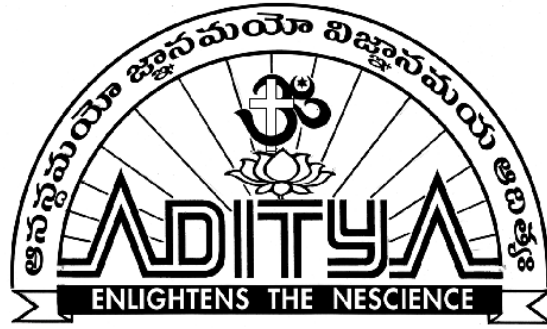


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1. The Election Commission of India (ECI), under the leadership of Chief Election Commissioner Shri Gyanesh Kumar, has introduced reforms to enhance the accuracy of voter rolls and streamline the voting process. Which of the following best encapsulates the primary objective of these reforms, as discussed in the March meeting with other Election Commissioners?
(a) To facilitate the introduction of mandatory online voting for urban constituencies by 2029
(b) To improve the integrity of electoral rolls and enhance voter accessibility to the polling process
(c) To reduce the dependency on Booth Level Officers (BLOs) through automation of voter verification
(d) To centralize the voter registration process by eliminating state-level Electoral Registration Officers (EROs)
(e) Inclusion of QR codes linking to online voter verification portals for real-time authentication. Ans. b
2. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chief of Indian Air Force?
(a) Air Marshal S P Dharkar (b) Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari (c) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(d) Air Marshal Tejinder Singh (e) Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma Ans. b
3. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the Sobo Mumbai Falcons team for the 2025 T20 Mumbai League season?
(a) Sachin Tendulkar (b) Kapil Dev (c) Sourav Ganguly
(d) MS Dhoni (e) Virat Kohli Ans. b
4. What was the amount of the penalty imposed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on ICICI Bank for failing to comply with regulatory guidelines such as Cyber Security Framework, KYC, and credit card and debit card issuance protocols?
(a) Rs 31.8 lakh (b) Rs 97.80 lakh (c) Rs 61.40 lakh (d) Rs 50 lakh (e) Rs 10 lakh Ans. b
5. Ms. Anuradha Prasad recently took oath as a member of which constitutional body?
(a) Election Commission of India (b) National Human Rights Commission
(c) Finance Commission (d) Union Public Service Commission (e) NITI Aayog Ans. d
6. What was India's total export value in the financial year 2024-25 as per RBI data?
(a) US\$778.1 billion (b) US\$800.0 billion (c) US\$387.5 billion
(d) US\$824.9 billion (e) US\$900.2 billion Ans. d
7. In May 2025, which organizations have announced a strategic partnership to foster localised entrepreneurship ecosystems in India?
(a) NITI Aayog and CII (b) NITI Aayog and FICCI (c) GAME and CII
(d) NITI Aayog and GAME (e) NITI Aayog and NASSCOM Ans. d
8. Who collaborated with NITI Aayog to release the report on enhancing MSMEs competitiveness in India?
(a) National Skill Development Corporation (b) Ministry of MSME
(c) Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)
(d) Institute for Competitiveness (IFC) (e) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Ans. d
9. Fair trade regulator CCI cleared Jubilant Beverages' proposal to acquire _____ stake in Hindustan Coca-Cola Holdings Pvt Ltd (HCHH).
(a) 20 per cent (b) 30 per cent (c) 40 per cent (d) 50 per cent (e) 60 per cent Ans. c
10. Cricket has been retained for the Asian Games 2026 from September 19 to October 4. Where will the Asian Games 2026 be held?
(a) Beijing and Shanghai (b) Seoul and Busan (c) Tokyo and Osaka
(d) Aichi and Nagoya (e) Bangkok and Chiang Mai Ans. d
11. In the context of India's long-term environmental goals, a recent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Denmark was renewed to advance clean energy collaboration. What is the main focus of this bilateral agreement?
(a) Tourism promotion (b) Clean energy cooperation (c) Maritime security
(d) Cultural exchange (e) Defence production Ans. b

12. International Labour Day, also known as Labour Day, is celebrated globally on 1 May to honor the achievements of workers and their contributions to the development and prosperity of society. What is the theme for International Labour Day 2025?
 (a) Workers' Rights and Protection
 (b) Justice for Africans and People of African Descent through Reparations (c) Global Workers' Unity
 (d) Equal Pay for Equal Work (e) Labour Empowerment and Development Ans. b
13. Maharashtra and Gujarat Day are celebrated annually to mark the establishment of these states. On which date and in which year were the states of Maharashtra and Gujarat officially formed?
 (a) May 1, 1960 (b) May 2, 1960 (c) May 3, 1960 (d) May 4, 1960 (e) May 5, 1960 Ans. a
14. World Press Freedom Day is celebrated annually on May 3rd to highlight the importance of a free press in fostering democracy and human rights. What is the theme for World Press Freedom Day 2025?
 (a) The Role of Digital Media
 (b) Reporting In The Brave New World – The Impact Of Artificial Intelligence On Press Freedom And The Media
 (c) Freedom of Expression in the Digital Age (d) Building Independent News Networks
 (e) The Challenges of Press Freedom in Authoritarian Regimes Ans. b
15. When is World Tuna Day celebrated annually?
 (a) 1 May (b) 2 May (c) 3 May (d) 4 May (e) 5 May Ans. b
16. World Laughter Day is celebrated every year on the first Sunday of May to promote laughter as a universal tool for peace, happiness, and well-being. This year was celebrated on May 4. What is the theme for World Laughter Day 2025?
 (a) Laugh for Health (b) Share a Smile (c) Joy in Unity
 (d) Always laugh when you can (e) Happiness through Humor Ans. d
17. What is India's revised growth forecast for FY26 according to S&P Global Ratings?
 (a) 6.5% (b) 6.3% (c) 6.0% (d) 6.8% (e) 6.2% Ans. b
18. Who has been elected as a member of the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS)?
 (a) Dr. Raja Ramanna (b) Prof Ajay K Sood (c) Dr. C.N.R. Rao
 (d) Prof. Jayant Narlikar (e) Dr. Venki Ramakrishnan Ans. b
19. Where did India's first World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 conclude?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Bengaluru (c) Mumbai (d) Chennai (e) Kolkata Ans. c
20. Which countries will participate in the Talisman Sabre 2025 military exercise alongside India?
 (a) United Kingdom, France, Germany (b) Australia, Japan, United States (c) Russia, China, Brazil
 (d) Canada, South Korea, Israel (e) Argentina, Mexico, South Africa Ans. b
21. Which state has launched India's first Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme, aiming to attract Rs 30,000 crore in investments and generate 60,000 jobs?
 (a) Karnataka (b) Maharashtra (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Gujarat (e) Andhra Pradesh Ans. c
22. Which companies signed their first-ever LNG trading and supply agreement?
 (a) BPCL and ADNOC Trading (b) HPCL and ADNOC Trading
 (c) Reliance Industries and ADNOC Trading (d) IOCL and ADNOC Trading
 (e) NTPC and ADNOC Trading Ans. b
23. Who has recently taken charge as the Revenue Secretary in the Union Ministry of Finance?
 (a) T.V. Somanathan (b) Tarun Bajaj (c) Arvind Shrivastava
 (d) Ajay Bhushan Pandey (e) Sanjay Malhotra Ans. c
24. Who has recently taken additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director of BPCL?
 (a) Arun Kumar Singh (b) N. Rajagopal (c) V.R. Iyer
 (d) Sanjay Khanna (e) S. Varadarajan Ans. d
25. What was the total GST collection in April 2025, marking an all-time high?
 (a) Rs.2.10 lakh crore (b) Rs.2.96 lakh crore (c) Rs.2.25 lakh crore
 (d) Rs.2.36 lakh crore (e) Rs.2.90 lakh crore Ans. d
26. On which date is International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) observed each year?
 (a) 1st May (b) 2nd May (c) 3rd May (d) 4th May (e) 5th May Ans. d

27. When is International No Diet Day observed?
(a) 4th May (b) 6th May (c) 7th May (d) 5th May (e) 8th May Ans. b
28. What is the name of the new portal being launched for real-time monitoring of food storage depots, aiming to improve quality, safety, and transparency in warehousing?
(a) Grain Guard (b) Smart Storage (c) Depot Darpan
(d) Mandi Mitra (e) Bhookh Rakshak Ans. c
29. During which major examination did UIDAI successfully conduct a Proof of Concept (PoC) for Aadhaar-based face authentication, aiming to enhance transparency and exam security?
(a) JEE Advanced 2025 (b) UPSC Civil Services 2025 (c) NEET UG 2025
(d) CAT 2025 (e) GMAT 2025 Ans. c
30. At which international event will India showcase the SVAMITVA Scheme and Gram Manchitra platform in 2025?
(a) United Nations Climate Summit 2025 (b) G20 Digital Land Forum 2025
(c) World Bank Land Conference 2025 (d) Global Rural Mapping Expo 2025
(e) International Geospatial Congress 2025 Ans. c
31. K V Rabiya, who recently passed away, was known for her contributions in which field?
(a) Science and Technology (b) Social Work (c) Sports
(d) Literature (e) Music Ans. b
32. Where was the maiden flight-trial of DRDO's Stratospheric Airship Platform conducted?
(a) Pokhran, Rajasthan (b) Agra, Uttar Pradesh (c) Chandipur, Odisha
(d) Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh (e) Bengaluru, Karnataka Ans. d
33. What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in FY2025-26 according to Deloitte?
(a) 6.2% (b) 6.4% (c) 6.6% (d) 6.8% (e) 7.0% Ans. c
34. Goldsikka launched an AI-powered Gold-Melting ATM, allowing users to buy, sell, exchange, digitise, and monetise gold and gold jewellery without human interference. How long does it take for a customer to receive the amount transferred to their bank account after depositing gold into the ATM?
(a) 10 minutes (b) 30 minutes (c) 1 hour (d) 3 hours (e) 5 minutes Ans. b
35. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)?
(a) Prakash Magdum (b) Rajesh Kumar (c) Sunil Verma
(d) Arvind Sharma (e) Ravi Kumar Ans. a
36. Who has been reappointed as the Managing Director & CEO of Marico for another two years?
(a) Harsh Mariwala (b) Ramesh Damani (c) Saugata Gupta
(d) Sanjiv Mehta (e) Aditya Puri Ans. c
37. China has won the BWF Sudirman Cup for the fourth consecutive time, beating South Korea 3-1 in the final of the 19th edition of the Sudirman Cup 2025. Which sport is the Sudirman Cup associated with?
(a) Tennis (b) Badminton (c) Table Tennis (d) Volleyball (e) Squash Ans. b
38. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 7th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games 2025 through a virtual address. The majority of competitions will be held across different cities in Bihar, while three events will take place in New Delhi. Which three events will be conducted in New Delhi during the Khelo India Youth Games 2025?
(a) Swimming, shooting, judo (b) Gymnastics, wrestling, hockey
(c) Gymnastics, shooting, cycling (d) Boxing, shooting, tennis
(e) Kabaddi, archery, fencing Ans. c
39. Which team has won the 5th edition of the Kalinga Super Cup football tournament 2025?
(a) Jamshedpur FC (b) Kerala Blasters (c) Bengaluru FC
(d) FC Goa (e) East Bengal Ans. d
40. Who has been recommended by FSIB for the post of CMD of Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL)?
(a) Sanjay Joshi (b) Amit Misra (c) Rajiv Sharma (d) Anil Mehta (e) Deepak Sinha Ans. a
41. How much of a loan will the Government of India provide to Angola to modernise its defence forces?
(a) \$100 million (b) \$150 million (c) \$200 million (d) \$250 million (e) \$300 million Ans. c

42. Which player won the Women's Player of the Year award for the 2024–25 season at the AIFF Awards 2025?
 (a) Bala Devi (b) Ashalata Devi (c) Manisha Kalyan
 (d) Soumya Guguloth (e) Elangbam Panthoi Chanu Ans. d
43. The 12th Global Space Exploration Conference (GLEX 2025) will be held from 7th to 9th May 2025 in New Delhi. What is the theme of GLEX 2025?
 (a) Exploring Mars: The Next Frontier (b) Innovation in Space Research
 (c) Reaching New Worlds: A Space Exploration Renaissance
 (d) One Earth, One Space (e) Space for Sustainable Development Ans. c
44. What is the name of the military operation launched by India targeting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK?
 (a) Operation Trident (b) Operation Shakti (c) Operation Sindoor
 (d) Operation Vijay (e) Operation Strikeback Ans. c
45. Where has the Union Ministry of Education approved the establishment of IIFT's off-campus centre?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Hyderabad (c) Bengaluru (d) GIFT City (e) Pune Ans. d
46. When is World Portuguese Language Day celebrated?
 (a) 2 May (b) 3 May (c) 5 May (d) 6 May (e) 7 May Ans. c
47. Who has inaugurated the 22nd edition of Bharat Telecom in New Delhi, which aims to showcase India as a global provider of telecom solutions?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Amit Shah (c) Jyotiraditya Scindia
 (d) Ravi Shankar Prasad (e) Piyush Goyal Ans. c
48. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attended the 58th annual Board of Governors meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Milan, Italy. What was the theme of the 58th annual ADB Board of Governors meeting in 2025?
 (a) One Asia, One Goal (b) Inclusive Finance for All
 (c) Future Forward: Asian Prosperity (d) Sharing Experience, Building Tomorrow
 (e) Sustainable Growth and Equity Ans. d
49. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)?
 (a) Ramesh Sippy (b) Prakash Magdum (c) Shyam Benegal
 (d) Parul Tyagi (e) Vinay Kumar Ans. b
50. India has unveiled its first genome-edited rice varieties — DRR Rice 100 (Kamla) and Pusa DST Rice 1 — marking a global first in this field. Which institute developed the DRR Rice 100 (Kamla) variety?
 (a) Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Delhi (b) National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack
 (c) Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad (d) Central Rice Research Centre, Varanasi
 (e) ICAR - Krishi Bhavan Ans. c
51. Who has been appointed to represent India on the Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?
 (a) Raghuram Rajan (b) N.K. Singh (c) Parameswaran Iyer
 (d) K.V. Subramanian (e) Ajay Banga Ans. c
52. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Yemen?
 (a) Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak (b) Rashad Al-Alimi (c) Salem Saleh Bin Braik
 (d) Abdel Malek al-Mekhlafi (e) Hadi Abdullah Ans. d
53. Where did Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai lay the foundation for the country's first AI-based data centre park?
 (a) Raipur (b) Bilaspur (c) Durg (d) Nava Raipur (e) Jagdalpur Ans. d
54. When is World Asthma Day observed in 2025?
 (a) 2 May (b) 3 May (c) 5 May (d) 6 May (e) 7 May Ans. d
55. When is World Athletics Day observed in 2025?
 (a) 2 May (b) 3 May (c) 5 May (d) 6 May (e) 7 May Ans. e
56. Which two organizations have signed an MoU to collaborate on classical and quantum communication technologies?
 (a) ISRO and DRDO (b) BARC and IIT Delhi (c) C-DOT and CSIR–NPL
 (d) BEL and CSIR–CEERI (e) MeitY and TRAI Ans. c

57. The Union Cabinet has approved Phase-B construction to expand academic and infrastructure capacity at five IITs—Tirupati, Palakkad, Bhilai, Jammu, and Dharwad. How much amount has the Union Cabinet approved for Phase-B construction to expand five new IITs?
 (a) Rs.8,000 crore (b) Rs.10,500 crore (c) Rs.11,828 crore
 (d) Rs.12,556 crore (e) Rs.13,200 crore Ans. c
58. Rohit Sharma has announced his retirement from Test Cricket with immediate effect. When did Rohit Sharma make his Test debut for India?
 (a) 2010 (b) 2011 (c) 2013 (d) 2015 (e) 2016 Ans. c
59. World Thalassaemia Day is observed annually on May 8 to raise global awareness about thalassaemia. What is the theme of World Thalassaemia Day 2025?
 (a) Stop Thalassaemia: A Global Movement (b) Empowering Lives, Fighting Thalassaemia
 (c) Unite for a Cure: Global Action on Thalassaemia
 (d) Together for Thalassaemia: Uniting Communities, Prioritizing Patients
 (e) One World, One Fight: End Thalassaemia Ans. d
60. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved fresh coal linkages under the revised SHAKTI policy to enhance coal availability and flexibility for thermal power generation across India. Which two companies have been directed to implement the revised SHAKTI policy?
 (a) NTPC and ONGC (b) CIL and SCCL (c) BHEL and HAL
 (d) Tata Power and Adani Green (e) NALCO and GAIL Ans. b
61. Who launched the dedicated Non-Ferrous Metal Recycling Website and Stakeholders' Portal in India to promote a structured, transparent, and sustainable recycling ecosystem?
 (a) Shri Satish Chandra Dubey (b) Shri G Kishan Reddy (c) Shri Narendra Modi
 (d) Shri Amit Shah (e) Shri Ram Nath Kovind Ans. b
62. The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a Rs.60,000 crore scheme for upgrading Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). Over how many years will this scheme be implemented?
 (a) 3 years (b) 4 years (c) 5 years (d) 6 years (e) 10 years Ans. c
63. In which district did South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) organize its first-ever community event titled 'Sneh Milan Mela', aimed at strengthening goodwill and trust among SECL employees, their families, and nearby villagers?
 (a) Korba (b) Raigarh (c) Bilaspur (d) Surajpur (e) Raipur Ans. d
64. In May 2025, which event did INS Kiltan participate in Singapore?
 (a) Singapore Airshow 2025 (b) IMDEX Asia 2025 (c) Asia Defence Expo 2025
 (d) Maritime Security Summit 2025 (e) Changi Naval Conference 2025 Ans. b
65. Which organization, under the Ministry of Ayush, played a pivotal role in reviving the Ayurvedic manuscripts Dravyaratnakara Nigha..u and Dravyanamakara Nigha..u, which are crucial for preserving India's traditional medical heritage and advancing Ayurvedic research?
 (a) Ministry of Health (b) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences
 (c) Ayurvedic Research Institute (d) National Ayurveda Commission
 (e) Central Ayurveda Research Institute Ans. b
66. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed every year on 8 May to commemorate the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant. What is the theme of World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2025?
 (a) Together for Humanity (b) Universal Kindness (c) Keeping Humanity Alive
 (d) Compassion Beyond Borders (e) Serving with Neutrality Ans. c
67. Recently, what technological innovation has been integrated into India's e-passports to enhance security and protect the personal data of passport holders?
 (a) Biometric scanning (b) QR codes (c) RFID chips and antennas
 (d) Digital signatures (e) Fingerprint scanning Ans. c
68. Where was India's first geothermal production well recently drilled?
 (a) Itanagar (b) Dirang (c) Guwahati (d) Shillong (e) Pasighat Ans. b
69. Who has been granted a one-year extension as the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?
 (a) Anil Kumar (b) Praveen Sood (c) Sanjay Verma (d) Rakesh Gupta (e) Vikram Singh Ans. b

70. Who has been elected as the 10th Chancellor of Germany?
 (a) Olaf Scholz (b) Angela Merkel (c) Friedrich Merz
 (d) Armin Laschet (e) Frank-Walter Steinmeier Ans. c
71. The Kerala government has introduced the 'Jyothi' scheme. What is the main objective of Kerala's 'Jyothi' scheme?
 (a) To provide jobs to migrant workers (b) To offer housing to migrant families
 (c) To enroll children of migrant workers in educational institutions
 (d) To provide pensions to elderly migrants (e) To promote tourism in Kerala Ans. c
72. The Maharashtra government has launched the 'Adishakti Abhiyan' to promote women's empowerment and raise awareness about welfare schemes for women and children. The 'Adishakti Abhiyan' was launched on the occasion of whose 300th birth anniversary?
 (a) Rani Lakshmbai (b) Savitribai Phule (c) Ahilyabai Holkar
 (d) Jijabai (e) Indira Gandhi Ans. c
73. Who became the first Indian lawyer to receive the 'Medal of Honour' from the World Jurist Association?
 (a) Rajiv Mehta (b) Anjali Gopalan (c) Bhuwan Ribhu
 (d) Prashant Bhushan (e) Indira Jaising Ans. c
74. Luis Galván, who recently passed away at the age of 77, was a key player in which FIFA World Cup-winning team?
 (a) Brazil 1970 (b) Argentina 1978 (c) Germany 1974 (d) Italy 1982 (e) France 1998 Ans. b
75. Where did the SAFF U-19 Football Championship 2025 begin?
 (a) Shillong (b) Guwahati (c) Yupia (d) Patna (e) Kolkata Ans. c
76. What is the name of the scheme launched by the Haryana government to provide monthly financial support to senior artistes?
 (a) Kalakar Kalyan Yojana (b) Haryana Kala Samman Scheme
 (c) Pandit Lakhmi Chand Kalakar Samajik Samman Yojana
 (d) Sanskriti Suraksha Yojana (e) Kala Vikas Abhiyan Ans. c
77. Who has been appointed as the next Managing Director (MD) of Titan Company?
 (a) C.K. Venkatraman (b) Rakesh Sharma (c) Sanjeev Kapoor
 (d) Ajoy Chawla (e) Nitin Malhotra Ans. d
78. Which two entities signed an MoU for developing 5,000 MW of hydropower in Bhutan?
 (a) Adani Group and Druk Green Power Corporation (b) Adani Group and Bhutanese Government
 (c) Tata Group and Druk Green Power Corporation (d) Bhutan Hydro Power and Adani Group
 (e) Druk Green Power Corporation and National Hydropower Corporation Ans. a
79. Who has won the Madrid Open 2024 women's singles title?
 (a) Iga Swiatek (b) Coco Gauff (c) Aryna Sabalenka
 (d) Naomi Osaka (e) Elena Rybakina Ans. c
80. In May 2025, which country signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with India to advance bilateral trade relations?
 (a) Brazil (b) Chile (c) Argentina (d) Peru (e) Mexico Ans. b
81. With reference to the recent changes in the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS), consider the following statements:
 1. The maximum guarantee cover per borrower has been increased to Rs.20 crore.
 2. The scheme provides 100% coverage for loans up to Rs.10 crore.
 3. The CGSS was notified under the Startup India initiative in October 2022.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 1 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, and 3 (e) 3 only Ans. a
82. Which initiative was highlighted as a model of technology-driven rural governance at the World Bank Land Conference 2025?
 (a) Digital India Programme (b) SVAMITVA Scheme (c) Make in India
 (d) Skill India Mission (e) Atmanirbhar Bharat Ans. b

83. In May 2025, which company did the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) sign an MoU with to empower startups and MSMEs in India?
 (a) Tata Group (b) Reliance Industries (c) Infosys
 (d) Ha fele India Pvt. Ltd. (e) Bosch India Ans. d
84. Who will be honored with the Humanitarian Award at the 72nd Miss World Festival for relief work during the Covid-19 pandemic?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Sonu Sood (c) Yuvraj Singh (d) Akshay Kumar (e) Vidhya Balan Ans. b
85. What is India's foodgrain production target for the 2025–26 crop year?
 (a) 330.92 million tonnes (b) 341.55 million tonnes (c) 354.64 million tonnes
 (d) 147.35 million tonnes (e) 117.40 million tonnes Ans. c
86. Who became the first American to be elected as Pope of the Roman Catholic Church?
 (a) George Pell (b) Angelo Scola (c) Robert Francis Prevost
 (d) Timothy Dolan (e) Peter Turkson Ans. c
87. Which newspaper won the 2025 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize?
 (a) The New York Times (b) The Guardian (c) La Prensa
 (d) El Comercio (e) Le Monde Ans. c
88. When is World Lupus Day observed annually?
 (a) May 10 (b) May 5 (c) May 6 (d) May 9 (e) May 8 Ans. a
89. Which of the following features is common to all three Jan Suraksha schemes (PMJBY, PMSBY, and APY), which have recently completed 10 years of providing social security cover to underserved sections of society?
 (a) All three schemes were introduced with a focus solely on providing life insurance, without considering other forms of financial protection.
 (b) All schemes were designed to provide affordable and accessible financial security to vulnerable sections of society, with coverage for life insurance, accidental death/disability, and pension benefits.
 (c) All three schemes exclusively target individuals above the age of 50, with no provisions for younger citizens or the economically active population.
 (d) All schemes require the subscriber to make a lump sum payment at the time of enrolment, with no options for annual renewals or auto-debit facilities.
 (e) All schemes are administered solely through private sector insurance companies, without any involvement of public sector institutions or banks. Ans. b
90. What penalty did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) impose on the State Bank of India (SBI) for non-compliance with banking regulations in May 2025?
 (a) Rs 50 lakh (b) Rs 1.8 crore (c) Rs 1.72 crore (d) Rs 2.83 crore (e) Rs 5 crore Ans. c
91. Who virtually inaugurated the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile production unit at the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor in Lucknow?
 (a) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh (b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi (c) President Ram Nath Kovind
 (d) Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath (e) Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar Ans. a
92. Who represented India at the 80th Victory Day celebrations in Moscow on May 9, 2025?
 (a) Rajnath Singh (b) Amit Shah (c) Dr. S. Jaishankar
 (d) Sanjay Seth (e) Nirmala Sitharaman Ans. d
93. Who has been nominated as the new executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)?
 (a) Justice Sanjiv Khanna (b) Justice B V Nagarathna (c) Justice Surya Kant
 (d) Justice B R Gavai (e) Justice D Y Chandrachud Ans. c
94. From which edition has FIFA decided to expand the Women's World Cup to 48 teams?
 (a) 2027 (b) 2029 (c) 2031 (d) 2033 (e) 2035 Ans. c
95. Bob Cowper passed away recently at the age of 84. Which sport was Bob Cowper associated with?
 (a) Football (b) Tennis (c) Rugby (d) Cricket (e) Hockey Ans. d
96. National Technology Day is celebrated on May 11 every year in India to honor the country's technological advancements and achievements in various fields. National Technology Day commemorates India's first successful nuclear test, known as what?
 (a) Shakti-II (b) Shakti-III (c) Shakti-I (d) Agni-1 (e) Pokhran-I Ans. c

97. What is the name of the new credit card launched by Kotak Mahindra Bank in May 2025?
 (a) Kotak Premium Credit Card (b) Kotak Lux Credit Card (c) Kotak Travel Card
 (d) Kotak Solitaire Credit Card (e) Kotak Elite Credit Card Ans. d
98. On which date is International Nurses Day celebrated every year?
 (a) May 5 (b) May 10 (c) May 12 (d) May 15 (e) May 20 Ans. c
99. The Delhi Cabinet has approved a Rs 3.21 crore outlay for conducting five cloud seeding trials across the Delhi-NCR region to combat air pollution, with the first trial set to take place by the end of this month over an area of 100 sq km. Which institution will manage the logistics, planning, and implementation of the cloud seeding trials?
 (a) IIT Bombay (b) IIT Delhi (c) IIT Kanpur
 (d) Delhi University (e) Indian Meteorological Department Ans. c
100. When is the International Day of Argania observed annually??
 (a) 11 May (b) 15 May (c) 10 May (d) 9 May (e) 8 May Ans. c
101. Which institute is producing the Weekly Yoga Podcast launched by the Ministry of Ayush?
 (a) Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy
 (b) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga New Delhi (c) All India Institute of Ayurveda
 (d) National Institute of Naturopathy (e) Central Institute of Yoga and Wellness Ans. b
102. Where is the 72nd edition of the Miss World pageant being held?
 (a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi (c) Kolkata (d) Hyderabad (e) Bengaluru Ans. d
103. Who was recently terminated from the post of CMD of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) by the Central Government?
 (a) Alok Kumar (b) Rameshwar Prasad Gupta (c) Rajiv Gauba
 (d) Ajay Kumar Bhalla (e) Anil Kumar Jain Ans. b
104. Which organization has signed an MoU with Synergy Quantum India Pvt. Ltd. to develop drone-based quantum-secure communication systems?
 (a) ISRO (b) DRDO (c) BARC (d) C-DOT (e) CDAC Ans. d
105. Which country has recently banned chess, citing religious concerns and gambling links?
 (a) Afghanistan (b) Pakistan (c) Saudi Arabia (d) Iran (e) Iraq Ans. a
106. How many medals did India win at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 in Shanghai?
 (a) 10 (b) 8 (c) 7 (d) 5 (e) 6 Ans. c
107. Virat Kohli has announced his retirement from Test cricket, concluding a remarkable 14-year career in the longest format of the game. How many Test matches did Virat Kohli play during his distinguished 14-year career?
 (a) 120 (b) 123 (c) 100 (d) 130 (e) 110 Ans. b
108. When is the International Day of Plant Health celebrated every year?
 (a) May 10 (b) May 12 (c) May 15 (d) May 20 (e) May 25 Ans. b
109. What will the Delhi Legislative Assembly become the first in India to be fully powered by?
 (a) Wind energy (b) Solar energy (c) Hydropower
 (d) Biomass energy (e) Geothermal energy Ans. b
110. According to the recent credit rating upgrade by Morningstar DBRS, what is India's new long-term credit rating?
 (a) BBB+ (b) BBB (c) BBB (low) (d) A (e) BB (high) Ans. b
111. What is the full form of 'UP AGREES', the initiative launched by UP CM Yogi Adityanath during his meeting with World Bank President Ajay Banga in Lucknow?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh Growth and Rural Economic Expansion Scheme
 (b) Uttar Pradesh Agriculture and Renewable Energy Ecosystem Scheme
 (c) Uttar Pradesh Accelerated Growth through Resilient, Equitable and Sustainable Agriculture
 (d) Uttar Pradesh Agro Reforms for Economic Empowerment and Sustainability
 (e) Uttar Pradesh Advancement for Green and Rural Eco-Economic Sustainability Ans. c
112. With which company did Dream Sports sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore opportunities in India's gaming market?
 (a) Google (b) Microsoft (c) Amazon (d) Facebook (e) Apple Ans. b

113. IBM and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) have partnered with the Andhra Pradesh government to establish the Quantum Valley Tech Park in which city, which will house India's largest quantum computer with IBM's 156-qubit Heron processor?
(a) Visakhapatnam (b) Vijayawada (c) Amaravati (d) Tirupati (e) Kurnool Ans. c
114. What is the name of the military operation launched by Pakistan in response to India's missile strikes?
(a) Operation Zarb-e-Azb (b) Operation Bunyan Marsoos (c) Operation Dawn
(d) Operation Indus (e) Operation Braveheart Ans. b
115. Which Indian state recently announced a property tax exemption for houses owned by Defence personnel within gram panchayat limits?
(a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Andhra Pradesh (c) Maharashtra
(d) Tamil Nadu (e) Haryana Ans. b
116. The Competition Commission of India has approved the proposed acquisition of shareholding in EPL Limited by Indorama Netherlands B.V. What percentage of equity share capital of EPL Limited is being acquired by Indorama Netherlands B.V.?
(a) 10% (b) 15.5% (c) 20% (d) 24.9% (e) 30% Ans. d
117. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw recently inaugurated India's first-ever 3nm chip design centres. These advanced centres mark a significant step in India's semiconductor journey. In which cities have these cutting-edge centres been set up?
(a) Hyderabad and Pune (b) Noida and Bengaluru (c) Chennai and Ahmedabad
(d) Gurugram and Bhubaneswar (e) Mumbai and Lucknow Ans. b
118. What is the primary goal of the "Nayi Disha" initiative launched by Delhi Police recently?
(a) To provide financial support to school dropouts (b) To promote sports among youth
(c) To help school dropouts rejoin education or skill training programs
(d) To offer medical assistance to out-of-school children
(e) To provide housing for school dropouts Ans. c
119. Which two states signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Tapti Basin Mega Recharge Project, aiming to address regional water needs in both States?
(a) Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra (b) Maharashtra and Gujarat
(c) Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan (d) Gujarat and Rajasthan
(e) Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Ans. a
120. What is the new official date for Ayurveda Day as designated by the Government of India starting from 2025?
(a) 23rd September (b) 23rd March (c) 14th September (d) 15th August (e) 2nd October Ans. a
121. When is the UN Global Road Safety Week 2025 being observed?
(a) May 11 to 17 (b) May 5 to 11 (c) May 10 to 16 (d) May 12 to 18 (e) May 20 to 26 Ans. d
122. Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai takes oath as the 52nd Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan, succeeding Justice Sanjiv Khanna. What is the expected end date of Justice B.R. Gavai's tenure as Chief Justice of India?
(a) August 2025 (b) September 2025 (c) October 2025
(d) November 2025 (e) December 2025 Ans. d
123. What was India's retail inflation rate in April 2025, the lowest in nearly six years?
(a) 3.34% (b) 4.83% (c) 2.92% (d) 3.16% (e) 3.73% Ans. d
124. Madhya Pradesh state cabinet approved a .47 crore initiative to address human-elephant conflict in southern regions, focusing on protecting rural communities and wildlife. Which two tiger reserves are primarily affected by this conflict in Madhya Pradesh?
(a) Kanha Tiger Reserve and Panna Tiger Reserve (b) Satpura Tiger Reserve and Pench Tiger Reserve
(c) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve and Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve
(d) Panna Tiger Reserve and Satpura Tiger Reserve
(e) Kanha Tiger Reserve and Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve Ans. c
125. Where has the world's first commercial-scale e-methanol plant begun operations, producing 42,000 metric tons annually using renewable energy and captured CO₂?
(a) Sweden (b) Denmark (c) Norway (d) Finland (e) Germany Ans. b

126. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?
 (a) Ajay Kumar (b) Preeti Sudan (c) Droupadi Murmu
 (d) Ramesh Kumar (e) Sanjay Kumar Ans. a
127. Subbanna Ayyappan, former Director General of ICAR and Padma Shri awardee, was found dead in the Cauvery River near Srirangapatna. Subbanna Ayyappan was awarded the Padma Shri in which year?
 (a) 2022 (b) 2020 (c) 2021 (d) 2019 (e) 2018 Ans. a
128. Which insurance company recently launched a WhatsApp bot facility for premium payment?
 (a) SBI Life Insurance (b) HDFC Life Insurance (c) Max Life Insurance
 (d) Life Insurance Corporation of India (e) ICICI Prudential Insurance Ans. d
129. Who has been appointed as the acting CEO of the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) following the departure of its founding CEO, Thampy Koshy?
 (a) Suresh Sethi (b) Vibhor Jain (c) Rajiv Kumar (d) Shivani Sharma (e) Parul Tyagi Ans. b
130. Which two organizations have recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in the field of critical minerals exploration, mining, extraction, and refining, with the aim of strengthening India's capabilities in strategic resources both domestically and internationally?
 (a) SAIL and NMDC (b) ONGC and Oil India (c) NLC India Ltd. and IREL
 (d) NTPC and BHEL (e) GAIL and HPCL Ans. c
131. In which Indian state was the first hydrogen-powered mining truck deployed by Adani Enterprises?
 (a) Odisha (b) Chhattisgarh (c) Jharkhand (d) Madhya Pradesh (e) Gujarat Ans. b
132. According to the financial data for FY2024-25, what was the total cumulative net profit reported by all 12 public sector banks (PSBs), marking a record high and representing a 26% growth over the previous fiscal year?
 (a) Rs.1.41 lakh crore (b) Rs.1.52 lakh crore (c) Rs.1.78 lakh crore
 (d) Rs.1.65 lakh crore (e) Rs.1.88 lakh crore Ans. c
133. What significant approval has PayU recently received from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), allowing it to resume merchant onboarding and enhance its operations?
 (a) Approval to launch new digital products
 (b) Approval to operate as an online Payment Aggregator
 (c) Approval to enter international markets (d) Approval for acquiring new fintech companies
 (e) Approval to increase merchant transactions Ans. b
134. The government has approved the establishment of a semiconductor unit near Jewar Airport in Uttar Pradesh, under the India Semiconductor Mission, with an investment of Rs.3,700 crore. Which two companies are involved in the joint venture to set up the semiconductor plant in Jewar, Uttar Pradesh?
 (a) TCS and Infosys (b) HCL and Foxconn (c) Wipro and Micron
 (d) IBM and Vedanta (e) Reliance and Qualcomm Ans. b
135. Who among the following, of Indian Hindu origin, has been appointed as the new Foreign Minister of Canada under PM Mark Carney's government?
 (a) Randeep Sarai (b) Anita Anand (c) Maninder Sidhu (d) Ruby Sahota (e) Harjit Sajjan Ans. b
136. Who has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Kuhoo Finance?
 (a) Rajesh Kumar (b) Vineet Mahajan (c) Anil Mehta (d) Suresh Gupta (e) Mohan Verma Ans. b
137. Who has been appointed as Senior Executive Vice President and Head of Digital Transformation at Bandhan Bank?
 (a) Rajesh Kumar (b) Dibyendu Kumar Das (c) Anil Singh
 (d) Suresh Patil (e) Vikram Sharma Ans. b
138. Which country has recently become the first in the world to officially launch a nationwide tourism payment infrastructure that allows tourists to pay using cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum?
 (a) Switzerland (b) Singapore (c) Bhutan (d) Estonia (e) Japan Ans. c
139. Which state government has approved a new policy mandating the use of artificial sand (m-sand) in all government and semi-government construction projects to reduce dependence on river sand and promote environmental sustainability?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Rajasthan (c) Maharashtra (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Karnataka Ans. c

140. Who has officially taken charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of PTC India Ltd?
 (a) Dr Rajesh Sharma (b) Dr Suresh Patil (c) Dr Manoj Kumar Jhavar
 (d) Dr Amitabh Sinha (e) Dr Ramesh Verma Ans. c
141. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)?
 (a) Harsh Jain (b) Rajesh Magow (c) M.N. Srinivasu (d) Harshil Mathur (e) Parul Tyagi Ans. c
142. When is the International Day of Families observed every year?
 (a) May 13 (b) May 12 (c) May 14 (d) May 15 (e) May 11 Ans. d
143. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BRICS CCI)?
 (a) Ramesh Chand (b) Harvansh Chawla (c) Suresh Prabhu
 (d) Rajiv Kumar (e) Subhash Garg Ans. b
144. Through a campaign launched in February 2024, which city has become India's first beggar-free city by rehabilitating around 5,000 beggars including 500 children?
 (a) Delhi (b) Hyderabad (c) Jaipur (d) Indore (e) Pune Ans. d
145. How much net profit did SBI earn in FY25, making it one of the most profitable companies in the world along with Apple and JPMorgan Chase?
 (a) \$7.5B (b) \$8.1B (c) \$9.2B (d) \$10.5B (e) \$11B Ans. c
146. Who has been appointed as the next president of MCC starting October 1, 2025?
 (a) Lord King (b) Ed Smith (c) Ian Botham
 (d) Michael Vaughan (e) Nasser Hussain Ans. b
147. What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation rate in April 2025?
 (a) 0.85% (b) 1.25% (c) 2.05% (d) 1.75% (e) 0.16% Ans. a
148. Which company has partnered with Apollo HealthCo to launch a co-branded credit card focused on health and wellness?
 (a) ICICI Bank (b) SBI Card (c) HDFC Bank
 (d) Axis Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. b
149. India has achieved a significant milestone by entering the top six countries globally in which of the following areas related to 6G technology?
 (a) 6G deployment (b) 6G research collaborations (c) 6G patent filings
 (d) 6G equipment exports (e) 6G standardization Ans. c
150. Who has been appointed as the new Co-Founder and CEO of Neo Wealth Management?
 (a) Raghuram Rajan (b) Shajikumar Devakar (c) Aditya Puri
 (d) Uday Kotak (e) Nirmala Sitharaman Ans. b
151. Who is the Brazilian microbiologist awarded the 2025 World Food Prize for her pioneering research in biological seed and soil treatments aimed at reducing the use of chemical fertilisers and promoting sustainable agriculture?
 (a) Norman Borlaug (b) Mariangela Hungria (c) Gebisa Ejeta
 (d) Vandana Shiva (e) Rattan Lal Ans. b
152. What honorary military rank was Neeraj Chopra conferred with in 2025, reflecting his distinguished status as an athlete and soldier in the Territorial Army?
 (a) Subedar (b) Lieutenant Colonel (c) Naib Subedar
 (d) Major (e) Captain Ans. b
153. Which Indian state secured the highest number of medals and topped the medal tally at the 7th Khelo India Youth Games held in Bihar in 2025?
 (a) Haryana (b) Rajasthan (c) Maharashtra (d) Karnataka (e) Delhi Ans. c
154. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the first Monthly Bulletin of the revamped Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for April 2025. Which key employment indicators does this report highlight across rural and urban India for individuals aged 15 years and above?
 (a) Labour Force Participation Rate, Worker Population Ratio, Unemployment Rate
 (b) Gross Domestic Product, Consumer Price Index, Wholesale Price Index
 (c) Consumer Price Index, Unemployment Rate, Gross Domestic Product
 (d) Worker Population Ratio, Gross National Product, Consumer Price Index
 (e) Unemployment Rate, Gross Domestic Product, Consumer Price Index Ans. a

155. What is 'Bhargavastra', recently developed by Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL)?
 (a) A low-cost counter-drone system in Hard Kill Mode (b) A new type of fighter jet
 (c) A missile defense system for submarines (d) A satellite communication system
 (e) A radar system for weather forecasting **Ans. a**
156. Canara Bank recently introduced a new suite of Current and Savings Accounts tailored specifically for institutional clients across various sectors. What is the official name of this newly launched banking product suite?
 (a) CANARA TruEdge (b) CANARA EdgePro (c) CANARA Prime
 (d) CANARA Institutional (e) CANARA Elite **Ans. a**
157. When is National Dengue Day observed in India?
 (a) May 16 (b) May 18 (c) May 15 (d) May 14 (e) May 13 **Ans. a**
158. What is the total joint investment announced under the EU-India collaboration for launching two new major research initiatives in 2025, focusing on marine pollution control and development of waste-to-renewable hydrogen technologies?
 (a) €25 million (approx. Rs.240 crore) (b) €30 million (approx. Rs.300 crore)
 (c) €41 million (approx. Rs.394 crore) (d) €50 million (approx. Rs.500 crore)
 (e) €60 million (approx. Rs.600 crore) **Ans. c**
159. What is the revised growth projection for India in 2026 as per the UN?
 (a) 6.1% (b) 6.2% (c) 6.3% (d) 6.4% (e) 6.5% **Ans. d**
160. How many new military academies has China established recently as part of its restructuring of the military education system to strengthen its defence modernisation efforts?
 (a) Two (b) Three (c) Four (d) Five (e) Six **Ans. b**
161. India's first manned deep ocean mission, 'Samudrayaan', aims to explore ocean depths of up to 6,000 meters using the indigenous submersible vehicle 'Matsya', which carries three scientists and is planned for launch by the end of 2026. The 'Matsya' submersible is specifically designed to withstand the extreme pressure and temperature conditions found at such great depths. What material is used for the hull of this advanced 25-tonne vehicle to ensure its strength and durability underwater?
 (a) Hard Steel (b) Aluminum (c) Carbon fiber (d) Titanium (e) Copper **Ans. d**
162. Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Sweden as per the recent MEA announcement?
 (a) Sanjay Verma (b) Vikram Misri (c) Anurag Bhushan
 (d) Gopal Baglay (e) P. Kumaran **Ans. c**
163. Who recently became India's 86th Chess Grandmaster?
 (a) R. Praggnanandhaa (b) D. Gukesh (c) L.R. Srihari
 (d) Leon Mendonca (e) Arjun Erigaisi **Ans. c**
164. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of Syndicate Bank?
 (a) Arun Shrivastava (b) S K Jain (c) Rakesh Sharma
 (d) Parul Tyagi (e) Vijay Singh **Ans. a**
165. What is the name of the new range of current accounts launched by HDFC Bank, specifically designed to cater to the financial needs of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in India?
 (a) Biz+ Current Accounts (b) MSME Growth Accounts (c) Enterprise Pro Accounts
 (d) Business Connect Accounts (e) HDFC Flexi Accounts **Ans. a**
166. What was the exact monetary penalty imposed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Deutsche Bank AG's India branch, and what was the reason behind it?
 (a) Rs.1 crore for failing to maintain Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
 (b) Rs.75 lakh for violating guidelines related to digital transactions
 (c) Rs.50 lakh for non-compliance with CRILC reporting norms on large credit exposures
 (d) Rs.29.60 lakh for misreporting customer data in financial statements
 (e) Rs.90 lakh for delay in submitting audit reports **Ans. c**
167. Under its latest climate-focused initiative, which specific industrial sector has the Department of Science and Technology (DST) chosen to launch five Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) testbeds to help reduce emissions and advance sustainability goals?
 (a) Steel sector (b) Cement sector (c) Oil and Gas sector
 (d) Textile manufacturing sector (e) Automobile sector **Ans. b**

168. What is the total amount of investment committed by ReNew Power for developing the largest single-site renewable energy complex at Bethapalle village in Andhra Pradesh?
 (a) Rs.22,000 crore (b) Rs.7,000 crore (c) Rs.49,000 crore
 (d) Rs.1.86 lakh crore (e) Rs.6,000 crore Ans. a
169. Who won the ICC Women's Player of the Month for April 2025?
 (a) Kathryn Bryce (b) Mehidy Hasan Miraz (c) Mithali Raj
 (d) Smriti Mandhana (e) Ellyse Perry Ans. a
170. International Day of Light is celebrated annually on which date in May?
 (a) 16 May (b) 12 May (c) 18 May (d) 17 May (e) 15 May Ans. a
171. Who officially inaugurated the newly opened Corporate Bhavan in New Town, Kolkata, who also holds the portfolio of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs?
 (a) Piyush Goyal (b) Amit Shah (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
 (d) Dharmendra Pradhan (e) Ashwini Vaishnaw Ans. c
172. Who was conferred the prestigious 58th Jnanpith Award by President Droupadi Murmu in a ceremony held in New Delhi for his outstanding contributions to Sanskrit literature?
 (a) Jagadguru Rambhadracharya (b) Swami Vivekananda (c) Sri Aurobindo
 (d) Sant Kabir (e) Ramana Maharshi Ans. a
173. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), in collaboration with the World Monuments Fund India (WMFI) and the TCS Foundation, completed the conservation of Rajon ki Baolipreserving its historical and architectural integrity using traditional materials and techniques. Rajon ki Baoli belongs to which historical era?
 (a) Lodi-era (b) Mughal era (c) Gupta era
 (d) Maurya era (e) British colonial era Ans. a
174. Which advanced medical technology, known for providing customised laser treatment primarily for spectacle removal and managing borderline refractive errors and corneal diseases, was recently inaugurated at the Army Hospital (Research and Referral), Delhi Cantt?
 (a) Femto-LASIK laser technology (b) MRI scanning technology (c) Robotic surgery technology
 (d) Dialysis treatment technology (e) Telemedicine technology Ans. a
175. On which date is World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) observed every year?
 (a) 15 May (b) 16 May (c) 17 May (d) 18 May (e) 19 May Ans. c
176. Which team has won the Italian Cup by defeating AC Milan 1-0?
 (a) Bologna (b) Juventus (c) Napoli (d) Inter Milan (e) Lazio Ans. a
177. What is the name of the board room inaugurated in honor of Sunil Gavaskar at the BCCI headquarters?
 (a) 10000 Gavaskar (b) Gavaskar Legends Room (c) Test Titan Room
 (d) Gavaskar Hall of Fame (e) Century Board Room Ans. a
178. On which date is World AIDS Vaccine Day observed annually?
 (a) 19 May (b) 17 May (c) 18 May (d) 21 May (e) 20 May Ans. c
179. Who will lead the Indian delegation at LIMA 2025 defence exhibition in Malaysia?
 (a) Rajnath Singh (b) Ajay Bhatt (c) Sanjay Seth
 (d) S. Jaishankar (e) Devendra Fadnavis Ans. c
180. Which Union Minister recently launched the 'Sagar Mein Samman' (SMS) policy in Mumbai, aimed at creating a gender-equitable maritime workforce and increasing the participation of women in maritime roles ranging from seafaring to leadership positions?
 (a) Nitin Gadkari (b) Mansukh Mandaviya (c) Sarbananda Sonowal
 (d) Dharmendra Pradhan (e) Hardeep Singh Puri Ans. c
181. In which district of Tripura was the foundation stone for the Integrated Aqua Park laid by Rajiv Ranjan Singh?
 (a) West Tripura (b) Gomati (c) Unakoti (d) Dhalai (e) Sepahijala Ans. c
182. Which team did India defeat to win the 2025 SAFF U-19 Football Championship?
 (a) Bangladesh (b) Nepal (c) Sri Lanka (d) Maldives (e) Pakistan Ans. a
183. Who won the Superbet Chess Classic in Bucharest, Romania, after a three-way tiebreak?
 (a) R Praggnanandhaa (b) Alireza Firouzja (c) Maxime Vachier-Lagrave
 (d) D Gukesh (e) Fabiano Caruana Ans. a

184. What was Neeraj Chopra's best throw distance in the 2025 Doha Diamond League?
(a) 90.23 meters (b) 91.06 meters (c) 89.50 meters (d) 88.75 meters (e) 90.00 meters Ans. a
185. Which of the following statements is/are INCORRECT regarding SEBI's updated framework for private placement of debt and related instruments?
(i) EBP is now mandatory for private placements of Rs.20 crore or more.
(ii) REITs, InvITs, and CDs are now covered under the EBP platform.
(iii) Documents must be filed 3 days in advance; green shoe limit is 10x.
(iv) Up to 50% can be reserved for anchor investors based on credit rating.
(v) Bidding info must be updated within one week of issue.
(a) only i and ii (b) only ii and iii (c) only iii and iv (d) only iii and v (e) only ii and v Ans. d
186. What is ICRA's projected GDP growth rate for India for the full fiscal year 2024-25?
(a) 6.0% (b) 6.3% (c) 6.5% (d) 6.9% (e) 7.6% Ans. b
187. Which bank has partnered with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to enhance retail banking by offering a wide range of insurance, savings, and wealth creation products?
(a) SBM Bank India (b) HDFC Bank (c) Axis Bank
(d) State Bank of India (e) ICICI Bank Ans. a
188. Which edition of the Civil List was launched by Dr. Jitendra Singh as an e-book in 2025?
(a) 65th (b) 68th (c) 70th (d) 72nd (e) 75th Ans. c
189. On its 8th Incorporation Day, what innovative feature did the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) launch to enhance user support?
(a) GeM Assist (b) GeMAI (c) ChatGeM (d) eSahayata (e) AIConnect Ans. b
190. According to the recently released Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Global Brands 2025 Report, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), India's largest IT services provider, has seen a significant surge in its brand value. As a result of this growth, what is the new global rank of TCS among the world's most valuable brands in the 2025 rankings?
(a) 50th (b) 38th (c) 60th (d) 45th (e) 42nd Ans. d
191. Who has been appointed as the South Asia envoy for the UN Climate Conference (COP-30)?
(a) Rajiv Kumar (b) Arunabha Ghosh (c) Sunita Narain
(d) Parul Tyagi (e) R.K. Singh Ans. b
192. What is the name of the large-scale field exercise recently conducted by the Indian Army at the Teesta field firing range?
(a) Desert Strike (b) Teesta Shakti (c) River Blitz (d) Teesta Prahar (e) Ganga Vahini Ans. d
193. Which state has become the first in India to make robotics education mandatory for all Class 10 students?
(a) Maharashtra (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Karnataka (d) Kerala (e) Gujarat Ans. d
194. What is the exact amount of monetary penalty imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on Union Bank of India for discrepancies related to soiled note remittance and ATM cash out?
(a) Rs.2.66 crore (b) Rs.1.66 lakh (c) Rs.16.6 lakh (d) Rs.10 lakh (e) Rs.2 lakh Ans. b
195. Who has won the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2025?
(a) Lewis Hamilton (b) Max Verstappen (c) Charles Leclerc (d) Sergio Perez (e) Lando Norris Ans. b
196. World Hypertension Day is observed on 17th May every year to spread awareness about high blood pressure and encourage early detection and management. What is the theme of World Hypertension Day 2025?
(a) Beat High BP Together (b) Healthy Heart, Healthy Life
(c) Control Hypertension, Save Lives
(d) Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer
(e) No Pressure, No Problem Ans. d
197. World Bee Day is observed every year on 20th May to raise awareness about the importance of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem and food security. What was the theme of World Bee Day 2025?
(a) Save the Bees, Save the World (b) Bee Engaged with Youth (c) Bees for Biodiversity
(d) Pollinators and the Planet (e) Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all Ans. e
198. Who was responsible for launching the newly revamped Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Portal, which aims to simplify the registration process and enhance digital services for over 5 million OCI cardholders?
(a) Narendra Modi (b) S. Jaishankar (c) Amit Shah
(d) Rajnath Singh (e) Nirmala Sitharaman Ans. c

199. Which country has officially inaugurated its embassy in New Delhi in May 2025?
 (a) Honduras (b) Guatemala (c) Panama (d) Costa Rica (e) Nicaragua Ans. a
200. What is the name of the annual operation conducted by the Indian Coast Guard from November to May every year, aimed at ensuring safe nesting grounds for the endangered Olive Ridley turtles, especially along the Odisha coastline?
 (a) Operation Blue Shield (b) Operation Turtle Rescue (c) Operation Olivia
 (d) Operation Samudra Shakti (e) Operation Sagar Raksha Ans. c
201. Who has inaugurated the first edition of the Khelo India Beach Games held at Ghoghla Beach in the Union Territory of Diu in 2025?
 (a) Anurag Thakur (b) Raksha Khadse (c) Mansukh Mandaviya
 (d) Praful Patel (e) Narendra Modi Ans. c
202. What is the name of the flagship scheme launched by Telangana CM A Revanth, aimed at promoting sustainable agriculture and irrigation by providing solar pump sets to farmers, especially in Podu lands?
 (a) Indira Soura Giri Jala Vikasam (b) Rythu Bandhu (c) Mana Ooru-Mana Badi
 (d) Haritha Haram (e) KCR Kit Ans. a
203. Which company has signed a contract with the Indian Army Air Defence for the development of the Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction System (IDDIS)?
 (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (b) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
 (c) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) (d) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
 (e) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ans. c
204. Who created history by winning the gold medal in the Miss World 2025 Sports Challenge held at Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad, thereby securing her country's first advancement to the next round of the pageant since 1999?
 (a) Emma Morrison (b) Anna-Lise Nanton (c) Aure lie Joachim
 (d) Eliise Randmaa (e) Priya Sharma Ans. d
205. World Metrology Day is celebrated every year on May 20th to commemorate the signing of the Metre Convention on May 20, 1875. What is the theme for World Metrology Day 2025?
 (a) Measuring the Future (b) Measurements for all times, for all people
 (c) Accuracy in Every Step (d) Science of Measurement
 (e) Innovation through Measurement Ans. b
206. On which date is World Fair Play Day celebrated every year to promote fairness and ethics in sports?
 (a) 20 May (b) 19 May (c) 22 May (d) 21 May (e) 18 May Ans. b
207. Who is the Intelligence Bureau chief who has recently been granted a one-year extension till June 2026?
 (a) Rakesh Asthana (b) Tapan Kumar Deka (c) Ajit Doval
 (d) Anil Dhasmana (e) Rajiv Jain Ans. b
208. Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court by the President of India?
 (a) Justice Vikram Nath (b) Justice Kempaiah Somashekar (c) Justice N.V. Ramana
 (d) Justice S. Abdul Nazeer (e) Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud Ans. b
209. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has launched three new apps — Depot Darpan, Anna Mitra, and Anna Sahayata. What is the main objective of the three apps?
 (a) To improve urban transportation systems
 (b) To modernize India's agricultural infrastructure and Public Distribution System
 (c) To promote digital literacy among farmers (d) To provide subsidies for agricultural equipment
 (e) To enhance rural healthcare services Ans. b
210. Padma Vibhushan awardee and renowned scientist Dr. M.R. Srinivasan passed away recently at the age of 95. What was his primary contribution to India's scientific community?
 (a) Architect of India's space exploration program (b) Developer of India's missile technology
 (c) Key architect of India's civil nuclear energy program (d) Pioneer of India's green energy revolution
 (e) Founder of the Indian Space Research Organisation Ans. c

211. Dr. Jayant Narlikar, who passed away recently, belonged to which scientific profession?
 (a) Astrophysicist (b) Nuclear Scientist (c) Space Scientist
 (d) Environmental Scientist (e) Biotechnologist Ans. a
212. Banu Mushtaq made history as the first Kannada author to win the International Booker Prize 2025. What is the title of Banu Mushtaq's award-winning short story collection?
 (a) Tomb of Sand (b) Heart Lamp (c) Pyre
 (d) Sacred Threads (e) Broken Horizons Ans. b
213. Recently, a ten-member mountaineering team from the National Cadet Corps (NCC) achieved a remarkable feat for third time. What significant achievement did the NCC team accomplish?
 (a) Successfully scaled K2, the world's second highest peak
 (b) Successfully scaled Mount Everest, the world's highest peak
 (c) Completed a solo trek across the Amazon rainforest
 (d) Reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa
 (e) Crossed the Antarctic continent on skis Ans. b
214. Saroj Ghose, who recently passed away, was famously known as the father of which movement in India?
 (a) Environmental conservation movement (b) Science museum movement
 (c) Space research movement (d) Green energy movement
 (e) Digital literacy movement Ans. b
215. Which government ministry collaborated with the Embassies of France and Costa Rica to organize the "Second Blue Talks" event in New Delhi aimed at promoting ocean sustainability?
 (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (b) Ministry of External Affairs
 (c) Ministry of Jal Shakti (d) Ministry of Earth Sciences
 (e) Ministry of Science and Technology Ans. d
216. India has assumed the Chairmanship of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) for the 2025–26 term during the 67th Governing Body Meeting, with representation led by Amardeep Singh Bhatia, APO Director for India and Secretary of DPIIT. Where is the headquarters of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) located?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Singapore (c) Tokyo (d) Bangkok (e) Jakarta Ans. c
217. The 2025 World Hydrogen Summit and Exhibition, which focuses on advancing hydrogen technologies and sustainable energy solutions globally, was held in which city?
 (a) Copenhagen, Denmark (b) Rotterdam, Netherlands (c) Berlin, Germany
 (d) Oslo, Norway (e) Paris, France Ans. b
218. Shooter Kanak has bagged India's first gold medal at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany. In which event did Kanak win the gold medal at the ISSF Junior World Cup?
 (a) Women's 10 metre Air Pistol (b) Women's 25 metre Pistol (c) Women's 50 metre Rifle
 (d) Women's Trap Shooting (e) Women's Skeet Shooting Ans. a
219. When is the International Day for Biological Diversity observed annually?
 (a) 21 May (b) 19 May (c) 22 May (d) 25 May (e) 23 May Ans. c
220. Which state in India has been declared the first fully literate state with a literacy rate of 98.20%?
 (a) Kerala (b) Mizoram (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Himachal Pradesh (e) Goa Ans. b
221. India has been awarded the Certificate of Elimination of Trachoma as a Public Health Problem by the World Health Organisation (WHO) at the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva. Trachoma is a highly infectious eye disease is caused by which bacteria?
 (a) Staphylococcus aureus (b) Streptococcus pyogenes (c) Chlamydia trachomatis
 (d) Pseudomonas aeruginosa (e) Escherichia coli Ans. c
222. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted "in-principle" approval to Emirates NBD Bank PJSC to establish a Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS) in India, making it the third foreign bank to enter India via the WOS route. Which two foreign banks had previously received WOS licences from the RBI in 2017 and 2018?
 (a) HSBC and Citibank (b) DBS Bank and SBM Bank
 (c) Barclays and Deutsche Bank (d) Bank of China and BNP Paribas
 (e) JPMorgan and Standard Chartered Ans. b

223. Which state government to launch Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan from May 29, as part of a central initiative to boost agricultural production, enhance farmer incomes, and reduce farming costs; the campaign will run till June 12?
(a) Assam (b) Tripura (c) Bihar (d) Punjab (e) Uttar Pradesh Ans. b
224. National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed annually on May 21 in India to commemorate the assassination of which former Indian Prime Minister?
(a) Indira Gandhi (b) Lal Bahadur Shastri (c) Rajiv Gandhi
(d) Jawaharlal Nehru (e) Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ans. c
225. The International Day for Biological Diversity is observed every year on 22nd May to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. What is the theme for the International Day for Biological Diversity 2025?
(a) Be part of the Plan (b) Building a shared future for all life
(c) Harmony with nature and sustainable development
(d) Our Solutions are in Nature (e) We're part of the solution Ans. c
226. What is the name of the joint disaster relief exercise conducted by the Indian Army's Spear Corps and the NDRF in Nagaland?
(a) Exercise Shakti (b) Exercise Damru (c) Exercise Vajra
(d) Exercise Raahat (e) Exercise Maitri Ans. d
227. Which airport has maintained its position as the busiest airport worldwide in 2024, handling over 108 million passengers, according to Airports Council International (ACI) World?
(a) Dubai International Airport (b) Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport
(c) Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (d) Tokyo Haneda Airport
(e) London Heathrow Airport Ans. b
228. Renowned astrophysicist Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar passed away peacefully at age 86 in Pune. Which theory did Professor Jayant Narlikar notably challenge through his alternative models?
(a) String Theory (b) Plate Tectonics (c) Big Bang Theory
(d) Evolution Theory (e) Theory of Relativity Ans. c
229. Under the newly launched e-Zero FIR system by the Ministry of Home Affairs, complaints of cyber financial fraud will be automatically converted into Zero FIRs if they involve a minimum monetary value. What is the minimum threshold amount required for this automatic conversion to take place?
(a) Rs.1 lakh (b) Rs.5 lakh (c) Rs.10 lakh (d) Rs.50,000 (e) Rs.20 lakh Ans. c
230. When is World Turtle Day observed every year?
(a) May 20 (b) May 22 (c) May 21 (d) May 23 (e) May 24 Ans. d
231. The International Day to End Obstetric Fistula is observed every year on 23 May to raise awareness about obstetric fistula, a serious and preventable childbirth injury, and to promote actions towards its elimination. What is the theme of International Day to End Obstetric Fistula 2025?
(a) Breaking the Silence: Dignity for All (b) Her health, her right: Shaping a future without fistula
(c) Safe Birth for All (d) Every Woman, Every Child (e) End Fistula Now Ans. b
232. "Sagar Bhavan" and "Polar Bhavan" were recently inaugurated as India's first-of-their-kind research facilities dedicated to ocean and polar science. Which Union Minister led the inauguration ceremony of these facilities?
(a) Narendra Modi (b) Dharmendra Pradhan (c) Dr. Jitendra Singh
(d) Rajnath Singh (e) Nitin Gadkari Ans. c
233. How many Shaurya Chakras were conferred by President Murmu during the Phase-I of the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2025?
(a) 28 (b) 30 (c) 31 (d) 33 (e) 35 Ans. d
234. Which two organizations have recently formed a strategic partnership aimed at expanding access to various loan products such as personal, business, and loan against property across rural and semi-urban areas of India?
(a) India Post Payments Bank and Aditya Birla Capital Limited
(b) State Bank of India and ICICI Bank (c) Punjab National Bank and HDFC Bank
(d) Reserve Bank of India and LIC (e) Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. a

235. The United Kingdom signed an agreement to transfer sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius, while securing a lease agreement to maintain a crucial US-UK military base on Diego Garcia for at least 99 years. How much has the UK agreed to pay Mauritius annually for leasing the military base on Diego Garcia?
(a) \$50 million (b) \$100 million (c) \$136 million (d) \$200 million (e) \$300 million Ans. c
236. What is the revised medium-term GDP growth forecast for India till FY2026, as per Fitch Ratings?
(a) 5.9% (b) 6.0% (c) 6.2% (d) 6.4% (e) 6.6% Ans. d
237. Which country has recently been elected to the Executive Board of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA)?
(a) India (b) Saudi Arabia (c) United States
(d) United Arab Emirates (e) Singapore Ans. d
238. Which Indian couple has been featured in TIME magazine's inaugural list of 100 most influential people in philanthropy?
(a) Ratan and Anjali Tata (b) Mukesh and Nita Ambani (c) Gautam and Meera Adani
(d) Kumar and Neelam Birla (e) Anand and Anuradha Mahindra Ans. b
239. How much surplus did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) transfer to the Central Government for the accounting year 2024-25?
(a) Rs.1,50,000 crore (b) Rs.2,00,000 crore (c) Rs.2,68,590 crore
(d) Rs.3,00,560 crore (e) Rs.1,75,000 crore Ans. c
240. How many railway stations were virtually inaugurated by PM Modi under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme during his visit to Bikaner?
(a) 100 (b) 101 (c) 102 (d) 103 (e) 104 Ans. d
241. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the two-day Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025 in New Delhi. Which ministry organized the Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025?
(a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry (b) Ministry of External Affairs
(c) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
(d) Ministry of Finance (e) Ministry of Home Affairs Ans. c
242. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurated the Shirui Lily Festival, held in the Naga-dominated Ukhrul district after a two-year gap due to the ethnic clashes between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei people. What is the scientific name of the Shirui Lily, the state flower of Manipur?
(a) Rosa Manipuria (b) Lilium Ukhruli (c) Macklinia Indica
(d) Lilium Mackliniae (e) Wardia Lilyflora Ans. d
243. Actor Mukul Dev passed away recently at the age of 54. Who was he?
(a) Politician (b) Sportsman (c) Actor (d) Singer (e) Journalist Ans. c
244. Who chaired the 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi?
(a) Narendra Modi (b) Droupadi Murmu (c) Jagdeep Dhankar
(d) Amit Shah (e) Rajnath Singh Ans. a
245. Which entity imposed a .40 lakh fine on Transactree Technologies Pvt Ltd for non-compliance with P2P lending norms, including improper fund routing and lack of borrower transparency?
(a) SEBI (b) Reserve Bank of India (c) Ministry of Finance
(d) IRDAI (e) PFRDA Ans. b
246. At which event did Neeraj Chopra win a silver medal with a throw of 84.14 metres in 2025?
(a) Ostrava Golden Spike (b) Asian Athletics Championships
(c) Janusz Kusocin ski Memorial (d) Diamond League Finals
(e) Commonwealth Games Ans. c
247. Where was the International Buyer-Seller Meet (IBSM) 2025 held?
(a) Lucknow (b) Mumbai (c) Patna (d) Hyderabad (e) Ahmedabad Ans. c
248. What is the name of the AI-powered virtual news anchor launched by the Assam government?
(a) Ankita Assam (b) Ankita (c) Assam Virtual (d) AI Ankita (e) Virtual Ankita Ans. b
249. The government is considering integrating Mission LiFE into the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) to promote sustainable individual and corporate behaviour. What does "LiFE" stand for in the context of Mission LiFE?
(a) Lifestyle for Employment (b) Lifestyle for Environment (c) Life for Energy
(d) Learning for Ecosystem (e) Living for Equality Ans. b

250. Who has been appointed as the new Director of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)?
 (a) Ramesh Kumar (b) Ram Mohan M K (c) Suresh Patil
 (d) Anil Sharma (e) Vijay Singh Ans. b
251. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL)?
 (a) Deepika Padukone (b) Tamannaah Bhatia (c) Alia Bhatt
 (d) Anushka Sharma (e) Kareena Kapoor Ans. b
252. The venue for Wings India 2026 is a significant airport located in which Indian city, and what is the name of the airport where this event will be held?
 (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi
 (b) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai
 (c) Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad (d) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad
 (e) Chennai International Airport in Chennai Ans. c
253. Which country has launched TOURISE, a global platform aimed at creating a strong partnership between public and private sectors to shape the future of tourism over the next 50 years?
 (a) United Arab Emirates (b) Saudi Arabia (c) Qatar
 (d) Oman (e) Bahrain Ans. b
254. As per the recent notification by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), a new six-member Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) has been constituted to regulate and supervise payment systems in the country. This board includes government nominees for the first time and will replace an existing board that previously oversaw payment and settlement systems. Which board is being replaced by the newly constituted PRB?
 (a) Digital Finance Advisory Board (b) Central Payments Monitoring Board
 (c) Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems
 (d) RBI Financial Regulatory Panel (e) National Settlement Authority Ans. c
255. Which fintech startup recently received in-principle authorisation from the RBI to issue Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)?
 (a) PhonePe (b) BharatPe (c) ZikZuk (d) CRED (e) Paytm Ans. c
256. What is the primary purpose of the newly launched EnKash Payment Gateway by EnKash?
 (a) To serve India's 63 million+ SMBs and startups (b) To offer banking to 63 million+ rural farmers
 (c) To promote cryptocurrency payments (d) To serve multinational corporations
 (e) To regulate stock market trades Ans. a
257. When is the International Day of the Markhor observed?
 (a) 23 May (b) 24 May (c) 26 May (d) 24 May (e) 30 May Ans. c
258. On which day is National Memorial Day observed in many countries, including the US?
 (a) The last Monday of May each year (b) The last Sunday of May each year
 (c) The last Tuesday of May each year (d) The last Saturday of May each year
 (e) The last Wednesday of May each year Ans. a
259. Who led the all-party delegation in the US that emphasized India's response to terrorist bases in Pakistan after the Pahalgam attack?
 (a) Supriya Sule (b) Kanimozhi (c) Shashi Tharoor (d) Sanjay Jha (e) Shrikant Shinde Ans. c
260. Who did Novak Djokovic defeat to win his 100th ATP singles title at the Geneva Open?
 (a) Roger Federer (b) Hubert Hurkacz (c) Rafael Nadal (d) Andy Murray (e) Dominic Thiem Ans. b
261. What is the reported value of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at market price, as stated by NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam after India overtook Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy?
 (a) \$4.187 trillion (b) \$3.557 trillion (c) \$5.012 trillion (d) \$4.525 trillion (e) \$3.897 trillion Ans. a
262. Fintech company Getepay recently received final authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payment aggregator. Getepay is the first fintech firm from which Indian state to secure RBI's license as an online payment aggregator?
 (a) Rajasthan (b) Gujarat (c) Maharashtra (d) Karnataka (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. a
263. When is the International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories observed?
 (a) 21–27 May (b) 20–26 May (c) 25–31 May (d) 20–26 May (e) 24–30 May Ans. c

264. When is World Football Day observed every year?
(a) 27 May (b) 26 May (c) 24 May (d) 25 May (e) 28 May Ans. d
265. Which district of Manipur hosted the Shirui Lily Festival 2025?
(a) Imphal West (b) Churachandpur (c) Ukhrul (d) Bishnupur (e) Thoubal Ans. c
266. World Schizophrenia Awareness Day is observed every year on 24 May to raise awareness about schizophrenia, reduce the stigma, and promote better understanding of mental health. What was the theme of World Schizophrenia Awareness Day 2025?
(a) Transforming Mental Health Systems (b) Rethink the Label: Reclaim the Story
(c) Let's Talk About Schizophrenia (d) Mental Health for All
(e) Schizophrenia Matters Ans. b
267. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated India's first 9000 HP (horsepower) electric locomotive plant of Indian Railways at Dahod, Gujarat, to the nation, built at a cost of Rs.21,405 crore. Which international company is collaborating with Indian Railways in building the Dahod locomotive plant?
(a) Alstom (b) Hitachi (c) GE (d) Siemens (e) Bombardier Ans. d
268. Which State/Union Territory topped the medal table of the first Khelo India Beach Games 2025?
(a) Manipur (b) Maharashtra (c) Chandigarh (d) Haryana (e) Delhi Ans. a
269. What is the new world record distance thrown by Indian para-athlete Mahendra Gurjar in the men's F42 javelin event at the Nottwil World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025?
(a) 59.19 meters (b) 61.17 meters (c) 72.35 meters (d) 56.11 meters (e) 55.51 meters Ans. b
270. Who won the gold medal in the women's 25m pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 in Suhl, Germany?
(a) Tejaswani (b) Manu Bhaker (c) Elavenil Valarivan
(d) Rahi Sarnobat (e) Apurvi Chandela Ans. a
271. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the Bharat Forecast System, an indigenously developed high-resolution weather forecast model. The Bharat Forecast System has enhanced India's weather prediction capability by providing forecasts at which of the following resolutions?
(a) 3 kilometres (b) 6 kilometres (c) 9 kilometres (d) 12 kilometres (e) 15 kilometres Ans. b
272. What is the theme of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025, as announced by Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia?
(a) Connect to Lead (b) Innovate to Transform (c) Digital India Forward
(d) Empowering Future (e) Tech for Bharat Ans. b
273. Which team won the Women's Champions League 2025 by defeating Barcelona in the final?
(a) Chelsea (b) Manchester City (c) Paris Saint-Germain
(d) Arsenal (e) Bayern Munich Ans. d
274. Which regulatory body granted final approval to Jio BlackRock AMC to start its mutual fund business?
(a) RBI (b) IRDAI (c) SEBI (d) NABARD (e) PFRDA Ans. c
275. What is the total worth of development projects inaugurated or initiated by PM Modi in Bhuj, Gujarat?
(a) Rs.43,400 crore (b) Rs.50,000 crore (c) Rs.53,400 crore
(d) Rs.60,000 crore (e) Rs.48,500 crore Ans. c
276. Who was the leader of the research team at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Kashmir, that successfully developed India's first gene-edited sheep after years of scientific research?
(a) Dr. Riyaz Ahmad Shah (b) Dr. Lavkush Vithal (c) Dr Parul Tyagi
(d) Dr Megha Mishra (e) Dr Shivani Sharma Ans. a
277. India concluded its participation in the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 held in Suhl, Germany, by leading the medal standings ahead of China. How many total medals did India win at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 in Suhl?
(a) 11 (b) 8 (c) 7 (d) 4 (e) 15 Ans. a
278. Until when has Dr. Samir V Kamat's tenure as DRDO chairman been extended?
(a) May 31, 2026 (b) August 31, 2025 (c) December 31, 2026
(d) June 30, 2026 (e) April 30, 2026 Ans. a
279. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the Karnataka Forest and Wildlife Department?
(a) Rahul Dravid (b) Anil Kumble (c) Javagal Srinath
(d) Sunil Gavaskar (e) VVS Laxman Ans. b

280. Where did Union Home Minister Amit Shah lay the foundation stone of 'Swasti Niwas'?
- (a) Mumbai (b) Pune (c) Jamtha (d) Nanded (e) Chicholi Ans. c
281. In which Indian city is the University of Liverpool planning to establish its first foreign campus by the summer of 2026?
- (a) Gurugram (b) Hyderabad (c) Bengaluru (d) Pune (e) Chennai Ans. c
282. From where did SpaceX launch its Starship Super Heavy rocket on its ninth test flight?
- (a) Cape Canaveral, Florida (b) Vandenberg Air Force Base, California
(c) Boca Chica Beach, South Texas (d) Kennedy Space Center, Florida
(e) Mojave Air and Space Port, California Ans. c
283. Who has recently taken charge as the CEO of the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC)?
- (a) Rajesh Kumar (b) Raman Aggarwal (c) Suresh Patil
(d) Anil Mehta (e) Vikram Singh Ans. b
284. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Tata Chemicals?
- (a) Modan Saha (b) Ratan Tata (c) S. Padmanabhan
(d) N Chandrasekaran (e) Cyrus Mistry Ans. c
285. In May 2025, Which Indian subsidiary of a global payments company received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator for Cross-Border Exports?
- (a) Google Pay India Pvt Ltd (b) PayPal Payments Pvt Ltd (c) PhonePe Pvt Ltd
(d) Amazon Pay India Pvt Ltd (e) Razorpay Software Pvt Ltd Ans. b
286. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of IndiGo Airlines?
- (a) Venkataramani Sumantran (b) Vikram Singh Mehta (c) Ratan Tata
(d) Ajay Singh (e) Sanjiv Kapoor Ans. b
287. Which city will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championship?
- (a) Gandhinagar (b) Ahmedabad (c) Jiangshan (d) Tashkent (e) New Delhi Ans. b
288. The Defence Minister, Rajanath Singh, has approved the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) Programme Execution Model, which aims to build India's fifth-generation fighter aircraft. Which organisation will design the fifth-generation fighter aircraft under AMCA?
- (a) Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) (b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
(c) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) (d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
(e) Both c and d Ans. a
289. President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated a two-day Literary Conference at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre. Which organisation is collaborating with Rashtrapati Bhavan to host the Literary Conference?
- (a) NCERT (b) IGNC A (c) Sahitya Akademi
(d) NBT (e) Sangeet Natak Akademi Ans. c
290. Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, who passed away recently, was associated with which political party?
- (a) Indian National Congress (b) Aam Aadmi Party (c) Bharatiya Janata Party
(d) Shiromani Akali Dal (e) Bahujan Samaj Party Ans. d
291. What was India's overall Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth rate in April 2025?
- (a) 1.5% (b) 2.7% (c) 3.0% (d) 4.1% (e) 5.0% Ans. b
292. Which event did India defend successfully at the Asian Athletics Championships in Gumi, South Korea?
- (a) 4x100m mixed relay (b) 4x400m mixed relay (c) Men's 400m
(d) Women's 1500m (e) 4x400m men's relay Ans. b
293. Menstrual Hygiene Day is observed every year on 28 May. What is the theme of Menstrual Hygiene Day 2025?
- (a) Empower Women Everywhere (b) Together for a #PeriodFriendlyWorld (c) Break the Silence
(d) #Clean Toilets for All (e) Health and Hygiene for Youth Ans. b
294. On which date is World Hunger Day observed every year?
- (a) 28 May (b) 27 May (c) 29 May (d) 30 May (e) 31 May Ans. a

295. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently laid the foundation stone of a City Gas Distribution project worth over Rs.1010 crore in which district of West Bengal?
(a) Siliguri (b) Darjeeling (c) Alipurduar (d) Jalpaiguri (e) Cooch Behar Ans. c
296. Who launched the 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA-2025)' at ICAR-CIFA in Bhubaneswar, Odisha?
(a) Narendra Singh Tomar (b) Amit Shah (c) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
(d) Giriraj Singh (e) Dharmendra Pradhan Ans. c
297. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Hitachi India?
(a) Bharat Kaushal (b) N Venu (c) Ratan Tata (d) Anil Ambani (e) Suresh Prabhu Ans. b
298. Cristiano Ronaldo recently became the first footballer to score how many goals in club football?
(a) 700 (b) 750 (c) 770 (d) 800 (e) 850 Ans. d
299. Which Indian cricketer has Oakley recently appointed as its brand ambassador in India?
(a) Virat Kohli (b) Shubman Gill (c) Rohit Sharma
(d) Jasprit Bumrah (e) KL Rahul Ans. b
300. Who made history by becoming the first musician of Indian origin to win an American Music Award at the 51st AMA held in Los Angeles?
(a) Neha Kakkar (b) Raja Kumari (c) Arijit Singh (d) A.R. Rahman (e) Badshah Ans. b
301. NLC India Renewables Limited (NIRL) recently signed a Joint Venture Agreement with which organization to develop green energy projects in Maharashtra?
(a) REIL (b) IREDA (c) MAHAPREIT (d) SECI (e) NHPC Ans. c
302. Which organisation, operating under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and in collaboration with SEBI, has launched the pilot initiative called 'Niveshak Shivir' to address investor-related issues such as unclaimed dividends and shares?
(a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(b) Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
(d) Ministry of Finance (e) National Stock Exchange (NSE) Ans. b
303. On which date in May is the International Day of UN Peacekeepers observed annually?
(a) 15 May (b) 20 May (c) 25 May (d) 29 May (e) 31 May Ans. d
304. On the 50th anniversary of Sikkim's statehood, what did PM Modi release?
(a) Constitution of Sikkim (b) National Song of Sikkim
(c) Commemorative coin and stamp (d) Sikkim's New Tourism Policy
(e) Digital ID Card for Sikkim Residents Ans. c
305. Which prestigious medal, instituted by the United Nations in honour of its second Secretary-General, will be posthumously awarded to Indian peacekeepers Brigadier Amitabh Jha and Havildar Sanjay Singh for their ultimate sacrifice in UN peacekeeping missions?
(a) Dag Hammarskjöld Medal (b) Nobel Peace Medal (c) UN Blue Helmet Award
(d) Kofi Annan Peace Award (e) Global Peacekeeping Honour Ans. a
306. Jio BlackRock Asset Management, an equal joint venture between Jio Financial Services and BlackRock, has received final approval from which regulatory body to commence its mutual fund business in India?
(a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
(c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (d) Ministry of Finance
(e) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Ans. c
307. On which date is International Everest Day observed every year?
(a) May 29 (b) May 30 (c) May 31 (d) May 28 (e) May 27 Ans. a
308. International Day of Potato is observed annually on May 30 to recognise the importance of the potato as a global food crop. What is the theme of the International Day of the Potato for the year 2025?
(a) Shaping history, feeding the future (b) Potato: The food for all
(c) Fighting hunger with potatoes (d) Potato: The global treasure
(e) Sustainable potato farming for tomorrow Ans. a

309. Before becoming a state, what was the status of Goa after being liberated from Portuguese rule in 1961?
 (a) Princely State (b) Union Territory (c) Autonomous State
 (d) Capital Territory (e) Special Region Ans. b
310. Under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS), what is the maximum amount a farmer can borrow through Kisan Credit Card (KCC) for short-term loans?
 (a) Rs.1 lakh (b) Rs.2 lakh (c) Rs.3 lakh (d) Rs.5 lakh (e) Rs.10 lakh Ans. c
311. What is the new Minimum Support Price (MSP) for common variety paddy for the Kharif 2025–26 season?
 (a) Rs.2,289 per quintal (b) Rs.2,309 per quintal (c) Rs.2,369 per quintal
 (d) Rs.2,399 per quintal (e) Rs.2,459 per quintal Ans. c
312. Who has been appointed as the Global GCC Practice Leader by HCL Technologies?
 (a) Ravi Kumar (b) Kiran Cherukuri (c) Nandan Nilekani
 (d) Rajeev Suri (e) Anshika Singh Ans. b

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