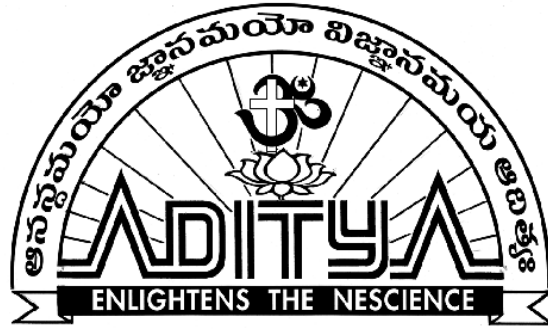


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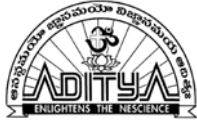
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- Pakyong Airport, which is being renamed after Trilochan Pokhrel, is located in which Indian state?
(a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Sikkim (c) Himachal Pradesh
(d) Tripura (e) Meghalaya **Ans. b**
- Jatinder Mehra, who passed away recently, was a stalwart in which industry?
(a) Textile (b) Steel (c) IT
(d) Pharmaceuticals (e) Automotive **Ans. b**
- Recently, President Droupadi Murmu became the first Indian President to undertake a sortie in which type of aircraft?
(a) Fighter Jet (b) Attack Helicopter (c) Transport Plane
(d) Reconnaissance Drone (e) Light Trainer Aircraft **Ans. b**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the nationwide Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign from Ajmer to protect girls from cervical cancer. The HPV vaccination campaign primarily targets which age group?
(a) 10-year-old girls (b) 12-year-old girls (c) 14-year-old girls
(d) 16-year-old girls (e) 18-year-old girls **Ans. c**
- Sri Lanka's first-ever Blue Bond, amounting to LKR 3 billion and aimed at financing sustainable marine resources, clean drinking water supply and aquatic pollution control projects, was issued by which of the following banks?
(a) Bank of Ceylon (b) People's Bank Sri Lanka (c) Hatton National Bank
(d) Commercial Bank of Ceylon (e) DFCC Bank **Ans. e**
- INS Anjadip, recently inducted into the Indian Navy fleet as the third AntiSubmarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) corvette, has been constructed using the entire quantity of special-grade indigenous steel supplied by which of the following organizations?
(a) Tata Steel Limited (b) JSW Steel Limited (c) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
(d) Hindustan Shipyard Limited (e) Steel Authority of India Limited **Ans. e**
- The Rail Tech Policy and digitisation of the Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT) were announced under which initiative of Indian Railways?
(a) Digital India Mission (b) National Rail Plan 2030 (c) Make in India Rail Drive
(d) Smart Railway Mission (e) 52 Reforms in 52 Week initiative **Ans. e**
- As part of India's effort to connect domestic investors with international capital markets, a Global Access platform has been soft launched to enable Indian residents to directly trade in overseas equities, debt instruments and ETFs under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) framework. This platform has been launched by which of the following organisations?
(a) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (d) International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)
(e) NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) **Ans. e**
- IIFL Home Finance has secured a \$300 million loan from which international financial institution to expand access to affordable housing finance in India?
(a) World Bank
(b) International Monetary Fund
(c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
(d) New Development Bank
(e) Asian Development Bank **Ans. e**
- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has partnered with which company to display authorised Aadhaar Centres on Google Maps?
(a) Microsoft (b) Amazon (c) Meta
(d) Apple (e) Google **Ans. e**

11. The Casebook on AI and Gender Empowerment was launched at the India AI Impact Summit 2026, underscoring India's commitment to inclusive, ethical, and gender-responsive artificial intelligence development. The Casebook was developed under which Government of India initiative?
 (a) Digital India Mission (b) Startup India Mission (c) National AI Portal
 (d) IndiaAI Mission under MeitY (e) Atal Innovation Mission Ans. d
12. Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), in its second External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) transaction of FY 2025–26, signed a loan agreement with a consortium of Japanese banks through their GIFT City branches to raise funds for railway sector projects. The ECB raised in this transaction was equivalent to which of the following amounts?
 (a) USD 250 million (b) USD 300 million (c) USD 350 million
 (d) USD 400 million (e) USD 500 million Ans. d
13. As part of its 75th Foundation Year celebrations, the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) launched a special initiative aimed at strengthening healthcare outreach, enhancing last-mile delivery of medical services, and bringing essential health facilities closer to insured workers and their families. Which of the following initiatives was launched for this purpose?
 (a) Ayushman Bharat Mission (b) Jan Arogya Abhiyan (c) National Health Drive
 (d) Sehat Suraksha Yojana (e) Swasthya Rath Initiative Ans. e
14. The Indian Air Force conducted Exercise 'Vayushakti-26' at which location?
 (a) Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
 (b) Chandipur Test Range, Odisha
 (c) Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
 (d) Babina Field Firing Range, Uttar Pradesh
 (e) Tezpur Air Base, Assam Ans. c
15. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has mandated the sale of petrol blended with up to 20% ethanol (E20) with a minimum RON of 95 across all States and Union Territories from which date?
 (a) 1 March 2026 (b) 1 October 2026 (c) 1 May 2026
 (d) 1 April 2026 (e) 15 August 2026 Ans. d
16. World Hearing Day is observed every year on 3 March to raise awareness about hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care globally. What is the theme of World Hearing Day 2026?
 (a) Hearing for a Healthy Future: hearing care for all children
 (b) Sound Awareness for All: hearing care for all children
 (c) From communities to classrooms: hearing care for all children
 (d) Ear Health for Every Citizen: hearing care for all children
 (e) Protect Your Hearing Today: hearing care for all children Ans. c
17. World Wildlife Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 1 March (b) 3 March (c) 5 March
 (d) 2 March (e) 4 March Ans. b
18. The Delhi Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana, recently launched by President Droupadi Murmu, is an expanded version of which scheme?
 (a) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (b) Sukanya Samridhi Yojana (c) Ladli Scheme
 (d) Kanya Shiksha Yojana (e) Balika Samridhi Yojana Ans. c
19. Which country launched the world's first Sovereign Financial Cloud Services Infrastructure (SFCSI)?
 (a) Saudi Arabia (b) Singapore (c) United Arab Emirates
 (d) Qatar (e) United States Ans. c
20. Zero Discrimination Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 28 February (b) 1 March (c) 3 March
 (d) 5 March (e) 8 March Ans. b
21. World Civil Defence Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 28 February (b) 1 March (c) 3 March
 (d) 5 March (e) 8 March Ans. b

22. Which company received the contract to build the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO) in Maharashtra?
 (a) Tata Projects (b) Larsen & Toubro (c) Adani Infrastructure
 (d) Reliance Industries (e) BHEL Ans. b
23. Which team won their first-ever Ranji Trophy title by defeating Karnataka at Hubballi?
 (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Jammu and Kashmir (c) Uttarakhand
 (d) Services (e) Goa Ans. b
24. As part of India's ongoing wildlife conservation initiative under Project Cheetah, how many cheetahs were recently translocated from Botswana to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh to strengthen the country's growing cheetah population?
 (a) 7 (b) 8 (c) 9
 (d) 10 (e) 12 Ans. c
25. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Semiconductor Assembly, Test and Packaging (ATMP) facility in Sanand, marking the start of commercial production and shipment of India-made semiconductor memory modules. Which company owns the ATMP facility inaugurated in Sanand?
 (a) Intel Corporation (b) TSMC (c) Micron Technology
 (d) Samsung Electronics (e) Qualcomm Ans. c
26. How much monetary penalty was imposed on Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) following the annual inspection for the financial year ending March 31, 2025, for violations identified during the review?
 (a) Rs 5.5 lakh (b) Rs 10.50 lakh (c) Rs 11.50 lakh
 (d) Rs 15 lakh (e) Rs 20 lakh Ans. c
27. Which country became the first in the European Union to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis?
 (a) Sweden (b) Denmark (c) Germany
 (d) France (e) Norway Ans. b
28. Who officially launched the Government Bank Manual and the Government Bank Dashboard, initiatives aimed at strengthening governance, efficiency, and accountability in banks handling government transactions?
 (a) Finance Minister of India (b) Governor of the Reserve Bank of India
 (c) Controller General of Accounts (d) Chairman of SEBI
 (e) Prime Minister of India Ans. c
29. How much grant was released to Jharkhand under the XV Finance Commission?
 (a) Rs. 150 crore (b) Rs. 275 crore (c) Rs. 300 crore
 (d) Rs. 200 crore (e) Rs. 500 crore Ans. b
30. In February 2026, India signed an MoU with which country to promote India's blue economy and coastal livelihoods through technology-driven, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture practices?
 (a) Japan (b) Israel (c) Australia
 (d) Norway (e) South Korea Ans. b
31. 'Finsider' mobile app has been launched by which company?
 (a) Jio Platforms Ltd (b) Reliance Retail Ltd (c) Reliance Industries Ltd
 (d) Jio Payments Bank (e) Jio Finance Platform and Service Ltd Ans. e
32. What was the total gross GST collection in February 2026?
 (a) Rs. 1.69 lakh crore (b) Rs. 1.75 lakh crore (c) Rs. 1.83 lakh crore
 (d) Rs. 1.90 lakh crore (e) Rs. 2.01 lakh crore Ans. c
33. Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2026 will be held in which city?
 (a) Geneva (b) Paris (c) Barcelona
 (d) Berlin (e) Madrid Ans. c
34. Who has been appointed as the President of the Main Competition Jury at the 79th Cannes Film Festival?
 (a) Bong Joon-ho (b) Lee Chang-dong (c) Park Chan-wook
 (d) Kim Ki-duk (e) Hirokazu Kore-eda Ans. c

35. The Managing Director (MD) & CEO of Fino Payments Bank, Rishi Gupta, was arrested on 27 February 2026 under provisions of which of the following Acts related to tax evasion and financial irregularities?
 (a) Companies Act, 2013 (b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
 (c) CGST Act, 2017 and SGST Act, 2017 (d) RBI Act, 1934
 (e) Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 Ans. c
36. Which team won the Khelo India Winter Games 2026 team championship title?
 (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Haryana (c) Maharashtra
 (d) Indian Army (e) Ladakh Ans. d
37. Wankhede Stadium, where the stand will be named after Ravi Shastri, is situated in which city?
 (a) Pune (b) Mumbai (c) Nagpur
 (d) Surat (e) Indore Ans. b
38. Ali Khamenei, who had been serving as the Supreme Leader — the highest political and religious authority — of the country since 1989 and was reportedly killed in joint US-Israeli airstrikes, belonged to which country?
 (a) Iraq (b) Syria (c) Iran
 (d) Lebanon (e) Saudi Arabia Ans. c
39. Who has been appointed as the interim successor to Iran's Supreme Leader?
 (a) Hassan Rouhani (b) Ebrahim Raisi (c) Ayatollah Alireza Arafati
 (d) Mohammad Khatami (e) Ali Larijani Ans. c
40. Which state has recently launched its first Dark Sky Park at Kolli Hills to promote astronomical tourism?
 (a) Kerala (b) Karnataka (c) Andhra Pradesh
 (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Telangana Ans. d
41. Which command of the Indian Air Force conducted the joint maritime exercise 'Kalari Leap'?
 (a) Western Air Command (b) Eastern Air Command (c) Central Air Command
 (d) Southern Air Command (e) South Western Air Command Ans. d
42. Which bank has partnered with Canara Robeco AMC to distribute mutual fund products?
 (a) Bank of Baroda (b) Central Bank of India (c) Indian Bank
 (d) Canara Bank (e) Union Bank of India Ans. b
43. The Indian Navy recently commissioned which Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) at Chennai Port?
 (a) INS Kiltan (b) INS Vikrant (c) INS Kadmat
 (d) INS Anjadip (e) INS Shivalik Ans. d
44. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for The Derma Co.'s skincare category?
 (a) P.V. Sindhu (b) Mithali Raj (c) Sania Mirza
 (d) Saina Nehwal (e) Hima Das Ans. c
45. Consider the following statements about the 11th Raisina Dialogue 2026:
 1. The dialogue is organised by the Observer Research Foundation in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs.
 2. The Chief Guest is Dr. Alexander Stubb, who is the President of Norway.
 3. The theme for 2026 is "Global Trade and Security."
 4. It will be held in New Delhi.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 4 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (e) 1 and 4 only Ans. e
46. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Naval Armament (DGONA) at Naval Headquarters, New Delhi, in March 2026?
 (a) Divakar Jayant (b) B.P. Singh (c) R. Hari Kumar
 (d) Ajay Kumar (e) Anil Chauhan Ans. b
47. Om Birla, the Lok Sabha Speaker, reconstituted the Committee of Privileges. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Committee of Privileges in Lok Sabha?
 (a) Manish Tewari (b) Ravi Shankar Prasad (c) Tariq Anwar
 (d) Dharmendra Yadav (e) Sambit Patra Ans. b

48. Which of the following schemes was not among the four women-centric schemes dedicated by Droupadi Murmu in Delhi in March 2026?
 (a) Delhi Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana (b) Saheli Pink National Common Mobility Card
 (c) Meri Poonji Mera Adhikaar (d) Free LPG Cylinder Scheme
 (e) Shri Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana Ans. e
49. Dol Jatra (Dol Utsav), a vibrant Vaishnavite festival, was celebrated across Assam with colours, music, and devotional activities. Dol Jatra symbolises the eternal love between which two figures?
 (a) Rama and Sita (b) Shiva and Parvati (c) Krishna and Radha
 (d) Vishnu and Lakshmi (e) Brahma and Saraswati Ans. c
50. Who inaugurated the Tribes Art Fest (TAF) 2026 in New Delhi?
 (a) Arjun Munda (b) Jual Oram (c) Kiren Rijju
 (d) Dharmendra Pradhan (e) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Ans. b
51. The Rajasthan government recently announced the renaming of several historic cities as part of its decolonisation drive. What new name has been given to Mount Abu under this initiative?
 (a) Abu Nagar (b) Abu Raj (c) Arbud Dham
 (d) Abu Puri (e) Raj Abu Ans. b
52. According to recent data, how many Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions were recorded in February 2026?
 (a) 18.25 billion (b) 19.75 billion (c) 20.39 billion
 (d) 21.70 billion (e) 22.10 billion Ans. c
53. Utsav Charan Das, who passed away at the age of 80, was a renowned artist in which traditional art form?
 (a) Odissi Dance (b) Chhau Dance (c) Ghoda Nacha
 (d) Kathak (e) Bharatnatyam Ans. c
54. What is the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) interest rate for the financial year 2025-26?
 (a) 8.10% (b) 8.15% (c) 8.25%
 (d) 8.50% (e) 8.75% Ans. c
55. Which two institutions signed the third amendment to the \$75 billion Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA)?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India and Federal Reserve
 (b) Reserve Bank of India and Bank of Japan
 (c) State Bank of India and Bank of Japan
 (d) Asian Development Bank and Bank of Japan
 (e) Reserve Bank of India and European Central Bank Ans. b
56. Narendra Modi and Mark Carney finalised key pacts on uranium and critical minerals supplies and agreed to work towards a comprehensive economic partnership, aiming to raise bilateral trade to USD 50 billion by which year?
 (a) USD 20 billion (b) USD 30 billion (c) USD 40 billion
 (d) USD 50 billion (e) USD 60 billion Ans. d
57. The book "Mahatma: A Great Communicator" was written by:
 (a) Sudhir Chaudhary (b) Dr. Dhiraj Kakadia (c) Ramachandra Guha
 (d) Bibek Debroy (e) Anupam Kher Ans. b
58. In which city will the Bharat Steel 2026 summit be held?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru (c) Hyderabad
 (d) Chennai (e) New Delhi Ans. e
59. Which two organizations signed the Record of Discussions (RoD) for Phase II of Japan-India Cooperative Actions towards SDGs?
 (a) Ministry of Finance and JICA (b) NITI Aayog and JICA (c) Ministry of Health and JICA
 (d) NITI Aayog and World Bank (e) UNDP and JICA Ans. b
60. Which state recently flagged off the first export of GI-tagged Karbi Anglong Ginger to London?
 (a) Nagaland (b) Meghalaya (c) Assam
 (d) Manipur (e) Arunachal Pradesh Ans. c

61. Who has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi in the recent gubernatorial reshuffle?
 (a) Vinai Kumar Saxena (b) Taranjit Singh Sandhu (c) Kavinder Gupta
 (d) R. N. Ravi (e) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar Ans. b
62. What is the name of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) tool deployed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to strengthen digital surveillance and monitor misleading financial content shared by unregistered financial influencers on social media platforms?
 (a) Suraksha (b) Sudarshan (c) Netra
 (d) Rakshak (e) Sentinel Ans. b
63. Who has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the GSMA at the Mobile World Congress 2026?
 (a) Mukesh Ambani (b) Sunil Bharti Mittal (c) Satya Nadella
 (d) Sundar Pichai (e) Elon Musk Ans. b
64. Which bank has partnered with Tesla to offer tailored financing solutions for its electric vehicle buyers in India?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) Axis Bank (c) ICICI Bank
 (d) State Bank of India (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. b
65. The Indian women's national cricket team has been nominated for which prestigious global award in 2026 after winning their maiden Women's Cricket World Cup title?
 (a) BBC Sports Personality Team Award (b) ESPY Best Team Award
 (c) ICC Spirit of Cricket Award (d) Wisden Team of the Year Award
 (e) Laureus World Team of the Year Award Ans. e
66. The Ministry of Defence recently signed defence contracts worth how much for acquiring ALH Mk-III helicopters and Shtil missiles for the Indian armed forces?
 (a) Rs. 3,500 crore (b) Rs. 4,250 crore (c) Rs. 5,083 crore
 (d) Rs. 6,200 crore (e) Rs. 7,500 crore Ans. c
67. H. K. Dua passed away recently at the age of 88. H. K. Dua was primarily associated with which field?
 (a) Politics (b) Journalism (c) Sports
 (d) Cinema (e) Science Ans. b
68. Pawan Kalyan, Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, launched Project HANUMAN on World Wildlife Day to tackle increasing human-wildlife conflict in the state. What does the acronym HANUMAN stand for in Project HANUMAN?
 (a) Health and Nature Unit for Monitoring Animal Network
 (b) Human and Nature Understanding Mission for Animal Nurturing
 (c) Healing and Nurturing Units for Monitoring, Aid and Nursing of Wildlife
 (d) Habitat and Nature Utility Mission for Animal Needs
 (e) Human-Animal Neutralisation and Unified Monitoring Action Network Ans. c
69. Which state launched the State Innovation Mission under the Atal Innovation Mission 2.0 framework?
 (a) Assam (b) Manipur (c) Goa
 (d) Mizoram (e) Tripura Ans. e
70. Which two organisations signed an MoU to integrate the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana with the ESI Scheme?
 (a) NITI Aayog and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 (b) National Health Authority and Employees' State Insurance Corporation
 (c) Indian Council of Medical Research and AIIMS
 (d) Ministry of Labour and Employment and WHO
 (e) Central Board of Health and NABH Ans. b
71. International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness is observed on which date?
 (a) 1 March (b) 3 March (c) 5 March
 (d) 7 March (e) 10 March Ans. c
72. What are the names of the mascots launched for India's first digital Census 2027 by Union Home Minister Amit Shah?
 (a) Pragati and Shakti (b) Pragati and Vikas (c) Vikas and Bharat
 (d) Pragati and Samriddhi (e) Shakti and Samriddhi Ans. b

73. With the extension of the Pink Line to about 71.56 km, which city will have the country's first fully operational Ring Metro?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru (c) Delhi
 (d) Hyderabad (e) Chennai Ans. c
74. The world's largest acidic geyser, Echinus Geyser, which erupted again after nearly six years of dormancy, is located in which country?
 (a) Canada (b) Iceland (c) Japan
 (d) United States (e) New Zealand Ans. d
75. Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited (MOHFL) recently secured \$100 million in debt financing from which international financial institution to expand lending in the affordable housing sector in India?
 (a) World Bank (b) Asian Development Bank (c) International Monetary Fund
 (d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (e) New Development Bank Ans. b
76. YES Bank recently launched the 'YES Essence Women's Salary Account' to support the financial needs of working women. Where is the headquarters of YES Bank?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Bengaluru
 (d) Hyderabad (e) Pune Ans. b
77. International Women's Day is celebrated every year on 8 March to recognise the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women worldwide. What is the theme of International Women's Day for the year 2026?
 (a) DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality
 (b) Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow
 (c) Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress
 (d) Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls
 (e) Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future Ans. d
78. The Government has set a wheat procurement target of how many million tonnes for FY27?
 (a) 28.5 million tonnes (b) 29.7 million tonnes (c) 30.3 million tonnes
 (d) 31.8 million tonnes (e) 32.5 million tonnes Ans. c
79. Who will inaugurate the National Stakeholders' Meet on the Coconut Promotion Scheme at IIT Madras?
 (a) Dharmendra Pradhan (b) Amit Shah (c) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 (d) Mohan Charan Majhi (e) Narendra Modi Ans. c
80. Which Indian state has proposed banning social media use for children below 16 years?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Karnataka (c) Andhra Pradesh
 (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Kerala Ans. b
81. The Union Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry is organising ASMITA, a nationwide athletics league in New Delhi on International Women's Day to empower female athletes. What does ASMITA stand for?
 (a) Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action
 (b) Athletic Skills Management and Training Academy
 (c) Active Sports Mission for International Talent
 (d) Association for Sports Motivation and Talent Advancement
 (e) Achieving Strength and Motivation through Athletics Ans. a
82. Who will be the next GOC-in-C of Western Command?
 (a) Lt Gen M K Katiyar (b) Lt Gen Pushpendra Pal Singh (c) Lt Gen Bipin Rawat
 (d) Lt Gen Manoj Pande (e) Lt Gen Ranbir Singh Ans. b
83. Which country has recently announced a major social media ban for children under 16, aiming to protect minors from harmful online content, including cyberbullying, pornography, and social media addiction?
 (a) Malaysia (b) Indonesia (c) Thailand
 (d) Philippines (e) Vietnam Ans. b
84. What is the total size of the open market operation (OMO) purchase auctions announced by the Reserve Bank of India to address liquidity pressures in the banking system ahead of the financial year-end?
 (a) Rs. 50,000 crore (b) Rs. 75,000 crore (c) Rs. 1 lakh crore
 (d) Rs. 1.5 lakh crore (e) Rs. 2 lakh crore Ans. c

85. Which organisation has launched the National Climate Stack Innovation Challenge in India, aiming to strengthen climate resilience for rural areas by integrating fragmented climate datasets and promoting decision-ready climate intelligence?
 (a) RBI (b) NABARD (c) SEBI
 (d) NITI Aayog (e) Ministry of Environment Ans. b
86. Which bank's promoters were exempted by RBI from holding their stake through a Non-Operative Financial Holding Company (NOFHC) during its transition to a Universal Bank?
 (a) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (b) Jana Small Finance Bank (c) Equitas Small Finance Bank
 (d) AU Small Finance Bank (e) ESAF Small Finance Bank Ans. d
87. Which state government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with three Finnish companies to modernise Sassoon Dock and transform it into a technologically advanced and environmentally sustainable fishing harbour?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Maharashtra (c) Karnataka
 (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Kerala Ans. b
88. Who became the first person in Assam to receive Indian citizenship under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)?
 (a) Dipali Das (b) Anjali Roy (c) Rina Dutta
 (d) Sunita Paul (e) Malati Sarkar Ans. a
89. Pondicherry University signed an MoU with which office to promote accessibility and rights of persons with disabilities?
 (a) Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities
 (b) National Human Rights Commission (c) NITI Aayog
 (d) University Grants Commission (e) Ministry of Education Ans. a
90. Students from which state successfully launched the 600-gram mini satellite 'Vikko Sat-1'?
 (a) Kerala (b) Karnataka (c) Tamil Nadu
 (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Odisha Ans. c
91. The historic 'Hatti Risala' procession, which recently marked its 138th year, is associated with which city?
 (a) Aurangabad (b) Jalna (c) Nashik
 (d) Kolhapur (e) Nagpur Ans. b
92. Consider the following statements regarding the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026:
 1. India national cricket team became the first team to win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup four times.
 2. Jasprit Bumrah was named Player of the Match in the final.
 3. Sanju Samson was named Player of the Series.
 4. Sanju Samson scored the most runs in the tournament.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 2 and 3 only (b) 2 and 4 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
 (d) 1, 3 and 4 only (e) 1, 2, 3 and 4 Ans. a
93. Who has been reappointed as the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)?
 (a) Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi (b) Rajiv Kumar (c) Vivek Joshi
 (d) Sanjay Malhotra (e) T. V. Somanathan Ans. a
94. Which state government launched the 'Chief Minister's Krishi Vistara' Scheme in Budget 2026-27?
 (a) Karnataka (b) Maharashtra (c) Tamil Nadu
 (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Telangana Ans. a
95. India's first riverine lighthouses are being constructed along which river to enhance inland waterway navigation?
 (a) Ganga River (b) Yamuna River (c) Brahmaputra River
 (d) Godavari River (e) Narmada River Ans. c
96. Which bank has raised ₹10,000 crore through the issuance of Series I Long Term Green Infrastructure Bonds in March 2026?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) Bank of Baroda
 (d) Canara Bank (e) Union Bank of India Ans. c

97. Which financial institution launched the 'Spoorthi' programme aimed at empowering women entrepreneurs in India?
 (a) Bajaj Finance (b) Mahindra Finance (c) L&T Finance Ltd.
 (d) Muthoot Finance (e) Shriram Finance Ans. c
98. Which two institutions jointly provided a \$76-million co-financing package to Shriram Finance Ltd?
 (a) World Bank & HSBC
 (b) DEG & Citigroup
 (c) Asian Development Bank & Standard Chartered
 (d) International Finance Corporation & Barclays
 (e) New Development Bank & Deutsche Bank Ans. b
99. Which basketball player broke the all-time field goal record in the National Basketball Association in March 2026?
 (a) Michael Jordan (b) LeBron James (c) Kobe Bryant
 (d) Stephen Curry (e) Magic Johnson Ans. b
100. CISF Raising Day is celebrated every year on which date?
 (a) 5 March (b) 8 March (c) 10 March
 (d) 15 March (e) 11 March Ans. c
101. Which ministry launched the second phase of the 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme'?
 (a) Ministry of Education
 (b) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
 (c) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
 (d) Ministry of Culture
 (e) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Ans. b
102. Who became the first Indian House Ambassador for the luxury brand Chanel?
 (a) Bhavitha Mandava (b) Priyanka Chopra (c) Deepika Padukone
 (d) Alia Bhatt (e) Sonam Kapoor Ans. a
103. Which of the following ministries launched the nationwide social media campaign "Say No To Proxy Sarpanch" to address the practice of 'Sarpanch Pati' in village governance?
 (a) Ministry of Rural Development
 (b) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 (c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
 (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (e) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Ans. c
104. Lance Havildar K. G. George, who recently passed away, was a decorated hero of which war?
 (a) Kargil War (b) Indo-Pakistani War of 1965 (c) Indo-Pakistani War of 1971
 (d) Sino-Indian War (e) First Indo-Pakistani War Ans. b
105. Which Indian women's cricketer has become the first cricketer in the world to receive her own Barbie doll, recognising her achievements and influence in global sports?
 (a) Mithali Raj (b) Harmanpreet Kaur (c) Smriti Mandhana
 (d) Jhulan Goswami (e) Shafali Verma Ans. c
106. RM Nachammai recently created history by becoming the first woman Chief Superintendent of a functional nuclear power plant under which organisation?
 (a) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (b) Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited
 (c) Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (d) Department of Atomic Energy
 (e) Indian Space Research Organisation Ans. b
107. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship signed a Flexible MoU with which company for automotive training?
 (a) Tata Motors (b) Mahindra & Mahindra (c) Bajaj Auto Limited
 (d) Maruti Suzuki (e) Hero MotoCorp Ans. c

108. NITI Aayog recently signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) with which organisation to strengthen health and nutrition interventions in Aspirational Districts?
 (a) World Health Organisation (b) UNICEF India (c) UNESCO
 (d) World Bank (e) International Monetary Fund Ans. b
109. Who is set to become the next Prime Minister of Nepal after strong parliamentary election results?
 (a) KP Sharma Oli (b) Sher Bahadur Deuba (c) Pushpa Kamal Dahal
 (d) Balendra "Balen" Shah (e) Khadga Prasad Sharma Ans. d
110. Who will take over as the next Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) of India from April 1, 2026?
 (a) Lt Gen PP Singh (b) Lt Gen Dheeraj Seth (c) Lt Gen VMB Krishnan
 (d) Lt Gen Sandeep Jain (e) Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh Ans. b
111. No Smoking Day is observed on which day every year?
 (a) Second Monday of March (b) Second Wednesday of March (c) Third Friday of March
 (d) Fourth Tuesday of March (e) 11 March every year Ans. b
112. Which state government has launched the Mukh Mantri Mawan Dhian Satikar Yojna to provide monthly financial assistance to women?
 (a) Haryana Government (b) Punjab Government (c) Rajasthan Government
 (d) Uttar Pradesh Government (e) Himachal Pradesh Government Ans. b
113. Which regulatory body approved the certificate of registration for Allianz Jio Reinsurance and Kiwi General Insurance?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India
 (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India
 (c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
 (d) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
 (e) Competition Commission of India Ans. c
114. Which bank launched a \$500 million syndicated social term loan facility focused on women's empowerment?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) State Bank of India
 (d) Axis Bank (e) Punjab National Bank Ans. c
115. Which bank partnered with NBFCs to expand its retail lending business outside Jammu and Kashmir?
 (a) Punjab National Bank (b) Bank of Baroda (c) Jammu & Kashmir Bank
 (d) Canara Bank (e) Union Bank of India Ans. c
116. The first edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 will be hosted by which state of India?
 (a) Odisha (b) Jharkhand (c) Madhya Pradesh
 (d) Chhattisgarh (e) Telangana Ans. d
117. Former Indian Olympian footballer Syed Habibul Hassan, popularly known as Hamid, passed away recently. He represented India in which Olympic Games?
 (a) 1956 Summer Olympics (b) 1960 Summer Olympics (c) 1964 Summer Olympics
 (d) 1968 Summer Olympics (e) 1972 Summer Olympics Ans. b
118. Jan Aushadhi Diwas is observed every year on which date to promote awareness about generic medicines?
 (a) 1 March (b) 5 March (c) 7 March
 (d) 10 March (e) 12 March Ans. c
119. The International Day of Women Judges is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 8 March (b) 9 March (c) 11 March
 (d) 10 March (e) 12 March Ans. d
120. The 11th edition of the joint military exercise Exercise Lamitiye 2026 is being conducted between India and which country?
 (a) Seychelles (b) Sri Lanka (c) Mauritius
 (d) Maldives (e) Indonesia Ans. a
121. The Union Cabinet has approved the extension of the Jal Jeevan Mission till which year to ensure continued access to safe and adequate drinking water in rural areas?
 (a) 2026 (b) 2027 (c) 2028
 (d) 2029 (e) 2030 Ans. c

122. Who took oath as the 30th Governor of Himachal Pradesh?
 (a) Rajendra Vishwanath (b) Kavinder Gupta (c) Virbhadra Singh
 (d) P. S. Badal (e) Anandiben Patel Ans. b
123. Recently, Jishnu Dev Varma was sworn in as the Governor of which state?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Rajasthan (c) Maharashtra
 (d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Bihar Ans. c
124. Who was appointed as the Supreme Leader of Iran in March 2026?
 (a) Ali Khamenei (b) Hassan Rouhani (c) Mojtaba Khamenei
 (d) Ebrahim Raisi (e) Mahmoud Ahmadinejad Ans. c
125. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved the declaration of Madurai Airport as an International Airport. It is located in which state?
 (a) Kerala (b) Karnataka (c) Telangana
 (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. e
126. What is PB-SHABD, which was recently seen in the news?
 (a) A radio channel (b) A news-sharing platform (c) A government policy
 (d) A social media app (e) A sports network Ans. b
127. The Uttar Pradesh government signed an initial pact on March 9, 2026, with OneOTT Intertainment Ltd, a subsidiary of the Hinduja Group, to expand high-speed broadband connectivity across the state. Under which initiative will high-speed broadband connectivity be expanded in Uttar Pradesh?
 (a) Project Udaan (b) Project Ganga (c) Digital India
 (d) BharatNet (e) Project Saraswati Ans. b
128. The International Malaria Conference 2026 was held in New Delhi and organised by the ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research under the Indian Council of Medical Research. What was the theme of the International Malaria Conference 2026?
 (a) Malaria Awareness and Prevention (b) Discovery, Development and Delivery
 (c) Global Health Challenges (d) Vaccination for All
 (e) Disease Surveillance and Response Ans. b
129. Which organization partnered with Tata Electronics to promote electronics manufacturing in India?
 (a) Make in India (b) Ministry of Electronics (c) NITI Aayog
 (d) ISRO (e) Department of Science & Technology Ans. c
130. Swiggy and HDFC Bank launched two new co-branded credit cards. Which of the following correctly names these cards designed for different types of spenders?
 (a) Swiggy Gold and Swiggy Silver (b) Swiggy BLCK and Swiggy Ornge
 (c) Swiggy Prime and Swiggy Elite (d) Swiggy Red and Swiggy Blue
 (e) Swiggy Plus and Swiggy Max Ans. b
131. According to the Brand Finance Banking 500 2026 report, State Bank of India (SBI) was named the strongest Indian bank and also received a top-tier brand strength rating reflecting its exceptional reputation, customer trust, and global resilience. What was this brand strength rating awarded to SBI?
 (a) AA (b) AAA (c) AAA+
 (d) A+ (e) BB Ans. c
132. Which organization signed a MoU with commercial vehicle aggregator platforms to improve commuting for drivers on National Highways?
 (a) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
 (b) National Highways Authority of India
 (c) Indian Railways
 (d) Delhi Transport Corporation
 (e) Central Road Research Institute Ans. b
133. How much cash reward did BCCI announce for Suryakumar Yadav and the T20 World Cup-winning Indian team?
 (a) Rs. 100 crore (b) Rs. 125 crore (c) Rs. 131 crore
 (d) Rs. 140 crore (e) Rs. 150 crore Ans. c

134. Who has been appointed as the new head coach of the Sri Lanka men's national cricket team?
 (a) Ricky Ponting (b) Gary Kirsten (c) Michael Hussey
 (d) Jacques Kallis (e) Anil Kumble Ans. b
135. DRDO and the Indian Navy recently conducted successful in-flight release trials of which indigenous system from the P-8I aircraft to enhance naval operational logistics?
 (a) ADC-100 (b) ADC-120 (c) ADC-150
 (d) ADC-200 (e) ADC-300 Ans. c
136. Who has stepped down as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndiGo with immediate effect?
 (a) Rahul Bhatia (b) Ronojoy Dutta (c) Pieter Elbers
 (d) Aditya Ghosh (e) Campbell Wilson Ans. c
137. The sporting ties between India and New Zealand trace back to which historic event in 1926, due to which the year 2026 will mark 100 years of sporting relations between the two nations?
 (a) First cricket tour of India to New Zealand
 (b) Indian Army hockey tour to New Zealand
 (c) First rugby series between the two nations
 (d) Commonwealth Games participation
 (e) First bilateral athletics championship Ans. b
138. Indian Railways recently launched which mobile application to enable women employees to report sexual harassment complaints at the workplace?
 (a) SURAKSHA (b) SHAKTI (c) SHINE
 (d) SAKHI (e) NARI Ans. c
139. Which Indian athlete created history by successfully completing the Ironman New Zealand triathlon in 11 hours and 50 minutes, finishing the challenging swimming, cycling and marathon run segments?
 (a) Milind Soman (b) Neeraj Chopra (c) Avinash Sable
 (d) Anant Rana (e) Shivpal Singh Ans. d
140. In March 2026, who took oath as the Governor of Telangana?
 (a) Bandaru Dattatreya (b) Tamilisai Soundararajan (c) Thaawarchand Gehlot
 (d) Kalraj Mishra (e) Shiv Pratap Shukla Ans. e
141. Suman Bery, Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog, and Nidhi Chhibber, CEO of NITI Aayog, released the second edition of the "Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2026" in New Delhi. The Fiscal Health Index primarily evaluates the fiscal performance of which entities in India?
 (a) Public sector banks (b) Central ministries (c) Municipal corporations
 (d) Private companies (e) State governments Ans. e
142. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated the 40th edition of the AAHAR International Food and Hospitality Fair in New Delhi. The AAHAR International Food and Hospitality Fair is organised by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and which organisation?
 (a) FICCI (b) ASSOCHAM (c) Confederation of Indian Industry
 (d) India Trade Promotion Organisation (e) Export Promotion Council Ans. d
143. In March 2026, who represented India at the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony in Santiago, Chile?
 (a) S. Jaishankar (b) V. Muraleedharan (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
 (d) Piyush Goyal (e) Kirti Vardhan Singh Ans. e
144. Donald Trump, President of the United States, announced a \$300 billion partnership with Reliance Industries to establish a new oil refinery project called "America First Refining." The new oil refinery under the "America First Refining" project will be located at which port in the United States?
 (a) Port of Houston (b) Port of Los Angeles (c) Port of Seattle
 (d) Port of Miami (e) Port of Brownsville Ans. e
145. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed an MoU to collaborate on research related to human spaceflight and astronaut health. The collaboration will mainly focus on research in which field?
 (a) Nuclear medicine (b) Marine biology (c) Artificial intelligence
 (d) Space medicine (e) Agricultural biotechnology Ans. d

146. In March 2026, which countries were added to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Grey List?
 (a) Saudi Arabia and Fiji (b) Kuwait and Papua New Guinea
 (c) Brazil and Argentina (d) Egypt and Jordan
 (e) Malaysia and Singapore Ans. b
147. Which two major banks recently signed a strategic partnership to enhance bilateral financial collaboration, facilitate cross-border capital flows, and strengthen the India–Japan economic corridor, supporting both Japanese corporates expanding in India and Indian enterprises pursuing international growth?
 (a) ICICI Bank and Bank of Japan (b) HDFC Bank and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
 (c) State Bank of India and MUFG Bank (d) Axis Bank and Mizuho Bank
 (e) Punjab National Bank and Japan Post Bank Ans. c
148. Which company launched the RuPay 'On-The-Go' Card for contactless public transport payments?
 (a) Paytm (b) Google Pay (c) PhonePe Limited
 (d) SBI Card (e) Amazon Pay Ans. c
149. Which municipal corporation became Maharashtra's first urban local body to list its Green Municipal Bond on the National Stock Exchange?
 (a) Pune Municipal Corporation (b) Mumbai Municipal Corporation
 (c) Nagpur Municipal Corporation (d) Nashik Municipal Corporation
 (e) Thane Municipal Corporation Ans. d
150. The Government of India has taken a step to expand the digital reach of traditional wellness products by launching a dedicated AYUSH Store through a collaboration between the AYUSH Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL) and a quick-commerce company. The dedicated AYUSH Store was launched on which quick-commerce platform?
 (a) Blinkit (b) Swiggy (c) Zomato
 (d) Zepto (e) Amazon Ans. d
151. Which port in India has become the first to launch the Digital Twin initiative for port management?
 (a) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (b) Cochin Port Authority
 (c) V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (d) Chennai Port Authority
 (e) Paradip Port Authority Ans. c
152. The Government of India launched the country's first Integrated Life-Cycle Support Model primarily for which group?
 (a) Persons with visual impairment (b) Persons with hearing impairment (c) Senior citizens
 (d) Women entrepreneurs (e) School students Ans. b
153. Oil India Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which organisation to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in tribal areas?
 (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
 (b) National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation
 (c) Small Industries Development Bank of India
 (d) National Skill Development Corporation
 (e) Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ans. b
154. The WHO Foundation has entered into a collaboration to raise awareness and strengthen prevention efforts against childhood obesity in India through school-based health programmes and improved healthcare readiness. It has partnered with which global healthcare company for this initiative?
 (a) Pfizer (b) GlaxoSmithKline (c) Roche
 (d) Johnson & Johnson (e) Novo Nordisk Ans. b
155. According to the latest outlook report by CRISIL, what is the projected GDP growth rate for India in FY2026–27 (FY27)?
 (a) 6.3% (b) 6.7% (c) 7.1%
 (d) 7.5% (e) 8.0% Ans. c
156. The second leg of the Asia Cup Archery 2027 will be hosted in which city of India?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Kolkata (c) Hyderabad
 (d) Delhi (e) Chennai Ans. d

157. World Kidney Day 2026 was observed on 12 March 2026 (the second Thursday of March) to raise global awareness about kidney health and the prevention of kidney diseases. What is the theme of World Kidney Day 2026?
 (a) Kidney Health for Everyone (b) Protect Kidneys, Save Lives (c) Kidney Care for Future
 (d) Kidney Health for All (e) Healthy Kidney, Healthy World Ans. d
158. Vinay Muralidhar Tonse has been appointed as MD & CEO-designate of which bank?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Yes Bank
 (d) Axis Bank (e) IndusInd Bank Ans. c
159. The 22nd instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme was released by PM Narendra Modi from which city?
 (a) Chennai (b) Lucknow (c) Jaipur
 (d) Guwahati (e) Bhopal Ans. d
160. Under which mission was ₹20,000 crore allocated for the research and development of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)?
 (a) National Energy Mission (b) Hydrogen Energy Mission (c) Green Power Mission
 (d) Nuclear Energy Mission (e) Clean India Energy Mission Ans. d
161. How many research and development projects for 6G technology have been approved by the Government under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme?
 (a) 84 (b) 94 (c) 104
 (d) 114 (e) 124 Ans. c
162. Which scheme has been extended to mustard procurement by the Central Government in Madhya Pradesh?
 (a) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
 (b) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
 (c) Market Intervention Scheme (MIS)
 (d) Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana (BBY)
 (e) Price Support Scheme (PSS) Ans. d
163. Which organisation facilitated the first export consignment of GI-tagged Joha Rice from Assam to Europe?
 (a) Food Corporation of India (b) NABARD (c) Agricultural Marketing Board
 (d) APEDA (e) NAFED Ans. d
164. Which edtech company has collaborated with Mission Karmayogi to upskill civil servants and government officials in India?
 (a) Ambitious Baba (b) Byju's (c) Unacademy
 (d) Coursera (e) Khan Academy Ans. d
165. Who has taken oath as the new Governor of Bihar?
 (a) Arif Mohammad Khan (b) Syed Ata Hasnain (c) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
 (d) C. P. Radhakrishnan (e) Bandaru Dattatreya Ans. b
166. Purple Fest was organised by which ministry in Rashtrapati Bhavan?
 (a) Ministry of Culture (b) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 (c) Ministry of Education (d) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
 (e) Ministry of Women and Child Development Ans. b
167. National Highways Authority of India has revised the FASTag Annual Pass fee from ₹3,000 to ₹3,075 for the financial year 2026–27. From which date will the revised FASTag Annual Pass fee come into effect?
 (a) 1 June 2026 (b) 1 April 2026 (c) 1 July 2026
 (d) 1 May 2026 (e) 1 October 2026 Ans. b
168. The Central Government has approved the renaming of Tuticorin Airport to what new name in Tamil Nadu?
 (a) Madurai Airport (b) Thoothukudi Airport (c) Chennai Airport
 (d) Tiruchirappalli Airport (e) Salem Airport Ans. b
169. The spring festival 'Chapchar Kut' is celebrated by which community in India?
 (a) Naga community (b) Khasi community (c) Mizo community
 (d) Bodo community (e) Garo community Ans. c

170. Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority, in collaboration with Securities and Exchange Board of India, will organise a 'Niveshak Shivir' in Bhubaneswar on 27 March 2026. The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) functions under which ministry?
 (a) Ministry of Finance (b) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 (c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (d) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
 (e) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Ans. c
171. According to Fitch Ratings, what is India's projected GDP growth for FY2025–26?
 (a) 6.2% (b) 6.5% (c) 7.0%
 (d) 7.5% (e) 8.0% Ans. d
172. Tamil writer Vairamuthu has been awarded the prestigious Jnanpith Award. He received the 60th Jnanpith Award for the year 2025, one of India's highest literary honours. Vairamuthu became the _____ Tamil writer to receive the Jnanpith Award.
 (a) First (b) Second (c) Third
 (d) Fourth (e) Fifth Ans. c
173. Arpita Patra, a professor at the Indian Institute of Science, successfully climbed Nevado Ojos del Salado. She reached the 6,893-metre summit, becoming the second Indian woman to scale the peak. Nevado Ojos del Salado, climbed by Arpita Patra, is located on the border of which two countries?
 (a) Peru – Bolivia (b) Peru – Chile (c) Brazil – Argentina
 (d) Colombia – Ecuador (e) Chile – Argentina Ans. e
174. Mayank Chakraborty became India's 94th Grandmaster (GM) in chess. Mayank Chakraborty is the first Chess Grandmaster from which Indian state?
 (a) Manipur (b) Tripura (c) Assam
 (d) Meghalaya (e) Nagaland Ans. c
175. Which athlete set a new pole vault world record of 6.31 metres at the Mondo Classic held in Uppsala?
 (a) Sam Kendricks (b) Shawn Barber (c) Thiago Braz
 (d) Renaud Lavillenie (e) Armand Duplantis Ans. e
176. Who won his first Formula One race at the Chinese Grand Prix at the age of 19?
 (a) Lewis Hamilton (b) Charles Leclerc (c) Kimi Antonelli
 (d) Lando Norris (e) George Russell Ans. c
177. Sarfaraz Ahmed has announced his retirement from international cricket after a notable career. Sarfaraz Ahmed is a cricketer from which country?
 (a) India (b) Sri Lanka (c) Bangladesh
 (d) Pakistan (e) Afghanistan Ans. d
178. The International Day to Combat Islamophobia is observed on which date each year?
 (a) 10 March (b) 12 March (c) 15 March
 (d) 20 March (e) 25 March Ans. c
179. World Sleep Day is observed every year on 13 March to raise awareness about the importance of healthy sleep and sleep-related issues. What is the theme for World Sleep Day 2026?
 (a) Sleep Better, Live Longer (b) Sleep Well, Live Better (c) Healthy Sleep, Healthy Life
 (d) Dream Big, Sleep Well (e) Rest and Relax Ans. b
180. Which of the following hospitals is set to launch India's first online critical care follow-up clinic to provide post-ICU consultation to patients at home?
 (a) AIIMS, New Delhi (b) PGIMER, Chandigarh (c) Safdarjung Hospital
 (d) Apollo Hospital, Chennai (e) Fortis Hospital, Gurugram Ans. c
181. Kushal Das, who recently passed away, was associated with which organization as General Secretary?
 (a) BCCI (b) FIFA (c) All India Football Federation
 (d) Hockey India (e) ICC Ans. c
182. Department of Posts has launched the '24 Speed Post', offering next-day (D+1) guaranteed delivery for urgent consignments. In the first phase, how many cities are covered under '24 Speed Post'?
 (a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 3
 (d) 8 (e) 6 Ans. e

183. Madhu Malhotra, who recently passed away, was a veteran figure in which industry?
 (a) Sports Industry (b) Politics (c) Music Industry
 (d) Bollywood (e) Literature Ans. d
184. Who received the BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award for Women for her outstanding contribution to women's cricket?
 (a) Smriti Mandhana (b) Harmanpreet Kaur (c) Jhulan Goswami
 (d) Mithali Raj (e) Shafali Verma Ans. d
185. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship signed an MoU with which organization to strengthen India's global skills mobility ecosystem?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) NSDC (c) GATI Foundation
 (d) World Bank (e) UNDP Ans. c
186. The Government has appointed Kompella Venkata Ramana Murthy as a Whole-Time Member of which organisation?
 (a) RBI (b) SEBI (c) IRDAI
 (d) NABARD (e) PFRDA Ans. b
187. Which company has appointed Jasprit Bumrah as its brand ambassador for India?
 (a) Nike (b) Adidas (c) Puma
 (d) Uniqlo (e) Reebok Ans. d
188. PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Haldia Bulk Terminal, a fully automated dry bulk handling facility at the Haldia Dock Complex. The Haldia Bulk Terminal is located at which port?
 (a) Mumbai Port (b) Chennai Port (c) Visakhapatnam Port
 (d) Paradip Port (e) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Ans. e.
189. Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Project, located in Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong districts. The Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Project is located in which state?
 (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Meghalaya (c) Nagaland
 (d) Assam (e) Manipur Ans. d
190. The Government of Maharashtra signed an MoU with which organisation to deploy AI in public health programmes?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) WHO (c) Google Health
 (d) Wadhvani AI (e) Microsoft Ans. d
191. The Government of Himachal Pradesh signed an MoU with which organisation to strengthen the dairy sector?
 (a) NABARD (b) FSSAI (c) NDDB
 (d) AMUL (e) NITI Aayog Ans. c
192. What was the amount of penalty imposed on Cashfree Payments India Pvt Ltd by the RBI?
 (a) Rs. 1 lakh (b) Rs. 2 lakh (c) Rs. 3.1 lakh
 (d) Rs. 5 lakh (e) Rs. 7.5 lakh Ans. c
193. What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation in February 2026?
 (a) 1.81% (b) 2.13% (c) 2.45%
 (d) 1.50% (e) 2.13% Ans. e
194. World Consumer Rights Day is observed every year on March 15 to raise awareness about consumer rights and promote fair practices in the marketplace. What is the theme of World Consumer Rights Day 2026?
 (a) Consumer First, Safety Always (b) Safe Products, Confident Consumers
 (c) Empowering Consumers Globally (d) Fair Trade for All
 (e) Digital Rights for Everyone Ans. b
195. When is National Vaccination Day observed in India?
 (a) March 14 (b) March 15 (c) March 16
 (d) March 17 (e) March 18 Ans. c
196. Arpita Patra, a professor at the Indian Institute of Science, became the second Indian woman to summit Nevado Ojos del Salado, the world's highest volcanic peak (6,893 m). Earlier, she had climbed the highest volcanic peaks of four continents. Which of the following volcanic peaks was NOT climbed by Arpita Patra earlier?
 (a) Mount Kilimanjaro (b) Mount Elbrus (c) Mount Giluwe
 (d) Pico de Orizaba (e) Mount Fuji Ans. e

197. Which country topped the medal table at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 in New Delhi?
 (a) Russia (b) India (c) Bosnia and Herzegovina
 (d) USA (e) China Ans. b
198. Which state achieved a historic milestone by successfully launching its first sounding rocket from Dholera, reaching an altitude of approximately three kilometres?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Karnataka (c) Gujarat
 (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Rajasthan Ans. c
199. The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with IIT Kanpur, launched the SATHEE app, a free digital learning platform to help students prepare for major competitive exams. What is the full form of SATHEE?
 (a) Student Assessment Test and Higher Education
 (b) Self-Assessment, Test and Help for Entrance Exams
 (c) Study and Test Hub for Education Excellence
 (d) Scholarly Assessment Tools for Higher Education
 (e) Systematic Approach to Test and Higher Education Ans. b
200. Three 22-year-old Indian Americans — Brendan Foody, Adarsh Hiremath, and Surya Midha — became the world's youngest self-made billionaires by cofounding a San Francisco-based AI hiring platform. Which company did the trio co-found?
 (a) TechNova (b) InnovAI (c) Mercor
 (d) Infosys (e) Tesla Ans. c
201. Reserve Bank of India imposed a penalty of _____ on Manappuram Finance for violating guidelines related to compensation of Key Managerial Personnel (KMP).
 (a) Rs. 1.5 lakh (b) Rs. 2.7 lakh (c) Rs. 5.7 lakh
 (d) Rs. 10 lakh (e) Rs. 25 lakh Ans. b
202. Who won the Best Actor award at the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026) for his performance in the film Sinners?
 (a) Leonardo DiCaprio (b) Cillian Murphy (c) Michael B. Jordan
 (d) Brad Pitt (e) Joaquin Phoenix Ans. c
203. Which state has launched the 'Divyang Shakti' free bus travel scheme for differently abled persons?
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Karnataka (c) Andhra Pradesh
 (d) Telangana (e) Kerala Ans. c
204. Which state has launched the Gaudham Yojana to manage and protect stray cattle?
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) Chhattisgarh
 (d) Rajasthan (e) Gujarat Ans. c
205. What is the name of Asia's largest tulip garden, located in Srinagar at the foothills of the Zabarwan Range overlooking Dal Lake, which attracts thousands of tourists every year?
 (a) Mughal Garden (b) Nishat Bagh (c) Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden
 (d) Shraddha Raj Tulip Garden (e) Botanical Garden Ans. c
206. Which organization has reaffirmed its commitment to expand UPI merchant acceptance in Sri Lanka to enhance cross-border digital payments for Indian tourists?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)
 (c) State Bank of India (SBI) (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (e) World Bank Ans. b
207. Which bank has introduced a UPI-based cash withdrawal facility at business correspondent (BC) touchpoints to enable cardless cash access, especially for rural and semi-urban customers?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) HDFC Bank (c) Jio Payments Bank
 (d) ICICI Bank (e) Axis Bank Ans. c
208. Which bank raised ₹6,051 crore through Tier II bonds in FY 2025–26?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Punjab National Bank
 (d) Axis Bank (e) State Bank of India Ans. e
209. When is Ordnance Factories Day observed in India?
 (a) March 15 (b) March 16 (c) March 17
 (d) March 18 (e) March 19 Ans. d

210. For which initiative was the Reserve Bank of India awarded the 'Initiative of the Year' by Central Banking, London, aimed at strengthening the security of India's digital banking ecosystem?
- (a) UPI launch (b) Digital Rupee (c) ".bank.in" domain launch
(d) RTGS system (e) NEFT upgrade Ans. c
211. The Government of India has extended the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) framework by introducing ALMM List-III for solar ingots and wafers. In this context, from which date will ALMM List-III become effective, making it mandatory for all solar projects (including net metering and open access) to use ALMM-listed wafers?
- (a) 1 January 2027 (b) 1 April 2028 (c) 1 June 2028
(d) 15 August 2028 (e) 1 January 2029 Ans. c
212. India is participating in which multinational anti-submarine warfare exercise held in March 2026 near Guam?
- (a) Malabar (b) RIMPAC (c) Sea Dragon
(d) Varuna (e) Indra Ans. c
213. How many total medals did India win at the World Boxing Futures Cup 2026?
- (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4
(d) 5 (e) 6 Ans. d
214. According to the statement given by the Minister of State for Finance in the Lok Sabha, banks in India have written off a significant amount of nonperforming assets (NPAs) over the past 11 financial years. In this context, what is the total value of loans written off by banks during this period?
- (a) Rs. 7.25 lakh crore (b) Rs. 8.90 lakh crore (c) Rs. 9.75 lakh crore
(d) Rs. 10.50 lakh crore (e) Rs. 11.20 lakh crore Ans. c
215. Which village has been selected as Odisha's first 'Smart Village' under the CSIR initiative?
- (a) Janakpur (b) Sawaipura (c) Kusunpur
(d) Bhada (e) Joharat Ans. c
216. Which company has approved the merger of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) with itself?
- (a) JSW Steel (b) SAIL (c) Vedanta
(d) Jindal Steel (e) Tata Steel Ans. e
217. Which organization has approved a loan of about USD 300 million for improving air quality in Uttar Pradesh?
- (a) IMF (b) World Bank (c) ADB
(d) AIIB (e) NDB Ans. b
218. Which company has secured a \$90 million investment from the International Finance Corporation (IFC)?
- (a) Reliance Industries (b) Tata Chemicals (c) Adani Enterprises
(d) UPL Limited (e) DCM Shriram Ans. e
219. Which company has laid the foundation of the world's first Autonomous Maritime Shipbuilding and Systems Centre in the Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh?
- (a) Sagar Defence Engineering Pvt. Ltd. (b) Cochin Shipyard (c) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
(d) GRSE (e) L&T Defence Ans. a
220. The International Day of Mathematics is celebrated every year on March 14, also known as Pi (p) Day. What is the theme of International Day of Mathematics 2026?
- (a) Mathematics for Growth (b) Mathematics and Innovation (c) Mathematics and Hope
(d) Math for Future (e) Global Mathematics Ans. c
221. Atanu Chakraborty has resigned as part-time chairman and independent director of HDFC Bank with immediate effect. Who has been appointed as the interim part-time chairman of HDFC Bank?
- (a) Deepak Parekh (b) Sashidhar Jagdishan (c) Rajnish Kumar
(d) Uday Kotak (e) Keki Mistry Ans. e
222. Which company became the first in India to produce 50 million tonnes of iron ore in a single financial year?
- (a) SAIL (b) Tata Steel (c) Vedanta
(d) JSW Steel (e) NMDC Limited Ans. e
223. When is the International Day of Happiness celebrated?
- (a) March 18 (b) March 19 (c) March 21
(d) March 20 (e) March 22 Ans. d

224. World Sparrow Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) March 20 (b) March 19 (c) March 17
 (d) March 21 (e) March 22 Ans. a
225. Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 commenced in New Delhi, showcasing tribal artisans, entrepreneurs, and cultural performers from across India. The festival is organised by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Who is the Union Minister for Tribal Affairs of India?
 (a) Arjun Munda (b) Jual Oram (c) Durgadas Uikey
 (d) Kiren Rijiju (e) Smriti Irani Ans. b
226. Asia Africa Agri Alliance has been formed as a new institutional platform to enhance agricultural trade, cooperation, investment, and technology exchange between the two regions. Asia and Africa together account for approximately what share of global agricultural production?
 (a) 20% (b) 30% (c) 40%
 (d) 50% (e) 60% Ans. c
227. Which country has decided to withdraw from the World Health Organisation (WHO) in March 2026?
 (a) Brazil (b) Argentina (c) Mexico
 (d) Canada (e) Iran Ans. b
228. Axis Bank has approved an investment of how much in Axis Finance?
 (a) Rs. 1,000 crore (b) Rs. 1,200 crore (c) Rs. 1,500 crore
 (d) Rs. 2,000 crore (e) Rs. 2,500 crore Ans. c
229. The Government of India has approved the Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) with an outlay of ₹33,660 crore to develop plug-and-play industrial parks across the country. How many industrial parks will be developed under the BHAVYA scheme?
 (a) 50 (b) 75 (c) 100
 (d) 150 (e) 200 Ans. c
230. The "Yoga 365" campaign has been launched by which ministry?
 (a) Ministry of Health (b) Ministry of Education (c) Ministry of Defence
 (d) Ministry of Ayush (e) Ministry of Sports Ans. d
231. Phool Dei festival is celebrated in which state?
 (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Uttarakhand (c) Sikkim
 (d) Arunachal Pradesh (e) Assam Ans. b
232. India successfully tested an indigenously developed Floating LiDAR Buoy System, marking a major milestone in ocean observation and atmospheric data collection, conducted off the coast of Muttom. The Floating LiDAR Buoy System was developed by which organisation?
 (a) ISRO (b) DRDO (c) NIOT
 (d) CSIR (e) BARC Ans. c
233. The Prambanan Temple, recently in the news, is located in which country?
 (a) Thailand (b) Cambodia (c) Malaysia
 (d) Indonesia (e) Vietnam Ans. d
234. Consider the following statements about Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025:
 1. Assamese award was given to Karhi Khelar Sadhu, a novel by Devabrat Das.
 2. English work Crimson Spring is written by Navtej Sarna.
 3. Urdu work Safar Jaari Hai is a poetry book.
 4. Jeete Jee Allahabad by Mamta Kalia is a memoir.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) Only 1 and 2 (b) Only 1, 2 and 3 (c) Only 2, 3 and 4
 (d) All 1, 2, 3 and 4 (e) None of the above Ans. d
235. The Narcotics Control Bureau celebrated its 41st Raising Day on which date?
 (a) 15 March (b) 16 March (c) 17 March
 (d) 18 March (e) 19 March Ans. c

236. Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to China?
 (a) Pradeep Kumar Rawat (b) Harsh Vardhan Shringla (c) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
 (d) Vikram K. Doraiswami (e) Ruchira Kamboj Ans. d
237. Who has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of Thailand?
 (a) Prayut Chan-o-cha (b) Srettha Thavisin (c) Yingluck Shinawatra
 (d) Abhisit Vejjajiva (e) Anutin Charnvirakul Ans. e
238. Who was awarded an honorary knighthood by the British government?
 (a) N. Chandrasekaran (b) Gautam Adani (c) Mukesh Ambani
 (d) Ratan Tata (e) Anand Mahindra Ans. a
239. The Ministry of Ayush signed an MoU with which force to enhance preventive healthcare among its personnel?
 (a) Border Security Force (BSF) (b) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
 (c) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) (d) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
 (e) National Security Guard (NSG) Ans. d
240. Which of the following organisations has been designated by the Government of India as the central nodal agency for undertaking Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations in cotton, ensuring procurement of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) cotton directly from farmers when market prices fall below MSP levels?
 (a) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
 (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
 (c) Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)
 (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (e) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) Ans. c
241. The Geological Survey of India has declared the hill region around Kalinjar Fort as a National Geo-Heritage Site, recognising its geological, historical, and cultural importance. In which district of Uttar Pradesh is Kalinjar Fort located?
 (a) Jhansi (b) Banda (c) Chitrakoot
 (d) Mirzapur (e) Prayagraj Ans. b
242. The Punjab Government has launched 'Punjab Sikhya Kranti 2.0' in collaboration with _____ to strengthen and modernize the state's school education system.
 (a) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 (b) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
 (c) World Bank
 (d) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 (e) World Trade Organization (WTO) Ans. c
243. Consider the following statements regarding the World Happiness Report 2026:
 1. Finland is the happiest country for the 9th consecutive year.
 2. The report is published by the Wellbeing Research Centre.
 3. India ranks in the top 100 countries.
 4. Afghanistan is among the unhappiest countries.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (e) 1 and 4 only Ans. a
244. India will host the World Indoor Athletics Championships in which year?
 (a) 2026 (b) 2027 (c) 2028
 (d) 2029 (e) 2030 Ans. c
245. What was the growth rate of the Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) in February 2026?
 (a) 1.8% (b) 2.3% (c) 3.5%
 (d) 4.7% (e) 5.2% Ans. b
246. Which of the following banks was penalised Rs. 31.80 lakh by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for regulatory non-compliance?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) ICICI Bank (c) HDFC Bank
 (d) HSBC (e) Axis Bank Ans. d

247. Lionel Messi became the second men's footballer to reach which milestone in official matches?
 (a) 700 goals (b) 800 goals (c) 900 goals
 (d) 950 goals (e) 1000 goals Ans. c
248. FIFA imposed a fine of \$190,700 on the _____ for breaching anti-discrimination rules.
 (a) UEFA (b) Israeli Football Association (IFA)
 (c) Irani Football Confederation (AFC) (d) All India Football Federation (AIFF)
 (e) English Football Association (FA) Ans. b
249. World Sparrow Day is observed annually on March 20 to raise awareness about the declining population of sparrows. What is the theme of World Sparrow Day 2026?
 (a) Save Birds Save Earth
 (b) Protect Urban Wildlife
 (c) Creating Bird-Friendly Cities & Communities
 (d) Birds and Biodiversity
 (e) Nature Conservation First Ans. c
250. World Forestry Day is observed annually on which date?
 (a) March 20 (b) March 21 (c) March 22
 (d) March 23 (e) March 24 Ans. b
251. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on which date?
 (a) March 20 (b) March 21 (c) March 22
 (d) March 23 (e) March 24 Ans. b
252. World Poetry Day is observed annually on March 21 to celebrate the power of poetry and promote linguistic diversity. What is the theme of World Poetry Day 2026?
 (a) Poetry for All (b) Words for Peace (c) Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion
 (d) Voices of Humanity (e) Poems for Unity Ans. c
253. India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Postal Cooperation with which country to enhance bilateral postal services?
 (a) Nepal (b) Bangladesh (c) Bhutan
 (d) Sri Lanka (e) Maldives Ans. c
254. The government has launched the 'PRARAMBH 2026' campaign to raise awareness about which upcoming legislation, being introduced with the objective of simplifying India's tax system?
 (a) Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (b) Income Tax Act, 2025 (c) Companies Act, 2013
 (d) Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (e) Digital India Act, 2023 Ans. b
255. The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) has constituted an Expert Committee on Invasive Alien Species to address ecological, agricultural, and socio-economic threats posed by such species in India. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Expert Committee?
 (a) Ravi Agrawal (b) Arvind Shrivastava (c) Dhananjai Mohan
 (d) Ajay Kumar (e) Sanjeev Sanyal Ans. e
256. The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed every year on which date?
 (a) March 19 (b) March 15 (c) March 21
 (d) March 25 (e) March 23 Ans. c
257. International Nowruz Day is celebrated every year on which date?
 (a) March 20 (b) March 21 (c) March 22
 (d) March 23 (e) March 25 Ans. b
258. World Down Syndrome Day is observed every year on 21 March to raise awareness about Down syndrome and promote the rights, inclusion, and wellbeing of people with the condition. The theme of World Down Syndrome Day 2026 is:
 (a) Equal Opportunities for All (b) Inclusion Matters (c) Together Against Loneliness
 (d) Celebrate Diversity (e) Leave No One Behind Ans. c
259. World Day for Glaciers is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 20 March (b) 21 March (c) 22 March
 (d) 23 March (e) 24 March Ans. b

260. Bihar Diwas is celebrated every year on which date?
 (a) March 20 (b) March 21 (c) March 22
 (d) March 23 (e) March 24 Ans. c
261. World Water Day is observed every year on 22 March to highlight the importance of freshwater and promote sustainable management of water resources. What is the theme of World Water Day 2026?
 (a) Water for Life (b) Save Water Save Future (c) Water and Gender
 (d) Clean Water for All (e) Water Security Ans. c
262. The government has proposed Biopharma SHAKTI in the Union Budget 2026–27 to make India a global biopharmaceutical manufacturing hub, with an outlay of ₹10,000 crore over five years. What is the full form of the Biopharma SHAKTI initiative?
 (a) Strategy for Healthcare Advancement through Knowledge, Technology and Innovation
 (b) System for Health Access, Knowledge, Technology and Integration
 (c) Scheme for Health and Knowledge Transformation Initiative
 (d) Strategy for Human Advancement through Knowledge and Technology
 (e) System for Healthcare and Knowledge Transfer in India Ans. a
263. Fanny Utagushmaninde became the youngest centurion in Women's T20I history, scoring 111* off 65 balls against Ghana in the Nigeria Invitational Tournament at just 15 years and 223 days. She is a cricketer from which country?
 (a) Uganda (b) Ghana (c) Rwanda
 (d) Nigeria (e) Kenya Ans. c
264. South Indian Bank has appointed whom as the Non-Executive Part-Time Chairman in March 2026?
 (a) V J Kurian (b) Jose Joseph Kattoor (c) Shaktikanta Das
 (d) Uday Kotak (e) Rajnish Kumar Ans. b
265. Yamaha Music India Private Ltd has appointed whom as its brand ambassador?
 (a) Arijit Singh (b) Sonu Nigam (c) A. R. Rahman
 (d) Shankar Mahadevan (e) Vishal Dadlani Ans. c
266. Narendra Modi has become India's longest-serving head of an elected government, completing 8,931 days in office. Who previously held the record for the longest-serving head of an elected government in India?
 (a) Pandit Jawhar Lal Nehru (b) Nitish Kumar (c) Indira Gandhi
 (d) Pawan Kumar Chamling (e) Jyoti Basu Ans. d
267. The 3rd North-East India Film Festival is being held in which city?
 (a) Guwahati (b) Shillong (c) Imphal
 (d) Aizawl (e) Kohima Ans. c
268. Telangana Chief Minister, A. Revanth Reddy, announced a financial assistance package of ₹9,000 crore for farmers under which of the following schemes?
 (a) CM-KISAN Samman Nidhi (b) KALIA Scheme (c) Rythu Bharosa
 (d) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (e) National Agriculture Market Ans. c
269. K. Ram Mohan Naidu announced a comprehensive development plan under the PRASAD Scheme to enhance pilgrim facilities and infrastructure at which of the following temples?
 (a) Tirupati Balaji Temple
 (b) Meenakshi Temple
 (c) Arasavalli Sri Surya Narayana Swamy Temple
 (d) Jagannath Temple
 (e) Somnath Temple Ans. c
270. Axis Bank has entered into a strategic partnership as the official banking partner with which organisation to promote professional golf in India?
 (a) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
 (b) All India Football Federation (AIFF)
 (c) DP World Professional Golf Tour of India
 (d) Hockey India
 (e) Sports Authority of India (SAI) Ans. c

271. Elon Musk has launched the Terafab project to manufacture advanced chips for AI, robotics, and data centres, including future space-based applications. The Terafab facility will be located near which city?
 (a) New York (b) Los Angeles (c) Chicago
 (d) Austin (e) Houston Ans. d
272. Who has been named the 2026 Stockholm Water Prize laureate, one of the most prestigious awards in the field of water?
 (a) Rajendra Singh (b) Sunita Narain (c) Kaveh Madani
 (d) Vandana Shiva (e) Ramesh Chand Ans. c
273. In March 2026, Rashtriya Raksha University signed an MoU with which organisation to enhance national security training?
 (a) CRPF (b) BSF (c) ITBP
 (d) SSB (e) CISF Ans. d
274. The Indian Navy will commission INS Taragiri, an indigenous stealth frigate, on April 3, 2026. INS Taragiri belongs to which class of ships?
 (a) Kolkata-class (b) Delhi-class (c) Shivalik-class
 (d) Nilgiri-class (e) Talwar-class Ans. d
275. Who won the Women's Singles title at the Indian Open Squash?
 (a) Joshna Chinappa (b) Dipika Pallikal (c) Anahat Singh
 (d) Hana Moataz (e) Tanvi Khanna Ans. c
276. Which country has won the 21st edition of the AFC Women's Asian Cup?
 (a) China (b) South Korea (c) Japan
 (d) Australia (e) India Ans. c
277. Robert S. Mueller III passed away recently at the age of 81. He was associated with which organisation?
 (a) CIA (b) NSA (c) Federal Bureau of Investigation
 (d) Interpol (e) Homeland Security Ans. c
278. The Central Government, under Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, launched a major AI skilling initiative to boost India's creative (orange) economy. The National AI Skilling Initiative was launched in partnership with which companies?
 (a) Microsoft & Amazon (b) Meta & Instagram (c) Google & YouTube
 (d) Infosys & TCS (e) Apple & Netflix Ans. c
279. Which state government has launched the "Ningol Van Initiative" to promote forest conservation and community participation, especially encouraging women's role in biodiversity protection?
 (a) Assam (b) Manipur (c) Meghalaya
 (d) Tripura (e) Nagaland Ans. b
280. 23 March is observed as World Meteorological Day every year to highlight the importance of meteorology and weather-related services. What is the theme of World Meteorological Day 2026?
 (a) Weather for All (b) Climate Action Now (c) Early Warning for All
 (d) Observing Today, Protecting Tomorrow (e) Save Earth Climate Ans. d
281. On which date is Martyr's Day (Shaheed Diwas) observed in India?
 (a) March 15 (b) March 20 (c) March 23
 (d) March 25 (e) March 30 Ans. c
282. March 24 is observed as World Tuberculosis (TB) Day every year to raise awareness about tuberculosis, a serious infectious disease. What is the theme of World TB Day 2026?
 (a) Stop TB Now (b) End TB Together (c) Fight Against TB
 (d) Yes! We can end TB (e) TB Free World Ans. d
283. On which date is the International Day of the Unborn Child observed?
 (a) March 20 (b) March 22 (c) March 25
 (d) March 27 (e) March 30 Ans. c
284. The Government has modified the Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme (MCGS) to support MSME manufacturers and exporters, in line with Budget 2025–26. What is the guarantee coverage provided under the MCGS by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC)?
 (a) 40% (b) 50% (c) 60%
 (d) 70% (e) 80% Ans. c

285. Which state will host the 49th Yonex Sunrise Junior National Badminton Championship 2026 for the first time?
 (a) Assam (b) Manipur (c) Sikkim
 (d) Meghalaya (e) Tripura Ans. c
286. Which bank received the 'National Award for Outstanding Performance in SHG Bank Linkage 2024–25'?
 (a) Kerala Grameena Bank
 (b) Karnataka Grameena Bank
 (c) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
 (d) Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank
 (e) Uttar Pradesh Gramin Bank Ans. b
287. Which mountaineer completed the Seven Volcanic Summits challenge in a record time of 92 days, 4 hours, and 45 minutes?
 (a) Arunima Sinha (b) Bhupathiraju Anmish Varma (c) Bachendri Pal
 (d) Santosh Yadav (e) Malavath Purna Ans. b
288. Which group-led consortium has acquired 100% ownership of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) from United Spirits Limited?
 (a) Tata Group-led consortium (b) Reliance Group-led consortium
 (c) Aditya Birla Group-led consortium (d) Adani Group-led consortium
 (e) Mahindra Group-led consortium Ans. c
289. Who won the ICC Women's Player of the Month for February 2026?
 (a) Smriti Mandhana (b) Harmanpreet Kaur (c) Shafali Verma
 (d) Arundhati Reddy (e) Deepti Sharma Ans. d
290. The 150th anniversary of the first-ever Test match (1877) will be celebrated in March 2027 with a special match between Australia and England. This historic match is scheduled to be held at which of the following venues?
 (a) Lord's Cricket Ground (b) Eden Gardens (c) Melbourne Cricket Ground
 (d) Sydney Cricket Ground (e) The Oval Ans. c
291. Who received the Women's Empowerment Award for Art and Culture at the UK's House of Commons?
 (a) Kajol (b) Vidya Balan (c) Rituparna Sengupta
 (d) Deepika Padukone (e) Rani Mukerji Ans. c
292. International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations is observed on which date?
 (a) 21 March (b) 22 March (c) 23 March
 (d) 24 March (e) 25 March Ans. d
293. International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed on which date?
 (a) 24 March (b) 25 March (c) 26 March
 (d) 27 March (e) 28 March Ans. b
294. International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed on which date?
 (a) 24 March (b) 25 March (c) 26 March
 (d) 27 March (e) 28 March Ans. b
295. The Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, in collaboration with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, will organise the 9th PharmaMed 2026 in New Delhi. What is the central theme of PharmaMed 2026?
 (a) Digital Healthcare Expansion
 (b) Affordable Medicines for All
 (c) Healthcare Equity: Reaching Every Citizen of Viksit Bharat
 (d) Innovation in Pharma Sector
 (e) Universal Health Infrastructure Ans. c
296. The Ministry of Finance has decided to retain India's inflation targeting framework unchanged for the period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2031, with a target of 4% and a tolerance band of 2%–6%. Under which section of the RBI Act is the inflation target decided?
 (a) Section 21ZA (b) Section 35A (c) Section 45ZA
 (d) Section 10ZA (e) Section 7ZA Ans. c

297. SEBI has partnered with which company to curb misleading financial influencers?
 (a) Microsoft (b) Amazon (c) Google
 (d) Meta (e) Apple Ans. c
298. Paisalo Digital Limited has been appointed as a Business Correspondent (BC) partner for which bank?
 (a) Punjab National Bank (b) Bank of Baroda (c) Union Bank of India
 (d) Canara Bank (e) Indian Overseas Bank Ans. e
299. Which regulatory body approved Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) Bank's Rs. 39,618 crore investment in Shriram Finance Ltd, marking the largest FDI in India's NBFC sector?
 (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
 (c) National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)
 (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 (e) Competition Commission of India (CCI) Ans. e
300. L&T Finance Ltd, one of India's leading NBFCs, has recently become a signatory to which global initiative aimed at promoting corporate sustainability and responsible business practices?
 (a) World Economic Forum (WEF) (b) United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)
 (c) Paris Climate Agreement (d) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 (e) World Trade Organization (WTO) Ans. b
301. Svantra Microfin Private Limited has merged with which company to strengthen its position in the NBFC-MFI sector?
 (a) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (b) Chaitanya India Fin Credit Pvt Ltd
 (c) Bandhan Bank (d) Equitas Small Finance Bank
 (e) CreditAccess Grameen Ans. b
302. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has enabled which new payment mode on the ICEGATE platform?
 (a) Digital Wallet (b) Payment Aggregator (c) Cryptocurrency
 (d) Cash Payment (e) Aadhaar Pay Ans. b
303. In March 2026, which organisation has raised India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27 to 7.1%?
 (a) World Bank (b) IMF (c) S&P Global Ratings
 (d) ADB (e) RBI Ans. c
304. Bangladesh has been placed in which category by the World Bank due to high food inflation recently?
 (a) Green Category (b) Yellow Category (c) White Category
 (d) Blue Category (e) Red Category Ans. e
305. Which Indian Premier League (IPL) team has been acquired by a consortium led by US-based entrepreneur Kal Somani in a deal worth \$1.63 billion (?15,286 crore)?
 (a) Mumbai Indians (b) Chennai Super Kings (c) Kolkata Knight Riders
 (d) Rajasthan Royals (e) Delhi Capitals Ans. d
306. The 'Pink Stand' at the upcoming cricket stadium in Dwarka will be named after which player?
 (a) Smriti Mandhana (b) Mithali Raj (c) Jhulan Goswami
 (d) Harmanpreet Kaur (e) Shafali Verma Ans. d
307. When is the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members observed?
 (a) 23 March (b) 24 March (c) 25 March
 (d) 26 March (e) 27 March Ans. c
308. Purple Day of Epilepsy is observed every year on 26 March to raise awareness about Epilepsy and support people living with the condition. What is the theme of Purple Day of Epilepsy 2026?
 (a) End Epilepsy (b) Brain Health First (c) Live Without Fear
 (d) Epilepsy Awareness (e) EpilepsyPledge Ans. e
309. Who has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to the United Kingdom?
 (a) Vikram Doraiswami (b) Periasamy Kumaran (c) Shraddha Joshi
 (d) Harsh Vardhan Shringla (e) Ajay Bisaria Ans. b

310. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit France to attend the G7 Summit, which will be held from June 15 to 17. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the G7?
 (a) UK (b) Japan (c) Germany
 (d) Brazil (e) France Ans. d
311. Where was the 14th Ministerial Conference (MC-14) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) held?
 (a) Geneva (b) Nairobi (c) Yaoundé
 (d) New Delhi (e) Paris Ans. c
312. What is the revised GDP growth forecast for India for FY 2026–27 by OECD?
 (a) 5.8% (b) 6.1% (c) 6.5%
 (d) 7.0% (e) 7.6% Ans. b
313. Japan has committed an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of approximately how much to India for infrastructure and development projects?
 (a) Rs. 10,000 crore (b) Rs. 12,000 crore (c) Rs. 14,500 crore
 (d) Rs. 16,420 crore (e) Rs. 18,750 crore Ans. d
314. The National Housing Bank (NHB) has launched the Gruh Sugam Portal to simplify and digitise access to _____ for defence personnel, paramilitary forces, and government employees.
 (a) Personal loans (b) Education loans (c) Home loans
 (d) Business investment loans (e) Agricultural credit Ans. c
315. The Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) and the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) have signed an MoU under the initiative “BHASHINI for Seva / Sanchalan – A BHASHINI Sahayogi Program.” BHASHINI is an AI-powered initiative under which ministry?
 (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (b) Ministry of Finance
 (c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 (d) Ministry of Education
 (e) Ministry of Communication Ans. c
316. Who was honoured with the “Women Empowerment Trailblazer Award” at the BRICS CCI WE Annual Women Summit 2026?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi (b) Kalpana Soren (c) Smriti Irani
 (d) Rekha Gupta (e) Mamata Banerjee Ans. b
317. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry signed an agreement with _____ to support startups, innovators, and entrepreneurs across India.
 (a) Google India (b) Microsoft India (c) Meta India
 (d) Amazon India (e) KRAFTON India Pvt. Ltd. Ans. e
318. The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the IVFRT Scheme for five years (2026–2031) to strengthen India’s immigration system. What does IVFRT stand for?
 (a) Indian Visa and Foreign Registration Technology
 (b) Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration and Tracking
 (c) International Visa and Foreign Relations Tracking
 (d) Integrated Visa Framework and Registration Technology
 (e) Immigration Verification and Foreign Travel Ans. b
319. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has launched the PRISM-SG Portal in New Delhi to improve efficiency, coordination, and transparency in the construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and railway bridges. What does PRISM-SG stand for?
 (a) Portal for Railway Inspection and Safety Management - Steel Girders
 (b) Portal for Road Infrastructure and Safety Monitoring - Steel Girders
 (c) Portal for Rail-Road Inspection and Stages Management – Steel Girders
 (d) Project for Railway and Infrastructure System Management - Steel Girders
 (e) Platform for Road and Infrastructure Structural Monitoring - Steel Girders Ans. c
320. World Theatre Day is observed on 27 March every year to promote the importance of theatre arts and their role in society. What is the theme of World Theatre Day 2026?
 (a) Theatre for Development (b) Theatre and Innovation (c) Theatre and a Culture of Peace
 (d) Theatre and Youth (e) Theatre and Technology Ans. c

321. Which state government has launched 'Nivesh Mitra 3.0', a digital platform to simplify and enhance the investor experience, along with new schemes?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Gujarat (c) Uttar Pradesh
 (d) Karnataka (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. c
322. Which company successfully test-fired the 3D-printed rocket booster engine 'Agnite'?
 (a) ISRO (b) Skyroot Aerospace (c) Agnikul Cosmos Pvt. Ltd.
 (d) DRDO (e) HAL Ans. c
323. E.A. Rajendran passed away recently at the age of 71. E.A. Rajendran was associated with which industry?
 (a) Bollywood (b) Tollywood (c) Sandalwood
 (d) Kollywood (e) Malayalam film industry Ans. e
324. Who has taken charge as Director (Personnel) at NMDC Limited?
 (a) Sanjay Mishra (b) Krishna Kumar Thakur (c) Himanta Biswa Sharma
 (d) R.K. Singh (e) Alok Verma Ans. b
325. Meghalaya became which number state to sign the Reform-Linked MoU under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0?
 (a) 10th (b) 11th (c) 12th
 (d) 13th (e) 14th Ans. c
326. Who has assumed charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
 (d) Kiran Umesh Mahalle (e) Meenakshi Lekhi Ans. b
327. Which country organized the first BRICS Youth Coordination Meeting 2026 as part of its BRICS Chairship?
 (a) China (b) Russia (c) India
 (d) Brazil (e) South Africa Ans. c
328. Balendra Shah, popularly known as Balen, became Nepal's youngest Prime Minister at 35, after a landslide victory in the recent elections. Balendra Shah belongs to which political party?
 (a) Nepali Congress (b) CPN-UML (c) Janata Samajbadi Part
 (d) Maoist Centre (e) Rastriya Swatantra Party Ans. e
329. Which state government has recently launched the Industrial Park Promotion Policy-2026 to boost industrial growth and investment?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Maharashtra (c) Uttar Pradesh
 (d) Madhya Pradesh (e) Rajasthan Ans. e
330. National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), a Navratna CPSE, became the first mining company in India to produce 50 million tonnes (MT) of iron ore in a single financial year (2025–26). NMDC operates under which ministry of the Government of India?
 (a) Ministry of Mines (b) Ministry of Steel (c) Ministry of Heavy Industries
 (d) Ministry of Commerce (e) Ministry of Power Ans. b
331. Who became the first Indian athlete to cross the 8-meter mark in indoor long jump?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi (b) Neeraj Chopra (c) Lokesh Satyanathan
 (d) Jeswin Aldrin (e) Ankit Sharma Ans. c
332. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador for Census 2027 in India?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Anupam Kher (c) Ram V. Sutar
 (d) Sudarshan Pattnaik (e) Saina Nehwal Ans. d
333. Operation Energy Security has been launched by India amid rising tensions in West Asia to safeguard energy supply routes. Which strategically important maritime route is being actively monitored and secured under this operation?
 (a) Suez Canal (b) Panama Canal (c) Strait of Hormuz
 (d) Strait of Gibraltar (e) Bering Strait Ans. c
334. What is Vayu Baan developed by the Indian Air Force?
 (a) Surface-to-air missile system (b) Helicopter-launched autonomous drone system
 (c) Fighter aircraft upgrade program (d) Naval surveillance system
 (e) Satellite communication system Ans. b

335. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of Noida International Airport at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh and laid the foundation stone for 40 acres of MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) facilities. Under which development model is the Noida International Airport being constructed?
 (a) Fully Government Model (b) Public-Private Partnership Model (c) Foreign Aid Model
 (d) Cooperative Model (e) NGO Model Ans. b
336. Which cricketer became the first to score 4000 runs in run chases in IPL history?
 (a) Virat Kohli (b) MS Dhoni (c) Rohit Sharma
 (d) David Warner (e) AB de Villiers Ans. a
337. Rajasthan Day is celebrated every year on 30 March to mark the formation of Rajasthan in _____.
 (a) 1947 (b) 1948 (c) 1949
 (d) 1950 (e) 1956 Ans. c
338. Which country has introduced the world's first dedicated freight-only Shinkansen?
 (a) China (b) Japan (c) Germany
 (d) France (e) South Korea Ans. b
339. Consider the following statements regarding the Revamped UDAN scheme:
 1. UDAN Scheme was launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in 2016.
 2. The scheme duration is from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36.
 3. The total financial outlay is ₹28,840 crore.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only
 (d) 1, 2 and 3 (e) None Ans. d
340. Which two ministries jointly issued the advisory for implementing Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan in schools?
 (a) Ministry of Education and Ministry of Home Affairs
 (b) Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education
 (c) Ministry of Social Justice and Ministry of Health
 (d) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs
 (e) Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Education Ans. a
341. Which ministry partnered with YouTube to promote India's folk and tribal music globally?
 (a) Ministry of Tourism (b) Ministry of Culture (c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
 (d) Ministry of External Affairs (e) Ministry of Education Ans. b
342. The National Commission for Women (NCW) partnered with which company to launch a digital safety initiative?
 (a) Google (b) Meta (c) Truecaller
 (d) Microsoft (e) Amazon Ans. c
343. Bengali novelist Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay has been selected for the 35th Saraswati Samman for 2025. Which novel has been selected for the Saraswati Samman 2025?
 (a) Gitanjali (b) Hara Parvati Katha (c) Pather Panchali
 (d) Anandamath (e) Devdas Ans. b
344. Nandamuri Balakrishna was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Film Festival of Delhi 2026 for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema over five decades. Nandamuri Balakrishna belongs to which film industry?
 (a) Bollywood (b) Tollywood (c) Kollywood
 (d) Mollywood (e) Sandalwood Ans. b
345. The 'Verified App Label' initiative has been introduced by which regulatory body to curb fraudulent mobile applications in the financial sector?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India
 (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India
 (c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
 (d) National Payments Corporation of India
 (e) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Ans. b

344. Lakshya Asset Management Company, recently approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has been granted permission to commence which of the following businesses in India?
- (a) Commercial banking services
 (b) Insurance underwriting business
 (c) Mutual fund operations and asset management services
 (d) Non-banking financial company (NBFC) activities
 (e) Stock exchange operations Ans. c
345. Which institution has launched the Krishnamurthy Tandon School of Artificial Intelligence?
- (a) IIM Bangalore (b) IIM Ahmedabad (c) IIT Delhi
 (d) IIT Bombay (e) IISc Bengaluru Ans. b
346. Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd has operationalised India's first Port of Refuge to assist ships in distress, strengthening maritime safety infrastructure. Two ports identified are Dighi Port and Gopalpur Port. Gopalpur Port, designated as a Port of Refuge, is located on which coast?
- (a) West Coast (b) East Coast (c) North Coast
 (d) South Coast (e) Island Coast Ans. b
347. 'Vayu Baan', recently seen in the news, is India's first:
- (a) Satellite system (b) Ultra Missile defence system
 (c) Helicopter-launched drone project (d) Fighter jet project
 (e) Hidden Radar system Ans. c
348. Which company delivered the first batch of 'Prahar' Light Machine Guns (LMGs) to the Indian Army?
- (a) DRDO (b) HAL (c) Adani Defence and Aerospace
 (d) Bharat Electronics Limited (e) OFB Ans. c
349. The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹445 crore contract for Tunguska Air Defence Missile Systems with which company?
- (a) Boeing India Defense Pvt Ltd (b) JSC Rosoboronexport (c) Lockheed Martin
 (d) Airbus Defence (e) HAL Ans. b
350. Eiffel Tower Day is observed on which date?
- (a) March 29 (b) March 30 (c) March 31
 (d) April 1 (e) April 2 Ans. c
351. Indian player Gurjant Singh recently announced his retirement from which sport?
- (a) Cricket (b) Football (c) Hockey
 (d) Badminton (e) Wrestling Ans. c
352. Carolina Marín, recently in news, belongs to which sport?
- (a) Tennis (b) Badminton (c) Table Tennis
 (d) Squash (e) Hockey Ans. b
353. When is the International Day of Zero Waste observed?
- (a) March 28 (b) March 29 (c) March 30
 (d) March 31 (e) March 25 Ans. c

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