programme-II in Assam's Cachar district. The initiative aims to strengthen border villages, generate sustainable livelihood opportunities, and enhance security in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The total financial outlay approved for the programme up to the financial year 2028–29 is approximately:
 (a) Rs.4,500 crore (b) Rs.5,200 crore (c) Rs.6,800 crore
 (d) Rs.7,500 crore (e) Rs.8,000 crore Ans. c
270. Kiren Rijju launched the NIGRANI App at the 'Chintan Shivir' held at Nalanda University, aimed at strengthening monitoring mechanisms. The NIGRANI App is primarily aimed at monitoring which scheme?
 (a) PM Awas Yojana (b) PM Jan Dhan Yojana (c) PM Jan Vikas Karyakram
 (d) PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (e) Digital India Mission Ans. c
271. Harmanpreet Kaur became the highest-capped player in women's international cricket after playing her ____ international match.
 (a) 356th (b) 355th (c) 350th (d) 366th (e) 365th Ans. a
272. Which United Nations agency awarded an international certificate to West Bengal for its 'Matir Srishti' programme?
 (a) UNESCO (b) UNDP (c) FAO (d) UNICEF (e) WHO Ans. c
273. Where was the first CM Shri School, launched as part of India's first AI-driven comprehensive education model, inaugurated by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta?
 (a) Dwarka (b) Rohini (c) Sarojini Nagar (d) Karol Bagh (e) Lajpat Nagar Ans. c
274. Who won the men's SL3 gold medal at the BWF Para World Championships in Bahrain?
 (a) Sukant Kadam (b) Pramod Bhagat (c) Krishna Nagar (d) Lakshya Sen (e) Chirag Shetty Ans. b
275. Under which mission has the Uttar Pradesh Government launched the district-level manuscript digitization initiative?
 (a) Digital India Mission (b) Gyan Bharatam Mission (c) National Archives Mission
 (d) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (e) BharatNet Mission Ans. b
276. Which streaming platform has partnered with OpenAI to introduce ChatGPT-powered conversational streaming in India?
 (a) Netflix (b) Amazon Prime Video (c) JioHotstar
 (d) SonyLIV (e) Zee5 Ans. c

277. India has set a Guinness World Record for receiving the highest number of pledges in 24 hours under which campaign?
 (a) Digital India Awareness Campaign (b) AI Innovation Drive
 (c) AI Responsibility Pledge Campaign (d) Responsible Tech Mission
 (e) National AI Literacy Campaign Ans. c
278. Which state government has recently approved India's first comprehensive Graphene Policy aimed at positioning itself as a global hub for advanced material research and production?
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Karnataka (c) Kerala (d) Gujarat (e) Telangana Ans. c
279. Where is the 6th National Rafting Championship, "The Ultimate River Battle", being held?
 (a) Rishikesh, Uttarakhand (b) Shibnote, Jammu & Kashmir (c) Manali, Himachal Pradesh
 (d) Leh, Ladakh (e) Gangtok, Sikkim Ans. b
280. Where has India's first private-sector helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) been set up?
 (a) Bengaluru (b) Vemagal (c) Hyderabad (d) Pune (e) Chennai Ans. b
281. Which bank has recently launched the Hello Cashback Credit Card, a fixed-deposit-backed offering aimed at digitally savvy young adults to help them build credit history while earning tiered cashback rewards on online, in-store, and UPI transactions?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) IDFC FIRST Bank
 (d) Axis Bank (e) SBI Ans. d
282. What type of NBFC has Airtel Money been registered as by the RBI?
 (a) Type I Deposit Accepting NBFC (b) Type II Non-Deposit Accepting NBFC (c) Type III Investment NBFC
 (d) Type IV Loan NBFC (e) Type I Non-Banking NBFC Ans. b
283. World Thinking Day is observed annually on February 22 by members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to celebrate global sisterhood and the shared values of the guiding and scouting movement. What is the theme of World Thinking Day 2026?
 (a) Leadership for All (b) Global Citizenship (c) Our Friendship
 (d) Youth Empowerment (e) Sustainable Development Ans. c
284. World Day of Social Justice is observed every year on which date?
 (a) February 19 (b) February 20 (c) February 21 (d) February 22 (e) February 23 Ans. b
285. India finished the Asian Shooting Championships 2026 with how many total medals in senior rifle and pistol events?
 (a) 28 (b) 30 (c) 31 (d) 33 (e) 35 Ans. d
286. International Mother Language Day is observed every year on February 21 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism; the idea was approved in 1999 by UNESCO. What is the theme of International Mother Language Day 2026?
 (a) Languages for Peace (b) Multilingual World for All (c) Language and Technology
 (d) Inclusive Education for Future (e) Youth voices on multilingual education Ans. e
287. Which ministry launched 'VoicERA', an open-source end-to-end Voice AI stack aimed at strengthening multilingual Voice and Language AI systems under India's national language infrastructure?
 (a) Ministry of Communications (b) Ministry of Science & Technology,
 (c) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
 (d) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 (e) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Ans. d
288. Under Vision 2035, India has launched the 'Offshore Wind Task Force' to strengthen cooperation in renewable energy and offshore wind development in partnership with which of the following countries?
 (a) France (b) Germany (c) United States (d) Japan (e) United Kingdom Ans. e
289. The book The Sage who Reimagined Hinduism is authored by which Member of Parliament?
 (a) S. Jaishankar (b) Shashi Tharoor (c) P. Chidambaram
 (d) Kapil Sibal (e) Rajeev Chandrasekhar Ans. b
290. Who won the inaugural Liber Win Champions Cup 2026?
 (a) Kamal Chawla (b) Aditya Mehta (c) Sourav Kothari
 (d) Pankaj Advani (e) Manan Chandra Ans. d

291. The 21st G20 Leaders' Summit will be hosted by which country?
 (a) United Kingdom (b) South Africa (c) Germany (d) United States (e) Canada Ans. d
292. Which country will host the AI Impact Summit 2027?
 (a) Germany (b) France (c) United Kingdom (d) Switzerland (e) Singapore Ans. d
293. During the India AI Impact Summit 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the 'MANAV' framework for responsible AI governance. In this framework, what does the letter 'N' specifically represent?
 (a) National Development (b) New Innovation to (c) National Sovereignty
 (d) Network Security (e) Neutral Governance Ans. c
294. India joined which U.S.-led coalition to strengthen supply chains for electronics and critical minerals?
 (a) Blue Dot Network (b) Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (c) Pax Silica
 (d) Mineral Security Partnership (e) Quad Tech Alliance Ans. c
295. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is contemplating discontinuing cash transactions at toll plazas from which date?
 (a) January 1, 2025 (b) October 2, 2025 (c) March 31, 2026
 (d) April 1, 2026 (e) July 1, 2026 Ans. d
296. The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) has constituted a high-level Advisory Group to support reforms and strengthen India's regulatory framework under which of the following initiatives?
 (a) Startup India aimed at promoting entrepreneurship (b) Digital India programme for digital governance
 (c) Make in India campaign for manufacturing growth (d) Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan for self-reliance
 (e) Ease of Doing Business to improve India's business and regulatory ecosystem Ans. e
297. Eminent Bengali author Mani Shankar Mukhopadhyay, popularly known as Sankar, passed away in Kolkata at the age of 92. Sankar received which prestigious literary award in 2021?
 (a) Jnanpith Award (b) Padma Shri (c) Booker Prize
 (d) Sahitya Akademi Award (e) Bharat Ratna Ans. d
298. Which Manipuri film has won the BAFTA Award for Best Children's & Family Film in 2026?
 (a) Lilo and Stitch (b) Arco (c) Zootropolis 2 (d) Boong (e) Sentimental Value Ans. d
299. The 475-year-old Our Lady of Grace Cathedral in Papdy village, Vasai, received the Award of Merit at the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation for its community-led restoration. The Our Lady of Grace Cathedral in Vasai was originally built during which era?
 (a) British era (b) Maratha era (c) Mughal era
 (d) Portuguese era (e) French colonial era Ans. d
300. Which cooperative bank has been officially excluded from the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, following its merger with Saraswat Co-operative Bank and the resolution of a Rs.300 crore embezzlement scam?
 (a) New India Co-operative Bank Ltd. (b) Saraswat Co-operative Bank
 (c) Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (d) Karnataka Bank Co-operative
 (e) Mumbai District Central Co-operative Bank Ans. a
301. In February 2026, the Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.38.60 lakh for non-compliance with regulatory directions related to savings accounts, SHG credit reporting, and locker rent refund on which bank?
 (a) Punjab National Bank (b) Bank of Baroda (c) Canara Bank
 (d) UCO Bank (e) Indian Bank Ans. d
302. India recently (in February 2026) signed key agreements to strengthen cooperation in rare earth and critical minerals, steel mining, renewable energy, and digital partnership with which country?
 (a) Argentina (b) South Africa (c) Brazil (d) Mexico (e) Chile Ans. c
303. Central Excise Day is observed annually on 24 February to commemorate the enactment of the _____.
 (a) GST Act, 2017 (b) Customs Act, 1962 (c) Income Tax Act, 1961
 (d) Finance Act, 1994 (e) Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944 Ans. e
304. The Indo-French Centre for AI in Health (IF-CAIH) was inaugurated at which premier medical institution in New Delhi to strengthen bilateral healthcare collaboration?
 (a) Safdarjung Hospital (b) PGIMER Chandigarh (c) AIIMS New Delhi
 (d) JIPMER Puducherry (e) Lady Hardinge Medical College Ans. c

305. World Peace and Understanding Day is observed annually on:
 (a) 21 February (b) 22 February (c) 23 February (d) 24 February (e) 25 February Ans. c
306. The 3rd International AYUSH Conference & Expo concluded at the Dubai World Trade Centre, attracting over 1,500 delegates and nearly 20,000 visitors from 30 countries with support from India's Ministry of AYUSH. The theme of the 3rd International AYUSH Conference was:
 (a) Global Ayurveda for Sustainable Future (b) Holistic Healthcare for All
 (c) Traditional Medicine and Innovation (d) Evidence-based Herbal Medicine
 (e) Evidence-based AYUSH interventions for mind-body health Ans. e
307. India has set a Guinness World Records record for receiving the "Most pledges for an AI responsibility campaign in 24 hours," as announced by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. How many valid pledges were recorded during the 24-hour AI Responsibility campaign?
 (a) 1,50,000 (b) 2,00,501 (c) 2,25,360 (d) 2,40,000 (e) 2,50,946 Ans. e
308. The Bihar Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, has approved the construction of a new international airport at _____, targeted for completion by 2030 to boost air connectivity in north Bihar.
 (a) Gaya (b) Darbhanga (c) Sonapur (d) Muzaffarpur (e) Purnea Ans. c
309. Bela Gram village has become India's first net-zero panchayat (net-zero village) and was honoured during Climate Week 2026. Bela Gram is located in which state?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Karnataka (c) Odisha (d) Maharashtra (e) Rajasthan Ans. d
310. On the occasion of International Mother Language Day (21 February), C. P. Radhakrishnan released the updated versions of the Constitution of India in _____ languages.
 (a) Odia and Assamese (b) Gujarati and Marathi (c) Gujarati and Tamil
 (d) Punjabi and Bengali (e) Telugu and Kannada Ans. c
311. Which ministry has constituted a High-Level Committee for the proposed merger of Power Finance Corporation and REC Limited?
 (a) Ministry of Power (b) Ministry of Finance
 (c) Ministry of Heavy Industries (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (e) Ministry of Coal Ans. a
312. Peru recently appointed whom as the interim (temporary) President?
 (a) Jose Jeri (b) Pedro Castillo (c) Jose Maria Balcazar
 (d) Dina Boluarte (e) Martin Vizcarra Ans. c
313. Where is the National Round Table Conference of the Election Commission of India being held in 2026?
 (a) Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi (b) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (c) India Gate, New Delhi
 (d) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi (e) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi Ans. b
314. Which Corps of the Indian Army conducted a high-intensity live firing test of the Strela-10 Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Range in Rajasthan, demonstrating enhanced operational readiness and air defence capability?
 (a) Strike Corps (b) Konark Corps (c) Gajraj Corps (d) Deccan Corps (e) Dakshin Corps Ans. b
315. Which country has won the men's Olympic ice hockey gold medal in 2026?
 (a) Canada (b) Finland (c) United States (d) Slovakia (e) Sweden Ans. c
316. Mukul Roy, who passed away recently, was associated with which ministry at the Union level?
 (a) Finance Minister (b) Home Minister (c) Railway Minister
 (d) Defence Minister (e) Agriculture Minister Ans. c
317. Which company launched 'PF NPS Swasthya Equity Plus' under the PFRDA regulatory sandbox?
 (a) SBI Pension Fund Management Company (b) HDFC Pension Fund Management Company
 (c) ICICI Pension Fund Management Company (d) LIC Pension Fund Management Company
 (e) UTI Pension Fund Management Company Ans. c
318. Which State Government has launched the 'Meri Rasoi Yojna' to provide free quarterly food kits to NFSA beneficiaries?
 (a) Haryana (b) Rajasthan (c) Punjab
 (d) Delhi (e) Himachal Pradesh Ans. c
319. Who has been appointed as the Director (Commercial) of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL)?
 (a) Rajinder Gupta (b) Harsharan Kaur Trehan (c) Manpreet Singh
 (d) Gurpreet Kaur (e) Anil Joshi Ans. b

320. Soundala village, located in the Ahilyanagar district of Maharashtra, has declared itself a "caste-free" village through a unanimous Gram Sabha resolution, Aamchi jaat... manav. What is the meaning of the motto "Aamchi jaat... manav"?
- (a) My caste is religion (b) My caste is equality (c) My caste is humanity
(d) My caste is unity (e) My caste is freedom Ans. c
321. The Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR) has launched the 'Vanjeevi Didi' initiative, a community-driven programme aimed at empowering women to protect forests and wildlife. The Palamu Tiger Reserve is located in which state?
- (a) Odisha (b) Chhattisgarh (c) West Bengal (d) Jharkhand (e) Bihar Ans. d
322. Waaree Energies has announced an investment of Rs.8,175 crore to set up India's largest integrated lithium-ion battery gigafactory at Rambilli in Andhra Pradesh. What is the proposed production capacity of the lithium-ion battery plant?
- (a) 10 GWh (b) 12 GWh (c) 14 GWh (d) 16 GWh (e) 20 GWh Ans. d
323. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has established a high-security greenfield data centre in which city to strengthen India's critical financial infrastructure?
- (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai (c) Hyderabad (d) Bhubaneswar (e) Kolkata Ans. d
324. Which ministry unveiled India's new national counter-terrorism policy titled 'PRAHAR'?
- (a) Ministry of Defence (b) Ministry of External Affairs (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
(d) Ministry of Law and Justice (e) Ministry of Finance Ans. c
325. Consider the following statements regarding National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) 2.0:
1. It was launched by Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi.
 2. NITI Aayog has developed it in consultation with infrastructure line ministries.
 3. It covers the period from FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31.
 4. The estimated aggregate monetisation potential under NMP 2.0 is Rs. 16.72 lakh crore.
 5. It applies only to State government assets and excludes Central ministries.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 2, and 4 only (c) 2, 3 and 5 only
(d) 1, 4 and 5 only (e) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Ans. b
326. Rob Jetten is set to be sworn in as the youngest Prime Minister of the Netherlands. Rob Jetten will be the Netherlands' first openly _____ Prime Minister.
- (a) Female (b) Gay (c) Immigrant (d) Independent (e) Socialist Ans. b
327. Bangladesh became which signatory to endorse the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact?
- (a) 85th (b) 87th (c) 88th (d) 89th (e) 90th Ans. d
328. The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to change the name of the State of Kerala to "Keralam", following a resolution passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly on 24 June 2024. Under which Article of the Constitution has the Kerala Assembly urged the Centre to amend the state's name?
- (a) Article 1 (b) Article 2 (c) Article 3 (d) Article 225 (e) Article 356 Ans. c
329. Who from IIT Madras has been appointed to the UN Independent International Scientific Panel on AI?
- (a) C. R. Rao (b) B. Ravindran (c) K. Radhakrishnan
(d) A. K. Singh (e) S. Chandrasekar Ans. b
330. World NGO Day is observed annually on which date?
- (a) 24 February (b) 25 February (c) 26 February (d) 27 February (e) 28 February Ans. d
331. Who inaugurated the Tourism Leadership Summit-2026 in New Delhi?
- (a) Droupadi Murmu (b) Narendra Modi (c) C. P. Radhakrishnan
(d) Amit Shah (e) G. Kishan Reddy Ans. c
332. A six-member team from the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (Uttarkashi) and the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (Pahalgam) successfully summited Mount Aconcagua. Mount Aconcagua is located in which country?
- (a) Chile (b) Peru (c) Argentina (d) Brazil (e) Bolivia Ans. c
333. Who launched the UN-JCDecuax Global Campaign for Road Safety titled "Make A Safety Statement"?
- (a) António Guterres (b) Jean Todt (c) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
(d) Ban Ki-moon (e) Achim Steiner Ans. b

334. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change will organise 'Him-CONNECT' in New Delhi as part of TERI's World Sustainable Development Summit. Him-CONNECT is being organised as part of which major summit?
 (a) India Climate Action Summit (b) World Sustainable Development Summit
 (c) Global Green Growth Summit (d) UN Climate Adaptation Forum
 (e) National Biodiversity Congress Ans. b
335. The 16th edition of Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR between India and the USA is being conducted at the Special Forces Training School located in which state of India?
 (a) Uttarakhand (b) Punjab (c) Himachal Pradesh
 (d) Jammu & Kashmir (e) Rajasthan Ans. c
336. The 7th edition of Joint Military Exercise 'Dharma Guardian' is conducted between which two countries?
 (a) India and USA (b) India and Australia (c) India and South Korea
 (d) India and France (e) India and Japan Ans. e
337. Tomas Martin Etcheverry won his maiden ATP Tour title at which tournament?
 (a) Argentina Open (b) Chile Open (c) Rio Open (d) Miami Open (e) Barcelona Open Ans. c
338. A Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was signed to facilitate the expedited implementation of the Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP) in Andhra Pradesh. The Government of Andhra Pradesh signed this MoC with which organisation under the Ministry of Communications?
 (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
 (c) Digital Bharat Nidhi (d) National Informatics Centre (e) NITI Aayog Ans. c
339. According to ICRA, India's GDP growth is projected at what rate in Q3 FY2025-26?
 (a) 6.5% (b) 6.9% (c) 7.2% (d) 7.8% (e) 8.2% Ans. c
340. Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the indigenously manufactured Tetanus & Adult Diphtheria (Td) Vaccine at the Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh. The Td vaccine has been introduced under which programme?
 (a) Ayushman Bharat (b) National Health Mission
 (c) Universal Immunization Programme (d) Mission Indradhanush
 (e) National Digital Health Mission Ans. c
341. The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) signed an MoU with whom?
 (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (b) A private pharmaceutical company
 (c) World Health Organization (d) AIIMS Delhi (e) Indian Council of Medical Research Ans. b
342. The first AI Impact Summit in 2023 was hosted by which country?
 (a) India (b) France (c) United Kingdom (d) Switzerland (e) South Korea Ans. c
343. PhonePe has launched an AI-powered natural language search feature built using which platform?
 (a) Google Cloud AI (b) Amazon Web Services (c) Microsoft Foundry
 (d) IBM Watson (e) OpenAI Platform Ans. c
344. Whose statue was replaced by the bust of Chakravarti Rajagopalachari at Rashtrapati Bhavan, marking a shift from colonial-era symbols to honouring Indian leaders?
 (a) Sir Herbert Baker (b) Edwin Lutyens (c) Patricia Knatchbull
 (d) Lord Mountbatten (e) Norton Knatchbull Ans. b
345. National Science Day is observed in India on which date?
 (a) 21 February (b) 24 February (c) 26 February (d) 28 February (e) 27 February
346. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the "Speaker of the Knesset Medal," the highest honour of the Knesset. The Knesset is the Parliament of which country?
 (a) Iran (b) Russia (c) Jordan (d) Egypt (e) Israel Ans. e
347. Which airport has won the 2025 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Award in the category "Best Airport at Arrivals – Globally"?
 (a) Kempegowda International Airport (b) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
 (c) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (d) Cochin International Airport
 (e) Mangaluru International Airport Ans. e

348. Goa hosted the 4th edition of the World Ocean Science Congress 2026 at the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) in Panaji. What was the theme of the World Ocean Science Congress 2026?
 (a) Ocean Health and Sustainable Future (b) Marine Biodiversity Conservation
 (c) Blue Economy and Growth (d) Climate Change and Oceans
 (e) Sustainable Fisheries Ans. a
349. The Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, in collaboration with the All India Ayurvedic Congress, will organise the National Arogya Fair 2026 in which state?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Maharashtra
 (d) Rajasthan (e) Karnataka Ans. c
350. Which state government launched the 'Banglar Yuva Sathi' scheme?
 (a) Odisha (b) Bihar (c) West Bengal (d) Assam (e) Jharkhand Ans. c
351. The government has launched Mobile Quality Control Vans (MQCVs) to monitor and diagnose the quality of ongoing National Highway projects. The pilot project for monitoring highway quality has been implemented in how many states initially?
 (a) Two (b) Three (c) Four (d) Five (e) Six Ans. c
352. Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary launched the nationwide campaign 'Badhna Hai Toh Yahan Judna Hai' to boost digital skilling through the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH). Which legendary actor has been associated with the campaign to enhance awareness?
 (a) Shah Rukh Khan (b) Aamir Khan (c) Rajinikanth
 (d) Amitabh Bachchan (e) Akshay Kumar Ans. d
353. What is the estimated cost approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs for the expansion of the Civil Enclave at Srinagar International Airport?
 (a) Rs. 1,500 crore (b) Rs. 1,677 crore (c) Rs. 1,620 crore
 (d) Rs. 1,720 crore (e) Rs. 1,800 crore Ans. b
354. Which organization has launched the March 2026 round of the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH)?
 (a) SEBI (b) NABARD (c) Reserve Bank of India
 (d) Ministry of Finance (e) NITI Aayog Ans. c
355. Consider the following statements regarding the March 2026 round of Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS):
 1. It is launched by the Reserve Bank of India.
 2. The survey is conducted across 19 cities.
 3. It is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 2 only (e) 1, 2 and 3 Ans. d
356. What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Raw Jute (TD-3 grade) for the 2026-27 season?
 (a) Rs. 5,650 per quintal (b) Rs. 5,925 per quintal (c) Rs. 6,010 per quintal
 (d) Rs. 5,500 per quintal (e) Rs. 5,750 per quintal Ans. b
357. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) has set up a high-level committee to harmonize the regulatory framework of DigiLocker. Who is heading the DigiLocker committee?
 (a) Nandan Nilekani (b) Ajay Sawhney (c) Sundar Pichai
 (d) Ravi Shankar Prasad (e) Arvind Subramanian Ans. b

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