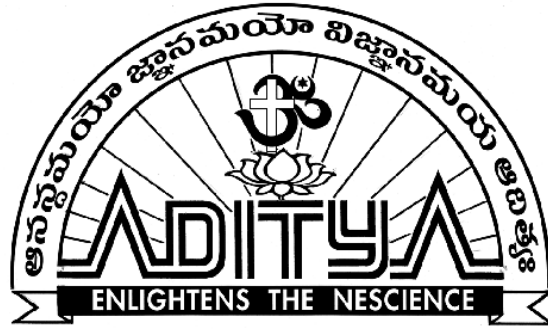


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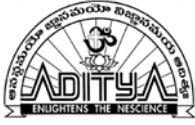
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- When will the Geological Survey of India (GSI) celebrate its 175th Foundation Day?
(a) 1st March 2025 (b) 2nd March 2025 (c) 3rd March 2025
(d) 4th March 2025 (e) 5th March 2025 **Ans. b**
- Union Minister JP Nadda has inaugurated the 9th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices in the Public Healthcare System in which city?
(a) New Delhi (b) Puri (c) Mumbai (d) Bengaluru (e) Hyderabad **Ans. b**
- Which two organizations signed an MoU for a partnership to finance MSMEs in February 2025?
(a) SIDBI and HDFC Bank (b) SIDBI and Tata Capital Limited (c) SIDBI and ICICI Bank
(d) SIDBI and Axis Bank (e) SIDBI and SBI **Ans. b**
- Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SBI Life Insurance Company?
(a) Rajesh Verma (b) Amitabh Chaudhry (c) Dorababu Daparti
(d) Deepak Parekh (e) Uday Kotak **Ans. c**
- What was India's real GDP growth rate in the third quarter (October to December) of the fiscal year 2024-25?
(a) 5.6% (b) 6.5% (c) 9.5% (d) 6.2% (e) 7.1% **Ans. d**
- World NGO Day is observed annually on 27th February to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) worldwide. What is the theme for World NGO Day 2025?
(a) Strengthening Global Partnerships (b) NGOs for a Better Future
(c) Empowering Grassroots Movements for a Sustainable Future
(d) Innovation in Social Work (e) United for Development **Ans. c**
- How much is the renewed bilateral currency swap agreement between India and Japan worth?
(a) \$50 billion (b) \$60 billion (c) \$75 billion (d) \$80 billion (e) \$100 billion **Ans. c**
- Which organization has imposed a penalty of Rs 66.60 lakh and Rs 33.10 lakh on The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) and IIFL Samasta Finance, respectively, for violating norms?
(a) SEBI (b) NABARD (c) RBI (d) Ministry of Finance (e) NSE **Ans. c**
- The government has introduced a new Aadhaar Governance Portal (<http://swik.meity.gov.in>) aimed at streamlining the approval process for Aadhaar authentication requests. The platform follows the recent amendments to the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules 2025 under _____?
(a) IT Act, 2000 (b) Digital India Act, 2022 (c) E-Governance Act, 2016
(d) Consumer Protection Act, 2019 (e) Aadhaar Act, 2016 **Ans. e**
- The market regulator SEBI has launched a centralized database portal for corporate bonds to create a single, authentic source of information on such securities. What is the name of the centralized database portal launched by SEBI for corporate bonds?
(a) Bond Hub (b) Bond Central (c) Corporate Bonds Exchange
(d) SEBI Bonds Platform (e) Fixed Income Repository **Ans. b**
- What is the interest rate on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) deposits for 2024-25?
(a) 8.10% (b) 8.15% (c) 8.25% (d) 8.35% (e) 8.50% **Ans. c**
- Which company has extended its partnership with DNB Bank ASA, for an additional five years?
(a) Infosys (b) Wipro (c) Tata Consultancy Services
(d) HCL Technologies (e) Cognizant **Ans. c**
- What is the name of the Sufi music festival praised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for its 25-year journey?
(a) Ruhaniyat (b) Jahan-e-Khusrau (c) Sufi Sutra
(d) Basant Utsav (e) Qawwali Mahotsav **Ans. b**
- Neuve-Chapelle War Memorial, recently seen in the news, is located in which country?
(a) United Kingdom (b) France (c) Germany (d) Belgium (e) Russia **Ans. b**

15. Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma has launched the Mizoram chapter of the Women Entrepreneurship Forum (WEP), the first such forum in the Northeast. Which organisation is supporting the Women Entrepreneurship Forum (WEP) in Mizoram?
- (a) Reserve Bank of India (b) Ministry of Finance (c) NITI Aayog
(d) Ministry of Women and Child Development (e) Startup India Ans. c
16. The Government of Maharashtra has partnered with Meta (formerly Facebook) during the Mumbai Tech Week 2025. The aim of this collaboration is to provide all citizen services via WhatsApp on a single number, empowering 125 million citizens to access government services from anywhere, at any time. What is the name of the chatbot launched by the Government of Maharashtra in partnership with Meta?
- (a) Maharashtra Chatbot (b) Aaple Sarkar (c) WhatsApp Sarkar
(d) Digital Maharashtra (e) Citizen Services Bot Ans. b
17. By how much did India's core sector output grow in January 2025?
- (a) 3.8% (b) 4.2% (c) 4.6% (d) 4.8% (e) 5.2% Ans. c
18. Who has inaugurated the workshop on sustainability and circularity in the dairy sector in New Delhi?
- (a) Narendra Modi (b) Rajnath Singh (c) Amit Shah
(d) Piyush Goyal (e) Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ans. c
19. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, will organise the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Executive Capacity Building Programme on human rights in New Delhi. Who will inaugurate the ITEC Executive Programme on Human Rights?
- (a) Chief Justice of India (b) Prime Minister of India (c) NHRC Chairperson
(d) Minister of External Affairs (e) United Nations Secretary-General Ans. c
20. How much total GST revenue was collected in February 2025?
- (a) 1.70 lakh crore rupees (b) 1.75 lakh crore rupees (c) 1.89 lakh crore rupees
(d) 1.90 lakh crore rupees (e) 1.84 lakh crore rupees Ans. e
21. Which Indian tennis player won the men's doubles title at the Chile Open 2025?
- (a) Sumit Nagal (b) Yuki Bhambri (c) Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli
(d) Ramkumar Ramanathan (e) Prajnesh Gunneswaran Ans. c
22. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd signed an MoU with the Indian Army for the construction of a 130-foot-long Single Lane Modular (SLM) Steel Bridge (70R) in which state?
- (a) Mizoram (b) Arunachal Pradesh (c) Uttarakhand
(d) Jammu and Kashmir (e) Nagaland Ans. b
23. According to the World Bank, at what average growth rate does India need to grow to achieve high-income status by 2047?
- (a) 6.5% (b) 7.0% (c) 7.8% (d) 8.5% (e) 9.2% Ans. c
24. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi chair the NBWL meeting on World Wildlife Day?
- (a) Ranthambore National Park (b) Kaziranga National Park (c) Sasan Gir
(d) Jim Corbett National Park (e) Sundarbans Ans. c
25. An integrated Tri-Service Special Forces exercise named Exercise Desert Hunt 2025 was conducted by the Indian Air Force at Air Force Station Jodhpur. Which special forces unit from the Indian Army participated in the exercise?
- (a) NSG Commandos (b) Ghatak Platoon (c) Para (Special Forces)
(d) COBRA Commandos (e) Marcos Ans. c
26. World Seagrass Day is celebrated every year which day to raise awareness about the importance of seagrass ecosystems and the need to conserve them?
- (a) 1 March (b) 2 March (c) 3 March (d) 4 March (e) 5 March Ans. a
27. Zero Discrimination Day is observed annually on March 1st to promote equality and stand against discrimination in all its forms. What is the theme for Zero Discrimination Day 2025?
- (a) Equality for All (b) We stand together (c) No More Discrimination
(d) Break the Barriers (e) United for Change Ans. b
28. Ron Draper, who was the oldest living Test cricketer, passed away recently at 98. He was from which country?
- (a) England (b) South Africa (c) Australia (d) New Zealand (e) West Indies Ans. b

29. Uttam Mohanty passed away recently at the age of 66. In which field did Uttam Mohanty primarily work?
 (a) Music (b) Film (c) Theater (d) Dance (e) Literature Ans. b
30. World Wildlife Day is celebrated annually on March 3rd to raise awareness about the importance of conserving wildlife and their habitats. What is the theme for World Wildlife Day 2025?
 (a) Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet (b) Life Below Water: For People and Planet
 (c) Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet
 (d) Big Cats: Predators Under Threat (e) Recovering Key Species for Ecosystem Restoration Ans. c
31. What was the total UPI transaction volume in February 2025?
 (a) 16.99 billion (b) 16.73 billion (c) 16.11 billion (d) 17.25 billion (e) 15.50 billion Ans. c
32. City Union Bank Ltd, an old private sector bank, has partnered with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to launch a co-branded credit card. Which payment networks power the CUB-CSK Co-Branded Credit Card?
 (a) MasterCard only (b) RuPay only (c) MasterCard and RuPay
 (d) Visa and American Express (e) Discover and Diners Club Ans. c
33. US President Donald Trump signed an executive order designating English as the official language of the United States. Which former US President was introduced the policy requiring federal agencies to offer language assistance to non-English speakers?
 (a) Ronald Reagan (b) Bill Clinton (c) George H.W. Bush
 (d) Barak Obama (e) Richard Nixon Ans. b
34. Where is Tesla opening its first showroom in India?
 (a) Delhi (b) Bengaluru (c) Chennai (d) Mumbai (e) Hyderabad Ans. d
35. Who has been re-elected as the chairman of the Bar Council of India (BCI) for the seventh consecutive term?
 (a) Kapil Sibal (b) Harish Salve (c) Manan Kumar Mishra
 (d) Ranjan Gogoi (e) Fali S. Nariman Ans. c
36. Who has been given the additional charge of the Revenue Department after Revenue Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey was appointed as the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?
 (a) Tuhin Kanta Pandey (b) Ajay Seth (c) Shaktikanta Das
 (d) Nirmala Sitharaman (e) Urjit Patel Ans. b
37. Markets regulator SEBI has allowed all non-banking financial companies (NBFC), including housing finance companies, to invest in security receipts issued by Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs). What is the primary objective of allowing NBFCs to invest in security receipts issued by ARCs?
 (a) To reduce the number of bad loans in the banking system
 (b) To increase the liquidity in the distressed asset market
 (c) To encourage investments in the bad loans space (d) To provide relief to defaulting promoters
 (e) To reduce the role of ARCs in the financial system Ans. c
38. Who was conferred with the Icon of Excellence award at the Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA 2025)?
 (a) Sourav Ganguly (b) N. Srinivasan (c) Jay Shah (d) Rahul Dravid (e) Roger Binny Ans. c
39. Who has won the ATP Challenger singles title at the Bengaluru Open 2025?
 (a) Shintaro Mochizuki (b) Brandon Holt (c) Anirudh Chandrasekar
 (d) Ray Ho (e) Matthew Christopher Romios Ans. b
40. One of India's greatest cricketers, Virat Kohli has reached a historic milestone. During the Champions Trophy match against New Zealand in Dubai, he played his 300th One Day International (ODI) match. Who holds the record for playing the most ODIs in cricket history?
 (a) MS Dhoni (b) Ricky Ponting (c) Virat Kohli
 (d) Sachin Tendulkar (e) Sourav Ganguly Ans. d
41. Which team won the 90th edition of the Ranji Trophy?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Karnataka (c) Vidarbha (d) Saurashtra (e) Delhi Ans. c
42. Which company has partnered with Hyundai India Insurance Broking Pvt. Ltd. (HIIB) to expand motor insurance accessibility in March 2025?
 (a) ICICI Lombard (b) Bajaj Allianz (c) Magma General Insurance Limited
 (d) Reliance General Insurance (e) HDFC ERGO Ans. c

43. What is the title of the report recently released by NITI Aayog on women's role in India's financial growth?
 (a) "Women's Empowerment through Financial Inclusion"
 (b) "From Borrowers to Builders: Women's Role in India's Financial Growth Story"
 (c) "Financial Growth and Women's Participation"
 (d) "Women's Financial Literacy and Empowerment"
 (e) "India's Financial Growth and Women's Contribution" Ans. b
44. World Hearing Day is observed every year on March 3rd to raise awareness about hearing loss, ear health, and the importance of early intervention. What is the theme for World Hearing Day 2025?
 (a) Hearing for All: Making it a Reality
 (b) Changing Mindsets: Empower Yourself to Make Ear and Hearing Care a Reality for All
 (c) Listen with Care: Protect Your Hearing (d) Preventing Hearing Loss: A Global Effort
 (e) Healthy Ears, Healthy Life Ans. b
45. National Safety Day is observed every year on March 4th in India to promote awareness about workplace safety, health, and environmental protection. What is the theme for National Safety Day 2025?
 (a) Safety First: A Way of Life (b) Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat
 (c) Focus on Safety Leadership for ESG Excellence
 (d) A Safe Workplace for All (e) Prevention is Better Than Cure Ans. b
46. Which film won the award for Best Picture at the 97th Academy Awards?
 (a) The Brutalist (b) Emilia Perez (c) Anora
 (d) Dune: Part Two (e) In the Shadow of the Cypress Ans. c
47. The Government of India upgraded the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) to the prestigious status of Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE). With the upgrade, IRCTC and IRFC became the ___ and ___ Navratna CPSEs, respectively.
 (a) 20th and 21st (b) 30th and 31st (c) 10th and 11th (d) 25th and 26th (e) 15th and 16th Ans. d
48. What is the GDP growth rate projected by Crisil for FY26?
 (a) 7.5% (b) 8.0% (c) 6.5% (d) 5.5% (e) 9.2% Ans. c
49. Which bank has launched a facility for customers to download their housing loan interest certificate from DigiLocker?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) Indian Overseas Bank
 (d) Bank of Baroda (e) Canara Bank Ans. c
50. Poonawalla Fincorp Limited has launched a new fully digital personal loan product targeting salaried professionals. What is the name of this digital personal loan product?
 (a) PL Express Loan (b) PL Prime Digital 24x7 (c) Instant Cash 24x7
 (d) Poonawalla Quick Loan (e) Digital Loan Plus Ans. b
51. Who has been sworn in as Austria's new chancellor?
 (a) Sebastian Kurz (b) Karl Nehammer (c) Christian Stocker
 (d) Alexander Van der Bellen (e) Heinz-Christian Strache Ans. c
52. Recently, which American clothing brand has signed Diljit Dosanjh as its brand ambassador?
 (a) Nike (b) Adidas (c) Levi's (d) Puma (e) Calvin Klein Ans. c
53. What is the name of the new long-term savings product launched by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, aimed at providing customers with guaranteed immediate income to navigate the uncertainties of the current market?
 (a) ICICI Pru Secure Plan (b) ICICI Pru Wealth Plus (c) ICICI Pru GIFT Select
 (d) ICICI Pru Future Secure (e) ICICI Pru Growth Plan Ans. c
54. Legendary Mumbai spinner Padmakar Shivalkar died at the age of 84. Which prestigious award was Padmakar Shivalkar honored with in 2017?
 (a) Arjuna Award (b) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award (c) Padma Shri
 (d) CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award (e) Dronacharya Award Ans. d
55. In which category has Rishabh Pant been nominated for the Laureus World Sports Award 2025?
 (a) Breakthrough Player of the Year (b) Sportsman of the Year (c) Best Cricket Performance
 (d) Comeback of the Year (e) Rising Star Award Ans. d

56. How much amount has been released as the second installment of Untied Grants for Rural Local Bodies in West Bengal for FY 2024-25?
 (a) Rs.500 crore (b) Rs.650 crore (c) Rs.694 crore (d) Rs.754 crore (e) Rs.800 crore Ans. c
57. Who has been appointed as the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)?
 (a) Dr Ramesh Verma (b) Dr Mayank Sharma (c) Dr Anil Kumar
 (d) Dr Pankaj Gupta (e) Dr Rajeev Mehta Ans. b
58. Who has been appointed as the Chief Operations Officer (COO) of RBL Bank?
 (a) T S Pari (b) Narendra Agrawal (c) Ramesh Gupta
 (d) Vikram Sharma (e) Parul Tyagi Ans. a
59. Who has become the first Indian woman to cross the 16-metre mark in indoor shot put?
 (a) Poornarao Rane (b) Krishna Jayasankar (c) Abha Khatua
 (d) Mya Lesnar (e) Gabby Morns Ans. b
60. Brandon Holt has won the singles title at the Bengaluru Open 2025 tennis tournament. Which country does Brandon Holt represent?
 (a) Japan (b) Australia (c) USA (d) Canada (e) Germany Ans. c
61. In February 2025, which two countries signed an MoU to enhance cooperation in the WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) sector?
 (a) India and Bangladesh (b) India and Sri Lanka (c) India and Nepal
 (d) India and Bhutan (e) India and Maldives Ans. c
62. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Vantara initiative in Jamnagar, Gujarat. What is the primary purpose of the Vantara initiative?
 (a) To promote agriculture (b) To provide a safe haven for animals (c) To build a zoo
 (d) To construct wildlife tourism parks (e) To increase urban development Ans. b
63. India's first-ever riverine dolphin estimation report has recorded 6,327 dolphins across 28 rivers in eight states. Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number, followed by Bihar, West Bengal, and Assam. Which river systems were covered in the dolphin population survey conducted under Project Dolphin?
 (a) Ganga, Yamuna, and Godavari (b) Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Koshi
 (c) Narmada, Godavari, and Krishna (d) Brahmaputra, Yamuna, and Mahanadi
 (e) Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Indus Ans. e
64. The Uttarakhand Cabinet, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, has approved the implementation of the Central Government's Unified Pension Scheme for officers and employees in the state. What is the primary purpose of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)?
 (a) To provide free healthcare to retirees (b) To ensure an assured payout after retirement
 (c) To offer tax benefits to employees (d) To replace the National Pension System (NPS)
 (e) To increase the retirement age of employees Ans. b
65. Architect and educator, Liu Jiakun has won the 2025 Pritzker Architecture Prize, the most important award in architecture. He is from which country?
 (a) Japan (b) South Korea (c) Russia (d) Bhutan (e) China Ans. e
66. Which brand has Shubman Gill signed a deal with as his new bat sponsor?
 (a) Adidas (b) Nike (c) MRF (d) Puma (e) Reebok Ans. c
67. Paytm has launched a new feature in Paytm UPI called UPI Trading Blocks (also known as Single Block Multiple Debits). This feature allows automatic payments directly from bank accounts for stock trading. How does UPI Trading Blocks benefit investors?
 (a) It transfers large sums of money to broker apps in advance
 (b) It blocks funds in the user's bank account until a trade happens
 (c) It provides cash rewards for every trade (d) It requires manual fund transfers for every trade
 (e) It eliminates the need for using UPI PIN altogether Ans. b
68. State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to divest its _____ stake in Jio Payments Bank Limited, a joint venture between the state-owned bank and Jio Financial Services (JFS).
 (a) 14.8% (b) 15.8% (c) 16.8% (d) 17.8% (e) 18.8% Ans. d

69. Belgium's John Cockerill Defence (JCD), a leading global manufacturer of tank turrets, has teamed up with Electro Pneumatics & Hydraulics (EPH), a company based in Pune, India, to form a joint venture (JV). The initial focus of this partnership is the Indian Army's Light Tank project, particularly the Zorawar tank, which is being developed by DRDO and L&T. What is the ownership split in the JCD-EPH joint venture?
 (a) 50:50 (b) 60:40 (c) 70:30 (d) 80:20 (e) 55:45 Ans. b
70. In March 2025, which company has received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire 72.8 per cent stake in Orient Cement?
 (a) ACC Ltd (b) Ambuja Cements Ltd (c) UltraTech Cement
 (d) Dalmia Bharat Cement (e) Shree Cement Ans. b
71. Ajit Ratnakar Joshi has been appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of Reserve Bank of India. What departments will Ajit Ratnakar Joshi oversee as Executive Director?
 (a) Department of Financial Inclusion (b) Department of Currency Management
 (c) Department of Statistics and Information Management and Financial Stability Dept.
 (d) Department of Bank Supervision (e) Department of Monetary Policy Ans. c
72. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government e Marketplace (GeM)?
 (a) Ajay Bhadoo (b) Shaktikanta Das (c) Anshika Raj (d) Parul Tyagi (e) Rajiv Kumar Ans. a
73. A. Sharath Kamal, who recently announced his retirement, is associated with which sport?
 (a) Badminton (b) Tennis (c) Table Tennis (d) Cricket (e) Hockey Ans. c
74. When is the International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness observed?
 (a) March 4 (b) March 6 (c) March 3 (d) March 7 (e) March 5 Ans. e
75. Union Cabinet has approved the development of two major ropeway projects in Uttarakhand under the National Ropeways Development Programme – Parvatmala Pariyojana. What is the total capital cost of the two major ropeway projects in Uttarakhand?
 (a) Rs. 3,500 crore (b) Rs. 4,081 crore (c) Rs. 5,081 crore (d) Rs. 2,820 crore (e) Rs. 6,000 crore Ans. b
76. What is the total outlay for the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) recently approved by the Union Cabinet for two years?
 (a) Rs.2,000 crore (b) Rs.3,080 crore (c) Rs.4,500 crore (d) Rs.5,080 crore (e) Rs.3,880 crore Ans. e
77. Which regulatory body has approved the proposed acquisition of Raj Petro Specialities Private Limited?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (c) Competition Commission of India (CCI) (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 (e) National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Ans. c
78. According to the Global Wealth Report by Knight Frank, which country has emerged as a leading global wealth hub with the largest population of High Net-Worth Individuals (HNWIs)?
 (a) United Kingdom (b) USA (c) Australia (d) India (e) China Ans. b
79. The Union government has launched a groundbreaking initiative to foster gender-sensitive governance at the grassroots level. The initiative focuses on developing Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats (MWFGP). Which ministry is responsible for launching the Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats (MWFGP) initiative?
 (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj (d) Ministry of Rural Development
 (e) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Ans. c
80. Recently, which two new locations have been selected for the expansion of the Cheetah Introduction Program after Kuno National Park?
 (a) Jim Corbett National Park and Ranthambore National Park
 (b) Sundarbans National Park and Gir National Park
 (c) Banni Grasslands and Gandhisagar Sanctuary
 (d) Kaziranga National Park and Sariska Tiger Reserve
 (e) Kanha National Park and Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary Ans. c
81. Which company has launched the first-ever trials of hydrogen-powered heavy-duty trucks in India?
 (a) Mahindra & Mahindra (b) Ashok Leyland (c) Volvo India
 (d) Hyundai (e) Tata Motors Ans. e

82. According to SEBI's annual statement of accounts 2023-24, By what percentage did SEBI's total income rise in 2023-24 compared to the previous year?
 (a) 35% (b) 40% (c) 48% (d) 50% (e) 55% Ans. c
83. Who was honored with the 'Lifetime Achievement in Hospitality and Education Through Technology' award?
 (a) Ratan Tata (b) Dr. Suborno Bose (c) Narayana Murthy
 (d) Anand Mahindra (e) Mukesh Ambani Ans. b
84. Which Australian cricketer has announced his retirement from One-Day Internationals (ODIs) in March 2025?
 (a) David Warner (b) Mitchell Starc (c) Steve Smith (d) Pat Cummins (e) Glenn Maxwell Ans. c
85. _____ based AI-powered collections platform CredResolve raised \$1.1 million in a seed funding round led by Japanese venture capital firm UNLEASH Capital Partners, with additional participation from CDM Capital.
 (a) Gurugram (b) Bengaluru (c) Hyderabad (d) Chennai (e) Mumbai Ans. a
86. Who accepted the 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados' on behalf of PM Narendra Modi?
 (a) S. Jaishankar (b) Rajnath Singh (c) Pabitra Margherita
 (d) Amit Shah (e) Nirmala Sitharaman Ans. c
87. Sahitya Akademi, India's premier literary institution working under the Ministry of Culture, will be organizing its annual Festival of Letters at Rabindra Bhavan in New Delhi from 7th March 2025 to 12th March 2025. What is the theme of the Festival of Letters 2025?
 (a) Literature and Modern India (b) Indian Literary Traditions (c) Poetry and Prose of India
 (d) The Evolution of Indian Writing (e) Global Literary Influence Ans. b
88. Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav has inaugurated the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2025 in New Delhi. What is the theme of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2025?
 (a) Climate Action for All (b) Renewable Energy for Sustainable Future
 (c) Partnerships for Accelerating Sustainable Development and Climate Solutions
 (d) Global Goals for the Future (e) Sustainable Development through Innovation Ans. c
89. HDFC Bank has launched Project HAKK to provide support and services to Indian Air Force (IAF) pensioners, veterans and their families. What does HAKK stand for in the newly launched project by HDFC Bank?
 (a) Hindustan Air Kalyan Kendra (b) Hawaii Anubhavi Kalyan Kendra
 (c) Haryana Armed Kendra Knowledge (d) Healthy Anubhavi Kalyan Kendra
 (e) Hub of Army Knowledge and Kendra Ans. b
90. PhonePe has launched the 'insuring HEROES' campaign. As part of the initiative, the company is offering exclusive discounts of up to 30 per cent on select term life and health insurance plans. Which group of people is the 'Insuring HEROES' campaign specifically targeted at?
 (a) Children (b) Senior citizens (c) Women
 (d) Men (e) Small businesses Ans. c
91. Which two organizations have signed an MoU to provide financial support to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in March 2025?
 (a) SIDBI and ICICI Bank (b) SIDBI and The Federal Bank (c) SBI and HDFC Bank
 (d) SIDBI and Bank of Baroda (e) SIDBI and Axis Bank Ans. b
92. Who has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice?
 (a) Dr. Anju Rathi Rana (b) Dr. Ramesh Gupta (c) Dr. Meera Sharma
 (d) Dr. Sunita Verma (e) Dr. Anil Kumar Ans. a
93. International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated globally on March 8 each year to honour women's achievements and advocate for gender equality. What is the theme of International Women's Day 2025?
 (a) Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress
 (b) Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow
 (c) For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, and Empowerment (d) Break the Bias
 (e) DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality Ans. c
94. Who has been appointed as the Executive Board Member on the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Board from BCCI?
 (a) Jay Shah (b) Sourav Ganguly (c) Rajeev Shukla (d) Ashish Shelar (e) Anurag Thakur Ans. c

95. Which ministry has released a significant publication titled "The Life and Contributions of the Women Members of the Constituent Assembly"?
- (a) Ministry of Education (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
(c) Ministry of Law & Justice (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development of India
(e) Ministry of External Affairs Ans. c
96. What will be the new name of Bangalore City University?
- (a) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Bengaluru City University (b) Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University
(c) Jawaharlal Nehru Bengaluru City University (d) Sardar Patel Bengaluru City University
(e) Indira Gandhi Bengaluru City University Ans. b
97. As per the Brand Finance Insurance 100 2025 report, what is the rank of LIC among the world's strongest insurance brands?
- (a) First (b) Second (c) Third (d) Fourth (e) Fifth Ans. c
98. Which organization has signed an MoU with Mercedes-Benz India to advance India's manufacturing ecosystem, road safety, and environmental sustainability?
- (a) NITI Aayog (b) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
(c) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
(d) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
(e) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ans. c
99. Which country did Razorpay officially enter after its successful operations in Malaysia?
- (a) Thailand (b) Indonesia (c) Singapore (d) Vietnam (e) Philippines Ans. c
100. Which company has signed an MoU with IIT Hyderabad for establishing a Centre of Clean Coal Energy and Net Zero?
- (a) NTPC (b) Coal India Limited (c) Power Grid Corporation
(d) Indian Oil Corporation (e) Hindustan Zinc Ans. b
101. The Government of India has introduced a new scheme to help Cooperative Sugar Mills (CSMs) under the modified Ethanol Interest Subvention Scheme. What is the main objective of the modified Ethanol Interest Subvention Scheme introduced by the Government of India?
- (a) To promote sugarcane cultivation (b) To increase ethanol production from sugarcane
(c) To help Cooperative Sugar Mills convert to multi-feedstock plants
(d) To reduce ethanol imports (e) To increase ethanol exports Ans. c
102. Which Indian company will receive the Transfer of Technology (ToT) from Rosoboronexport (RoE) for the production of 1,000-horsepower (HP) engines for T-72 battle tanks?
- (a) Tata Motors (b) Mahindra Defence Systems
(c) Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (d) Bharat Forge (e) Larsen & Toubro Ans. c
103. Recently, who has been announced to return to the Indian football team for FIFA Window matches by the All India Football Federation?
- (a) Sunil Chhetri (b) Bhaichung Bhutia (c) Sandesh Jhingan
(d) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu (e) Jeje Lalpekhlua Ans. a
104. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy?
1. India won the tournament for defeating New Zealand by 4 wickets in the final held at Dubai International Cricket Stadium.
 2. The tournament was hosted entirely in Pakistan, with all matches played in Karachi, Lahore, and Rawalpindi.
 3. Rachin Ravindra of New Zealand was named Player of the Series, while Rohit Sharma was declared Player of the Match in the final.
 4. India chased a target of 252 runs in the final with an over to spare, marking their second ICC trophy win in two years.
 5. India became the second team to win the ICC Champions Trophy three times, with their latest victory against New Zealand in 2025.
- (a) only 1, 2 and 3 (b) only 2, 3 and 4 (c) only 1, 4, and 5
(d) only 1, 3 and 4 (e) all are correct except 2 Ans. d

105. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL)?
 (a) Rajesh Verma (b) Anil Kumar Sharma (c) Vikas Kaushal
 (d) Ramesh Gupta (e) Sanjay Malhotra Ans. c
106. What is the name of the AI-driven media company launched by Ajay Devgn?
 (a) Prismix (b) Cinemax (c) Devgn Studios
 (d) AI Films (e) Visionary Media Ans. a
107. Which company became the first two-wheeler EV manufacturer in India to receive incentives under the PLI-Auto Scheme?
 (a) Ather Energy (b) Hero Electric (c) TVS Motor (d) Bajaj Auto (e) Ola Electric Ans. e
108. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and Bangalore-based NGO, Sustain Plus have joined forces to roll out a large-scale circular dairy programme. How many biogas plants will be installed under the circular dairy programme across India?
 (a) 5,000 biogas plants (b) 7,000 biogas plants (c) 10,000 biogas plants
 (d) 15,000 biogas plants (e) 20,000 biogas plants Ans. c
109. Which ministry has launched the Swavalambini initiative to promote women entrepreneurship in India?
 (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development (b) Ministry of Finance
 (c) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (d) Ministry of Education
 (e) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Ans. c
110. Who has been awarded the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2024?
 (a) Ratan Tata (b) Nithin Kamath (c) Mukesh Ambani
 (d) Vijay Shekhar Sharma (e) Sundar Pichai Ans. b
111. Mushfiqur Rahim has announced his retirement from One Day Internationals (ODI) following the team's early exit from the ICC Champions Trophy. Which country is he from?
 (a) Pakistan (b) Afghanistan (c) Bangladesh (d) Sri Lanka (e) South Africa Ans. c
112. Which pair did Siddhant Banthia and Alexander Donski defeat in the ATP Kigali Challenger final?
 (a) Geoffrey Blancaneaux and Kolar Zdenek (b) Alexander Donski and Geoffrey Blancaneaux
 (c) Geoffrey Blancaneaux and Alexander Donski (d) Kolar Zdenek and Siddhant Banthia
 (e) Kolar Zdenek and Jeffrey Blancaneaux Ans. a
113. Who has won the FIDE World Junior Championship 2025 in Montenegro?
 (a) Pranav Venkatesh (b) Viswanathan Anand (c) Pentala Harikrishna
 (d) Abhijeet Gupta (e) Aravindh Chithambaram Ans. a
114. Who has won the Prague Masters 2025 Chess title?
 (a) Aravindh Chithambaram (b) Viswanathan Anand (c) Pentala Harikrishna
 (d) Abhijeet Gupta (e) Pranav Venkatesh Ans. a
115. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of Sumant Kathpalia as the Managing Director and CEO of which bank for one year?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) IndusInd Bank
 (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank (e) Axis Bank Ans. c
116. Who has been appointed as the first-ever brand ambassador of Federal Bank?
 (a) Deepika Padukone (b) Alia Bhatt (c) Sunny Leone
 (d) Priyanka Chopra (e) Vidya Balan Ans. e
117. Who has been appointed as the convenor of the GoM on revenue mobilisation for natural calamities?
 (a) Pramod Sawant (b) Suresh Khanna (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
 (d) Pinarayi Vijayan (e) Himanta Biswa Sarma Ans. b
118. What is the name of the new collateral-free digital SME (small and medium enterprise) loan product launched by SBI for women entrepreneurs?
 (a) SBI Nari Shakti (b) SBI Udyogini (c) SBI Asmita (d) SBI Sakhi (e) SBI Pragati Ans. c

119. Bank of Baroda has launched a specialised savings account for women NRIs, becoming the first Indian public sector bank to offer such a product. What is the name of the specialised savings account launched by Bank of Baroda for women NRIs?
- (a) BoB Women Global Account (b) BoB NRI Savings Elite & NRO Savings Account
(c) BoB Global Women NRE & NRO Savings Account
(d) BoB Women's Power Account (e) BoB Nari Shakti Savings & NRO Savings Account Ans. c
120. Which Indian bank has become the first to execute an aircraft financing transaction through its International Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City IFSC?
- (a) State Bank of India (b) HDFC Bank (c) Axis Bank
(d) ICICI Bank (e) Bank of Baroda Ans. c
121. Which countries are participating in the "Security Belt-2025" naval exercises?
- (a) Russia, China, and India (b) Russia, China, and Iran (c) Russia, Iran, and Pakistan
(d) China, Iran, and Saudi Arabia (e) China, India, and the USA Ans. b
122. Which of the following statements about the 'Medical Innovations Patent Mitra' initiative by ICMR is/are correct?
1. The initiative was launched by PM Modi to boost biomedical innovations in India.
2. It provides comprehensive support for patent filings and technology transfer of medical innovations to industry.
3. The program was developed solely by ICMR without any external partnerships or guidance.
4. The initiative was unveiled at the International Symposium on Health Technology Assessment (ISHTA).
- (a) only 1 (b) only 2 and 4 (c) only 1 and 2 (d) only 1, 2, and 4 (e) only 2, 3, and 4 Ans. b
123. In March 2025, the Centre declared the Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh as the country's 58th tiger reserve. How many tiger reserves are there in Madhya Pradesh, excluding the newly added Madhav Tiger Reserve?
- (a) 5 (b) 7 (c) 9 (d) 8 (e) 10 Ans. d
124. What is the name of the Rs.2,500 monthly cash scheme for women approved by the Delhi government?
- (a) Nari Samman Yojana (b) Mahila Vikas Yojana (c) Mahila Samridhi Yojana
(d) Delhi Women's Welfare Scheme (e) Shakti Yojana Ans. c
125. Which edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar is being held in Kyrgyzstan from March 10 to March 23, 2025?
- (a) 11th (b) 12th (c) 13th (d) 14th (e) 15th Ans. b
126. On which date is the International Day of Women Judges observed annually?
- (a) March 5 (b) March 8 (c) March 10 (d) March 15 (e) March 20 Ans. c
127. Former Supreme Court judge V. Ramaswami passed away at 96. Which High Court did V. Ramaswami serve as Chief Justice before being elevated to the Supreme Court?
- (a) Madras High Court (b) Delhi High Court (c) Bombay High Court
(d) Punjab High Court (e) Calcutta High Court Ans. d
128. Who is leading India's delegation at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)?
- (a) Smriti Irani (b) Nirmala Sitharaman (c) Annapurna Devi
(d) Draupadi Murmu (e) Meenakshi Lekhi Ans. c
129. What is the name of the financial grant scheme implemented by the Ministry of Culture to support young artists, in March 2025?
- (a) National Talent Scholarship (b) Young Artists Grant Program
(c) Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields
(d) Traditional Art Development Fund (e) Cultural Heritage Scholarship Scheme Ans. c
130. The Union government appointed justice Joymalya Bagchi as a judge of the Supreme Court, following the recommendation made by the Supreme Court collegium. When is Justice Joymalya Bagchi expected to become the Chief Justice of India (CJI)?
- (a) May 2029 (b) May 2030 (c) May 2031 (d) May 2032 (e) May 2033 Ans. c
131. In March 2025, which life insurance company partnered with GIC Housing Finance Limited to provide credit life insurance solutions?
- (a) LIC of India (b) HDFC Life Insurance
(c) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance (d) SBI Life Insurance
(e) Canara HSBC Life Insurance Ans. e

132. Rohit Sharma became the second-most successful Indian captain by clinching his second ICC title. What record did India achieve by winning the Champions Trophy under Rohit Sharma's captaincy?
- (a) First country to win the Champions Trophy twice
 (b) First country to win the Champions Trophy three times (c) First country to win all ICC tournaments
 (d) First country to win the Champions Trophy and T20 World Cup in the same year
 (e) First country to win the Champions Trophy and ODI World Cup in the same year Ans. b
133. Former Minister Ananta Das passed away recently at the age of 85. Which party did Ananta Das represent during his political career?
- (a) Indian National Congress (b) Bharatiya Janata Party (c) Biju Janata Dal
 (d) Communist Party of India (e) Aam Aadmi Party Ans. c
134. The Assam state government has announced plans to launch its own satellite, aiming to strengthen data access for key socio-economic initiatives and enhance border surveillance. What is the name of the satellite that the Assam state government plans to launch?
- (a) ASSAMNET (b) ASSAMSAT (c) ASSAMSPACE (d) ASSAMVIEW (e) SATASSAM Ans. b
135. PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), the world's largest domestic rooftop solar initiative, has achieved a significant milestone by completing 10.09 lakh installations across the country as of 10th March 2025. Which of the following Union Territories has achieved 100% rooftop solar installation on government buildings?
- (a) Puducherry and Daman & Diu (b) Lakshadweep and Chandigarh (c) Delhi and Chandigarh
 (d) Chandigarh and Daman & Diu (e) Andaman & Nicobar Islands Ans. d
136. A significant MoU was signed between National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) and the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) to develop a state-of-the-art Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP). Where will the Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) be located?
- (a) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (b) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (c) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
 (d) Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh (e) Agra, Uttar Pradesh Ans. c
137. SBI Life Insurance has introduced two new child insurance plans, named "SBI Life - Smart Future Star" and "SBI Life - Smart Platina Young Achiever". What is the primary goal of the two new child insurance plans introduced by SBI Life Insurance?
- (a) To help parents secure their children's financial future (b) To provide short-term loans for education
 (c) To offer free healthcare for children (d) To fund travel expenses for families
 (e) To replace existing retirement plans Ans. a
138. Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has launched DesignShaala™, an initiative aimed at promoting financial innovation through Human-Centered Design (HCD). Who has launched the DesignShaala™ initiative?
- (a) Raghuram Rajan (b) Urjit Patel (c) Nandan Nilekani
 (d) Shaktikanta Das (e) Nirmala Sitharaman Ans. c
139. Former central banker Mark Carney has become the next Prime Minister of Canada. Which political party elected Mark Carney as its leader?
- (a) Conservative Party (b) Liberal Party (c) New Democratic Party
 (d) Green Party (e) Bloc Que be cois Ans. b
140. Who has been appointed as the new President & CEO of Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL)?
- (a) Takuya Tsumura (b) Toshihiro Mibe (c) Masayuki Igarashi
 (d) Kenichi Ayukawa (e) Takashi Nakajima Ans. e
141. Who has been elected as the new Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?
- (a) Atul Kumar Goel (b) Swarup Kumar Saha (c) CS Setty
 (d) A Maninekhalai (e) Madhav Nair Ans. c
142. Which bank has partnered with PSB Alliance for Digital Supply Chain Finance?
- (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) Bank of Baroda
 (d) Central Bank of India (e) Union Bank of India Ans. d
143. Who has become the first Indian to qualify for the final eight of a WTT Star Contender event?
- (a) Sathiyam Gnanasekaran (b) Sharath Kamal (c) Manav Thakkar
 (d) Harmeet Desai (e) Krittwika Roy Ans. c

144. Who has become the oldest man to reach the semi-final of an ATP Masters 1000 event?
 (a) Rafael Nadal (b) Andy Murray (c) Novak Djokovic (d) Roger Federer (e) Carlos Alcaraz Ans. c
145. Who has been appointed as the Whole-time Member (Life) of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?
 (a) Ramesh Kumar (b) Swaminathan S. Iyer (c) Akula Krishna Rao
 (d) Koushik Sharma (e) Rajiv Sharma Ans. b
146. What is the total percentage stake Zaggle Prepaid Ocean Services Ltd will acquire in EffiaSoft Private Ltd?
 (a) 45.33% (b) 38.34% (c) 51% (d) 5.67% (e) 81% Ans. c
147. Abound, a fintech platform tailored for Indians residing in the United States, has raised \$14 million in a seed funding round. Which organization led Abound's seed funding round?
 (a) Sequoia Capital (b) Accel Partners (c) NEAR Foundation
 (d) SoftBank (e) Tiger Global Ans. c
148. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed two contracts with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the supply of Light Combat Helicopters (LCH), Prachand, along with training and other associated equipment, worth Rs 62,700 crore. How many Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) will be supplied to the Indian Army under the HAL contracts?
 (a) 66 (b) 90 (c) 156 (d) 177 (e) 193 Ans. c
149. Which organization has recently published the second edition of "Trade Watch Quarterly" for Q2 FY 2024-25?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Ministry of Commerce & Industry (c) NITI Aayog
 (d) Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)
 (e) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Ans. c
150. Which Bollywood actor has been appointed as the brand ambassador for GRM Overseas' new campaign?
 (a) Akshay Kumar (b) Amitabh Bachchan (c) Salman Khan
 (d) Ranveer Singh (e) Shah Rukh Khan Ans. c
151. What is the name of the specialized education loan launched by Avanse Financial Services for female students?
 (a) SWAYAM (b) SHIKSHA (c) SWALAKSH (d) VIDYA LAKSHMI (e) NARISHAKTI Ans. c
152. Which organization signed an MoU with Adamas University for academic and research collaboration in homoeopathy?
 (a) Ministry of AYUSH (b) National Institute of Homoeopathy
 (c) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) (d) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
 (e) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Ans. c
153. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive (CE) of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?
 (a) Sunil Mehta (b) Shaktikanta Das (c) Atul Kumar Goel
 (d) Rajnish Kumar (e) Uday Kotak Ans. c
154. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has inaugurated the 5th Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW), an initiative aimed at spreading awareness about the significance of digital transactions and ensuring their safe usage. What is the theme of Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2025?
 (a) Digital India: Cashless Economy (b) Secure Payments for a Digital Future
 (c) Digital Payments – The Future of Finance (d) India Pays Digitally
 (e) Transforming Transactions with Digital Payments Ans. d
155. The World Para Athletics Grand Prix (WPA GP) 2025 kicked off at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. Which Indian Paralympic gold medallist will lead the Indian contingent?
 (a) Devendra Jhajharia (b) Mariyappan Thangavelu (c) Praveen Kumar
 (d) Sumit Antil (e) Manish Narwal Ans. c
156. What is the new name of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)?
 (a) Commonwealth Athletics (b) Commonwealth Sports
 (c) Global Commonwealth Federation (d) Commonwealth Games Association
 (e) Commonwealth Nations Sports Ans. b
157. The Subhadra Yojana, which has recently been in the news, is related to which state in India?
 (a) Kerala (b) Odisha (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Assam Ans. b

158. Which state government has launched Project Hifazat to protect women from violence?
 (a) Haryana (b) Rajasthan (c) Punjab
 (d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Madhya Pradesh Ans. c
159. Recently, which organizations have been banned by the Centre for five years?
 (a) Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) and Hurriyat Conference
 (b) Awami Action Committee (AAC) and Jammu and Kashmir Ittihadul Muslimeen (JKIM)
 (c) People's Democratic Party (PDP) and National Conference (NC)
 (d) Hizbul Mujahideen and Lashkar-e-Taiba
 (e) Bajrang Dal and Popular Front of India (PFI) Ans. b
160. Which country has conferred its highest civilian award, "The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean," to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
 (a) Maldives (b) Maurisius (c) Bhutan (d) Russia (e) USA Ans. b
161. Majhi Ladki Behan Yojana, which was in the news recently, is related to which state?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Andhra Pradesh
 (d) Assam (e) West Bengal Ans. a
162. Which Indian Naval Ship arrived in Port Louis, Mauritius, ahead of the country's 57th National Day celebrations?
 (a) INS Vikramaditya (b) INS Viraat (c) INS Imphal
 (d) INS Kolkata (e) INS Delhi Ans. c
163. Under which policy did the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Government of Assam sign an MoU?
 (a) BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment) Policy
 (b) National Biotech Development Policy (c) Assam Sustainable Biotech Policy
 (d) BioIndia Vision 2030 (e) Green Biotechnology Policy Ans. a
164. Who led the Indian delegation at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2025?
 (a) Smriti Irani (b) Annpurna Devi (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
 (d) Draupadi Murmu (e) Meenakshi Lekhi Ans. b
165. Which organization showcased India's agricultural and processed food excellence at the 39th edition of AAHAR 2025?
 (a) India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)
 (b) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
 (c) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
 (d) Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)
 (e) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Ans. b
166. Recently, what is the name of the initiative undertaken by the Department of Posts for a standardized, geo-coded addressing system?
 (a) Digital Postal Code (b) Smart Address Locator (c) Digital Address Code
 (d) e-Address System (e) GeoTag Addressing Network Ans. c
167. Which film has won the Best Picture award at the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) 2025?
 (a) Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (b) Kill (c) Laapataa Ladies
 (d) Article 370 (e) Merry Christmas Ans. c
168. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a Rs.2,906 crore contract with which company for the procurement of Low-level Transportable Radar (LLTR)?
 (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (b) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
 (c) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) (d) Tata Advanced Systems (e) BEML Limited Ans. b
169. CISF Raising Day is celebrated every year on 10th March to mark the establishment of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). In which year was CISF established?
 (a) 1956 (b) 1969 (c) 1984 (d) 1992 (e) 2001 Ans. b
170. 11th March 2025 was the 135th Foundation Day of the National Archives of India (NAI) celebrated. What is the theme of the exhibition organized by NAI on its 135th Foundation Day?
 (a) India's Freedom Struggle (b) Indian Heritage through Architecture
 (c) Evolution of Indian Literature (d) Gandhi and the Indigo Movement
 (e) Ancient Manuscripts of India Ans. b

171. The Ministry of Education has launched the third edition of the Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors (PM-YUVA 3.0). Which organization is responsible for implementing PM-YUVA 3.0?
 (a) National Book Trust, India (b) Ministry of Culture
 (c) Indian Council of Historical Research
 (d) Sahitya Akademi (e) University Grants Commission Ans. a
172. What is the maximum amount that Power Finance Corporation can raise through the newly notified Zero Coupon Bonds (ZCB)?
 (a) Rs.5,000 crore (b) Rs.7,500 crore (c) Rs.10,000 crore
 (d) Rs.12,000 crore (e) Rs.15,000 crore Ans. c
173. What was India's retail inflation rate in February 2025?
 (a) 4.5% (b) 4.26% (c) 3.6% (d) 5.1% (e) 3.9% Ans. c
174. In March 2025, which banknote denominations will be issued in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series with the new Governor's signature?
 (a) Rs.50 and Rs.100 (b) Rs.100 and Rs.200 (c) Rs.200 and Rs.500
 (d) Rs.500 and Rs.2000 (e) Rs.10 and Rs.50 Ans. b
175. With which country has India signed an MoU for cooperation in the field of medical products regulation in March 2025?
 (a) Iran (b) Armenia (c) Russia (d) France (e) Japan Ans. b
176. Who has been elected as the new Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)?
 (a) Hiroshi Yoshizane (b) Raghupati Singhania (c) Arun Mammen
 (d) Rajiv Poddar (e) Neeraj Kanwar Ans. c
177. Which company has Jio Platforms Limited signed a deal with to bring Starlink's internet services to India?
 (a) Amazon Web Services (b) OneWeb (c) SpaceX
 (d) Google Fiber (e) HughesNet Ans. c
178. In March 2025, what percentage of stake did Bharti Airtel transfer in Airtel Payments Bank to its wholly-owned subsidiary?
 (a) 49.94% (b) 59.94% (c) 89.94% (d) 79.94% (e) 69.94% Ans. e
179. What is the name of the Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) tested by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA)?
 (a) BrahMos (b) Agni (c) Astra (d) Nirbhay (e) Akash Ans. c
180. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Tata Communications' board of directors?
 (a) Rajesh Gopinathan (b) N Chandrasekaran (c) N G Subramaniam
 (d) Amur S Lakshminarayanan (e) Mukesh Ambani Ans. c
181. Shubman Gill and Alana King have won the ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month awards for February 2025, respectively. Which country does Alana King represent?
 (a) England (b) India (c) Australia (d) South Africa (e) New Zealand Ans. c
182. Former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte was recently arrested by the International Criminal Court (ICC). What was the main reason for the ICC warrant against Duterte?
 (a) Illegal business dealings (b) Alleged involvement in drug trade
 (c) Deadly anti-drugs crackdowns (d) Military coup attempt
 (e) Violation of environmental laws Ans. c
183. The Delhi government has signed an MoU with the National Health Authority (NHA) to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). With the implementation of AB-PMJAY, Delhi became the _____ state/UT to adopt the scheme.
 (a) 30th (b) 32nd (c) 35th (d) 36th (e) 37th Ans. c
184. What is the primary goal of the UN80 Initiative launched by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres?
 (a) Expand the UN's global presence (b) Enhance efficiency and cost-effectiveness
 (c) Create new peacekeeping missions (d) Increase the UN's workforce
 (e) Focus on climate change policies Ans. b

185. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) app, a move which will make it easier for youngsters to apply for the programme. Where is the first facilitation centre for the Prime Minister Internship Scheme being set up?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Bengaluru (d) Kolkata (e) Chennai Ans. d
186. Pi Day is celebrated annually on March 14, honours the mathematical constant Pi, which is approximately 3.14. Who first calculated the value of Pi?
 (a) Leonhard Euler (b) Pythagoras (c) Archimedes (d) Aryabhata (e) Euclid Ans. c
187. World Sleep Day is observed annually on March 14 to promote healthy sleep habits, raise awareness about sleep disorders, and highlight the importance of quality rest. What is the theme for World Sleep Day 2025?
 (a) Sleep Well, Live Well (b) Healthy Sleep, Healthy Life (c) Prioritize Your Sleep
 (d) Make Sleep Health a Priority (e) Sleep for a Better Tomorrow Ans. d
188. World Consumer Rights Day is observed annually on March 15 to raise awareness about consumer rights and protection. What is the theme for World Consumer Rights Day 2025?
 (a) Fair Digital Transactions (b) Consumer Protection in the Digital Age
 (c) A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles (d) Ethical Consumerism for a Better Future (e) Global Consumer Awareness Ans. c
189. Mumbai Indians won the 3rd edition of the Women's Premier League after defeating the Delhi Capitals. Who has won the Purple Cap for the most wickets in the tournament?
 (a) Marizanne Kapp (b) Nat Sciver-Brunt (c) Saika Ishaque
 (d) Amelia Kerr (e) Shikha Pandey Ans. d
190. Which regulatory body approved the first reinsurance licence to a private player, Valueattics Reinsurance?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
 (d) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
 (e) National Housing Bank (NHB) Ans. c
191. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been selected for the Digital Transformation Award 2025 by Central Banking in London, UK. What are the names of the digital initiatives for which RBI won the Digital Transformation Award 2025?
 (a) UPI and Bharat BillPay (b) e-Rupi and RuPay (c) Pravaah and Sarthi
 (d) DigiYatra and e-Shakti (e) FASTag and Aadhaar Pay Ans. c
192. Which Indian Navy ship participated in the Bongosagar 2025 exercise conducted between India and Bangladesh?
 (a) INS Vikrant (b) INS Kolkata (c) INS Delhi (d) INS Arihant (e) INS Ranvir Ans. e
193. The 1st Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting was held between India and Chile in virtual mode in March 2025. What was the main focus of the JWG meeting between India and Chile?
 (a) Establishing a free trade agreement (b) Discussing military cooperation
 (c) Enhancing agricultural productivity and farmers' welfare
 (d) Promoting tourism between the two nations
 (e) Strengthening space research collaboration Ans. c
194. How many Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between India and Mauritius during PM Modi's visit?
 (a) 5 (b) 6 (c) 7 (d) 8 (e) 10 Ans. d
195. What is the name of the next-generation AI model recently announced by Google?
 (a) Bard 3 (b) Gemini 3 (c) Gemma 3 (d) AlphaFold 3 (e) PaLM 3 Ans. c
196. According to Morgan Stanley, by which year will India become the world's third-largest economy?
 (a) 2026 (b) 2027 (c) 2030 (d) 2029 (e) 2028 Ans. e
197. Where was the 353rd Governing Body meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) held?
 (a) New York, USA (b) Geneva, Switzerland (c) Paris, France
 (d) Vienna, Austria (e) London, UK Ans. b
198. Which private sector bank has introduced a Goods and Services Tax (GST) payment facility?
 (a) ICICI Bank (b) HDFC Bank (c) Axis Bank
 (d) YES Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. d

199. Which company's flagship payment gateway brand has partnered with The Sutex Co-operative Bank Ltd?
 (a) PayU (b) Razorpay (c) Infibeam Avenues Ltd
 (d) BillDesk (e) EBS Ans. c
200. World Consumer Rights Day is observed annually on March 15 to raise awareness about consumer rights and advocate for fair trade practices, ethical business conduct, and consumer protection. What is the theme for World Consumer Rights Day 2025?
 (a) Digital Consumer Protection (b) Sustainable Consumption and Production
 (c) Fair Digital Finance (d) A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles
 (e) Ethical Business Practices Ans. d
201. Which team has won the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025?
 (a) Hockey Haryana (b) Hockey Mizoram (c) Hockey Maharashtra
 (d) Hockey Jharkhand (e) Hockey Punjab Ans. d
202. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards to Mauritius' Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam and his wife, Veena Ramgoolam. What does the OCI card allow holders to do in India?
 (a) It allows them to live and work in Mauritius without a visa
 (b) It allows them to live, work, and study in India without a visa
 (c) It allows them to travel to India without a passport
 (d) It allows them to invest in Indian businesses without any restrictions
 (e) It allows them to participate in Indian elections Ans. b
203. How much funding has the government announced for the creator's economy ahead of WAVES 2025?
 (a) \$500 million (b) \$750 million (c) \$1 billion (d) \$2 billion (e) \$5 billion Ans. c
204. Syed Abid Ali passed away recently at the age of 83. Who was he?
 (a) Politician (b) Cricketer (c) Writer (d) Historian (e) Footballer Ans. b
205. Which organization organized the "Water Sustainability Conference 2025" along with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)?
 (a) Central Water Commission (CWC) (b) Bureau of Water Use Efficiency (BWUE)
 (c) National Green Tribunal (NGT)
 (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) (e) NITI Aayog Ans. b
206. To support media organizations, PB-SHABD's free subscription has been extended until March 2026. What does PB-SHABD stand for?
 (a) Prasar Bharati - Shared Hub for Audio-Visual Broadcast and Distribution
 (b) Prasar Bharati - Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination
 (c) Public Broadcasting - Shared Audio-Visual Database
 (d) Prasar Bharati - Strategic Hub for Audio-Visual Broadcasting
 (e) Public Broadcasting - Secure Hub for Audio-Visual Dissemination Ans. b
207. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 10th edition of Raisina Dialogue 2025 in New Delhi. What is the theme of Raisina Dialogue 2025?
 (a) Global Unity and Progress (b) Economic Growth and Sustainability
 (c) Kalachakra — People, Peace, and Planet
 (d) Future of Democracy (e) Strengthening Global Partnerships Ans. c
208. Who inaugurated the first edition of the Fit India Carnival in Delhi?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Rajnath Singh (c) Mansukh Mandaviya
 (d) Anurag Thakur (e) Amit Shah Ans. c
209. How much has Standard Chartered raised through its first social bond?
 (a) 500 million euros (b) 750 million euros (c) 1 billion euros
 (d) 2 billion euros (e) 5 billion euros Ans. c
210. India and Japan have signed loan agreements for six projects under Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to India. What is the total value of the loan agreements signed between India and Japan?
 (a) 100 billion Japanese yen (b) 150 billion Japanese yen (c) 191 billion Japanese yen
 (d) 200 billion Japanese yen (e) 250 billion Japanese yen Ans. c

211. Who has been appointed as the CEO of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)?
 (a) Professor Abhay Karandikar (b) Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman (c) Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar
 (d) Dr. K. Sivan (e) Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy Ans. b
212. Where is the 2nd edition of the Kabaddi World Cup 2025 being held?
 (a) India (b) Pakistan (c) Malaysia (d) England (e) Iran Ans. d
213. India Masters clinched the inaugural International Masters League T20 title beating West Indies Masters by 6 wickets at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur. Who was the captain of the winning team, India Masters?
 (a) Virender Sehwag (b) Rahul Dravid (c) Sourav Ganguly
 (d) Sachin Tendulkar (e) MS Dhoni Ans. d
214. How many total medals did Indian athletes win at the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025?
 (a) 25 (b) 28 (c) 37 (d) 39 (e) 33 Ans. e
215. Which two financial institutions have partnered to improve credit access for middle and low-income borrowers in March 2025?
 (a) HDFC Bank & SBI (b) Piramal Finance & Punjab & Sind Bank
 (c) ICICI Bank & Axis Bank (d) Bajaj Finance & Kotak Mahindra Bank
 (e) Yes Bank & Bank of Baroda Ans. b
216. SATYA MicroCapital Ltd, a NBFC-MFI committed to promoting entrepreneurship and financial independence, has unveiled an ambitious goal of reaching 10 million households by _____.
 (a) 2026 (b) 2028 (c) 2029 (d) 2030 (e) 2047 Ans. d
217. Recently, which bank has started accepting deposits under the Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme (SCSS)?
 (a) ICICI Bank (b) Axis Bank (c) HDFC Bank
 (d) Yes Bank (e) Airtel Payment Bank Ans. c
218. Which regulatory body approved the acquisition of Uprising Science Private Limited by Hindustan Unilever Limited?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (c) Competition Commission of India (CCI) (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
 (e) NITI Aayog Ans. c
219. Ramakanta Rath, who recently passed away, was a renowned poet in which language?
 (a) Bengali (b) Odia (c) Hindi (d) Marathi (e) Tamil Ans. b
220. What was the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rate in February 2025?
 (a) 2.31 per cent (b) 2.38 per cent (c) 5.94 per cent (d) 7.47 per cent (e) 2.00 per cent Ans. b
221. Ordnance Factories Day is observed in India on March 18 every year to commemorate the establishment of the first ordnance factory in 1801. Where was the first ordnance factory in India established?
 (a) Chennai (b) Mumbai (c) Hyderabad (d) Kolkata (e) Bengaluru Ans. d
222. Which Indian state recently initiated scientific coal mining after almost a decade of ban on rat-hole coal mining imposed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?
 (a) Assam (b) Nagaland (c) Meghalaya
 (d) Arunachal Pradesh (e) Manipur Ans. c
223. Which German insurer is selling its 26% stake in joint ventures with Bajaj Finserv?
 (a) AXA (b) Zurich Insurance (c) Allianz SE
 (d) Munich Re (e) Generali Group Ans. c
224. Who has launched the mobile app for the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme?
 (a) Rajnath Singh (b) Piyush Goyal (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
 (d) Amit Shah (e) Dharmendra Pradhan Ans. c
225. Which company has won two Gold Awards at the SKOCH Awards 2025?
 (a) Bajaj Finserv (b) Muthoot Microfin (c) Mahindra Finance
 (d) HDFC Bank (e) Bandhan Bank Ans. b
226. Which airport has won the Air Service Quality (ASQ) award for the third consecutive year?
 (a) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (b) Indira Gandhi International Airport
 (c) Kempegowda International Airport (d) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
 (e) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport Ans. c

227. Who will be sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago?
 (a) Keith Rowley (b) Kamla Persad-Bissessar (c) Stuart Young
 (d) Patrick Manning (e) Basdeo Panday Ans. c
228. Who has inaugurated the India Innovation Summit – Pioneering Solutions to End TB?
 (a) Mansukh Mandaviya (b) Anupriya Patel (c) Harsh Vardhan
 (d) Nirmala Sitharaman (e) Amit Shah Ans. b
229. In March 2025, which sport has been approved for inclusion in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?
 (a) Wrestling (b) Weightlifting (c) Cricket (d) Karate (e) Boxing Ans. e
230. Indian athletes concluded their remarkable campaign at the Special Olympics World Winter Games with 33 medals in Turin, Italy. What is the breakdown of India's medal tally at the Special Olympics World Winter Games?
 (a) 8 gold, 15 silver, and 10 bronze (b) 6 gold, 12 silver, and 15 bronze
 (c) 8 gold, 18 silver, and 7 bronze (d) 10 gold, 15 silver, and 8 bronze
 (e) 12 gold, 10 silver, and 11 bronze Ans. c
231. What is one of the key areas India and New Zealand agreed to boost cooperation in during New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon's visit?
 (a) Digital payments (b) Space exploration (c) Military defense
 (d) Renewable energy (e) Artificial intelligence Ans. a
232. Canara Bank has become the first in India to introduce an Online Digital Balance Confirmation Certificate. Through which platform has Canara Bank introduced the Online Digital Balance Confirmation Certificate?
 (a) PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd portal (b) National Payments Corporation of India
 (c) Reserve Bank of India website (d) Canara Bank mobile app
 (e) Unified Payments Interface Ans. a
233. What is the name of the bilateral naval exercise between the Indian and French Navies scheduled from 19 - 22 March 2025?
 (a) Varuna (b) Malabar (c) Garuda (d) Surya Kiran (e) Indra Ans. a
234. When is the International Day to Combat Islamophobia observed?
 (a) March 10 (b) March 15 (c) March 18 (d) March 17 (e) March 19 Ans. b
235. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chairman of Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE)?
 (a) Shivani Sharma (b) Anand Mahindra (c) Lakshmi Venu
 (d) N. Chandrasekaran (e) Parul Tyagi Ans. c
236. Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL)?
 (a) Mukesh Kumar (b) Sanjay Mehta (c) Anshika Mishra
 (d) Anil Agrawal (e) Vikas Kaushal Ans. e
237. The government has set up an inter-ministerial-industry committee on fintech (IMICF) to look into entire gamut of issues that affect growth of fintech sector and suggest long term strategy for its development. Who is the chairperson of the newly formed fintech committee (IMICF)?
 (a) Shaktikanta Das (b) T. V. Somanathan (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
 (d) M. Nagaraju (e) Ajay Seth Ans. d
238. Who has been reappointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Bajaj Auto?
 (a) Sanjiv Bajaj (b) Pawan Munjal
 (c) Rajivnayan Rahul Kumar Bajaj (d) Vikram Kirloskar (e) Uday Kotak Ans. c
239. What is the name of the dedicated squad launched by Delhi Police against eve teasing?
 (a) Nirbhaya Squad (b) Shishtachar (c) Suraksha Team
 (d) Mahila Rakshak (e) Tejaswini Force Ans. b
240. What is the total budget outlay for the Revised National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26?
 (a) Rs.1,000 crore (b) Rs.2,790 crore (c) Rs.5,009 crore (d) Rs.3,510 crore (e) Rs.2,000 crore Ans. b

241. What is the total allocation for the Revised Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26?
 (a) Rs.2,400 crore (b) Rs.3,000 crore (c) Rs.3,400 crore (d) Rs.4,000 crore (e) Rs.3,200 crore Ans. c
242. Consider the following statements about the Brownfield Ammonia-Urea Complex approved by the Union Cabinet:
 1. The project is located at Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) in Namrup, Assam.
 2. The annual production capacity of the complex is 12.7 Lakh Metric Tonnes.
 3. The project follows a 50:50 Debt-Equity ratio under the New Investment Policy, 2012.
 Which of the above statements is/are CORRECT?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 2 and 3 only (e) 1, 2 and 3 Ans. c
243. Consider the following statements regarding the Rs.1,500 crore incentive scheme approved by the Union Cabinet:
 1. The scheme promotes low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (P2M) for FY 2024-25.
 2. It will be operational from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.
 3. The scheme targets transactions above Rs.2,000 to encourage digital payments.
 Which of the above statements is/are CORRECT?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 3 only (e) 1, 2, and 3 Ans. a
244. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by PM Modi, has approved the construction of a six-lane access-controlled Greenfield High-Speed National Highway from JNPA Port (Pagote) to Chowk in Maharashtra. Under which mode will the new Greenfield Highway project be developed?
 (a) Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) (b) Build, Operate, and Transfer (BOT)
 (c) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC)
 (d) Public-Private Partnership (PPP) (e) Direct Government Funding Ans. b
245. In March 2025, Reserve Bank of India and the Bank of Mauritius have signed an MoU for establishing a framework. What is the primary objective of the MoU signed between the Reserve Bank of India and the Bank of Mauritius?
 (a) To promote the use of INR and MUR in bilateral trade
 (b) To establish a common currency for India and Mauritius
 (c) To restrict cross-border transactions to USD only (d) To eliminate the use of local currencies in trade
 (e) To create a new financial regulatory body Ans. a
246. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has infused over Rs. 5 lakh crore into the banking system since mid-January through bond purchases, forex swaps, and early-April maturity repos. What is the primary objective of RBI's liquidity infusion into the banking system?
 (a) To increase inflation (b) To strengthen the rupee against the dollar
 (c) To ensure the transmission of rate cut benefits to borrowers
 (d) To decrease foreign exchange reserves (e) To control the fiscal deficit Ans. c
247. What is the primary focus of the two new investment schemes launched by SBI Mutual Fund named "SBI BSE PSU Bank Index Fund" and "SBI BSE PSU Bank ETF"?
 (a) India's public sector banking sector (b) Private sector technology companies
 (c) International equity markets (d) Government bonds and securities
 (e) Real estate investment trusts Ans. a
248. World Oral Health Day is celebrated annually on March 20 to raise awareness about the importance of oral hygiene, dental care, and overall oral health. What is the theme of World Oral Health Day for the year 2025?
 (a) A Happy Mouth is... A Happy Mind (b) Strong Teeth, Strong Body (c) Smile Bright, Live Right
 (d) Oral Care for All Ages (e) Healthy Gums, Healthy Life Ans. a
249. World Sparrow Day is observed annually on March 20 to raise awareness about the declining population of sparrows and the need for their conservation. What is the theme for World Sparrow Day 2025?
 (a) Protecting Our Birds (b) Save the Sparrows
 (c) A Tribute to Nature's Tiny Messengers (d) Birds and Biodiversity
 (e) Wings of Hope Ans. c
250. The International Day of Happiness is celebrated every year on March 20 to recognize the importance of happiness and well-being in people's lives worldwide. What is the theme of International Day of Happiness 2025?
 (a) Happier Together (b) Build Back Happier (c) Caring and Sharing
 (d) Gross National Happiness (e) Spread Positivity Ans. c

251. Which state has recently imposed Rs 50 as entry fee for tourists entering the state?
 (a) Sikkim (b) Goa (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Meghalaya (e) Nagaland Ans. a
252. Who has won the 2025 Australian Grand Prix?
 (a) Max Verstappen (b) Lewis Hamilton (c) Charles Leclerc
 (d) Lando Norris (e) George Russell Ans. d
253. Which fintech app recently rose to the fifth position in the UPI market, overtaking CRED?
 (a) PhonePe (b) Google Pay (c) super.money (d) Paytm (e) Amazon Pay Ans. c
254. Which two organizations have signed an MoU to collaborate on mental health services for military personnel?
 (a) AIIMS & DRDO (b) AFMS & NIMHANS (c) ICMR & AFMC
 (d) AIIMS & Armed Forces Medical College (e) DRDO & NIMHANS Ans. b
255. Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the National Dope Testing Laboratory Annual Conference-2025 in New Delhi. What was the theme of the National Dope Testing Laboratory Annual Conference 2025?
 (a) Future of Sports Medicine (b) Anti-Doping Science: Innovations and Challenges
 (c) Enhancing Fair Play in Sports (d) Drug-Free Sports: A Global Perspective
 (e) Advancements in Athletic Performance Ans. b
256. Which organization has signed an MoU with YES BANK to foster innovation and provide crucial support to product startups, innovators, and entrepreneurs across the country?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) RBI (c) DPIIT
 (d) SEBI (e) Ministry of Finance Ans. c
257. Recently, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed an MoU with Kyndryl Solutions Pvt Ltd. What is the main goal of the MoU between DPIIT and Kyndryl Solutions Pvt Ltd?
 (a) To promote rural development (b) To accelerate innovation and scale India's startup ecosystem
 (c) To regulate IT companies (d) To provide free software to startups
 (e) To improve banking services Ans. b
258. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved eight capital acquisition proposals to strengthen India's defence forces' operational capabilities. What is the total value of the capital acquisition proposals approved by the DAC?
 (a) Rs.54,000 crore (b) Rs.45,000 crore (c) Rs.65,000 crore (d) Rs.50,000 crore (e) Rs.70,000 crore Ans. a
259. What is the new minimum investment amount for Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) instruments on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?
 (a) Rs.15,000 (b) Rs.1,000 (c) Rs.5,000 (d) Rs.10,000 (e) Rs.50,000 Ans. b
260. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has collaborated with DigiLocker to address various challenges in the Indian securities market. Which of the following is the primary reason for this partnership?
 (a) To increase high-frequency trading and algorithmic trading in stock markets
 (b) To facilitate online stock trading directly through DigiLocker without brokerage involvement
 (c) To reduce unclaimed assets, streamline asset transmission, and enhance investor protection
 (d) To allow foreign investors direct access to Indian stock markets via DigiLocker
 (e) To integrate DigiLocker with blockchain-based decentralized finance (DeFi) platforms Ans. c
261. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Indranil Bhattacharyya as an Executive Director to strengthen its leadership team. Which of the following combinations of responsibilities best reflects his new role, based on his expertise and the RBI's current priorities?
 (a) Department of Statistics and Information Management and FinTech Department
 (b) Monetary Policy Department and Foreign Exchange Department
 (c) Banking Regulation Department and Consumer Education Division
 (d) Payment Systems Department and Rural Banking Division
 (e) Financial Markets Department and Currency Management Division Ans. a
262. Who has been appointed as the Interim Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company (EARC)?
 (a) Mythili Balasubramanian (b) Raj Kumar Bansal (c) Indranil Bhattacharyya
 (d) Korn Ferry (e) Parul Tyagi Ans. a

263. Who has been re-appointed as an Additional Director in the capacity of Independent Director at Fino Payments Bank?
 (a) Deena Mehta (b) Mythili Balasubramanian (c) Indranil Bhattacharyya
 (d) Raj Kumar Bansal (e) SEBI Chairperson Ans. a
264. Finland has been named the happiest country in the world for the eighth consecutive year in the World Happiness Report 2025. India ranks 118th out of 147 countries, showing a slight improvement from its 126th position in the previous year. Which country was ranked as the unhappiest in the World Happiness Report 2025?
 (a) Chad (b) Lebanon (c) Afghanistan (d) Sierra Leone (e) Gambia Ans. c
265. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has organised the Annual Conference of RBI Ombudsmen in Mumbai. What was the theme of the Annual Conference of RBI Ombudsmen?
 (a) Digital Banking and Future Innovations (b) Financial Inclusion Through Technology
 (c) Transforming Grievance Redress: The AI Advantage
 (d) Strengthening Banking Regulations (e) Customer Satisfaction in Banking Ans. c
266. Which bank has implemented the Pradhan Mantri Vidyalaxmi (PM-Vidyalaxmi) Scheme for education loans?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) Bank of Baroda
 (d) HDFC Bank (e) ICICI Bank Ans. c
267. Austrian hydrologist Günter Blöschl has been awarded the prestigious 2025 Stockholm Water Prize. What is Günter Blöschl recognized for in receiving the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize?
 (a) Developing new irrigation systems
 (b) Groundbreaking contributions to flood risk management and water resource engineering
 (c) Discovering new water purification techniques
 (d) Analysis of groundwater depletion and soil erosion studies
 (e) Improving agricultural water usage Ans. b
268. Which organization has secured the Oeko-Tex certification for Eri silk from Northeast India?
 (a) Khadi and Village Industries Commission
 (b) North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation (c) Ministry of Textiles
 (d) Central Silk Board (e) Handloom Export Promotion Council Ans. b
269. Which edition of the Central Asian Youth Delegation is India hosting under the International Youth Exchange Programme in 2025?
 (a) First (b) Second (c) Third (d) Fourth (e) Fifth Ans. c
270. Where will the 11th Asian Swimming Championship be held from October 1 to 15?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Bengaluru (d) Ahmedabad (e) Chennai Ans. d
271. The CSIR - Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu, signed an MoU with M/S HAPICO Industries Private Limited. What is the main purpose of the MoU signed between CSIR-IIIM and HAPICO Industries?
 (a) To develop chemical pesticides (b) To jointly develop novel biopesticides
 (c) To promote the use of medicinal plants for food production
 (d) To establish a new research institute
 (e) To study the effects of aromatic plants on human health Ans. b
272. When is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination observed?
 (a) March 21 (b) March 20 (c) March 23 (d) March 22 (e) March 24 Ans. a
273. What is the revised GDP growth projection for India in FY27 by Fitch Ratings?
 (a) 6.0% (b) 6.1% (c) 6.2% (d) 6.3% (e) 6.4% Ans. d
274. What is the name of the new feature introduced by IDFC FIRST Bank on its mobile banking app for mutual fund details?
 (a) InvestPro (b) Ace (c) SmartFunds (d) WealthTrack (e) FundMaster Ans. b
275. Who has been chosen for the Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024?
 (a) Anish Kapoor (b) Ram Sutar (c) Subodh Gupta (d) Satish Gujral (e) Jatin Das Ans. b
276. Who has been elected as the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 2024?
 (a) Sebastian Coe (b) Thomas Bach (c) Kirsty Coventry (d) Anita DeFrantz (e) John Coates Ans. c

277. International Day of Forests is observed annually on March 21 to promote awareness about the importance of forests and trees. What is the theme for the International Day of Forests 2025?
 (a) Forests and Innovation (b) Protecting Our Green Cover (c) Forests and Food
 (d) Sustainable Forest Management (e) Reforestation for the Future Ans. c
278. When is World Day for Glaciers observed every year?
 (a) March 21 (b) March 20 (c) March 23 (d) March 22 (e) March 24 Ans. a
279. World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) is observed annually on March 21 to raise awareness about Down Syndrome and advocate for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of individuals with the condition. What is the theme for World Down Syndrome Day 2025?
 (a) Empower and Include (b) Equal Opportunities for All
 (c) Improve Our Support Systems (d) Breaking Barriers
 (e) Stronger Together Ans. c
280. World Poetry Day is celebrated every year on 21 March. Which organization was established World Poetry Day?
 (a) United Nations (UN) (b) World Literary Association (c) UNESCO
 (d) International Poets Society (e) World Cultural Forum Ans. c
281. When is French Language Day observed annually?
 (a) March 21 (b) March 20 (c) March 23 (d) March 22 (e) March 24 Ans. b
282. Which region in Uttar Pradesh is renowned for its high-quality sugarcane and has GI-tagged jaggery, which is now being exported to Bangladesh?
 (a) Varanasi (b) Lucknow (c) Muzaffarnagar (d) Agra (e) Kanpur Ans. c
283. Which country has received Mizoram's first-ever export of Anthurium flowers?
 (a) Thailand (b) Malaysia (c) Singapore (d) Indonesia (e) Vietnam Ans. c
284. The launch of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain – 2025 by Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil on World Water Day signifies a strategic national effort. Which collaborative framework underpins this campaign to ensure its success across multiple sectors?
 (a) A partnership between the Ministry of Jal Shakti, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and the Government of Haryana
 (b) An alliance of the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Disaster Management Authority, and the Government of Punjab
 (c) A joint initiative by the Ministry of Urban Development, the Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Government of Delhi
 (d) A collaboration between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Rural Development, and the Government of Rajasthan
 (e) An agreement involving the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Education, and the Government of Maharashtra Ans. a
285. Which organization has partnered with IIT Delhi to develop a generative AI-powered chatbot for disaster management?
 (a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) (b) Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
 (c) National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) (d) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
 (e) Ministry of Information Technology (MIT) Ans. b
286. What is the name of the flagship CSR initiative by SECL that has become the first of its kind among coal PSUs to be listed on the DBT portal?
 (a) SECL Ke Shiksha (b) SECL Ke Sushrut (c) SECL Ke Swasthya
 (d) SECL Ke Samvid (e) SECL Ke Sankalp Ans. b
287. Who has been appointed as the Joint Secretary (Director level) in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Delhi?
 (a) Rajeev Sharma (b) Anuj Kumar Singh (c) Parul Goel
 (d) Vikram Mehta (e) Ramesh Choudhary Ans. b
288. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of IFCI Ltd?
 (a) Sanjay Malhotra (b) Anshika Singh (c) Anil Kumar Gupta
 (d) Rajesh Sharma (e) Rahul Bhawe Ans. e

289. World Water Day is observed every year on March 22 to raise awareness about the need for sustainable water management and conservation. What is the theme of World Water Day 2025?
 (a) Water and Climate Change (b) Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible
 (c) Glacier Preservation (d) Accelerating Change
 (e) Clean Water for All Ans. c
290. World Meteorological Day is observed every year on March 23 to highlight the importance of meteorology and its role in weather forecasting, climate monitoring, and disaster risk reduction. What is the theme for World Meteorological Day 2025?
 (a) Weather and Climate: Engaging Youth (b) The Ocean, Our Climate, and Weather
 (c) Understanding Clouds (d) Closing the Early Warning Gap Together
 (e) Climate Knowledge for Climate Action Ans. d
291. What is the name of the specialized foreign currency term deposit scheme introduced by HDFC Bank?
 (a) Diplomat Fixed Deposit (b) Embassy Fixed Deposit (c) Global Currency Deposit
 (d) Foreign Mission Term Deposit (e) International Reserve Deposit Ans. b
292. What is the amount of penalty imposed by the RBI on Citibank N.A. for non-compliance with transaction reporting under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme?
 (a) Rs 10 lakh (b) Rs 25.5 lakh (c) Rs 36.28 lakh (d) Rs 50 lakh (e) Rs 1 crore Ans. c
293. The government of India has launched the BioSaarthi initiative to support Indian Biotech startups to expand their domestic and global reach and business. The Minister also released the "India Bioeconomy Report 2025" on the occasion. What is the Indian government's Bioeconomy target for 2025?
 (a) \$120 billion (b) \$135 billion (c) \$150 billion (d) \$175 billion (e) \$200 billion Ans. c
294. Who has won the women's singles title at the SRFI Indian Tour PSA Challenger event held in Chennai?
 (a) Anahat Singh (b) Veer Chotani (c) Sanya Vats
 (d) Joshna Chinappa (e) Dipika Pallikal Ans. a
295. President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the Purple Fest 2025 held at the Amrit Udyan in the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. Which government body has organized the Purple Fest in collaboration with the Rashtrapati Bhavan?
 (a) Ministry of Culture (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 (c) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (e) Ministry of Women and Child Development Ans. c
296. Which state has become the first in India to broadcast its Legislative Assembly proceedings in sign language?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Punjab (d) Karnataka (e) Gujarat Ans. c
297. World Tuberculosis Day is observed every year on March 24 to raise awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of tuberculosis (TB) and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic. What is the theme for World Tuberculosis Day in 2025?
 (a) Together We Fight TB (b) Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver (c) Stop TB Now
 (d) Invest in TB Research (e) TB-Free Future Ans. b
298. With reference to the Jnanpith Award, consider the following statements:
 1. Vinod Kumar Shukla is the first recipient of the Jnanpith Award from Chhattisgarh for 2024.
 2. The award was instituted in 1961 and first conferred in 1965 to G. Sankara Kurup.
 3. The Jnanpith Award is open to authors from any country writing in any language.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, and 3 (e) 2 and 3 only Ans. a
299. Consider the following statements regarding the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for Central Government employees:
 1. The scheme is applicable to employees who joined service on or after January 1, 2014.
 2. The government's contribution under UPS is 18.5%, while the employee's contribution remains at 10%.
 3. Employees have complete discretion to invest 100% of their pension corpus in equity funds.
 4. Assured pension of 50% of the average basic pay over the last 12 months for employees with at least 25 years of service.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 4 only (e) all are correct Ans. d

300. With reference to the financial performance of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in FY24, consider the following statements:
1. The aggregate net profit of 12 PSBs in FY24 reached an all-time high of Rs.1.41 lakh crore.
 2. The SBI alone contributed over 40% of the total net profit of PSBs in FY24.
 3. The net profit of all PSBs in FY24 was lower than the net profit recorded in FY23.
 4. PSBs collectively earned Rs.1.29 lakh crore in the first nine months of FY24.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 4 only (e) all are correct Ans. d
301. Which bank has launched the 'mDigiNext' mobile app for corporate cash management services?
- (a) State Bank of India (b) ICICI Bank (c) HDFC Bank
(d) Bank of Baroda (e) Punjab National Bank Ans. d
302. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has secured a Rs.7,500 crore order from which organization for setting up an 800 MW thermal unit?
- (a) NTPC Ltd (b) Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd
(c) Power Grid Corporation of India (d) Maharashtra State Electricity Board
(e) Coal India Ltd Ans. b
303. Who has won the 2025 Chinese Grand Prix?
- (a) Max Verstappen (b) Lewis Hamilton (c) Charles Leclerc (d) Oscar Piastri (e) Lando Norris Ans. d
304. Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court, in March 2025?
- (a) Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh (b) Justice Harish Tandon (c) Justice Arindam Sinha
(d) Justice Joymalya Bagchi (e) Justice Sanjiv Khanna Ans. b
305. Which teams did India defeat in both the Men's and Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 finals?
- (a) Iran (b) Pakistan (c) Bangladesh (d) England (e) Sri Lanka Ans. d
306. India's Pranati Nayak has won a bronze medal in the Women's Vault final at the FIG World Cup in Antalya, Turkey. Pranati Nayak is associated with which sport?
- (a) Badminton (b) Gymnastics (c) Wrestling (d) Weightlifting (e) Athletics Ans. b
307. Which legislature became the 28th to adopt the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)?
- (a) Delhi Legislative Assembly (b) Maharashtra Legislative Assembly
(c) Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (d) Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly
(e) Karnataka Legislative Assembly Ans. a
308. Who has been elected as the new chairman of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)?
- (a) Ramesh Sharma (b) Ashok Singh Thakur (c) Vikram Sethi
(d) Rajiv Menon (e) Sanjay Gupta Ans. b
309. The Government of India has abolished the 20% onion export duty effective April 1 to increase farmers' income. Which government has department issued the notification to remove the onion export duty?
- (a) Ministry of Agriculture (b) Department of Commerce
(c) Department of Consumer Affairs (d) Department of Revenue
(e) Ministry of Finance Ans. d
310. Who has been appointed as the new India Head of Bank of America?
- (a) Rajiv Sharma (b) Kaku Nakhate (c) Vikram Sahu (d) Jin Su (e) Amit Verma Ans. c
311. When is the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims observed?
- (a) 23 March (b) 24 March (c) 25 March (d) 26 March (e) 27 March Ans. b
312. When is the International Day of the Unborn Child observed?
- (a) 23 March (b) 24 March (c) 25 March (d) 26 March (e) 27 March Ans. c
313. Where was the 614th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India held?
- (a) Thiruvananthapuram (b) New Delhi (c) Mumbai
(d) Guwahati (e) Chennai Ans. a

314. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has successfully facilitated the first export of 15,000 kg of GI-tagged Dalle Chilly from Sikkim to the Solomon Islands. What is another name for Dalle Chilly?
 (a) Ghost Pepper (b) Naga Morich (c) Fire Ball Chilly (d) Jalapeño (e) Carolina Reaper Ans. c
315. By which year does the IMF predict India will surpass Germany to become the world's third-largest economy?
 (a) 2027 (b) 2025 (c) 2030 (d) 2026 (e) 2047 Ans. a
316. India has achieved the highest-ever growth in indigenous defence production in 2023-24 since the launch of the Make in India initiative, reaching a record one lakh 27 thousand crore rupees. By what percentage has the value of defence production increased since 2014-15?
 (a) 150% (b) 160% (c) 174% (d) 180% (e) 200% Ans. c
317. What is the new investment threshold for granular disclosures by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) as approved by SEBI?
 (a) Rs.10,000 crore (b) Rs.25,000 crore (c) Rs.40,000 crore
 (d) Rs.50,000 crore (e) Rs.75,000 crore Ans. d
318. The Indian team has won the bronze medal in the mixed quad category event in the ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025. Which team shared the bronze medal with India in the mixed quad category?
 (a) Vietnam (b) Thailand (c) Myanmar (d) Malaysia (e) Japan Ans. a
319. India and Singapore has signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) on Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC) collaboration at the ongoing Singapore Maritime Week (SMW) in March 2025. What is the primary focus of the India-Singapore Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC) collaboration?
 (a) Military cooperation (b) Maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation
 (c) Tourism development (d) Space research (e) Agricultural trade Ans. b
320. Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of Canara Bank in March 2025?
 (a) S K Majumdar (b) R K Sharma (c) P V Bharathi (d) A K Das (e) V K Singh Ans. a
321. What is the name of the new fund Ribbit Capital plans to raise \$500 million for?
 (a) Ribbit Capital Y (b) Ribbit Capital X (c) Ribbit Fintech Fund
 (d) Ribbit Growth Fund (e) Ribbit Capital Z Ans. a
322. How much is Bain Capital investing to acquire an 18% stake in Manappuram Finance?
 (a) Rs.3,500 crore (b) Rs.4,385 crore (c) Rs.5,200 crore (d) Rs.6,000 crore (e) Rs.2,750 crore Ans. b
323. Which of the following option is FALSE about the salary hike for Members of the Parliament (MP)s?
 (a) The monthly salary for MPs has increased from Rs.1,00,000 to Rs.1,24,000.
 (b) The salary hike will take effect from 1st April 2025.
 (c) The pension for former MPs has increased from Rs.25,000 to Rs.31,000 per month.
 (d) MPs' salaries and allowances are governed by the Salary, Allowances, and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954.
 (e) The daily allowance has increased from Rs.2,000 to Rs.2,500. Ans. b
324. Which department of the Ministry of Education has launched the "Baalpan ki Kavita" initiative: Restoring Bhartiya Rhymes/Poems for Young Children?
 (a) University Grants Commission (UGC) (b) National Testing Agency (NTA)
 (c) Department of School Education & Literacy
 (d) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
 (e) National Council of Educational Research and Training Ans. c
325. What was the record consolidated net profit of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in 2023-24?
 (a) Rs.5,821 crore (b) Rs.6,950 crore (c) Rs.7,571 crore
 (d) Rs.8,120 crore (e) Rs.7,000 crore Ans. c
326. Who has been elected as a Bureau Member of United World Wrestling (UWW)-Asia?
 (a) Sanjay Singh (b) Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh (c) Anita Sheoran
 (d) Vinesh Phogat (e) Tammana Chaudhary Ans. a
327. On which date is the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members observed annually?
 (a) March 25 (b) March 10 (c) March 15 (d) March 20 (e) March 30 Ans. a

328. Which ministry has collaborated with IIM Ahmedabad to organize a workshop on public data and technology for research and policy?
 (a) Ministry of Finance (b) Ministry of Education
 (c) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
 (d) Ministry of Science and Technology (e) Ministry of Electronics and IT Ans. c
329. Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary of India?
 (a) Tuhin Kanta Pandey (b) Ajay Bhushan Pandey (c) Ajay Seth
 (d) Subhash Chandra Garg (e) Arvind Subramanian Ans. c
330. With reference to the new health insurance standards set by the IRDAI, consider the following statements:
 1. Insurers must approve cashless authorization requests within 1 hour.
 2. Discharge authorizations must be finalized within 3 hours of receiving hospital requests.
 3. The compliance deadline for implementing these standards is December 31, 2024.
 4. Mandating insurers to achieve 100% cashless claim settlements.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, and 4 (e) 2, 3 and 4 Ans. d
331. In which weight category did Indian wrestler Sunil Kumar win the bronze medal at the Asian Wrestling Championship in Amman, Jordan?
 (a) 77kg (b) 82kg (c) 87kg (d) 97kg (e) 67kg Ans. c
332. Which company acquired a 100% equity stake in NTPL?
 (a) Tata Group (b) Adani Enterprises (c) Reliance Industries Ltd
 (d) Larsen & Toubro (e) Mahindra Group Ans. c
333. IT services major Wipro has won a £500 million, 10-year strategic deal with Phoenix Group. To which country does Phoenix Group belong?
 (a) United Kingdom (b) Germany (c) France (d) Australia (e) Canada Ans. a
334. To which organization has Sanjay Kumar Mishra been appointed as a full-time member?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
 (c) NITI Aayog (d) Enforcement Directorate (ED) (e) Ministry of Finance Ans. b
335. What is the revised ATM interchange fee for cash withdrawals approved by NPCI and RBI, effective from May 1, 2025?
 (a) Rs 17 (b) Rs 19 (c) Rs 2 (d) Rs 15 (e) Rs 7 Ans. b
336. How much money has Bank of India raised via a dollar syndicated loan?
 (a) \$100 million (b) \$200 million (c) \$300 million (d) \$400 million (e) \$500 million Ans. d
337. SAMEER and AIIMS have signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on the development of advanced medical devices. What does SAMEER stand for in the context of this collaboration with AIIMS?
 (a) Society for Advanced Medical Equipment and Research
 (b) Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research
 (c) Scientific Association for Medical Engineering and Electronics Research
 (d) Society for Artificial Intelligence and Medical Engineering Research
 (e) Systems for Applied Medical and Electronics Research Ans. b
338. What has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently allowed standalone primary dealers (SPDs) to do?
 (a) Participate in all repo operations irrespective of tenor
 (b) Conduct independent monetary policy operations
 (c) Participate only in overnight repo operations (d) Issue their own government securities
 (e) Manage the Marginal Standing Facility exclusively Ans. a
339. What is the total monetary penalty imposed by the RBI on HDFC Bank for non-compliance with regulatory guidelines in March 2025?
 (a) Rs.75 lakh (b) Rs.68.2 lakh (c) Rs.50 lakh (d) Rs.100 lakh (e) Rs.25 lakh Ans. a
340. Who has been nominated as a whole-time director to the board of Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL)?
 (a) Sunil Kumar (b) Sunil Sharma (c) Sunil Kakkar (d) Sunil Gupta (e) Sunil Jain Ans. c

341. When is World Purple Day observed annually?
 (a) March 10 (b) March 15 (c) March 20 (d) March 26 (e) March 30 Ans. d
342. World Theatre Day is celebrated annually on March 27 to recognize the importance of theatre arts and their impact on society. What is the theme for World Theatre Day 2025?
 (a) Theatre for Social Change (b) Theatre and Cultural Diversity
 (c) Theatre and a Culture of Peace (d) The Future of Theatre
 (e) Theatre and Global Unity Ans. c
343. In March 2025, what is the main purpose of the Biometric SDK Benchmarking challenge launched by UIDAI and IIT-Hyderabad?
 (a) To develop new iris recognition systems (b) To test age invariance in biometric algorithms
 (c) To improve facial recognition for adults (d) To create a new Aadhaar database
 (e) To train AI models for voice authentication Ans. b
344. Where was the 8th State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) Meeting held by RBI?
 (a) Kolkata (b) Mumbai (c) Gangtok (d) New Delhi (e) Chennai Ans. c
345. What is the total amount released by the Union Government to Karnataka and Tripura for rural development in March 2025?
 (a) Rs. 336 crores (b) Rs. 436 crores (c) Rs. 536 crores (d) Rs. 636 crores (e) Rs. 736 crores Ans. b
346. Who has won the women's singles title at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event?
 (a) Joshna Chinappa (b) Dipika Pallikal (c) Tanvi Khanna
 (d) Anahat Singh (e) Sunayna Kuruvilla Ans. d
347. India's central bank is set to double to 10 per cent a cap on investment by individual foreign investors in listed companies. Why is the RBI raising the foreign individual investment cap in listed firms?
 (a) To increase stock prices (b) To boost capital inflows
 (c) To restrict foreign investment (d) To reduce competition
 (e) To comply with US regulations Ans. b
348. Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Armoured Vehicle Nigam Limited for the procurement of Nag Missile System (NAMIS) Tracked version of anti-tank weapon platform and Force Motors Ltd & Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd for around 5,000 Light Vehicles for the Armed Forces. What is the total cost of the contracts signed with Armoured Vehicle Nigam Limited, Force Motors Ltd, and Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd?
 (a) Rs 1,500 crore (b) Rs 2,000 crore (c) Rs 2,500 crore (d) Rs 3,000 crore (e) Rs 3,500 crore Ans. c
349. MobiKwik, a fintech firm, has entered the stock broking industry by launching its wholly owned subsidiary, MobiKwik Securities Broking. Which government body has approved the incorporation of MobiKwik Securities Broking?
 (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (b) Reserve Bank of India
 (c) Ministry of Finance (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (e) NITI Aayog Ans. d
350. The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and UNICEF YuWaah have signed a three-year partnership to boost rural employment, entrepreneurship, and skill development for women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Pilot projects like "Computer Didi Centers" and "Didi ki Dukan" will be launched in five states to strengthen digital infrastructure and economic opportunities. Which of the following is NOT one of the five states selected for the pilot projects "Computer Didi Centers" and "Didi ki Dukan"?
 (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Jharkhand (c) Madhya Pradesh
 (d) Rajasthan (e) Uttar Pradesh Ans. e
351. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, 72, was sworn in as Namibia's first woman president, succeeding outgoing President Nangolo Mbumba in a formal ceremony. Which political party does Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah represent?
 (a) African National Congress (b) Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (c) SWAPO Party
 (d) People's Democratic Movement (e) United Democratic Front Ans. c
352. The Khelo India Para Games 2025 concluded at JLN Stadium, New Delhi. Which of the following states secured the top three positions in the medal tally of Khelo India Para Games 2025?
 (a) Haryana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu (b) Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh
 (c) Punjab, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh (d) Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu
 (e) Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjab Ans. b

353. B Sumeeth Reddy, who recently announced his retirement, was associated with which sport?
 (a) Tennis (b) Table Tennis (c) Squash (d) Badminton (e) Archery Ans. d
354. What is the name of the artificial intelligence-powered chatbot launched by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini?
 (a) Mitra (b) Sarathi (c) Pragati (d) Suvidha (e) Sahayak Ans. b
355. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully tested its indigenously designed and developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM). Where was the successful test of the VL-SRSAM conducted?
 (a) Pokhran Range (b) Wheeler Island
 (c) Integrated Test Range, Chandipur (d) Sriharikota (e) Andaman & Nicobar Islands Ans. c
356. World Piano Day is observed annually on the _____ day of the year, symbolizing the 88 keys on a standard piano. It celebrates the beauty, history, and significance of the instrument in music.
 (a) 86th (b) 87th (c) 88th (d) 89th (e) 90th Ans. c
357. Who has inaugurated Techkriti 2025, Asia's largest intercollegiate technical and entrepreneurial festival?
 (a) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit (b) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
 (c) Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan
 (d) IIT Kanpur Director Prof. Manindra Agrawal (e) Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ans. c
358. The Supreme Court recently made a significant ruling regarding health insurance claims related to alcohol consumption. What was the key condition under which insurers are allowed to deny such claims, according to the judgment?
 (a) Insurers can deny claims if the customer failed to explicitly disclose their alcoholism at the time of purchasing the policy, as this violates the principle of utmost good faith
 (b) Insurers can deny claims only if the customer consumed alcohol after purchasing the policy, regardless of prior disclosure
 (c) Insurers can deny claims if the customer's alcoholism was disclosed but not medically verified by a doctor at the time of policy purchase
 (d) Insurers can deny claims if the customer's hospitalisation occurred more than a year after purchasing the policy, regardless of disclosure
 (e) Insurers can deny claims only if the policy explicitly states that alcohol-related conditions are covered, but the customer failed to pay a higher premium Ans. a
359. With which organization has the Chhattisgarh government signed an MoU to boost development and employment?
 (a) Confederation of Indian Industry (b) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry
 (c) National Association of Software and Services Companies
 (d) NITI Aayog (e) Reserve Bank of India Ans. c
360. Recently, what is the percentage increase in Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief over the existing rate, as approved by the Union Cabinet?
 (a) 2% (b) 3% (c) 5% (d) 1% (e) 4% Ans. a
361. What is the total funding recently approved for the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme by the Union Cabinet?
 (a) Rs.15,000 crore (b) Rs.22,919 crore (c) Rs.30,509 crore
 (d) Rs.10,750 crore (e) Rs.25,200 crore Ans. b
362. The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilisers for fixing the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Kharif Season, 2025 from April 1 to September 30 on Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers. What is the total budgetary requirement approved for the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) for Kharif 2025?
 (a) Rs.25,000 crore (b) Rs.30,560 crore (c) Rs.37,216 crore
 (d) Rs.40,000 crore (e) Rs.50,050 crore Ans. c
263. What is the final budget allocation for the Department of Fertilizers in 2024-25 after the Supplementary Demands for Grants?
 (a) Rs.1,50,000 crore (b) Rs.1,75,000 crore (c) Rs.1,91,836 crore
 (d) Rs.2,00,000 crore (e) Rs.1,68,130 crore Ans. c

364. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the PM Modi, has approved the construction of 4-lane access controlled greenfield and brownfield Patna – Arrah – Sasaram corridor starting from Patna to Sasaram (120.10 km) in Bihar. Which mode will be used for developing the Patna-Arrah-Sasaram corridor project?
- (a) Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) (b) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC)
(c) Public-Private Partnership (PPP) (d) Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM)
(e) Direct Government Funding Ans. d
365. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the PM Modi, has approved inclusion of Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project of Bihar. Under which scheme has the Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project of Bihar been included?
- (a) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)
(b) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)
(c) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana - Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP)
(d) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) (e) National Water Mission (NWM) Ans. c
366. Where will the 14th edition of the India-Russia naval exercise Indra 2025 take place?
- (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai (c) Visakhapatnam (d) Kochi (e) Kolkata Ans. b
367. How much does the Centre plan to raise through dated securities in the first half (April-September) of 2025-26?
- (a) Rs.6 lakh crore (b) Rs.8 lakh crore (c) Rs.10 lakh crore
(d) Rs.12 lakh crore (e) Rs.14.82 lakh crore Ans. b
368. Universal Acceptance Day is observed on March 28 every year to promote the idea that all domain names and email addresses should be treated equally and accepted by all internet-enabled applications and systems. What is the theme for Universal Acceptance Day 2025?
- (a) Digital Inclusion for All
(b) Connecting the Unconnected - Building a Multilingual Internet for Viksit Bharat
(c) One World, One Internet (d) Universal Connectivity for a Digital Future
(e) Embracing Multilingual Technology Ans. b
369. Which wildlife sanctuary in Punjab is being developed as a leopard safari destination?
- (a) Harike Wildlife Sanctuary (b) Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary
(c) Bir Bhadson Wildlife Sanctuary (d) Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary
(e) Takhni-Rehmapur Wildlife Sanctuary Ans. b
370. Who has been confirmed as the Director of the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH)?
- (a) Vivek Murthy (b) Jay Bhattacharya (c) Sanjay Gupta
(d) Anthony Fauci (e) Ashish Jha Ans. b
371. What was India's core sector growth rate in February 2025?
- (a) 1.5% (b) 2.9% (c) 3.8% (d) 4.6% (e) 5.2% Ans. b
372. The government has left interest rates unchanged on various small savings schemes like PPF and NSC for the fifth consecutive quarter, starting April 1, 2025. Which small savings scheme offers an interest rate of 7.7% for the April-June 2025 period?
- (a) Public Provident Fund (b) Senior Citizens Savings Scheme
(c) National Savings Certificate (d) Post Office Savings Deposit
(e) Kisan Vikas Patra Ans. c
373. Who has been appointed as the new CEO and Whole-time Director of Ambuja Cements?
- (a) Ajay Kapur (b) Praveen Garg (c) Vinod Bahety (d) Rakesh Tiwary (e) Gautam Adani Ans. c

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