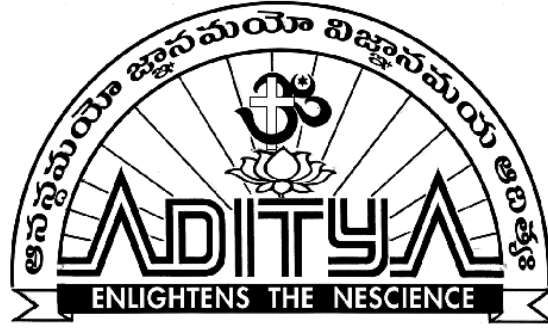


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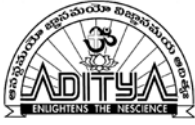
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- India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country to enhance customs cooperation through the exchange of pre-arrival information for faster clearance of goods and improved bilateral trade?
(a) South Africa (b) Kenya (c) Nigeria (d) Egypt (e) Brazil Ans. b
- Which companies jointly introduced biometric authentication for card payments on Flipkart?
(a) Amazon, HDFC Bank, Razorpay (b) Flipkart, Axis Bank, PayU (c) Flipkart, SBI, Paytm
(d) Amazon, ICICI Bank, PayU (e) Flipkart, Kotak Bank, PhonePe Ans. b
- Which public sector bank has launched Indian Sign Language (ISL) support through video calls at its contact centre to provide inclusive banking services for customers with hearing or speech impairments?
(a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) Bank of Baroda
(d) Canara Bank (e) Union Bank of India Ans. c
- Which country has announced its exit from OPEC and OPEC+ effective May 1?
(a) Saudi Arabia (b) Iran (c) UAE (d) Kuwait (e) Iraq Ans. c
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated six indoor cricket academies under the Board of Control for Cricket in India expansion programme in Northeast India. Which of the following is NOT a location of the newly inaugurated academies?
(a) Aizawl (b) Imphal (c) Dimapur (d) Guwahati (e) Rangpo Ans. d
- International Labour Day is observed on which date?
(a) 4 May (b) 1 May (c) 2 May (d) 3 May (e) 5 May Ans. b
- 1 May is celebrated as Maharashtra Day, marking the formation of the state of Maharashtra. In which year was the state of Maharashtra formed?
(a) 1950 (b) 1956 (c) 1960 (d) 1965 (e) 1970 Ans. c
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 594-km-long Ganga Expressway, the longest expressway in Uttar Pradesh, connecting Meerut to Prayagraj. Which organisation developed the Ganga Expressway?
(a) NHAI (b) DMRC (c) UPEIDA (d) UP Police Housing (e) IRCTC Ans. c
- After the approval for the creation of five new districts in Ladakh, what is the total number of districts in the Union Territory now?
(a) 5 (b) 6 (c) 7 (d) 8 (e) 9 Ans. c
- The foundation stone for the Google Cloud India AI Hub, which involves a massive foreign direct investment and large-scale data centre development, has been laid in which city of Andhra Pradesh?
(a) Hyderabad (b) Bengaluru (c) Visakhapatnam (d) Amaravati (e) Chennai Ans. c
- What is the name of the new digital platform launched by EPFO to track inactive PF accounts?
(a) EPF Connect (b) E-PRAAPTI (c) PF Tracker (d) UAN Portal (e) EPFO Link Ans. b
- The 80th Round Health Survey, which highlights improvements in healthcare infrastructure and access across India, has been released by which organisation?
(a) NITI Aayog (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(c) National Statistical Office (NSO) (d) World Health Organization (WHO)
(e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Ans. c
- The "Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) @2047" roadmap, aimed at accelerating India's digital transformation and economic growth, has been launched by which organization?
(a) Ministry of Electronics and IT (b) NITI Aayog (c) Reserve Bank of India
(d) Ministry of Finance (e) SEBI Ans. b
- The 10th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices will be held in which city?
(a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Lucknow (d) Chandigarh (e) Jaipur Ans. d
- The 15th Delhi International Film Festival (DIFF) 2026 will be held in which city?
(a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi (c) Kolkata (d) Chennai (e) Bengaluru Ans. b
- Which Marathi films have been selected for the film market section of the Cannes Film Festival?
(a) Jeev - The Creature & April May 99 (b) Sairat & Court (c) Tumbbad & KGF
(d) Article 15 & Newton (e) Drishyam & Andhadhun Ans. a
- The Indian Army will host the first edition of the multilateral exercise "Pragati" at the Foreign Training Node, _____.
(a) Pune (b) Dehradun (c) Jaipur (d) Umroi (e) Leh Ans. d
- Vijay Kumar, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?
(a) Cricket (b) Hockey (c) Tennis (d) Badminton (e) Golf Ans. e

19. R. Rithika Sri, who recently made history, became the first transgender umpire from which state?
(a) Karnataka (b) Kerala (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Telangana Ans. c
20. Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana IV to boost rural connectivity and development. In which state was PMGSY-IV launched?
(a) Bihar (b) Jharkhand (c) Chhattisgarh (d) Odisha (e) West Bengal Ans. d
21. The Defence Research and Development Organisation highlighted that BrahMos Aerospace achieved a revenue of over _____ crore in the financial year 2025–26, marking strong growth in India's defence production sector.
(a) 4200 crore (b) 4500 crore (c) 5200 crore (d) 6000 crore (e) 7000 crore Ans. c
22. The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, has approved how many companies under the Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Critical Mineral Recycling, marking a key step towards strengthening India's critical mineral security and circular economy?
(a) 45 companies (b) 50 companies (c) 54 companies (d) 58 companies (e) 75 companies Ans. d
23. In which country has India deployed the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare infrastructure?
(a) Kenya (b) Sri Lanka (c) Bangladesh (d) Jamaica (e) South Africa Ans. d
24. Which organization under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Chamber India to strengthen India's startup ecosystem and promote innovation-led growth?
(a) NITI Aayog (b) RBI (c) Ministry of Finance (d) DPIIT (e) DRDO Ans. d
25. Which company has officially become India's first commercial seaplane operator after receiving the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from DGCA?
(a) IndiGo Airlines (b) Air India (c) SkyHop Aviation (d) SpiceJet (e) Akasa Air Ans. c
26. Who inaugurated the Somnath Swabhiman Parv Yatra, which highlights India's cultural heritage and historical pride?
(a) Amit Shah (b) Narendra Modi (c) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
(d) Rajnath Singh (e) Smriti Irani Ans. c
27. What is the name of the mobile-based disaster communication system to be launched by the Government of India?
(a) BHUVAN Alert System (b) SURAJ System (c) SURAKSHA Net
(d) SACHET System (e) DISHA Alert Ans. d
28. Which state became India's largest marine fish producing state in 2025, according to CMFRI report?
(a) Gujarat (b) Kerala (c) Maharashtra (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Karnataka Ans. d
29. Which organisation has operationalised the Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA)?
(a) RBI (b) SEBI (c) NITI Aayog (d) IRDAI (e) Ministry of Finance Ans. b
30. Which organisation has launched the Self-Help Group (SHG) Savings Account aimed at promoting financial inclusion in rural India?
(a) State Bank of India (b) Reserve Bank of India (c) India Post Payments Bank
(d) NABARD (e) LIC Ans. c
31. Who has been appointed as the Festival Director for the 57th International Film Festival of India?
(a) Karan Johar (b) Ashutosh Gowariker (c) Sanjay Leela Bhansali
(d) Rajkumar Hirani (e) Anurag Kashyap Ans. b
32. Who has been appointed as the President of the National Company Law Tribunal?
(a) Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud (b) Anupinder Singh Grewal (c) Sharaddha Joshi Raj
(d) Uday Umesh Lalit (e) Ranjan Gogoi Ans. b
33. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the F1 programme in India?
(a) Virat Kohli (b) Rohit Sharma (c) Shreyas Iyer (d) KL Rahul (e) Hardik Pandya Ans. c
34. Nitin Gadkari has launched India's first MLFF barrier-less tolling system at Chorayasi Toll Plaza on the Surat–Bharuch section of NH-48 in which state?
(a) Maharashtra (b) Rajasthan (c) Gujarat (d) Madhya Pradesh (e) Karnataka Ans. c
35. The Government of India will launch Prashast 2.0, an upgraded digital platform to identify 21 types of disabilities in children and support Children With Special Needs (CWSN). Prashast 2.0 is developed by which department?
(a) Ministry of Education (b) Department of School Education and Literacy (c) NCERT
(d) NITI Aayog (e) AICTE Ans. b
36. What was the total GST collection in India in April 2026?
(a) Rs. 1.82 lakh crore (b) Rs. 2.10 lakh crore (c) Rs. 2.49 lakh crore
(d) Rs. 3.00 lakh crore (e) Rs. 2.42 lakh crore Ans. e
37. India deployed the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare system in which country under its HADR framework?
(a) Sri Lanka (b) Nepal (c) Jamaica (d) Maldives (e) Mauritius Ans. c
38. Which country launched the Pakistani satellite PRSC-EO3?
(a) India (b) Russia (c) China (d) USA (e) France Ans. c

39. World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on 3 May to highlight the importance of press freedom and freedom of expression. What is the theme of World Press Freedom Day 2026?
 (a) Freedom for All (b) Media for Democracy (c) Press for Peace
 (d) Shaping a Future of Peace (e) Journalism and Technology Ans. d
40. Which organisation signed an MoU with DTDC Express Limited to enhance logistics and e-commerce in India?
 (a) India Post Payments Bank (b) Department of Posts (c) NITI Aayog
 (d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry (e) Railway Board Ans. b
41. The University of Oxford and Serum Institute of India have signed a licensing agreement to develop and manufacture the next-generation malaria vaccine candidate R78C. The vaccine candidate R78C is designed to target which parasite?
 (a) Plasmodium vivax (b) Plasmodium malariae (c) Trypanosoma
 (d) Plasmodium ovale (e) Plasmodium falciparum Ans. e
42. The technology transfer agreement between Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited and Naval Science & Technological Laboratory is related to which of the following advanced naval systems designed for infrared signature reduction?
 (a) Radar Detection System (b) Missile Launch System
 (c) Gas Turbine–Infrared Suppression System (d) Naval Communication System
 (e) Unmanned Drone System Ans. c
43. INS Mahendragiri has been delivered to the Indian Navy at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai. INS Mahendragiri belongs to which class of ships?
 (a) Kolkata-class destroyer (b) Shivalik-class frigate (c) Nilgiri-class
 (d) Talwar-class frigate (e) Vikrant-class aircraft carrier Ans. c
44. World Tuna Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 1 May (b) 2 May (c) 3 May (d) 5 May (e) 6 May Ans. b
45. International Harry Potter Day is celebrated every year on which date?
 (a) 1 May (b) 2 May (c) 3 May (d) 5 May (e) 6 May Ans. b
46. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Rohit Jain as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Rohit Jain succeeded which former RBI Deputy Governor?
 (a) Raghuram Rajan (b) Urjit Patel (c) Shaktikanta Das (d) T. Rabi Sankar (e) Bimal Jalan Ans. d
47. The Ministry of Finance has allowed 100% FDI in the insurance sector under the automatic route, with approval and oversight by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India. The FDI limit was increased to 100% through which legislation?
 (a) Insurance Amendment Bill 2023 (b) Finance Bill 2024
 (c) Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha Bill, 2025 (d) Banking Regulation Bill
 (e) Economic Reform Bill Ans. c
48. Which private sector bank in India has launched its first digital locker-focused branch to enhance secure banking services?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) State Bank of India
 (d) Axis Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. d
49. Consider the following statements regarding the 2026 World Press Freedom Index:
 1. India ranked 157th out of 180 countries.
 2. The index is released by World Press Reporter.
 3. India is placed in the “very serious” category.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 (e) None of the above Ans. b
50. The Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2026 evaluated 929 universities across 36 countries, with China dominating the top positions. Which country has the highest number of institutions in the THE Asia University Rankings 2026?
 (a) China (b) Japan (c) Turkey (d) India (e) South Korea Ans. d
51. How many antiquities were officially returned by the United States to India as part of a cultural repatriation effort?
 (a) 557 (b) 600 (c) 657 (d) 720 (e) 800 Ans. c
52. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati?
 (a) Gulzar (b) Prasoon Joshi (c) Shraddha Joshi Raj
 (d) Javed Akhtar (e) Shankar Mahadevan Ans. b
53. Which national team won the Uber Cup 2026, a prestigious women’s team badminton championship?
 (a) China (b) Japan (c) Thailand (d) South Korea (e) Indonesia Ans. d
54. Which team won the Thomas Cup 2026 in men’s team badminton?
 (a) France (b) Japan (c) Indonesia (d) China (e) India Ans. d
55. Which country won the Thomas Cup 2026 in men’s team badminton?
 (a) Japan (b) Indonesia (c) Denmark (d) China (e) India Ans. d

56. Who won the Madrid Open 2026 women's singles title?
 (a) Iga Swiatek (b) Aryna Sabalenka (c) Coco Gauff
 (d) Marta Kostyuk (e) Ons Jabeur Ans. d
57. Seven-year-old Ishank Singh became the youngest swimmer to cross the Palk Strait, covering a 29-km distance. Ishank Singh belongs to which state?
 (a) Bihar (b) Odisha (c) West Bengal (d) Jharkhand (e) Uttar Pradesh Ans. d
58. Who won the Mutua Madrid Open 2026 men's singles title?
 (a) Carlos Alcaraz (b) Novak Djokovic (c) Daniil Medvedev (d) Jannik Sinner (e) Alexander Zverev Ans. d
59. Which edition of the CINBAX exercise is being conducted in Cambodia in May 2026?
 (a) First (b) Second (c) Third (d) Fourth (e) Fifth Ans. b
60. Which company launched Mission Drishti, the world's first OptoSAR satellite?
 (a) ISRO (b) NASA (c) GalaxEye (d) SpaceX (e) Blue Origin Ans. c
61. Who was the four-time Paralympic gold medallist and former Formula 1 driver who recently passed away?
 (a) Michael Schumacher (b) Lewis Hamilton (c) Sebastian Vettel
 (d) Alex Zanardi (e) Fernando Alonso Ans. d
62. Indian conservationist Parveen Shaikh has been honoured with the prestigious Whitley Award 2026 for her efforts to protect the endangered Indian skimmer through a community-led conservation model. The Whitley Award is commonly known by which nickname?
 (a) Blue Awards (b) Earth Prize (c) Green Oscars (d) Nature Medal (e) Eco Awards Ans. c
63. Which prestigious award was won by Indian journalists Anand RK and Suparna Sharma in May 2026?
 (a) Booker Prize (b) Pulitzer Prize (c) Oscar Award
 (d) Ramon Magsaysay Award (e) Nobel Prize Ans. b
64. Sudesh Kumar, who recently passed away, was known for his role in which film?
 (a) Singer (b) Actor (c) Director (d) Producer (e) Writer Ans. b
65. Which Indian Navy submarine arrived at Colombo port?
 (a) INS Arihant (b) INS Kalvari (c) INS Sindhukesari (d) INS Khanderi (e) INS Vela Ans. c
66. Which startup has partnered to build India's first orbital data centre satellite?
 (a) Skyroot Aerospace (b) Pixxel (c) Agnikul Cosmos
 (d) Bellatrix Aerospace (e) Dhruva Space Ans. b
67. Rajnath Singh inaugurated the North Tech Symposium in Prayagraj. The event is jointly organised by the Indian Army Northern Command, Indian Army Central Command, and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers. What is the theme of the North Tech Symposium?
 (a) Digital India (b) Atmanirbhar Bharat (c) Raksha Triveni Sangam
 (d) Make in India (e) None of above Ans. c
68. Where was the "Icons of India" exhibition launched?
 (a) Madame Tussauds London (b) Louvre Museum (c) British Museum
 (d) National Museum Delhi (e) Victoria Memorial Ans. a
69. The United States of America launched Project Freedom to escort commercial ships and ensure freedom of navigation in the _____.
 (a) Suez Canal (b) Panama Canal (c) Bosphorus Strait (d) Malacca Strait (e) Strait of Hormuz Ans. e
70. The Asian Development Bank announced a \$70 billion regional connectivity plan for electricity and digital infrastructure across the Asia-Pacific. By which year is the \$70 billion connectivity plan targeted to be completed?
 (a) 2030 (b) 2032 (c) 2035 (d) 2040 (e) 2045 Ans. c
71. What was the total net direct tax collection in FY 2025–26?
 (a) Rs. 21,40,406 crore (b) Rs. 22,50,000 crore (c) Rs. 23,40,406 crore
 (d) Rs. 24,00,060 crore (e) Rs. 25,10,000 crore Ans. c
72. National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) recovered Rs. 4,364 crore in FY 2025–26. The Rs. 4,364 crore recovery accounts for approximately what percentage of total recoveries?
 (a) 50% (b) 60% (c) 70% (d) 80% (e) 100% Ans. c
73. Who has inaugurated the Coastal Atmospheric Research Testbed observatory at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) M. Ravichandran (c) Amit Shah
 (d) Rajnath Singh (e) Kiren Rijiju Ans. b
74. Which state became the first in India to achieve a fully paperless judiciary?
 (a) Assam (b) Sikkim (c) Gujarat (d) Kerala (e) Maharashtra Ans. b
75. Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the appointment of R. Balasubramaniam and Joram Aniya as full-time members of NITI Aayog. Joram Aniya is the first woman from which community to earn a PhD?
 (a) Bodo (b) Nyishi (c) Mizo (d) Khasi (e) Naga Ans. b
76. When is Coal Miners' Day observed?
 (a) 1 May (b) 3 May (c) 4 May (d) 5 May (e) 10 May Ans. c

77. When is World Laughter Day celebrated?
 (a) First Sunday of May (b) First Monday of May (c) First Tuesday of May
 (d) First Thursday of May (e) First Friday of May Ans. a
78. Which state has launched India's first state-led Centre of Excellence for Space Technology?
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Telangana (c) Karnataka (d) Maharashtra (e) Gujarat Ans. c
79. Larsen and Toubro has secured a Rs. 2,500 – Rs. 5,000 crore contract to develop a coal-to-ammonium nitrate project. The project will be set up in which state?
 (a) Jharkhand (b) Chhattisgarh (c) Odisha (d) West Bengal (e) Bihar Ans. c
80. Which of the following organisations has recently launched Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) as a new financial instrument to facilitate transparent and efficient gold trading in India, along with enabling the dematerialisation of physical gold into electronic form?
 (a) Bombay Stock Exchange (b) Reserve Bank of India (c) Ministry of Finance
 (d) SEBI (e) National Stock Exchange Ans. e
81. As per the revised FDI rules under the Foreign Exchange Management Act in 2026, what is the maximum percentage of non-controlling ownership allowed for overseas investors from land-bordering countries (such as China) under the automatic route without prior government approval?
 (a) 5% (b) 8% (c) 10% (d) 15% (e) 20% Ans. c
82. The Union Cabinet has approved two new semiconductor projects worth Rs. 3,936 crore to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem and boost employment. The projects—Crystal Matrix Limited and Suchi Semicon Private Limited—have been cleared under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM). Suchi Semicon Private Limited will establish its facility in which city?
 (a) Ahmedabad (b) Rajkot (c) Gandhinagar (d) Vadodara (e) Surat Ans. e
83. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved Rs. 5,659.22 crore for the Mission for Cotton Productivity to address challenges in India's cotton sector. The Mission for Cotton Productivity will be implemented during which period?
 (a) 2026–30 (b) 2026–31 (c) 2024–29 (d) 2027–32 (e) 2026-32 Ans. b
84. Which company has delivered the first of 1,200 electric freight locomotives to Indian Railways under a •3-billion contract signed in 2023?
 (a) Alstom (b) Siemens Mobility (c) BHEL
 (d) Tata Motors (e) Bombardier Ans. b
85. The Union Government will notify the South Coast Railway Zone (SCoR) on 1 June 2026, making it India's 18th railway zone. The headquarters of South Coast Railway Zone will be located at:
 (a) Hyderabad (b) Chennai (c) Kolkata (d) Bengaluru (e) Visakhapatnam Ans. e
86. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands set a Guinness World Record by deploying the world's largest underwater national flag. The event of deploying the underwater national flag was held near which island?
 (a) Neil Island (b) Ross Island (c) Minicoy Island (d) Majuli Island (e) Havelock Island Ans. e
87. International No Diet Day is observed on which date?
 (a) 4 May (b) 5 May (c) 6 May (d) 7 May (e) 8 May Ans. c
88. World Asthma Day is observed on which day every year?
 (a) First Monday of May (b) 5 May every year (c) Second Tuesday of May
 (d) Third Tuesday of May (e) First Tuesday of May Ans. e
89. International Firefighters' Day is observed on which date?
 (a) 1 May (b) 2 May (c) 3 May (d) 4 May (e) 5 May Ans. d
90. Who has taken over as the Chairman of Vodafone Idea Ltd (Vi)?
 (a) Sunil Bharti Mittal (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) Kumar Mangalam Birla
 (d) Ratan Tata (e) Gopal Vittal Ans. b
91. Which Bengaluru-based space startup has recently secured a contract from the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) of the United States for providing advanced commercial remote sensing capabilities, including hyperspectral data integration?
 (a) Pixxel (b) Agnikul Cosmos (c) Shraddha Aertospace
 (d) Dhruva Space (e) Bellatrix Aerospace Ans. a
92. Apaar Saxena, who recently earned the International Master (IM) title, is associated with which sport?
 (a) Cricket (b) Badminton (c) Chess (d) Tennis (e) Hockey Ans. c
93. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the development of a state-of-the-art ship repair facility at Vadinar, Gujarat. Which two organisations will jointly implement the project?
 (a) Indian Navy and HAL (b) Deendayal Port Authority and Cochin Shipyard Limited
 (c) ONGC and GAIL (d) NTPC and BHEL (e) SCI and DRDO Ans. b
94. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification?
 (a) Prasoon Joshi (b) Shashi Shekhar Vempati (c) Shraddha Joshi Raj
 (d) Rajeev Chandrasekhar (e) Amitabh Kant Ans. b

95. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved increasing the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court of India from 33 to 37 (excluding the Chief Justice of India). Which Article of the Constitution of India empowers Parliament to determine the number of Supreme Court judges?
 (a) Article 123 (b) Article 124 (c) Article 125 (d) Article 126 (e) Article 127 Ans. b
96. Who virtually inaugurated the 100th N-Gen Post Office at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) in Shillong, Meghalaya?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Amit Shah (c) Jyotiraditya Scindia
 (d) Ashwini Vaishnaw (e) Piyush Goyal Ans. c
97. The first International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit 2026 will be hosted by which country?
 (a) Brazil (b) South Africa (c) India (d) Kenya (e) Australia Ans. c
98. India and the European Union have launched a joint initiative worth how much to boost EV battery recycling capacity?
 (a) Rs. 100 crore (b) Rs. 159 crore (c) Rs. 160 crore (d) Rs. 169 crore (e) Rs. 250 crore Ans. d
99. S&P Global has revised India's growth forecast for FY2026–27 to what level?
 (a) 6.2% (b) 6.4% (c) 6.6% (d) 6.8% (e) 7.0% Ans. c
100. Which Royal Netherlands Navy ship recently arrived at Kochi to strengthen maritime cooperation with India?
 (a) HNLMS Holland (b) HNLMS Rotterdam (c) HNLMS Zeeland
 (d) HNLMS Friesland (e) HNLMS De Ruyter Ans. e
101. Which Indian Navy ship recently arrived at Yangon Harbour in Myanmar?
 (a) INS Vikrant (b) INS Kolkata (c) INS Sunayna (d) INS Shivalik (e) INS Chennai Ans. c
102. Who was the founder of CNN, who recently passed away at the age of 87?
 (a) Rupert Murdoch (b) Ted Turner (c) Mark Thompson
 (d) Jeff Zucker (e) Bob Woodward Ans. b
103. Which city will host the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai (c) New Delhi (d) Bengaluru (e) Hyderabad Ans. c
104. World Password Day is observed annually on which day?
 (a) First Monday of May (b) First Thursday of May (c) Second Tuesday of May
 (d) Last Friday of April (e) 7 May Ans. b
105. World Thalassaemia Day is observed every year on 8 May to raise awareness about Thalassaemia, a hereditary blood disorder that affects the body's ability to produce healthy haemoglobin. What is the theme of World Thalassaemia Day 2026?
 (a) Health for All (b) Blood Donation Saves Lives (c) Hidden No More
 (d) Care for Every Child (e) Unite for Better Health Ans. c
106. World Athletics Day is observed annually on 7 May to promote sports, fitness, and participation in athletics among youth across the world. What is the theme of World Athletics Day 2026?
 (a) Fitness for Future (b) Run for Health (c) Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
 (d) Athletics for All (e) Healthy Youth, Healthy Nation Ans. c
107. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed annually on May 8 to honour the humanitarian efforts of Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers worldwide. World Red Cross Day marks the birth anniversary of which personality?
 (a) Florence Nightingale (b) Henry Dunant (c) Alfred Nobel
 (d) Nelson Mandela (e) Mahatma Gandhi Ans. b
108. Akashvani organised a marathon in which city to celebrate its 90th anniversary?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Kolkata (c) Jaipur (d) Bengaluru (e) Chennai Ans. a
109. India remained the world's top recipient of remittances in 2024, receiving over 137.67 billion US dollars from Indians living abroad. Which report revealed that India was the top recipient of remittances in 2024?
 (a) Human Development Report (b) Global Economic Outlook (c) World Migration Report
 (d) World Happiness Report (e) Global Finance Report Ans. c
110. Which organization has launched the Central Prabhari Officer Portal to strengthen real-time governance and improve coordination under the Aspirational Districts and Blocks Programme (ADP/ABP)?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) National Informatics Centre (NIC) (c) NITI Aayog
 (d) Ministry of Electronics and IT (e) Ministry of Rural and Development Ans. c
111. Who has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India?
 (a) General Shraddha Raj (b) Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani
 (c) General Manoj Pande (d) Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi
 (e) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh Ans. b
112. Which bank received RBI approval to increase its stake in AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank?
 (a) Kotak Mahindra Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) HDFC Bank
 (d) Axis Bank (e) IndusInd Bank Ans. a

113. Which bank has partnered with Ezeepay to strengthen rural and semiurban banking services in India?
 (a) Airtel Payments Bank (b) India Post Payments Bank (c) Paytm Payments Bank
 (d) Jio Payments Bank (e) Fino Payments Bank Ans. d
114. The Bihar Cabinet has approved a USD 500 million loan from which international financial institution to support urban development projects?
 (a) Asian Development Bank (b) International Monetary Fund
 (c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (d) New Development Bank
 (e) World Bank Ans. e
115. Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff of India?
 (a) Admiral R. Hari Kumar (b) Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan (c) Admiral Karambir Singh
 (d) Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru (e) Admiral Sunil Lanba Ans. b
116. Which company has become India's first space-tech unicorn after achieving a valuation of around USD 1.1 billion?
 (a) ISRO (b) Agnikul Cosmos (c) Skyroot Aerospace
 (d) Shraddha Aerospace (e) Bellatrix Aerospace Ans. c
117. In May 2026, which organization lifted restrictions on Belarusian athletes, allowing them to return to international competitions?
 (a) FIFA (b) Commonwealth Games Federation
 (c) International Olympic Committee (d) World Athletics
 (e) Asian Games Federation Ans. c
118. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched JANANI, a QR-enabled digital platform designed to track maternal and child healthcare services across India. What does JANANI stand for in the context of the new digital healthcare platform?
 (a) Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care
 (b) Joint Antenatal Nutrition and Infant Care Initiative
 (c) Juvenile and Neonatal Integrated Network India
 (d) Joint Action for Newborn and Infant Health
 (e) National Antenatal and Neonatal Initiative Ans. a
119. IndiaAI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which organization to accelerate responsible adoption of Artificial Intelligence in the healthcare sector in India?
 (a) World Health Organization (b) Indian Council of Medical Research
 (c) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (d) NITI Aayog
 (e) Department of Biotechnology Ans. b
120. World Lupus Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) May 5 (b) May 8 (c) May 9 (d) May 10 (e) May 12 Ans. d
121. Mother's Day is celebrated every year on which Sunday of May?
 (a) First Sunday (b) Second Sunday (c) Third Sunday (d) Fourth Sunday (e) Last Sunday Ans. b
122. Who has been selected for the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by AIIMS for his outstanding contribution to the field of neurosurgery?
 (a) Dr Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Dr Naresh Trehan (c) Dr V S Mehta
 (d) Dr Randeep Guleria (e) Dr Soumya Swaminathan Ans. c
123. World Ovarian Cancer Day is observed every year on 8 May to raise awareness about ovarian cancer, its symptoms, and the importance of early detection. What is the theme of World Ovarian Cancer Day 2026?
 (a) #Early Detection Saves Lives (b) #Fight Cancer Together (c) #No Woman Left Behind
 (d) #Health for All Women (e) #Awareness for a Better Future Ans. c
124. Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War is observed on which dates every year?
 (a) 6–7 May (b) 7–8 May (c) 8–9 May (d) 9–10 May (e) 10–11 May Ans. c
125. Who launched the Swasth Bharat Portal?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Amit Shah (c) Jagat Prakash Nadda
 (d) Ashwini Vaishnav (e) Dharmendra Pradhan Ans. c
126. Which institution has announced the establishment of its first centre in the United States to support deep-tech startups?
 (a) Indian Institute of Technology Madras (b) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
 (c) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (d) Indian Institute of Science
 (e) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Ans. a
127. In May 2026, which two organizations successfully conducted the maiden flight trial of the Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA)?
 (a) ISRO and DRDO (b) Indian Navy and HAL (c) DRDO and Indian Air Force
 (d) BSF and Indian Army (e) NTRO and Coast Guard Ans. c

128. Where will India host its first international ophthalmology research conference?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai (c) Bengaluru (d) New Delhi (e) Hyderabad Ans. d
129. Which country will host the inaugural World Yogasana Championship scheduled in June 2026?
 (a) China (b) Japan (c) India (d) Nepal (e) Russia Ans. c
130. Who received the prestigious Erth Dubai Award under the category of Best Private Sector Entity?
 (a) Mukesh Ambani (b) Ravi Pillai (c) Deepak Bhatia (d) Yusuf Ali (e) Sunil Bharti Mittal Ans. c
131. In May 2026, which technology company announced an investment of Rs. 100 crore in India's renewable energy infrastructure?
 (a) Microsoft (b) Google (c) Apple Inc. (d) Meta (e) Intel Ans. c
132. Which company has launched the 5th edition of the "Solve for Tomorrow" innovation and education programme in India?
 (a) Samsung (b) LG Electronics (c) Sony (d) Panasonic (e) Xiaomi Ans. a
133. World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice every year, on the second Saturdays of May and October, to raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. This year was celebrated on 9 May. What is the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2026?
 (a) Protect Birds, Protect Nature (b) Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities
 (c) Forest Restoration for Wildlife (d) Save Wetlands, Save Earth
 (e) Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter Ans. e
134. What amount of monetary penalty was imposed by the RBI on YES Bank for non-compliance with certain Know Your Customer (KYC) provisions?
 (a) Rs. 10 lakh (b) Rs. 18.80 lakh (c) Rs. 25.80 lakh (d) Rs. 31.80 lakh (e) Rs. 50 lakh Ans. d
135. During FY 2025-26, State Bank of India (SBI) reported what percentage growth in standalone net profit?
 (a) 9% (b) 10% (c) 11% (d) 13% (e) 15% Ans. d
136. Rumen Radev has been formally approved by Bulgaria's parliament as the country's new Prime Minister after contesting the 2026 parliamentary elections. Before becoming Prime Minister, Rumen Radev served as the:
 (a) Finance Minister (b) Defence Minister (c) Parliament Speaker
 (d) President (e) Foreign Minister Ans. d
137. Who has been appointed as the Chief Minister of Puducherry for a record fifth term?
 (a) V. Narayanasamy (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) N. Rangasamy
 (d) N. Chandrababu Naidu (e) Annamalai Ans. c
138. C. Joseph Vijay, popularly known as "Thalapathy", has taken oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. C. Joseph Vijay is the chief of which political party?
 (a) DMK (b) AIADMK (c) BJP
 (d) Congress (e) Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam Ans. e
139. The first-ever Regional Cooperative Reform Conference in Mizoram was held in which city?
 (a) Imphal (b) Shillong (c) Aizawl (d) Agartala (e) Kohima Ans. c
140. Which organization organized the 35th Plenary and Working Groups meetings of ISO TC 20/SC 14 in India?
 (a) DRDO (b) ISRO (c) BIS (d) NITI Aayog (e) IN-SPACE Ans. c
141. The three major Jan Suraksha Schemes launched by Narendra Modi on May 9, 2015, have completed 11 years of implementation in India. The schemes include Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY), aimed at providing affordable insurance and pension coverage. According to the Ministry of Finance, Jan Suraksha schemes have settled insurance claims worth around how much since 2015?
 (a) Rs. 15,160 crore (b) Rs. 18,500 crore (c) Rs. 21,500 crore
 (d) Rs. 25,160 crore (e) Rs. 30,000 crore Ans. d
142. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the European Central Bank (ECB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in the field of central banking. The renewed MoU between RBI and ECB updates the earlier agreement signed in:
 (a) 2010 (b) 2012 (c) 2015 (d) 2018 (e) 2020 Ans. c
143. Which Indian bank has signed a \$500 million offshore loan agreement with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) State Bank of India
 (d) Axis Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. d
144. India and Vietnam have set a target to increase bilateral trade by how much by 2030?
 (a) \$15 billion (b) \$20 billion (c) \$22 billion (d) \$25 billion (e) \$30 billion Ans. d
145. India successfully tested an advanced Agni Missile with MIRV (Multiple Independently Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle) capability from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island. The advanced Agni missile test was conducted under which mission?
 (a) Mission Shakti (b) Mission Gaganyaan (c) Mission Divyastra
 (d) Mission Suraksha (e) Mission Prahar Ans. c

146. Indian Coast Guard commissioned the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) ICGS Achal in Goa as part of efforts to strengthen maritime security and coastal surveillance. ICGS Achal is the fifth vessel in which class of Fast Patrol Vessels?
(a) Shakti-class (b) Vikrant-class (c) Suraksha-class (d) Prahar-class (e) Adomya-class Ans. e
147. D. Sudhakar, Karnataka's Planning and Statistics Minister, passed away. Sudhakar belonged to which political party?
(a) BJP (b) JD(S) (c) AAP (d) CPI(M) (e) Congress Ans. e
148. The International Day of Argania is observed annually on:
(a) 15 May (b) 8 May (c) 10 May (d) 12 May (e) 15 May Ans. c
149. India observes National Technology Day every year on 11 May to celebrate the country's achievements in science and technology. What is the theme of National Technology Day 2026?
(a) Technology for Sustainable Future (b) Innovation for Digital India
(c) Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth (d) Science for Global Development
(e) Empowering India Through Technology Ans. c
150. International Nurses Day is observed every year on 12 May to recognise the dedication, compassion, and contributions of nurses in healthcare services worldwide. International Nurses Day commemorates the birth anniversary of:
(a) Annie Besant (b) Florence Nightingale (c) Mother Teresa
(d) Marie Curie (e) Sarojini Naidu Ans. b
151. Who attended the swearing-in ceremony of Costa Rica's newly elected President Laura Fernandez?
(a) S. Jaishankar (b) Pabitra Margherita (c) Narendra Modi
(d) Kiren Rijiju (e) Rajnath Singh Ans. b
152. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released two female cheetahs into the wild at which national park after they completed quarantine and adaptation?
(a) Kaziranga National Park (b) Ranthambore National Park (c) Kuno National Park
(d) Jim Corbett National Park (e) Bandhavgarh National Park Ans. c
153. What is the name of the AI-powered chatbot launched for the Supreme Court website?
(a) Justice AI (b) Suvidha (c) Su Sahay (d) e-Court Helper (e) Nyay Mitra Ans. c
154. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first functional PM MITRA Park in which state?
(a) Gujarat (b) Maharashtra (c) Karnataka (d) Telangana (e) Andhra Pradesh Ans. d
155. Consider the following statements about VB-G RAM G Act, 2025:
1. It guarantees 125 days of wage employment in a financial year.
2. It replaces the MGNREGA, 2005.
3. It will be implemented from 1 July 2026.
Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 (e) None of the above Ans. e
156. Consider the following statements about India's renewable energy achievements:
1. India has become the world's third-largest country in installed renewable energy capacity as of December 2025.
2. India has overtaken Brazil in global ranking.
3. USA is the largest country in renewable energy capacity.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 (e) None Ans. a
157. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority facilitated the first-ever export of honey from which district of Assam?
(a) Dibrugarh (b) Guwahati (c) Baksa (d) Jorhat (e) Silchar Ans. c
158. According to SBI Research, India's economy is projected to grow at what rate in FY 2026–27?
(a) 5.8% (b) 6.0% (c) 6.3% (d) 6.6% (e) 7.0% Ans. d
159. INS Sagardhwani recently completed a port visit to which country?
(a) Thailand (b) Indonesia (c) Vietnam (d) Malaysia (e) Sri Lanka Ans. c
160. India will host the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026 in which city?
(a) Mumbai (b) Pune (c) Gandhinagar (d) Jaipur (e) Bhopal Ans. c
161. The books "The Bench, The Bar and The Bizarre" and "The Lawful and The Awful" are authored by whom?
(a) Shraddh Joshi Raj (b) Harish Salve (c) Tushar Mehta
(d) K.K. Venugopal (e) Ranjit Kumar Ans. c
162. Who has been appointed as Chairman & Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)?
(a) Anil Kumar (b) Ashok Kumar Panda (c) Vivek Joshi
(d) Sanjay Singh (e) Rajeev Kumar Ans. b
163. Where is the Kimberley Process Intersessional Meeting 2026 being held?
(a) New Delhi (b) Kolkata (c) Chennai (d) Mumbai (e) Bengaluru Ans. d

164. Union Minister J.P. Nadda and Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'SEHAT Mission' in Delhi to strengthen the link between agriculture and public health. What is the full form of SEHAT Mission?
 (a) Science Education for Health and Agriculture Transformation
 (b) Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation
 (c) Sustainable Energy for Health and Agriculture Technology
 (d) System for Enhancing Health and Agricultural Trade
 (e) Scientific Expansion for Healthy Agriculture Trends Ans. b
165. Himanta Biswa Sarma took oath as the Chief Minister of Assam for the second consecutive term, with Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya administering the oath. He became the 15th Chief Minister of the state. How many seats were won by the Bharatiya Janata Party in the Assam Assembly elections?
 (a) 102 (b) 76 (c) 82 (d) 88 (e) 90 Ans. c
166. Prashant Pise has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to which country?
 (a) Qatar (b) Kuwait (c) Bahrain (d) Oman (e) Saudi Arabia Ans. d
167. Surya Kant recently announced the formation of a high-powered committee to prepare a roadmap for the modernisation of courts and judicial infrastructure across India. What is the name of this committee?
 (a) National Judicial Reform Committee (b) Court Development Authority
 (c) Judicial Infrastructure Advisory Committee (d) Supreme Court Technology Panel
 (e) Legal Services Reform Commission Ans. c
168. The "Swadeshi" marketplace launched by DigiHaat operates under which major initiative?
 (a) Digital India Mission (b) Make in India 2.0 (c) Atmanirbhar Bharat
 (d) Skill India Mission (e) Startup India Mission Ans. c
169. The Government of India launched the Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP) 2026–2033 in partnership with which international organisation?
 (a) World Bank (b) International Monetary Fund
 (c) International Fund for Agricultural Development (d) UNESCO
 (e) Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations Ans. c
170. The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) signed an MoU with which organisation to curb cyber-enabled financial frauds?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (b) National Payments Corporation of India
 (c) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India
 (e) NITI Aayog Ans. c
171. India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index, stood at what percentage in April 2026?
 (a) 3.11% (b) 3.40% (c) 3.48% (d) 3.63% (e) 3.74% Ans. c
172. The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a flagship credit-linked subsidy scheme of the Government of India aimed at promoting self-employment by setting up new micro-enterprises in the nonfarm sector. It is implemented through which organization?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) National Small Industries Corporation
 (c) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (d) Ministry of Finance
 (e) Small Industries Development Bank of India Ans. c
173. The Government of India has approved the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool) to strengthen maritime trade and insurance security amid global uncertainties. What is the total estimated value of this initiative?
 (a) •50.8 billion (b) •89.2 billion (c) •129.8 billion (d) •150.5 billion (e) •200.0 billion Ans. c
174. Under the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026, how many nursing professionals were selected and honoured for their exceptional contributions in the field of healthcare and patient service across India?
 (a) 15 nursing professionals (b) 12 nursing professionals (c) 21 nursing professionals
 (d) 18 nursing professionals (e) 20 nursing professionals Ans. a
175. India will host the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 14–15 May 2026 under its chairship of the bloc, with participation from member and partner countries. What is the theme of the BRICS session held during the 2026 Foreign Ministers' Meeting?
 (a) BRICS for Digital Economy Growth
 (b) BRICS@20: Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
 (c) BRICS Climate Action 2030
 (d) BRICS Global Trade Expansion
 (e) BRICS Energy Security Mission Ans. b
176. The International Day of Plant Health is observed every year on 12 May to raise global awareness about the importance of protecting plant health for food security, biodiversity, and sustainable agriculture. What is the theme of International Day of Plant Health 2026?
 (a) Green Earth, Clean Future (b) Save Plants, Save Life
 (c) Plant Biosecurity for Food Security and Nutrition (d) Sustainable Farming for All
 (e) Biodiversity and Climate Action Ans. c

177. Mal Anderson, who recently passed away at the age of 91, was the first unseeded player to win which Grand Slam title?
 (a) Wimbledon Men's Singles (b) French Open Men's Singles (c) Australian Open Men's Singles
 (d) U.S. Open Men's Singles (e) US Open Mixed Doubles Ans. d
178. Who has received a one-year extension as Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation beyond May 24, 2026?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Praveen Sood (c) Ajay Kumar
 (d) Tapan Kumar Deka (e) Vivek Johri Ans. b
179. The Somnath Amrut Parv celebrations, attended by PM Narendra Modi, were organised to commemorate how many years since the inauguration of the restored Somnath Temple in Gujarat?
 (a) 150 years (b) 200 years (c) 500 years (d) 75 years (e) 100 years Ans. d
180. The Government of India has revised the import tax structure on gold and silver, increasing the effective tax rate to what percentage from May 13, 2026?
 (a) 9.2% (b) 12.5% (c) 15.0% (d) 18.4% (e) 20.0% Ans. d
181. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Narendra Modi, has approved the Ahmedabad (Sarkhej) – Dholera semi high-speed double-line railway project at a cost of Rs. 20,667 crore, marking the first such project in Indian Railways. What is the estimated cost of the Ahmedabad (Sarkhej) – Dholera semi high-speed railway project?
 (a) Rs. 10,500 crore (b) Rs. 15,200 crore (c) Rs. 18,000 crore
 (d) Rs. 20,667 crore (e) Rs. 25,000 crore Ans. d
182. Union Heavy Industries Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy launched the Unified Bharat e-Charge (UBC), a national platform described as the "UPI for EV charging" to enable seamless EV charging access across India. Which organisation developed the Unified Bharat e-Charge (UBC) platform?
 (a) TATA (b) NTPC (c) BHEL (d) ONGC (e) DRDO Ans. c
183. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded a historic net profit of Rs. 1.98 lakh crore in FY 2025–26, marking their fourth consecutive year of strong financial performance driven by improved asset quality and credit growth. What was the Gross NPA level of PSBs as per the report?
 (a) 2.50% (b) 1.93% (c) 0.39% (d) 3.10% (e) 4.35% Ans. b
184. The Government of India has revised the schedule for releasing Provisional Estimates of Annual GDP. As per the new arrangement, these estimates will now be released on:
 (a) Last working day of May every year (b) 1st June every year (c) 7th June every year
 (d) 15th June every year (e) 20th June every year Ans. c
185. Uber has announced the establishment of its first data centre in India. This initiative is being undertaken in partnership with which of the following business groups?
 (a) Tata Group (b) Shraddha Group (c) Reliance Industries
 (d) Bharti Group (e) Adani Group Ans. e
186. The IndiaAI Mission has recently signed an agreement with Karya to strengthen India's AI ecosystem. IndiaAI Mission operates under which of the following ministries?
 (a) Ministry of Science and Technology (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 (c) Ministry of Education (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (e) NITI Aayog Ans. b
187. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a Minimum Support Price (MSP) increase for how many Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2026–27?
 (a) 10 crops (b) 12 crops (c) 14 crops (d) 16 crops (e) 18 crops Ans. c
188. The first instalment of ₹401.50 crore under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for District and Subordinate Courts was released for which financial year?
 (a) FY 2024–25 (b) FY 2025–26 (c) FY 2026–27 (d) FY 2027–28 (e) FY 2028–29 Ans. c
189. India's wholesale inflation accelerated to what percentage in April 2026?
 (a) 6.8% (b) 7.1% (c) 8.3% (d) 9.5% (e) 10.2% Ans. c
189. State-owned National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development
 (a) 3-year bonds (b) 5-year bonds (c) 7-year bonds (d) 10-year bonds (e) 15-year bonds Ans. d
190. The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) recently signed an MoU with which organisation to strengthen investor awareness initiatives?
 (a) Press Information Bureau (b) All India Radio (c) Prasar Bharati
 (d) SEBI (e) NITI Aayog Ans. c
191. Which of the following companies were added to the MSCI Global Standard Index in the May 2026 review?
 (a) Infosys, TCS, Wipro, HCL Tech (b) Federal Bank, Indian Bank, MCX, Nalco
 (c) SBI, PNB, BHEL, NTPC (d) Reliance, ONGC, IOC, BPCL
 (e) HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Bank Ans. b

192. The Union Cabinet has approved a Rs. 37,500 crore incentive scheme to promote surface coal and lignite gasification projects in India. The main objective of the coal gasification scheme is to promote the production of which fuel?
 (a) LPG (b) Hydrogen only (c) Ethanol (d) Syngas (e) CNG Ans. d
193. India has recently entered into a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the development of its first Mega Greenfield Shipyard, which is expected to significantly enhance the country's shipbuilding ecosystem. In which state is this project being established?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Maharashtra (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Kerala (e) Andhra Pradesh Ans. c
194. IM Faustino Oro recently created history by becoming the secondyoungest Grandmaster (GM) ever in chess. He belongs to which country?
 (a) Spain (b) Russia (c) Argentina (d) USA (e) Italy Ans. c
195. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has elected R Mukundan as its President for the term 2026–27. He is associated with which company?
 (a) Tata Steel (b) Tata Motors (c) Tata Consultancy Services
 (d) Tata Power (e) Tata Chemicals Ans. e
196. International Day of Families is observed every year on 15 May to highlight the importance of families as the basic unit of society and to promote awareness about social, economic, and demographic issues affecting families worldwide. What is the theme of International Day of Families 2026?
 (a) Strong Families, Strong Nations (b) Families for Peace and Development
 (c) Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing (d) Unity in Diversity
 (e) Family First for Sustainable Growth Ans. c
197. National Endangered Species Day is observed on which day every year?
 (a) First Monday of May (b) Second Friday of May (c) Third Friday of May
 (d) Last Sunday of May (e) 15 May fixed date Ans. c
198. With reference to the LEADS 2025 classification system, consider the following statements:
 1. LEADS 2025 introduces a four-tier performance structure replacing the earlier three-tier system.
 2. The four categories include Exemplars, High Performers, Accelerators, and Growth Seekers.
 3. Accelerators represent States and UTs at the highest level of logistics performance.
 4. Growth Seekers represent States and UTs that are at a foundational stage of logistics system development.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (e) 3 and 4 only Ans. a
199. India has been nominated as the Chair of which international cybersecurity body for the period 2026–2028?
 (a) ITU Security Council (b) Global Cyber Alliance (c) Common Criteria Development Board
 (d) OECD Cyber Task Force (e) UN Cyber Committee Ans. c
200. International Day of Light is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 14 May (b) 15 May (c) 16 May (d) 17 May (e) 18 May Ans. c
201. Armed Forces Day is observed on which day every year?
 (a) First Saturday of May (b) Second Sunday of May (c) Third Friday of May
 (d) Third Saturday of May (e) 16 May fixed date Ans. d
202. Who has been sworn in for a historic seventh term as the President of Uganda?
 (a) Paul Kagame (b) William Ruto (c) Yoweri Museveni (d) Cyril Ramaphosa (e) Bobi Wine Ans. c
203. What was India's overall unemployment rate (UR) for persons aged 15 years and above in April 2026?
 (a) 4.3% (b) 5.2% (c) 5.5% (d) 5.8% (e) 6.6% Ans. b
204. Which Taiwanese bank recently opened a branch at GIFT City in Gujarat to strengthen cross-border financing and financial connectivity between India and global markets?
 (a) Mega International Commercial Bank (b) Taipei Fubon Bank
 (c) CTBC Bank (d) Bank SinoPac
 (e) Hua Nan Commercial Bank Ans. c
205. Which Indian bank has received regulatory and government approvals for a proposed \$3 billion strategic investment from a foreign banking group?
 (a) RBL Bank (b) Kotak Mahindra Bank (c) Federal Bank
 (d) Bandhan Bank (e) IndusInd Bank Ans. a
206. The Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) developed by ELCINA was inaugurated in which of the following locations in India, aimed at boosting electronics manufacturing infrastructure?
 (a) Gurugram, Haryana (b) Noida, Uttar Pradesh (c) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
 (d) Pune, Maharashtra (e) Bhiwadi, Rajasthan Ans. e
207. Which court delivered the ruling stating that the Bhojshala complex and Kamal Maula Mosque site in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh is a temple dedicated to Goddess Vagdevi (Saraswati)?
 (a) Supreme Court of India (b) Delhi High Court (c) Madhya Pradesh High Court
 (d) Bombay High Court (e) Allahabad High Court Ans. c

208. With which division did the Ministry of Ayush sign an MoU to improve multilingual access to digital services?
 (a) Digital India UIDAI Division (b) MyGov India (c) Digital India BHASHINI Division
 (d) NIC India (e) MeitY Startup Hub Ans. c
209. Which family retained the top position as the UK's richest family in the 2026 'Sunday Times Rich List'?
 (a) Mittal Family (b) Ambani Family (c) Hinduja family (d) Tata Family (e) Birla Family Ans. c
210. The International Day of Living Together in Peace is observed globally on 16 May to promote peace, unity, and harmony among different communities and nations. What is the theme of the International Day of Living Together in Peace for 2026?
 (a) Peace for Sustainable Development
 (b) Unity in Diversity
 (c) Building Trust through Dialogue, Inclusion and Reconciliation
 (d) Global Harmony and Justice
 (e) Together for Future Ans. c
211. Which UAE-based energy company signed a strategic collaboration agreement with Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited to strengthen India's energy security through cooperation in petroleum reserves and possible LNG and LPG storage facilities?
 (a) Emirates National Oil Company (ENOC) (b) Dubai Petroleum Corporation
 (c) Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (d) Mubadala Energy
 (e) Sharjah National Oil Corporation Ans. c
212. Which state government has declared St Cruz village as "No Development Zones"?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Karnataka (c) Kerala (d) Goa (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. d
213. National Dengue Day is observed every year on May 16 in India to spread awareness about dengue prevention, control, and early treatment. What is the theme of National Dengue Day for the year 2026?
 (a) Stop Mosquitoes, Save Lives (b) Healthy Nation, Healthy Future
 (c) Fight Dengue Together (d) Unite. Act. Eliminate
 (e) Prevent, Protect, Prosper Ans. d
214. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed every year on 17 May to highlight the importance of communication technologies and the internet in social and economic development. What is the theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day for the year 2026?
 (a) Digital India for All (b) Connect the Future
 (c) Smart Communication World (d) Digital lifelines: Strengthening resilience in a connected world
 (e) Internet for Sustainable Growth Ans. d
215. World Hypertension Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 15 May (b) 16 May (c) 17 May (d) 18 May (e) 19 May Ans. c
216. The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Ordinance, 2026 increases the number of judges (excluding CJI) from:
 (a) 30 to 34 (b) 31 to 35 (c) 32 to 36 (d) 33 to 37 (e) 34 to 38 Ans. d
217. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has made the study of how many languages compulsory for Class 9 students from 1 July?
 (a) One language (b) Two languages (c) Three languages (d) Four languages (e) Five languages Ans. c
218. India finished with how many total medals at the Asian Boxing U-15 Championships 2026?
 (a) 21 (b) 23 (c) 25 (d) 27 (e) 29 Ans. d
219. Who has become the owner of the Dublin franchise in the European T20 Premier League (ETPL)?
 (a) Sachin Tendulkar (b) Rahul Dravid (c) Virat Kohli
 (d) Rohit Sharma (e) MS Dhoni Ans. b
220. India's former cricketer Rahul Dravid has become the owner of which franchise in the European T-20 Premier League (ETPL)?
 (a) London franchise (b) Manchester franchise (c) Dublin franchise
 (d) Paris franchise (e) Berlin franchise Ans. c
221. The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) has launched a dedicated startup incubation centre in which city?
 (a) Delhi (b) Bengaluru (c) Hyderabad (d) Pune (e) Mumbai Ans. d
222. Sikkim Statehood Day is celebrated every year on which date?
 (a) 14 May (b) 15 May (c) 16 May (d) 17 May (e) 18 May Ans. c
223. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has constituted the Committee on Empowerment of Women to strengthen parliamentary oversight on women-related issues. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Committee on Empowerment of Women?
 (a) Harsimrat Kaur Badal (b) Dr. Daggubati Purandeswari (c) Hema Malini
 (d) Swati Maliwal (e) Sudha Murty Ans. b
224. Who has been nominated as the next Prime Minister of Latvia?
 (a) Evika Silina (b) Andris Kulbergs (c) Edgars Rinkevics (d) Kaja Kallas (e) Gitanas Nausėda Ans. b

225. Which organization has launched the special mission "To Reach the Unreached" to reconnect out-of-school children with the formal education system in India?
 (a) CBSE (b) NCERT (c) NIOS (d) UGC (e) AICTE Ans. c
226. GeM SPV (Government e-Marketplace Special Purpose Vehicle) was incorporated as a Section 8 company under which of the following Ministries, responsible for developing and managing India's digital public procurement platform?
 (a) Ministry of Finance (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry (d) Ministry of Defence
 (e) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Ans. c
227. In which city was India's first AI-powered 'phygital' banking branch of Slice Small Finance Bank launched, combining advanced digital banking with physical service infrastructure?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Delhi (c) Bengaluru (d) Guwahati (e) Hyderabad Ans. d
228. Which country has conferred the Royal Order of the Polar Star on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
 (a) Norway (b) Finland (c) Sweden (d) Denmark (e) Switzerland Ans. c
229. During his official visit to the Netherlands, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was presented with the historic Chola Copper Plates by which institution?
 (a) University of Oxford (b) Harvard University (c) Leiden University
 (d) University of Cambridge (e) Stanford University Ans. c
230. Tata Electronics has partnered with ASML to support semiconductor manufacturing in India. ASML is based in which country?
 (a) USA (b) Germany (c) Netherlands (d) Japan (e) South Korea Ans. c
231. Kami Rita Sherpa recently created history by climbing Mount Everest for the 32nd time. He belongs to which country?
 (a) Nepal (b) China (c) India (d) Bhutan (e) Myanmar Ans. a
232. Shriyanshi Valishetty won the silver medal in which event at the Baoji China Masters?
 (a) Women's Doubles (b) Mixed Doubles (c) Women's Singles
 (d) Men's Singles (e) Team Event Ans. c
233. World AIDS Vaccine Day is observed every year on 18 May to raise awareness about the urgent need for a safe and effective vaccine to prevent HIV infection. What is the theme of World AIDS Vaccine Day 2026?
 (a) Ending HIV/AIDS by 2030 (b) Vaccine for All (c) Global Action for HIV Prevention
 (d) Rethink. Rebuild. Rise (e) Together for Health Security Ans. d
234. International Museum Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 16 May (b) 17 May (c) 18 May (d) 19 May (e) 20 May Ans. c
235. Who was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Kerala?
 (a) Pinarayi Vijayan (b) V. D. Satheesan (c) Oommen Chandy
 (d) K. Sudhakaran (e) M. K. Stalin Ans. b
236. Jannik Sinner won the Italian Open 2026 title by defeating which player in the final?
 (a) Daniil Medvedev (b) Carlos Alcaraz (c) Casper Ruud
 (d) Alexander Zverev (e) Stefanos Tsitsipas Ans. c
237. Who has won the women's singles title at the Italian Open 2026?
 (a) Iga Swiatek (b) Coco Gauff (c) Elena Rybakina
 (d) Aryna Sabalenka (e) Elina Svitolina Ans. e
238. In May 2026, who assumed charge as the new CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Saurabh Garg (c) Saurabh Vijay
 (d) Amit Agrawal (e) Sanjay Malhotra Ans. c
239. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has extended the free online Aadhaar document update facility available on the myAadhaar portal till which date?
 (a) March 31, 2027 (b) June 14, 2026 (c) January 1, 2027
 (d) December 31, 2026 (e) June 14, 2027 Ans. b
240. Which state government has approved the "Annapurna Bhandar" scheme, providing monthly assistance to women?
 (a) Odisha (b) Bihar (c) Assam (d) West Bengal (e) Jharkhand Ans. d
241. Which highest civilian honour was conferred by Norway on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
 (a) Order of St. Olav (b) Legion of Honour
 (c) Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit (d) Order of Merit of Italy
 (e) Freedom of Oslo Award Ans. c
242. The TVS Venu Group acquired what percentage stake in Jana Small Finance Bank?
 (a) 5.5% (b) 7.5% (c) 8.9% (d) 9.9% (e) 10.5% Ans. d
243. Which bank has partnered with Visa to launch India's first USDdenominated debit card for NRIs?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) SBI (c) Axis Bank (d) ICICI Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. d

244. Which company has agreed to acquire a 75% stake in Bharti Life Insurance Company Ltd in a major insurance sector deal after the government's 100% FDI approval?
 (a) Allianz SE (b) AXA Group (c) MetLife Inc. (d) Prudential plc (e) Generali Group Ans. d
245. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 'Lion' Species Spotlight Event at Sasan Gir, Gujarat. The 'Lion' Species Spotlight Event was organised as part of which summit initiative?
 (a) COP29 Summit 2026 (b) G20 Summit 2026 (c) BRICS Summit 2026
 (d) IBCA Summit 2026 (e) ASEAN Summit 2026 Ans. d
246. The International Day of Living Together in Peace is observed annually on 16 May, promoting harmony, unity, and peaceful coexistence among communities worldwide. What is the theme of the International Day of Living Together in Peace (2026)?
 (a) Peace and Development for All Nations (b) Unity Through Education and Equality
 (c) Living Together in Peace (d) Global Harmony Through Trade and Economy
 (e) Ending Violence Through Technology Ans. c
247. On which date is International HR Day observed every year?
 (a) 18 May (b) 19 May (c) 20 May (d) 21 May (e) 22 May Ans. c
248. Vijaya Fintech has secured NPCI certification for its technology framework across key payment systems, including UPI Acquirer, UPI Issuer, IMPS, and IBMB integrations. Vijaya Fintech is based in which Indian city?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru (c) Delhi (d) Hyderabad (e) Pune Ans. d
249. India has signed a triangular development cooperation agreement with which country to support the Global South?
 (a) USA (b) France (c) Germany (d) Norway (e) Australia Ans. d
250. In May 2026, which company announced a fresh investment of Rs. 100 crore in its Pune manufacturing facility?
 (a) Boeing (b) Airbus (c) Lockheed Martin (d) Rolls-Royce (e) GE Aerospace Ans. e
251. World Bee Day is observed every year on 20 May to raise awareness about the importance of bees and other pollinators in maintaining ecological balance and global food security. What is the theme of World Bee Day 2025?
 (a) Save Bees, Save Earth (b) Bees for Sustainable Agriculture
 (c) Bee Together for People and the Planet (d) Protect Pollinators for Future
 (e) Harmony with Nature Ans. c
252. Former _____ Test captain MJK Smith (Mike Smith) passed away at the age of 92.
 (a) Australia (b) India (c) South Africa (d) England (e) New Zealand Ans. d
253. Who was appointed as Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2026?
 (a) Shaktikanta Das (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) Ajay Kumar Choudhary
 (d) Gunveer Singh (e) Rajiv Ranjan Ans. d
254. What is the total amount of the dollar-rupee buy/sell swap auction announced by the RBI to support liquidity in the banking sector?
 (a) \$2 billion (b) \$3 billion (c) \$4 billion (d) \$5 billion (e) \$10 billion Ans. d
255. Which two organisations have partnered to launch India's first sustainability-linked dealer financing programme in the automotive sector?
 (a) Mahindra & Mahindra and DBS Bank India (b) Tata Motors and HDFC Bank
 (c) Maruti Suzuki and ICICI Bank (d) Ashok Leyland and Axis Bank
 (e) Hyundai Motor India and State Bank of India Ans. a
256. According to the revised forecast by the United Nations, India's economy is expected to grow at what rate in 2026?
 (a) 5.8% (b) 6.0% (c) 6.2% (d) 6.4% (e) 6.8% Ans. d
257. Which digital payments application recorded a 301% surge in transaction volumes during Financial Year 2025-26?
 (a) Google Pay (b) PhonePe (c) Paytm (d) BHIM (e) Amazon Pay Ans. d
258. Which organisation organised the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Annual Felicitation Programme in New Delhi to recognise outstanding performance in APY enrolment and implementation?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India
 (b) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
 (c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
 (d) National Payments Corporation of India
 (e) Securities and Exchange Board of India Ans. b
259. Which Indian state received the prestigious World No Tobacco Day Award 2026 for outstanding tobacco control efforts?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Rajasthan
 (d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Maharashtra Ans. c
260. Who was conferred the prestigious Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) Droupadi Murmu
 (d) S Jaishankar (e) Arvind Kejriwal Ans. a

261. How many Microsoft shares did the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation sell in its final exit?
 (a) 5.7 million (b) 6.7 million (c) 7.7 million (d) 8.7 million (e) 9.7 million Ans. c
262. Which organisation has partnered with Zambia to adapt India's Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) platform?
 (a) World Bank (b) United Nations Development Programme
 (c) World Health Organisation (d) UNICEF (e) Asian Development Bank Ans. b
263. How many total medals did India win at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026, and what was the composition of those medals?
 (a) 8 medals – 2 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze (b) 9 medals – 1 silver, 8 bronze
 (c) 10 medals – 1 silver, 9 bronze (d) 12 medals – 2 silver, 10 bronze
 (e) 15 medals – 3 silver, 12 bronze Ans. c
264. Defence Research and Development Organisation has successfully completed final development trials of the ULPGM-V3 (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile), marking a major milestone in India's indigenous defence capability. The ULPGM-V3 missile trials were conducted in which modes?
 (a) Sea-to-sea and sea-to-air (b) Land-to-land and land-to-sea
 (c) Air-to-ground and air-to-air (d) Space-to-ground and air-to-space
 (e) Ground-to-air and submarine launch Ans. c
265. Which organisation launched the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) "Sanghmitra"?
 (a) Indian Air Force (b) Indian Navy (c) Indian Coast Guard
 (d) Defence Research and Development Organisation (e) Border Security Force Ans. b
266. International Tea Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 20 May (b) 21 May (c) 22 May (d) 23 May (e) 24 May Ans. b
267. National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed in India every year on which date?
 (a) 19 May (b) 20 May (c) 21 May (d) 22 May (e) 23 May Ans. c
268. World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 19 May (b) 20 May (c) 21 May (d) 22 May (e) 23 May Ans. c
269. The "Hauslon Ki Udaan 2026-27" scheme was launched in which city?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Jaipur (c) Delhi (d) Lucknow (e) Chandigarh Ans. c
270. Jitendra Singh dedicated the UMMID Programme for Rare Genetic Disorders to the nation in New Delhi, emphasising the future of genome-based and precision-driven healthcare in India. What does "UMMID" stands for?
 (a) Unique Management Model for Inherited Diseases
 (b) Unique Methods of Management of Inherited Disorders
 (c) Unified Mechanism for Medical Inherited Disorders
 (d) Universal Model for Managing Inherited Diseases
 (e) Unique Medical Mission for Inherited Disorders Ans. b
271. India's flagship global textile event, Bharat Tex 2026, is scheduled to be organised from 14th to 17th July 2026 in which city?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Hyderabad (c) New Delhi (d) Chennai (e) Jaipur Ans. c
272. The combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) recorded what percentage growth in April 2026 on a year-on-year basis?
 (a) 1.2% (b) 1.5% (c) 1.7% (d) 2.1% (e) 3.2% Ans. c
273. According to ICRA, India's GDP is projected to grow at what rate in FY 2026-27?
 (a) 5.8% (b) 6.2% (c) 6.6% (d) 6.5% (e) 7.2% Ans. b
274. Which Greek bank has recently set up a representative office in India?
 (a) Alpha Bank (b) Piraeus Bank (c) Eurobank
 (d) National Bank of Greece (e) Attica Bank Ans. c
275. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of The Yashwant Co-operative Bank due to inadequate capital and poor earning prospects. The Yashwant Co-operative Bank is located in which state?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Karnataka (c) Maharashtra (d) Madhya Pradesh (e) Rajasthan Ans. c
276. Which organisations signed an MoU to strengthen corporate governance and capital markets in India?
 (a) RBI and SEBI (b) SEBI and BSE (c) NISM and IICA
 (d) NITI Aayog and SEBI (e) IRDAI and IICA Ans. c
277. India and Italy will celebrate 2027 as which initiative?
 (a) Year of Innovation and Trade (b) Year of Science and Technology
 (c) Year of Sustainable Development (d) Year of Culture and Tourism
 (e) Year of Education and Research Ans. d
278. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted two culturally symbolic stoles to Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, which primarily represent the rich heritage of which region of India?
 (a) Western India (b) Southern India (c) Northeastern India
 (d) Central India (e) Northern India Ans. c

279. With which state government did Bharat Forge Limited sign an MoU to set up India's first private-sector Marine Gas Turbine (MGT) facility?
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Gujarat (c) Karnataka (d) Maharashtra (e) Andhra Pradesh Ans. e
280. According to the latest mountaineering record, how many climbers successfully reached the summit of Mount Everest in a single day, creating a world record for the highest number of ascents?
 (a) 174 climbers (b) 224 climbers (c) 274 climbers (d) 314 climbers (e) 215 climbers Ans. c
281. Which Indian defence company successfully tested the indigenous loitering munition system "Vayu Astra-1"?
 (a) HAL (b) BEL (c) Bharat Dynamics Limited
 (d) Nibe Limited (e) DRDO Ans. d
282. International Day for Biological Diversity is observed every year on 22 May to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity and the need to protect ecosystems, species, and genetic diversity. What is the theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2026?
 (a) Protecting Nature for Future Generations (b) Biodiversity and Climate Action
 (c) Acting locally for global impact (d) Save Earth, Save Life
 (e) Nature for Sustainable Growth Ans. c
283. On which date is the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula observed every year?
 (a) 21 May (b) 22 May (c) 23 May (d) 24 May (e) 25 May Ans. c
284. India and Ethiopia signed the bilateral accession protocol related to Ethiopia's membership in which organization?
 (a) IMF (b) World Bank (c) WTO (d) BRICS (e) SAARC Ans. c
285. The Library Man of India: The Story of P.N. Panicker was authored by whom?
 (a) Shashi Tharoor (b) P. P. Sathyan (c) M. T. Vasudevan Nair
 (d) Bibek Debroy (e) Amish Tripathi Ans. b
286. The Department of Posts signed an agreement for last-mile parcel delivery services with which company?
 (a) Amazon (b) Meesho (c) Flipkart (d) Myntra (e) Reliance Retail Ans. c
287. Which ministry launched the "JEEVAN" (Joint Elderly Empowerment & Virtual Assistance Network) mobile application and the "SHATAYU" (Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training For Your Utility) dashboard for senior citizens?
 (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (c) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 (e) Ministry of Rural Development Ans. c
288. The 68th Session of the Governing Body Meeting (GBM) of the Asian Productivity Organisation (APO) was held in which city?
 (a) Colombo (b) Bangkok (c) London (d) Kathmandu (e) New Delhi Ans. e
289. ZikZuk Technologies has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) Issuer under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. ZikZuk Technologies is headquartered in which city?
 (a) Bengaluru (b) Mumbai (c) Hyderabad (d) Pune (e) Chennai Ans. c
290. Chandrayaan-3 was honoured with the 2026 Goddard Astronautics Award by which international organisation for its outstanding achievement in space exploration?
 (a) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) (b) European Space Agency (ESA)
 (c) American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) (d) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
 (e) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Ans. c
291. Which two Indian-origin scientists were recently awarded South Africa's highest civilian honour, the Order of Mapungubwe, for their outstanding contributions in public health and medical research?
 (a) Dr. Shraddha Joshi and Dr. Raj (b) Salim Abdool Karim and Keertan Dheda
 (c) Raghuram Rajan and Abhijit Banerjee (d) Dr. Vikram Sarabhai and Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
 (e) Dr. K. Sivan and Dr. S. Somanath Ans. b
292. The Madhya Pradesh government has partnered with which company for AI-based management of Simhastha Kumbh 2028?
 (a) Microsoft (b) Amazon Web Services (c) Google Cloud India
 (d) Infosys (e) IBM Ans. c
293. Bharat Singh Chauhan has been re-elected as Chairman of which organisation?
 (a) FIDE (b) Asian Chess Federation (c) Indian Chess Federation
 (d) International Chess Federation (e) Commonwealth Chess Association Ans. e
294. World Turtle Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 21 May (b) 22 May (c) 23 May (d) 24 May (e) 25 May Ans. c
295. National Brother's Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 22 May (b) 23 May (c) 26 May (d) 25 May (e) 24 May Ans. e

296. ICICI Bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to reappoint Sandeep Bakhshi as its Chief Executive Officer. Sandeep Bakhshi has been reappointed as Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Bank for how long?
 (a) 1 year (b) 2 years (c) 3 years (d) 4 years (e) 5 years Ans. b
297. The Reserve Bank of India approved a record surplus transfer of Rs. 2.86 lakh crore to which entity for FY 2025–26?
 (a) State Governments (b) Public Sector Banks (c) Central Government
 (d) NITI Aayog (e) SEBI Ans. c
298. How much penalty was imposed on City Union Bank for violations such as levying charges on certain agriculture advances under priority sector lending norms and failing to report self-help group member-level data to credit information companies?
 (a) Rs. 5.10 lakh (b) Rs. 7.25 lakh (c) Rs. 10.10 lakh (d) Rs. 12.50 lakh (e) Rs. 15.00 lakh Ans. c
299. Which company became the first Indian company to cross the \$120 billion revenue mark in FY 2025-26?
 (a) Tata Consultancy Services (b) Infosys (c) Reliance Industries Limited
 (d) Adani Enterprises (e) Wipro Ans. c
299. Which company signed an MoU with Druk Green Power Corporation for clean energy skill development in Bhutan?
 (a) NTPC (b) Adani Green Energy (c) Tata Power
 (d) Power Grid Corporation (e) NHPC Ans. c
300. Who became the first Indian test pilot to be elected as a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots?
 (a) Rakesh Sharma (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) K. K. Venugopal
 (d) G. Madhavan Nair (e) Air Marshal Tejinder Singh Ans. c
301. Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project at Puttaparthi in the presence of N. Chandrababu Naidu. The AMCA project is being developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency under which organisation?
 (a) ISRO (b) HAL (c) BEL (d) Indian Air Force (e) DRDO Ans. e
302. Vijay Shankar announced his retirement from domestic and IPL cricket after a 15-year career. Vijay Shankar represented India in how many One Day Internationals (ODIs)?
 (a) 8 (b) 10 (c) 12 (d) 15 (e) 18 Ans. c
303. Africa Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 21 May (b) 23 May (c) 25 May (d) 27 May (e) 30 May Ans. c
304. Memorial Day is observed every year on:
 (a) First Monday of May (b) Second Sunday of May (c) First Sunday of June
 (d) 25 May only (e) Last Monday of May Ans. e
305. Rajnath Singh inaugurated a private defence manufacturing complex in Shirdi, developed by NIBE Limited and flagged off India's first 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System. What is the name of India's first 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System flagged off in Shirdi?
 (a) Agni (b) Prithvi (c) BrahMos (d) Suryastra (e) Astra Ans. d
306. World Thyroid Day is observed every year on 25 May to raise awareness about thyroid-related diseases and their impact on overall health. The theme of World Thyroid Day for 2026 is:
 (a) Thyroid and Lifestyle (b) Thyroid and Fitness (c) Thyroid and Nutrition
 (d) Thyroid and Yoga (e) Thyroid and Awareness Ans. c
307. International Missing Children's Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 21 May (b) 23 May (c) 24 May (d) 25 May (e) 27 May Ans. d
308. Who has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Rohit Rajpal (c) Gagan Narang
 (d) Leander Paes (e) Abhinav Bindra Ans. b
309. Who became the fastest ever Indian sprinter by clocking an impressive 10.09 seconds in the men's 100m final at the Federation Cup in Ranchi?
 (a) Hima Das (b) Neeraj Chopra (c) Gurindervir Singh
 (d) Animesh Kujur (e) Mohammad Anas Ans. c
310. Who has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society for his contributions to theoretical computer science?
 (a) C.N.R. Rao (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) Raghunath Anant Mashelkar
 (d) Manindra Agrawal (e) K. Sivan Ans. d
311. The Centre has extended the tenure of NCB chief Anurag Garg till which date?
 (a) May 2026 (b) July 2027 (c) December 2028 (d) January 2029 (e) March 2027 Ans. b
312. The Reserve Bank of India approved a surplus transfer of how much to the Central Government for FY 2025-26?
 (a) Rs. 1.50 lakh crore (b) Rs. 2.10 lakh crore (c) Rs. 2.86 lakh crore
 (d) Rs. 3.25 lakh crore (e) Rs. 4.00 lakh crore Ans. c
313. SBI Mutual Fund increased its stake in which bank above 5%?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Bandhan Bank (d) Axis Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. c

314. jUMPP is primarily known as which type of platform?
 (a) E-commerce platform (b) AI-powered fintech platform (c) Social media platform
 (d) Gaming platform (e) Edtech platform Ans. b
315. Skydo has received PSP approval at which international financial services hub of India?
 (a) IFSC Hyderabad (b) Mumbai Financial Centre (c) GIFT City
 (d) Bengaluru Tech Park (e) NSE Financial Hub Ans. c
316. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), implemented by the National Health Authority, has crossed the milestone of linking over 100 crore health records with Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA). What is the length of the unique health ID provided under ABHA?
 (a) 10-digit (b) 12-digit (c) 13-digit (d) 14-digit (e) 16-digit Ans. d
317. Dr Virendra Kumar launched the JEEVAN Mobile Application and SHATAYU Dashboard to strengthen support systems for senior citizens across India. JEEVAN stands for:
 (a) Joint Elderly Empowerment and Virtual Assistance Network
 (b) Joint Education and Employment Virtual Assistance Network
 (c) Junior Elderly Empowerment and Vision Assistance Network
 (d) Joint Elderly Engagement and Value Assistance Network
 (e) Justice Elderly Empowerment and Virtual Aid Network Ans. a
318. The "Mango Mania" festival has been launched by LuLu Hypermarket in partnership with which organisation?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) FSSAI (c) APEDA (d) NABARD (e) SEBI Ans. c
319. Which country recently joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in May 2026?
 (a) UAE (b) Qatar (c) Saudi Arabia (d) Oman (e) Kuwait Ans. c
320. Indian Army officer Major Abhilasha Barak, serving in the UN peacekeeping mission, has been awarded the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025. Major Abhilasha Barak is serving in which UN peacekeeping mission?
 (a) UNMISS (South Sudan) (b) MONUSCO (DR Congo) (c) MINUSMA (Mali)
 (d) UNDOF (Golan Heights) (e) UNIFIL (Lebanon) Ans. e
321. Which organisation completed its first-ever all-women international mountaineering expedition to Mount Everest?
 (a) Indian Navy (b) CRPF (c) ITBP (d) Indian Army (e) NDRF Ans. c
322. The Border Security Force (BSF) created history by successfully completing its first-ever all-women mountaineering expedition to Mount Everest during its Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Under which mission was the BSF all-women Everest expedition carried out?
 (a) Mission Shakti (b) Mission Vande Mataram (c) Mission Himalaya
 (d) Mission Everest (e) Mission Parvat Ans. b
323. The RBI has approved the appointment of Elias George as part-time chairman of which bank?
 (a) SBI (b) ICICI Bank (c) HDFC Bank (d) Federal Bank (e) Axis Bank Ans. d
324. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted an eight-member expert committee named Q-SAFE to study quantum technology risks, benefits, and challenges in the financial sector. What is the full form of Q-SAFE?
 (a) Quantum Security and Financial Ecosystem
 (b) Quantum Secure and Adaptive Financial Ecosystem
 (c) Quantum System for Advanced Financial Engineering
 (d) Quality Secure Financial Ecosystem
 (e) Quantum Software and Finance Environment Ans. b
325. ZikZuk Technologies Private Limited has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) issuer. The PPI authorisation was granted under which Act?
 (a) RBI Act, 1934 (b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
 (c) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (d) Companies Act, 2013
 (e) IT Act, 2000 Ans. c
326. National Paper Airplane Day is celebrated on which date every year?
 (a) 24 May (b) 25 May (c) 26 May (d) 27 May (e) 28 May Ans. c
327. The Union Government has constituted a High-Level Committee to study demographic changes caused by illegal immigration and other abnormal factors, with a focus on population trends and national impact. Who has been appointed as the head of the High-Level Committee on demographic changes?
 (a) Justice N.V. Ramana (b) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud (c) Justice Shradha Joshi Raj
 (d) Justice Ranjan Gogoi (e) Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navlekar Ans. c
328. Who inaugurated the AIOS-Armed Forces Ophthalmology Update 2026 in New Delhi?
 (a) Rajnath Singh (b) Mansukh Mandaviya (c) Sanjay Seth
 (d) Jitendra Singh (e) Kiren Rijiju Ans. c
329. Union Minister Dr Virendra Kumar launched the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile App to improve the implementation and monitoring of Scheduled Caste welfare schemes. PM-AJAY stands for:
 (a) Pradhan Mantri Aarthik Janhit Yojana (b) Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana
 (c) Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Jan Yojana (d) Pradhan Mantri Arthik Jagrukta Yojana
 (e) Pradhan Mantri Awas Jan Abhiyan Yojana Ans. b

330. Who launched the SIDBI initiatives including MachFin Mart, RRB CoLending Portal and MoRE initiative?
 (a) Amit Shah (b) Nirmala Sitharaman (c) Narendra Modi
 (d) Piyush Goyal (e) Shaktikanta Das Ans. b
331. Reserve Bank of India has introduced a mandatory 3-year cooling-off period for directors of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) and Rural Co-operative Banks (RCBs) after completing 10 continuous years on the board. After completing how many continuous years on the board, must a director undergo the cooling-off period?
 (a) 5 years (b) 7 years (c) 8 years (d) 10 years (e) 12 years Ans. d
332. How many total eminent personalities received Padma Awards in the first Civil Investiture Ceremony 2026?
 (a) 58 (b) 66 (c) 113 (d) 131 (e) 151 Ans. b
333. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a multilateral development bank headquartered in Beijing, has launched a USD 10-billion fund facility aimed at supporting economic resilience, energy security, and food security in which region?
 (a) Southeast Asia (b) Europe (c) West Asia (d) South America (e) Central Asia Ans. c
334. Cristian Mungiu won the Palme d'Or 2026 for which film?
 (a) Minotaur (b) Fjord (c) Northern Lights (d) Echoes of Time (e) The Last Frame Ans. b
335. Who released the book "India's First Olympic Gold"?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) PT Usha (c) Sachin Tendulkar
 (d) Khelo India Committee (e) Kapil Dev Ans. b
336. What historic achievement did Gurindervir Singh accomplish in Indian athletics?
 (a) First Indian to run 200m under 20 seconds (b) First Indian to win Olympic medal in sprinting
 (c) First Indian to run 100m in under 10.1 seconds (d) First Indian to break 9.90 seconds barrier
 (e) First Indian to qualify for 400m final Ans. c
337. The International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories is observed every year during which period?
 (a) 11–17 May (b) 10–16 May (c) 15–21 May (d) 25–31 May (e) 5–11 May Ans. d
338. World Football Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 15 May (b) 20 May (c) 25 May (d) 30 May (e) 10 May Ans. c
339. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Raghav Chadha (c) Piyush Goyal
 (d) Anand Sharma (e) Kapil Sibal Ans. b
340. World Otter Day is observed every year on which occasion?
 (a) First Monday of May (b) Second Friday of May (c) Last Wednesday of May
 (d) 27 May every year (e) 30 May every year Ans. d
341. Who authored the book "Apnapan: Narendra Modi sang mere anubhav"?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi (b) Shivraj Singh Chouhan (c) Giorgia Meloni
 (d) Nitin Gadkari (e) Mamta Banerjee Ans. b
342. In which city will the 1st World Yogasana Championship be held?
 (a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi (c) Ahmedabad (d) Pune (e) Varanasi Ans. c
343. Which state became the first in North East India to pass the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill?
 (a) Assam (b) Manipur (c) Meghalaya (d) Tripura (e) Nagaland Ans. a
344. Who won the Canadian Grand Prix for his fourth consecutive Formula One victory?
 (a) Max Verstappen (b) Lewis Hamilton (c) Kimi Antonelli
 (d) Charles Leclerc (e) George Russell Ans. c
345. Which state has been declared a fully literate state under the ULLAS initiative?
 (a) Goa (b) Tripura (c) Sikkim (d) Mizoram (e) Himachal Pradesh Ans. c
346. The main celebration of International Day of Yoga 2026 will be held in Kolkata on June 21, as announced by Union Minister of State for Ayush Prataprao Jadhav. What is the theme of the International Day of Yoga 2026?
 (a) Yoga for Humanity (b) Yoga for Peace (c) Yoga for Wellness
 (d) Yoga for Healthy Ageing (e) Yoga for Climate Action Ans. d
347. The Ministry of Railways has approved the introduction of a 10-car Hydrogen Fuel Cell-based DEMU train on the Northern Railway Jind–Sonapat section, marking a major step towards green mobility in Indian Railways. The approved Hydrogen Fuel Cell-based DEMU train is powered by how much capacity?
 (a) 500 KW (b) 800 KW (c) 1000 KW (d) 1200 KW (e) 1500 KW Ans. d
348. Who broke the world record in the Women's 25m pistol event at the ISSF World Cup?
 (a) Manu Bhaker (b) Elavenil Valarivan (c) Esha Singh
 (d) Heena Sidhu (e) Rahi Sarnobat Ans. c
349. Chess player Swara Lakshmi Nair has become the second player from the state to achieve the Women's International Master (WIM) title. Swara Lakshmi Nair belongs to which state?
 (a) Kerala (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Karnataka (d) Maharashtra (e) Telangana Ans. c
350. Which Indian city will host the Asian Relays in 2027?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai (c) Chandigarh (d) Bhopal (e) Jaipur Ans. c

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351. Who among the following passed away, who was a five-time Olympian and shooter?
(a) Abhinav Bindra (b) Gagan Narang (c) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
(d) Raja Randhir Singh (e) Randhir Singh Sodhi Ans. d
352. Who released the second edition of the novel "Bazaar"?
(a) Narendra Modi (b) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu (c) Amit Shah
(d) Bhagwant Mann (e) Pushkar Singh Dhami Ans. b
353. The 79th World Health Assembly concluded in Geneva after six days, where member states adopted over 20 decisions and 13 resolutions on global health issues. What was the theme of the 79th World Health Assembly?
(a) Health for All (b) Global Wellness Mission
(c) Reshaping global health: a shared responsibility (d) One World One Health
(e) Healthy Future Initiative Ans. c
354. Which Chinese space mission successfully carried the first astronaut from Hong Kong into space as part of its crew?
(a) Shenzhou-20 (b) Shenzhou-21 (c) Shenzhou-22 (d) Shenzhou-23 (e) Chang'e-6 Ans. d
355. Before the latest share acquisition, what was the earlier percentage stake held by LIC in Central Bank of India?
(a) 2.16% (b) 3.16% (c) 4.16% (d) 5.16% (e) 6.16% Ans. b
356. World Schizophrenia Awareness Day is observed every year on which date?
(a) 22 May (b) 23 May (c) 24 May (d) 25 May (e) 26 May Ans. c
357. International Day of Action for Women's Health is observed every year on 28 May to advocate for women's rights and equitable access to healthcare services worldwide. What is the theme of the International Day of Action for Women's Health 2026?
(a) Health for All Women (b) Women's Empowerment in Healthcare
(c) Essential, Not Optional (d) Global Health Equality
(e) Safe Motherhood Initiative Ans. c

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