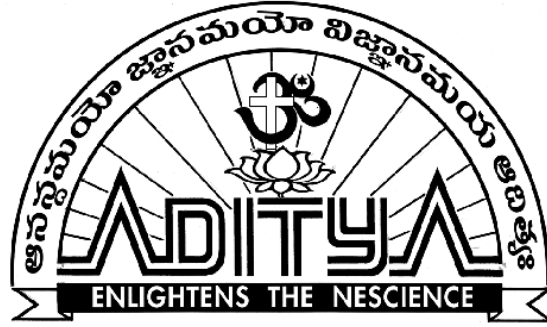


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1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently released a Rs.1,000 commemorative coin to mark which historical event?
(a) Chola dynasty's coronation (b) Rajendra Chola I's coronation
(c) Rajendra Chola I's naval expedition (d) Brihadeeswara Temple anniversary
(e) Chola-Pandya war Ans. c
2. Who has recently been appointed as the new Vice-Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) of the Indian Army, succeeding Lt. Gen. NS Raja Subramani?
(a) Lt. Gen. NS Raja Subramani (b) Lt. Gen. Upendra Dwivedi (c) Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh
(d) Lt. Gen. B.S. Raju (e) Lt. Gen. R.P. Kalita Ans. c
3. What is the name of the 100-day nationwide investor awareness campaign launched by the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) in 2025 to help shareholders recover unclaimed dividends and update KYC details?
(a) Niveshak Jagrukta Abhiyan (b) Digital Niveshak Drive (c) Saksham Niveshak
(d) Smart Dividend Campaign (e) Niveshak Sahyog Yatra Ans. c
4. Suhani Shah has recently won which prestigious award at the FISM World Championship of Magic 2025?
(a) Best Illusionist (b) Best Mentalist (c) Best Stage Performer
(d) Best Magic Creator (e) Best Female Magician Ans. d
5. Who has been appointed as the next CEO of Air New Zealand?
(a) Greg Foran (b) Rakesh Kapoor (c) Nikhil Ravishankar
(d) Sundar Pichai (e) Ajay Banga Ans. c
6. In the year 2025, which Indian Naval Ship (INS) has been deployed to Singapore to actively participate in the 32nd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-25), thereby reinforcing maritime ties between the two countries?
(a) INS Vikramaditya (b) INS Talwar (c) INS Satpura
(d) INS Chennai (e) INS Shivalik Ans. c
7. In July 2025, where did Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) ceremoniously launch the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) named ICGS ATAL, marking the sixth vessel in a series of eight indigenous patrol boats being constructed for the Indian Coast Guard under India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative?
(a) Cochin Shipyard, Kochi (b) Mazagon Dock, Mumbai
(c) Visakhapatnam Naval Dockyard (d) Goa Shipyard, Vasco-da-Gama
(e) Garden Reach Shipbuilders, Kolkata Ans. d
8. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?
(a) Amrit Mohan Prasad (b) Sanjay Singhal (c) Krishna Swaminathan
(d) N.S. Raja Subramani (e) Pushpendra Singh Ans. b
9. Who has been appointed as the ex officio member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)?
(a) Nidhi Sharma (b) Anju Rathi Rana (c) Rekha Sinha (d) Meera Mehta (e) Sunita Reddy Ans. b
10. MS Dhoni has recently partnered with which digital insurance company as a brand ambassador and strategic investor?
(a) Policybazaar (b) LIC (c) ACKO (d) Digit (e) Bajaj Allianz Ans. c
11. Which platform was recently added by Australia to the list of banned social media platforms for children under 16?
(a) WhatsApp (b) Twitter (c) YouTube (d) LinkedIn (e) Pinterest Ans. c
12. What is the name of the first Australian-designed and manufactured orbital rocket that attempted to reach space but crashed just 14 seconds after liftoff during its maiden test flight from Queensland in July 2025?
(a) Orion (b) Southern Star (c) Eris (d) Gilmour-1 (e) Nova Ans. c

13. Who has been appointed as the next CEO and President of Procter & Gamble (P&G), effective January 1, 2026?
 (a) Sundar Pichai (b) Raj Subramaniam (c) Nikesh Arora
 (d) Ajay Banga (e) Shailesh Jejurikar Ans. e
14. Who recently launched the Sanchar Saathi mobile app in Hindi and 21 regional languages?
 (a) Ashwini Vaishnaw (b) Rajeev Chandrasekhar (c) Jyotiraditya Scindia
 (d) Piyush Goyal (e) Dharmendra Pradhan Ans. c
15. Which state has launched the 'Har Ghar Fibre' initiative to provide high-speed internet to every household?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Karnataka (c) Kerala (d) Goa (e) Gujarat Ans. d
16. Which government department signed an MoU with HDFC Capital Advisors Limited to support innovation in affordable housing and PropTech sectors?
 (a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (b) NITI Aayog
 (c) Department of Economic Affairs (d) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
 (e) Ministry of Rural Development Ans. d
17. DPIIT recently signed an MoU with which healthcare company to support innovation and startups in the healthcare sector?
 (a) Cipla (b) Biocon (c) Roche India (d) Sun Pharma (e) Pfizer India Ans. c
18. Who has been appointed as the new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)?
 (a) S. Somanath (b) S. Unnikrishnan Nair (c) A. Rajarajan
 (d) K. Sivan (e) R. Umamaheswaran Ans. c
19. What is the total outlay of the Central Sector Scheme "Grant-in-Aid to NCDC" approved by the Union Cabinet for the period 2025–26 to 2028–29?
 (a) Rs.1,000 crore (b) Rs.1,500 crore (c) Rs.2,000 crore (d) Rs.2,500 crore (e) Rs.3,000 crore Ans. c
20. Who has been appointed as the new Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command in July 2025?
 (a) Vice Admiral Sanjay J Singh (b) Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan (c) Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar
 (d) Vice Admiral Atul Anand (e) Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh Ans. b
21. Who has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian men's national football team in 2025?
 (a) Igor Stimac (b) Stephen Constantine (c) Khalid Jamil
 (d) Sunil Chhetri (e) Wim Koevoets Ans. c
22. Which Indian Shipbuilding Company has constructed the newly inducted guided-missile frigate 'Himgiri', marking a significant milestone in indigenous warship design and construction for the Indian Navy?
 (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (b) Cochin Shipyard Limited
 (c) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (d) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
 (e) Goa Shipyard Limited Ans. c
23. As per the CGA data, what was India's fiscal deficit at the end of June 2025 as a percentage of the full-year target?
 (a) 21.3% (b) 17.9% (c) 24.1% (d) 19.0% (e) 8.4% Ans. b
24. Pramila Tai Medhe, who recently passed away, was associated with which organisation as its chief?
 (a) Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (b) Rashtra Sevika Samiti (c) Bharatiya Stree Shakti
 (d) Vishwa Hindu Parishad (e) Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad Ans. b
25. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in 2025?
 (a) Kiran Bedi (b) Aruna Bahuguna (c) Sonali Mishra
 (d) Meera Borwankar (e) Rekha Sharma Ans. c
26. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Manappuram Finance in 2025?
 (a) Rajesh Kumar (b) Deepak Reddy (c) Suresh Nair (d) Prakash Mehta (e) Ramesh Gupta Ans. b
27. At the prestigious 71st National Film Awards held in 2023 to honour excellence in Indian cinema, which inspiring and critically acclaimed film was awarded the Best Feature Film?
 (a) The Kerala Story (b) Jawan (c) Naal 2 (d) 12th Fail (e) Sam Bahadur Ans. d
28. National Mountain Climbing Day is celebrated every year on which date?
 (a) August 3 (b) August 4 (c) August 5 (d) August 2 (e) August 1 Ans. e

29. World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) is observed every year from 1st to 7th August to promote and support breastfeeding globally. What is the theme for World Breastfeeding Week 2025?
 (a) Support breastfeeding: For a healthier planet (b) Step up for breastfeeding: Educate and support
 (c) Invest in breastfeeding, invest in the future (d) Empower parents, enable breastfeeding
 (e) Breastfeeding: Foundation of life Ans. c
30. Eminent Indian-born economist and author Lord Meghnad Desai passed away at the age of 85. Which prestigious civilian award was conferred upon Lord Meghnad Desai by the Government of India in 2008 for his significant contributions to the field of economics and public service?
 (a) Padma Vibhushan (b) Bharat Ratna (c) Padma Shri
 (d) Padma Bhushan (e) National Order of Merit Ans. d
31. Who has recently assumed charge as the 47th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) of India?
 (a) Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi (b) Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan
 (c) Vice Admiral SN Ghormade (d) Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar
 (e) Vice Admiral Anil Kumar Chawla Ans. b
32. Who has recently assumed charge as the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)?
 (a) Sandeep Arya (b) Raj Kumar Arora (c) P. K. Srivastava
 (d) Sanjeev Kaushal (e) Rajesh Kumar Singh Ans. b
33. What was India's gross GST collection for July 2025?
 (a) Rs.1.85 lakh crore (b) Rs.1.90 lakh crore (c) Rs.1.96 lakh crore
 (d) Rs.2.00 lakh crore (e) Rs.2.37 lakh crore Ans. c
34. In July 2025, how many UPI transactions were recorded across India?
 (a) 18.68 billion (b) 19.47 billion (c) 20.14 billion (d) 17.32 billion (e) 21.08 billion Ans. b
35. The 4th Adi Karmayogi Regional Process Lab was recently held in which city?
 (a) Ranchi (b) Patna (c) Bhubaneswar (d) Raipur (e) Bhopal Ans. c
36. The Reserve Bank of India recently approved the merger of two co-operative banks to strengthen urban co-operative banking. Which of the following banks have been merged as per this approval?
 (a) Saraswat Bank and Cosmos Bank (b) Janata Sahakari Bank and Saraswat Bank
 (c) New India Co-operative Bank and TJSB Bank (d) Abhyudaya Co-operative Bank and PMC Bank
 (e) New India Co-operative Bank and Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ans. e
37. Under the PM MITRA scheme, what is the total financial outlay allocated by the Government for the development of 7 textile parks over a span of seven years up to 2027-28?
 (a) Rs.1,480 crore (b) Rs.3,200 crore (c) Rs.4,445 crore (d) Rs.5,600 crore (e) Rs.7,000 crore Ans. c
38. Fitch Ratings has revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 to what percentage?
 (a) 6.1% (b) 6.2% (c) 6.3% (d) 6.4% (e) 6.5% Ans. c
39. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which pharmaceutical company to support DPIIT-recognised healthtech startups working in critical therapeutic areas?
 (a) Novartis India Ltd. (b) Cipla Ltd. (c) Roche Products (India) Pvt. Ltd.
 (d) Lupin Pharmaceuticals (e) Sanofi India Ans. c
40. How much additional amount has been allocated to strengthen key components of PMKSY during the 15th Finance Commission period (2021-22 to 2025-26)?
 (a) Rs.1,000 crore (b) Rs.1,920 crore (c) Rs.920 crore
 (d) Rs.6,520 crore (e) Rs.3,500 crore Ans. b
41. Google is planning to invest how much in building Asia's largest data centre in Visakhapatnam?
 (a) Rs.25,000 crore (b) Rs.40,000 crore (c) Rs.51,000 crore
 (d) Rs.60,000 crore (e) Rs.70,000 crore Ans. c
42. Which country has been selected to host the 8th edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in 2027?
 (a) Australia (b) Canada (c) India (d) Malta (e) New Zealand Ans. d
43. Who has been elected as the President of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) for the council year 2025-26?
 (a) Neeraj D Joshi (b) TCA Srinivasa Prasad (c) Rakesh Singh
 (d) Sunil Soni (e) Pankaj Tyagi Ans. b

44. On which date is National Watermelon Day celebrated annually?
(a) 1st August (b) 2nd August (c) 3rd August (d) 4th August (e) 5th August Ans. c
45. On which date is CLOVES Syndrome Awareness Day observed annually?
(a) 1st August (b) 2nd August (c) 3rd August (d) 4th August (e) 5th August Ans. c
46. Which country recently completed its commitment by delivering the final unit of 16 Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft to India, as part of a major defence deal signed in 2021 to modernize the Indian Air Force's transport fleet?
(a) France (b) Germany (c) Spain (d) Italy (e) Russia Ans. c
47. Who recently assumed the office of Financial Advisor (Defence Services) in August 2025?
(a) Dr. Rajiv Singh (b) Dr. Mayank Sharma (c) Sanjay Kumar
(d) Anil Mehta (e) Pankaj Sinha Ans. b
48. Which two organizations recently signed a landmark MoU to deploy India's first 5G Captive Non-Public Network (CNPB) in the refinery sector?
(a) BSNL and IOCL (b) BSNL and HPCL (c) BSNL and NRL (d) MTNL and BPCL (e) NRL and Jio Ans. c
49. What is the name of the newly inaugurated Indian Army Research Cell at IIT Madras, which aims to transform academic innovations into defence-ready technologies?
(a) Agnipath (b) Shaurya Kendra (c) Agnishodh
(d) Yodha Lab (e) Raksha Innovation Cell Ans. c
50. Which Indian port has become the first to produce green hydrogen and generate over 1 MW of rooftop solar power?
(a) Jawaharlal Nehru Port (b) V. O. Chidambaram Port (c) Kandla Port
(d) Paradip Port (e) Visakhapatnam Port Ans. b
51. The sacred relics of the Buddha, which were recently returned to India after 127 years, were originally excavated in 1898 from which archaeological site located near the Indo-Nepal border in present-day Uttar Pradesh?
(a) Sarnath (b) Lumbini (c) Piprahwa (d) Bodhi Gaya (e) Kushinagar Ans. c
52. Which organization has developed India's first scientifically authenticated monofloral lavender honey?
(a) ICAR (b) FSSAI (c) CSIR-IIIM (d) NABARD (e) DRDO Ans. c
53. Which company has been awarded the Rs. 792 crore contract for the PAN 2.0 project by the Income Tax Department?
(a) Infosys (b) Wipro (c) LTIMindtree (d) TCS (e) Tech Mahindra Ans. c
54. Which city in Tamil Nadu witnessed the inauguration of Vietnamese electric vehicle manufacturer VinFast's first production facility in India, marking a significant foreign investment in the state's EV sector?
(a) Chennai (b) Coimbatore (c) Thoothukudi (d) Tirunelveli (e) Salem Ans. c
55. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndusInd Bank?
(a) Sandeep Bakhshi (b) Amitabh Chaudhry (c) Rajiv Anand
(d) Aditya Puri (e) Chanda Kochhar Ans. c
56. Who has been appointed as the next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR)?
(a) Natarajan Chandrasekaran (b) Rajiv Jain (c) P B Balaji
(d) Ralf Speth (e) Adrian Mardell Ans. c
57. At which international athletics meet did Indian athlete Abdulla Aboobacker win the men's triple jump title in 2025?
(a) Asian Grand Prix (b) World Continental Tour (c) Qosanov Memorial
(d) Commonwealth Invitational (e) Tokyo Athletics Classic Ans. c
58. Where was the first-ever BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival held?
(a) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi (b) India Gate, New Delhi
(c) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (d) JLN Stadium, New Delhi
(e) Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi Ans. c
59. Under which Union Ministry does the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) operate, which recently signed two MoUs to strengthen the conservation and awareness of medicinal plants across the country?
(a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (c) Ministry of Science and Technology
(d) Ministry of AYUSH (e) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Ans. d

60. Shibu Soren, former Jharkhand Chief Minister, passed away recently at the age of 81. Shibu Soren was the co-founder of which political party?
 (a) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) (b) Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (JVM)
 (c) Indian National Congress (INC) (d) Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)
 (e) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Ans. d
61. What is the name of the digital foreign exchange platform recently launched by Bank of Baroda for its corporate and MSME customers?
 (a) BoB DigitalX (b) FxSmartBoB (c) bob FxOne
 (d) Baroda e-FX Pro (e) MSME Forex Now Ans. c
62. Under which digital initiative did the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launch its newly upgraded, user-friendly website aimed at transforming the pension sector?
 (a) Digital Pension Access (b) PFRDA Reboot 2024 (c) TechPension India
 (d) PFRDA CONNECT (e) Smart Pension Drive Ans. d
63. What is the name of the deep-tech startup, incubated at IIT Madras, that has partnered with Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) to co-develop Hyperloop transportation systems in India?
 (a) Hyperloop India (b) TuTr Hyperloop (c) SkyPod Technologies
 (d) Quantum Rail Systems (e) Indus Hyper Transit Ans. b
64. What is the full name of the newly introduced tool by NITI Aayog that aims to track, score, and benchmark the progress made by Indian States and Union Territories in their journey towards electric mobility?
 (a) Statewise EV Transformation Scorecard (b) National Electric Transport Monitoring Tool
 (c) India Electric Mobility Index (d) EV Transition Progress Chart
 (e) All-India E-Mobility Tracker Ans. c
65. What is the complete title of the recently launched report by NITI Aayog, which focuses on India's transition to electric mobility?
 (a) Driving Towards Sustainability: The Future of Indian EVs
 (b) EV Revolution in India: Challenges and Way Forward
 (c) India's Green Future: Transforming the Transport Sector
 (d) Unlocking a \$200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India
 (e) Powering the Shift: India's Electric Vehicle Strategy Ans. d
66. What is the name of the first commercial space mission launched by Hyderabad-based spacetechnology startup Dhruva Space, which is scheduled to lift off in the third quarter of 2025 aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, and will carry an AI-powered module from Akula Tech and a hyperspectral imager from Esper Satellites?
 (a) VYOM-1 (b) ASTRA-2 (c) LEAP-1 (d) DHRUVAN-5 (e) SATVISION-X Ans. c
67. According to IATA's 2024 report, what was India's global rank in the aviation market by passenger volume?
 (a) 3rd (b) 4th (c) 5th (d) 6th (e) 7th Ans. c
68. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a financial penalty on Policybazaar Insurance Brokers Pvt Ltd in August 2025. What was the amount of this penalty?
 (a) Rs.2 crore (b) Rs.3 crore (c) Rs.5 crore (d) Rs.7 crore (e) Rs.10 crore Ans. c
69. Which bank has launched a new feature called 'Lock FD' to prevent the premature closure of fixed deposits through digital platforms, aiming to reduce cyber fraud incidents?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Axis Bank
 (d) State Bank of India (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. c
70. Which insurance company has launched the women-centric term insurance plan called "Shubh Shakti"?
 (a) HDFC Life Insurance (b) LIC of India (c) Max Life Insurance
 (d) Tata AIA Life Insurance (e) SBI Life Insurance Ans. d
71. Satyapal Malik, former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, passed away at the age of 79 in New Delhi after a prolonged illness. Which of the following portfolios did Satyapal Malik hold during his political career?
 (a) Union Minister of State for External Affairs (b) Governor of Tamil Nadu
 (c) Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism
 (d) Chief Minister of UP (e) Speaker of Lok Sabha Ans. c

72. Who emerged as the winner of the inaugural edition of the Chess Esports World Cup held in Riyadh in 2025?
 (a) Ding Liren (b) Hikaru Nakamura (c) Magnus Carlsen
 (d) Ian Nepomniachtchi (e) Viswanathan Anand Ans. c
73. When is Hiroshima Day observed every year?
 (a) 1 August (b) 6 August (c) 9 August (d) 5 August (e) 7 August Ans. b
74. In August 2025, Repco Bank presented a dividend cheque for the financial year 2024–25 to Union Home Minister Amit Shah after recording its highest-ever profit. What was the amount of the dividend presented?
 (a) Rs.15.75 crore (b) Rs.18.40 crore (c) Rs.20.00 crore (d) Rs.22.90 crore (e) Rs.25.50 crore Ans. d
75. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) recently approved a major acquisition under the insolvency process. Which company has received approval to fully acquire Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) under the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP)?
 (a) UltraTech Cement (b) Shree Cement (c) Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited
 (d) ACC Limited (e) JK Cement Ans. c
76. Which platform has RuPay partnered with to offer an enhanced ticketing experience to its cardholders?
 (a) Paytm Insider (b) PVR Cinemas (c) TicketNew (d) BookMyShow (e) INOX Tickets Ans. d
77. In which village of eastern Ladakh is the Union Territory's first-ever botanical garden being developed?
 (a) Turtuk (b) Shayok (c) Diskit (d) Hanle (e) Nyoma Ans. b
78. Which Union Minister officially launched the book titled "Carbon Footprint Assessment in the Indian Handloom Sector: Methods and Case Studies", aimed at promoting sustainable and environment-friendly practices in the handloom industry of India?
 (a) Piyush Goyal (b) Dharmendra Pradhan (c) Giriraj Singh
 (d) Smriti Irani (e) Anurag Thakur Ans. c
79. When is the International Day of Awareness of the Special Development Needs and Challenges of Landlocked Developing Countries observed?
 (a) August 4 (b) August 5 (c) August 6 (d) August 7 (e) August 8 Ans. c
80. What is the primary objective behind the launch of the "Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina 2.0" scheme by the Assam Government?
 (a) To encourage girls to participate in extracurricular activities and sports
 (b) To provide free midday meals to students in government schools
 (c) To enhance girls' participation and enrolment in higher education by offering monthly financial assistance
 (d) To offer vocational training and job-oriented courses to female students
 (e) To provide free school uniforms and books to underprivileged girls Ans. c
81. The Ministry of Ayush, in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO), recently hosted the inaugural session of the WHO-International Regulatory Cooperation for Herbal Medicines Workshop in which Indian city?
 (a) Bengaluru (b) New Delhi (c) Ghaziabad (d) Hyderabad (e) Mumbai Ans. c
82. What is the name of the newly inaugurated state-of-the-art government complex at Kartavya Path in New Delhi, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi described as a symbol of modern governance and national duty?
 (a) Dharma Bhavan (b) Shakti Bhavan (c) Kartavya Bhavan
 (d) Karmayogi Bhavan (e) Rashtriya Bhavan Ans. c
83. Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved proposals worth Rs.67,000 crore, aimed at boosting the operational capabilities of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. What equipment has been approved for the Indian Army to enhance night mobility in BMP Infantry Fighting Vehicles?
 (a) Laser Range Finders (b) Thermal Imager-based Driver Night Sight
 (c) Automatic Grenade Launchers (d) High-Power Radars
 (e) Smart Ammunition Kits Ans. b
84. Where was the North Zone round of the National Young Chef Competition (NYCC) held?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Dehradun (c) Chandigarh (d) Jaipur (e) Lucknow Ans. c
85. Which Indian city ranked highest in the Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) City Index 2025 by Counterpoint Research?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Delhi (c) Bengaluru (d) Hyderabad (e) Chennai Ans. c

86. Who has been appointed as the new Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala?
 (a) Vice Admiral C.R. Praveen Nair (b) Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh
 (c) Vice Admiral Manish Chadha (d) Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh
 (e) Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi Ans. c
87. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of BARC (Broadcast Audience Research Council) India?
 (a) Shashi Sinha (b) N.P. Singh (c) Gaurav Banerjee (d) Uday Shankar (e) Sanjay Gupta Ans. c
88. On which date is National Handloom Day celebrated in India?
 (a) 5 August (b) 6 August (c) 7 August (d) 8 August (e) 9 August Ans. c
89. What is the name of the initiative launched by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to support truck drivers on long-haul journeys?
 (a) Ghar Wapsi Yojana (b) Truck Sewa Kendra (c) Apna Ghar
 (d) Nayi Rahat (e) Sarathi Sadan Ans. c
90. Which state has become the first in India to empanel sign language interpreters, translators, and special educators under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Kerala (c) Punjab (d) Gujarat (e) Delhi Ans. c
91. In which Indian city has FIFA launched its first-ever Talent Academy for girls to provide elite football training and residential facilities?
 (a) Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Kolkata (d) Hyderabad (e) Bengaluru Ans. d
92. At which international athletics event did Indian javelin thrower Annu Rani win the gold medal with a season-best throw of 62.59 meters?
 (a) Asian Grand Prix, Bangkok (b) World Continental Tour, Berlin
 (c) Diamond League, Monaco (d) International Wieslaw Maniak Memorial, Poland
 (e) Intercontinental Athletics Meet, Turkey Ans. d
93. What was the theme highlighted by PM Narendra Modi during the inauguration of the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference, reflecting Prof. Swaminathan's lifelong mission?
 (a) Green Revolution 2.0 – Innovation in Agriculture (b) Agriculture and Equity: A Global Vision
 (c) Evergreen Revolution – The Pathway to Biohappiness (d) Nutritional Security Through Technology
 (e) Smart Farming: The Future of Agriculture Ans. c
94. Who has been appointed as the full-time Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)?
 (a) Adil Zainulbhai (b) Rajeev Gauba (c) S Radha Chauhan
 (d) Alka Upadhyaya (e) Sanjay Agrawal Ans. c
95. Which country has recently become the 107th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?
 (a) Georgia (b) Romania (c) Moldova (d) Serbia (e) Armenia Ans. c
96. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bimaplan?
 (a) Vikul Goyal (b) Raghuram Rajan (c) Parul Tyagi
 (d) Ajay Banga (e) Anurag Mishra Ans. e
97. The Archery Association of India (AAI) has announced the first edition of the Archery League, a franchise-based international tournament featuring both recurve and compound archers, including top-ranked foreign and Indian players. Where will the first edition of the Archery League take place?
 (a) Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, Delhi (b) Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata
 (c) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai (d) Yamuna Sports Complex, Delhi
 (e) Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Pune Ans. d
98. On which exact date did Mahatma Gandhi give the historic call for the Quit India Movement, marking the beginning of a mass civil disobedience movement against British rule?
 (a) 8 August 1947 (b) 8 August 1940 (c) 8 August 1942
 (d) 8 January 1950 (e) 8 August 1945 Ans. c
99. What decision did the RBI take regarding the repo rate in its August 2025 MPC meeting?
 (a) Increased it to 6% (b) Reduced it to 5% (c) Kept it unchanged at 5.5%
 (d) Increased it to 5.75% (e) Reduced it to 5.25% Ans. c
100. Who has been appointed as the Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of JioBlackRock Mutual Fund?
 (a) Rishi Kohli (b) Ramesh Singh (c) Rashi Gai (d) Ajay Tyagi (e) Shivani Garg Ans. a

101. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the continuation of the targeted LPG subsidy for beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) for FY 2025–26. Under this decision, what will be the subsidy amount provided per 14.2 kg LPG cylinder for eligible households?
(a) Rs.200 (b) Rs.250 (c) Rs.300 (d) Rs.350 (e) Rs.400 Ans. c
102. The Union Cabinet recently approved compensation to public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for under-recoveries on domestic LPG sales. What is the total approved amount?
(a) Rs.25,000 crore (b) Rs.28,000 crore (c) Rs.30,000 crore
(d) Rs.32,000 crore (e) Rs.35,000 crore Ans. c
103. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recently approved a scheme aimed at improving the quality, equity, and governance of technical education across India. This scheme is known as MERITE. What does MERITE stand for?
(a) Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education
(b) Modern Education and Research Innovation in Technical Education
(c) Multidisciplinary Engineering and Research Institute for Technical Education
(d) Modern Engineering Research Improvement in Technical Education
(e) Mission for Education Reform in Technical Excellence Ans. a
104. What is the total outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the four new components under the Special Development Packages for Assam and Tripura?
(a) Rs.3,000 crore (b) Rs.4,250 crore (c) Rs.5,000 crore (d) Rs.6,500 crore (e) Rs.7,250 crore Ans. b
105. Indian Railways recently achieved a milestone by successfully conducting the trial run of Asia's longest freight train, covering 209 km from Ganjkhawaja in Uttar Pradesh to Garhwa in Jharkhand. What is the name of this 4.5 km long freight train?
(a) Vajra (b) Rudrastra (c) Agniveer (d) Tejas (e) Shatranj Ans. b
106. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the construction of a 4-lane 46 km stretch from Marakkanam to Puducherry on NH-332A in Tamil Nadu with a total capital cost of Rs.2,157 crore. The Marakkanam–Puducherry highway project will be developed under which mode of implementation?
(a) BOT – Build Operate Transfer (b) EPC – Engineering, Procurement and Construction
(c) PPP – Public Private Partnership (d) HAM – Hybrid Annuity Mode
(e) BOOT – Build Own Operate Transfer Ans. d
107. Who has recently received a two-year extension as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)?
(a) Vineet Joshi (b) Anurag Tripathi (c) Rahul Singh
(d) S. Gopalakrishnan (e) Parul Tyagi Ans. b
108. Which country will be the 'Guest of Honour' at the 38th Bogota International Book Fair in 2026?
(a) China (b) India (c) Japan (d) France (e) Brazil Ans. b
109. Who inaugurated the second edition of UN Women's flagship programme SheLeads II in New Delhi?
(a) Smriti Irani (b) Nirmala Sitharaman (c) Annpurna Devi
(d) Meenakshi Lekhi (e) Droupadi Murmu Ans. c
110. Which authority has approved the acquisition of Jaiprakash Associates Limited by Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited?
(a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (b) National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)
(c) Competition Commission of India (CCI) (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
(e) Ministry of Corporate Affairs Ans. c
111. Which two companies have recently signed an MoU to explore and develop critical mineral resources in India?
(a) ONGC and Coal India (b) GAIL and Hindustan Copper Limited
(c) SAIL and NTPC (d) BHEL and NALCO (e) IOCL and HCL Ans. b
112. In the year 2024, which Indian state was recognised and awarded by the Union Health Ministry along with the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) for achieving the highest organ donation rate in the country, surpassing the national average of 0.8 donations per 10 lakh population?
(a) Maharashtra (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Telangana (d) Kerala (e) Gujarat Ans. c

113. Which Bollywood actor has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Zomato's 'Fuel Your Hustle' campaign?
 (a) Salman Khan (b) Shah Rukh Khan (c) Aamir Khan
 (d) Akshay Kumar (e) Ranveer Singh Ans. b
114. When is the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples observed every year?
 (a) 10 August (b) 5 August (c) 9 August (d) 15 August (e) 11 August Ans. c
115. In which district of Madhya Pradesh was the foundation stone for the Rs.1,800 crore BEML Rail Hub laid by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh?
 (a) Bhopal (b) Raisen (c) Jabalpur (d) Indore (e) Gwalior Ans. b
116. World Sanskrit Day is celebrated annually on which tithi of the Hindu calendar?
 (a) Chaitra Shukla Pratipada (b) Kartik Purnima (c) Shravana Purnima
 (d) Magha Amavasya (e) Ashadha Shukla Ekadashi Ans. c
117. On which date is World Lion Day observed every year?
 (a) 8 August (b) 9 August (c) 10 August (d) 11 August (e) 12 August Ans. c
118. World Biofuel Day is observed every year on August 10 to raise awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative source of energy. What was the theme for World Biofuel Day 2025?
 (a) Green Energy for All (b) The BioE3 Way (c) Go Bio, Go Green
 (d) Future with Biofuel (e) Renewable Revolution Ans. b
119. Which regulatory body has approved Equirus Group's entry into the non-banking financial services sector through Equirus Finance?
 (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
 (c) Ministry of Finance (d) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA)
 (e) Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) Ans. b
120. EQBAC, a fintech company expanding its operations to India with a partner-first approach to simplify cross-border investing, is headquartered in which of the following countries, known for its status as a global financial hub and strategic location?
 (a) India (b) UAE (c) Mauritius (d) Singapore (e) United States Ans. c
121. Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared which African nation free from sleeping sickness (Human African trypanosomiasis) as a public health problem?
 (a) Ghana (b) Kenya (c) Uganda (d) Rwanda (e) Benin Ans. b
122. Who recently inaugurated the nation's first 'Animal Stem Cell Biobank', a cutting-edge facility to store and preserve high-quality stem cells from various animal species?
 (a) Nitin Gadkari (b) Mansukh Mandaviya (c) Jitendra Singh
 (d) Piyush Goyal (e) Dharmendra Pradhan Ans. c
123. What is the estimated total cost of the Bengaluru Metro Phase-3 project, for which Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently laid the foundation stone, aiming to expand the metro network by over 44 km with 31 elevated stations to address the city's growing transportation needs?
 (a) Rs 7,160 crore (b) Rs 12,500 crore (c) Rs 15,610 crore
 (d) Rs 20,000 crore (e) Rs 22,800 crore Ans. a
124. What was the total value of India's defence production in the Financial Year 2024-25, marking an all-time high with an 18% increase over the previous fiscal year and reflecting a strong growth trajectory since FY 2019-20?
 (a) Rs 79,071 crore (b) Rs 1.27 lakh crore (c) Rs 1,50,590 crore
 (d) Rs 1.75 lakh crore (e) Rs 2 lakh crore Ans. c
125. From which date will ICICI Bank's increased Minimum Average Balance (MAB) requirement for new savings accounts be applicable?
 (a) 1 October 2025 (b) 1 August 2025 (c) 31 July 2025
 (d) 1 September 2025 (e) 15 August 2025 Ans. b
126. At the Indian Open 2025 World Athletics Bronze Level Continental Tour held at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, which Olympian athlete won the women's javelin throw title by recording a best throw of 62.01 meters, outperforming competitors from Sri Lanka and India?
 (a) Deepika (b) NDL Hatarabag Leka (c) Annu Rani
 (d) Murali Sreeshankar (e) Shivam Lohakare Ans. c

127. Who became the first Indian to win a medal at the Asian Surfing Championships by securing bronze in the Open Men's category?
 (a) Kanoa Heejae (b) Pajar Ariyana (c) Ramesh Budhial
 (d) Shidong Wu (e) Sumomo Sato **Ans. c**
128. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.75 lakh on which private sector bank for non-compliance with specific regulatory directions, including those related to property valuation and current account operations?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Axis Bank
 (d) Punjab National Bank (e) State Bank of India **Ans. b**
129. The Ministry of Communications recently announced that BSNL has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with four leading global technology companies to provide advanced training in 5G, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Machine Learning (ML) technologies. Which of the following correctly lists these four companies?
 (a) Ericsson, Qualcomm, Cisco, Nokia (b) Ericsson, Intel, Cisco, Samsung
 (c) Nokia, Google, Qualcomm, Huawei (d) Cisco, Microsoft, Intel, Nokia
 (e) Ericsson, Qualcomm, IBM, Cisco **Ans. a**
130. Which Indian IT Services Company has recently signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the telecom arm of the Philippines-based NOW Corporation to enhance the country's digital infrastructure, promote technological innovation, and support nationwide connectivity projects?
 (a) Infosys (b) Wipro (c) Tata Consultancy Services
 (d) HCL Technologies (e) Tech Mahindra **Ans. c**
131. When is World Steelpan Day observed annually?
 (a) 5 August (b) 8 August (c) 11 August (d) 15 August (e) 20 August **Ans. c**
132. The 18th edition of the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA), a prestigious annual competition for high school students in astronomy, astrophysics, and related fields, is being hosted in India in 2025. Which Indian city has been chosen as the venue for this global event?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Bengaluru (c) Mumbai (d) Pune (e) Hyderabad **Ans. c**
133. When is World Elephant Day observed annually?
 (a) 10 August (b) 11 August (c) 12 August (d) 13 August (e) 15 August **Ans. c**
134. What was India's retail inflation rate in July, as per the latest data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation?
 (a) 2.1% (b) 1.55% (c) 3.0% (d) 2.55% (e) 1.8% **Ans. b**
135. Which financial institution became the first miscellaneous non-banking financial company (NBFC) in India to achieve a historic business turnover of Rs.1 lakh crore, marking a significant milestone in the country's financial sector?
 (a) Odisha State Financial Enterprises (b) Tamil Nadu State Financial Enterprises
 (c) UP State Financial Enterprises (d) Maharashtra State Financial Enterprises
 (e) Kerala State Financial Enterprises **Ans. e**
136. What is the name of the next-generation digital remittance platform recently launched by IDFC FIRST Bank that enables Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to send money to their families in India quickly, securely, and with zero transfer fees?
 (a) RemitNow (b) RemitFIRST2India (c) QuickSend
 (d) NRI Transfer (e) MoneyFast **Ans. b**
137. Which company has DPIIT signed an MoU with to support early-stage startups through the 'Hero For Startups' program?
 (a) Tata Motors (b) Hero MotoCorp (c) Mahindra & Mahindra
 (d) Bajaj Auto (e) TVS Motor **Ans. b**
138. Which organisation has signed an MoU with Zepto to support manufacturing startups through the 'Zepto Nova' Innovation Challenge?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) DPIIT (c) Ministry of MSME
 (d) SIDBI (e) FICCI **Ans. b**

139. The Indian Navy will simultaneously commission two advanced frontline frigates, INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri, on 26th August at Visakhapatnam, marking the first time two major surface combatants from different Indian shipyards are commissioned together. Which shipyard built INS Udaygiri?
 (a) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (b) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
 (c) Cochin Shipyard Limited (d) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
 (e) Goa Shipyard Limited **Ans. b**
140. Paytm Payments Services Limited has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator. Under which act has Paytm been approved to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator?
 (a) Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (b) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
 (c) Companies Act, 2013 (d) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
 (e) Information Technology Act, 2000 **Ans. d**
141. Which Indian state recorded the highest total amount of education loan disbursals by public sector banks during the financial years 2022-23 to 2024-25, highlighting strong demand for higher education financing in that region?
 (a) Kerala (b) Andhra Pradesh (c) Maharashtra (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Telangana **Ans. c**
142. Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the construction of which hydroelectric project in Arunachal Pradesh?
 (a) Subansiri Lower HEP (b) Tato-II HEP (c) Dibang Multipurpose Project
 (d) Kameng HEP (e) Pare HEP **Ans. b**
143. Recently, UIDAI has signed a five-year agreement with which institute to strengthen Aadhaar's security and reliability?
 (a) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (b) Indian Statistical Institute
 (c) Indian Institute of Science (d) National Informatics Centre
 (e) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing **Ans. b**
144. Recently, Sophia Dunkley won the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for July 2025. Which country does she represent?
 (a) England (b) Australia (c) South Africa (d) New Zealand (e) Ireland **Ans. a**
145. The 64th Subroto Cup International Football Tournament will begin with the junior girls' (U-17) event on August 19 in Delhi, concluding with the junior boys' final on September 25. How many total teams will participate in the 64th Subroto Cup across all categories?
 (a) 90 (b) 100 (c) 106 (d) 110 (e) 120 **Ans. c**
146. When is International Lefthanders Day celebrated?
 (a) 12 August (b) 13 August (c) 14 August (d) 15 August (e) 16 August **Ans. b**
147. World Organ Donation Day is observed every year on 13 August to promote awareness about the importance of organ donation. What is the theme of World Organ Donation Day 2025?
 (a) Donate Life – Give Hope (b) Save a Heart, Save a Life (c) Every Organ Counts
 (d) Gift of Life, Gift of Love (e) Answering The Call **Ans. e**
148. What is the primary objective of the recently launched State Health Regulatory Excellence Index (SHRESTH) initiative by the Union Health Secretary?
 (a) To reduce medicine prices (b) To improve state drug regulatory performance
 (c) To promote generic medicines (d) To boost pharmaceutical exports
 (e) To set up new drug laboratories **Ans. b**
149. Recently, at the Asian U19 & U22 Boxing Championships 2025 held in Bangkok, how many total medals did India win across both age groups?
 (a) 23 (b) 25 (c) 27 (d) 30 (e) 33 **Ans. c**
150. Recently, which state's women's hockey team won the 15th Junior National Women's Hockey Championship for the second consecutive year?
 (a) Haryana (b) Punjab (c) Odisha (d) Jharkhand (e) Maharashtra **Ans. d**
151. Recently, Namrata Batra made history by winning India's first-ever medal in which sport at the World Games 2025?
 (a) Karate (b) Judo (c) Wushu (d) Taekwondo (e) Archery **Ans. c**

152. The recently passed Indian Ports Bill, 2025 aims to replace which more than a century-old legislation that was considered outdated and lacking modern provisions for environmental safeguards, dispute resolution, and long-term planning?
 (a) Major Ports Trusts Act, 1952 (b) Major Ports Regulation Act, 1970
 (c) Ports Development Act, 1980 (d) Indian Ports Act, 1908
 (e) Maritime Ports Act, 1925 Ans. d
153. The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved four new semiconductor projects under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) from SiCSem, Continental Device India Ltd. (CDIL), 3D Glass Solutions Inc., and Advanced System in Package (ASIP) Technologies. What is the total investment value of the newly approved semiconductor projects?
 (a) Rs.3,500 crore (b) Rs.4,600 crore (c) Rs.5,200 crore (d) Rs.6,000 crore (e) Rs.7,800 crore Ans. b
154. Recently, the Union Cabinet approved an investment proposal for the construction of which hydroelectric project in Arunachal Pradesh?
 (a) Subansiri Lower HEP (b) Kameng HEP (c) Siang Upper HEP
 (d) Tato-II Hydro Electric Project (e) Dibang Multipurpose Project Ans. d
155. MY Bharat has signed a three-year MoU with the School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) Foundation to collaborate on youth leadership development, capacity building, and knowledge sharing. MY Bharat operates under which ministry in India?
 (a) Ministry of Education (b) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
 (c) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (d) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
 (e) Ministry of Culture Ans. c
156. The 79th Independence Day will be celebrated on 15th August 2025, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the event from the iconic Red Fort in Delhi, unfurling the National Flag and addressing the nation. What is the theme of India's 79th Independence Day in 2025?
 (a) Viksit Bharat (b) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (c) Naya Bharat
 (d) Jai Hind (e) Bharat Uday Ans. c
157. Recently, the Central Government approved the establishment of a new veterinary college at which location in Gujarat?
 (a) Anand (b) Junagadh (c) Navsari (d) Himatnagar (e) Dantiwada Ans. d
158. HDFC Bank has recently rolled out a major update to its SmartWealth app, enabling users to invest and manage their portfolios in their preferred language. In how many languages is this update available?
 (a) 5 (b) 7 (c) 9 (d) 10 (e) 12 Ans. c
159. ICICI Bank has recently reduced the minimum monthly average balance (MAB) for new savings accounts from Rs.50,000 to what amount?
 (a) Rs.10,000 (b) Rs.15,000 (c) Rs.20,000 (d) Rs.25,000 (e) Rs.12,500 Ans. b
160. In which tournament did S. Rohith Krishna achieve the title of 89th Indian Grandmaster?
 (a) Dubai Chess Open (b) Almaty Masters Qonaev Cup (c) Moscow Invitational
 (d) Asian Chess Championship (e) World Junior Chess Championship Ans. b
161. International Youth Day (IYD) is observed globally on 12 August every year to raise awareness about the challenges and opportunities faced by young people and to celebrate their contributions to society. What is the theme of International Youth Day 2025?
 (a) Mental Health and Wellbeing (b) Green Jobs for Youth
 (c) Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond (d) Youth and Climate Change
 (e) Education for All Ans. c
162. Which institute's researchers developed a new drug candidate to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR)?
 (a) IIT Bombay (b) IIT Roorkee (c) IISc Bengaluru (d) AIIMS Delhi (e) IIT Madras Ans. b
163. What is the name of Rapido's newly launched standalone mobile application for food delivery?
 (a) Rapido Eats (b) Ownly (c) FoodGo (d) Rapido Fresh (e) QuickBite Ans. b
164. Which Union Minister recently unveiled the official logo, brochure, and website of 'Bharat Steel', the Ministry of Steel's flagship international conference-cum-exhibition on the steel ecosystem?
 (a) Piyush Goyal (b) H.D. Kumaraswamy (c) Jyotiraditya Scindia
 (d) Nirmala Sitharaman (e) Ashwini Vaishnaw Ans. b

165. Which two institutions recently signed an MoU to create India's first unified platform integrating science and culture?
 (a) IGNCA and ISRO (b) IGNCA and BSIP (c) BSIP and IIT Delhi
 (d) Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Science & Technology
 (e) IGNCA and Archaeological Survey of India **Ans. b**
166. Which company recently raised \$21 million in Series A funding, led by Peak XV Partners, to expand its GenAI-powered medical coding platform?
 (a) Innovaccer (b) Arintra (c) MediBuddy (d) Practo (e) HealthifyMe **Ans. b**
167. From which date will the Reserve Bank of India implement the first phase of transitioning the Cheque Truncation System (CTS) from the current batch processing model to the new "continuous clearing with on-realisation settlement" mechanism?
 (a) September 1, 2025 (b) October 4, 2025 (c) January 3, 2026
 (d) November 15, 2025 (e) December 31, 2025 **Ans. b**
168. Which new investment options has SEBI permitted Investment Advisers (IAs) and Research Analysts (RAs) to use for meeting their mandatory deposit requirements?
 (a) Equity mutual funds and gold ETFs (b) REITs and INVITs (c) Fixed deposits and savings bonds
 (d) G-secs and corporate bonds (e) Liquid mutual funds and overnight mutual funds **Ans. e**
169. From which date has the NPCI directed banks and payment apps to stop all peer-to-peer (P2P) UPI "collect requests"?
 (a) September 1, 2025 (b) October 1, 2025 (c) November 1, 2025
 (d) August 13, 2025 (e) December 1, 2025 **Ans. b**
170. Which three countries make up the E3 that have warned Iran of snapback UN sanctions over stalled nuclear talks?
 (a) USA, France, Germany (b) France, Germany, UK (c) UK, USA, Russia
 (d) Germany, Russia, China (e) France, UK, China **Ans. b**
171. According to the Reserve Bank of India's recent report on technological advancements in the financial sector, Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) is projected to enhance banking operations in India significantly. By what percentage is this improvement expected, as per the RBI's findings?
 (a) 28% (b) 34% (c) 46% (d) 50% (e) 60% **Ans. c**
172. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Vodafone Idea?
 (a) Akshaya Moondra (b) Ravinder Takkar (c) Kumar Mangalam Birla
 (d) Sunil Bharti Mittal (e) Abhijit Kishore **Ans. e**
173. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Odisha's handloom industry?
 (a) Deepika Padukone (b) Priyanka Chopra (c) Madhuri Dixit
 (d) Vidya Balan (e) Alia Bhatt **Ans. c**
174. What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rate in July 2025?
 (a) -0.6% (b) -0.3% (c) 1.55% (d) -2.43% (e) -2.29% **Ans. a**
175. How many total personnel have been awarded Gallantry and Service Medals on Independence Day?
 (a) 1000 (b) 1090 (c) 1200 (d) 1050 (e) 1150 **Ans. b**
176. Which government organisation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with five private sector banks to enhance credit availability, accessibility, and affordability for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) under its MSME Credit Facilitation Program?
 (a) NABARD (b) SIDBI (c) National Small Industries Corporation
 (d) Reserve Bank of India (e) Securities and Exchange Board of India
177. To strengthen participatory democracy and improve efficiency in local governance, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj is introducing an AI-based solution that transcribes Panchayat discussions, identifies decisions, and generates formatted minutes. What is the name of this tool?
 (a) GramConnect (b) SabhaSaar (c) PanchAI
 (d) JanSaar (e) BharatSummarizer **Ans. b**
178. Who won the Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025 title, becoming the first sole champion in the tournament's history?
 (a) Magnus Carlsen (b) Abhimanyu Puranik (c) Vincent Keymer
 (d) Pranesh M (e) Leon Luke Mendonca **Ans. c**

179. The cover of which former Chief Justice of India's first book, "Why the Constitution Matters" has been recently unveiled?
 (a) Justice Ranjan Gogoi (b) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde (c) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
 (d) Justice Sanjay Khanna (e) Justice B.R. Gavai Ans. c
180. Who has been given additional charge as the Governor of Nagaland following the demise of La Ganesan?
 (a) C.P. Radhakrishnan (b) R.N. Ravi (c) Ajay Kumar Bhalla
 (d) Anusuiya Uikey (e) Jagdish Mukhi Ans. c
181. What is the validity and usage limit of the FASTag Annual Pass, which allows non-commercial vehicles to travel without frequent recharges, and how much is the one-time fee for availing this facility?
 (a) Rs.2,500 for 6 months validity or 100 toll plaza crossings
 (b) Rs.3,000 for 1-year validity or 200 toll plaza crossings
 (c) Rs.3,500 for 1-year validity or 250 toll plaza crossings
 (d) Rs.4,000 for 2-year validity or 300 toll plaza crossings
 (e) Rs.2,000 for 1-year validity or 150 toll plaza crossings Ans. b
182. Which institute is partnering with Bihar's Road Construction Department to train engineers in AI-powered bridge management?
 (a) IIT Bombay (b) IIT Delhi (c) NIT Patna (d) IIT Kanpur (e) IISC Bangalore Ans. b
183. What is the cost of a meal for workers at the newly launched Atal Canteens in Delhi, as announced by CM Rekha Gupta to enhance food security and improve nutrition for economically weaker sections?
 (a) Rs.10 per meal (b) Rs.20 per meal (c) Rs.5 per meal (d) Rs.15 per meal (e) Free of cost Ans. c
184. Which insurance company has partnered with PhonePe to provide an affordable digital health insurance solution targeting India's 'missing middle', combining a digital-first insurer with a popular digital payment platform to increase accessibility for first-time insurance buyers?
 (a) ICICI Lombard (b) HDFC ERGO (c) SBI General Insurance
 (d) Tata AIG (e) Bajaj Allianz Ans. b
185. Which company has recently launched the Smart Shield Plus term insurance product, a flexible, non-linked, non-participating life insurance plan designed to meet the evolving protection needs of modern consumers?
 (a) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance (b) SBI Life Insurance (c) HDFC Life Insurance
 (d) Max Life Insurance (e) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Ans. b
186. Who did G. Sathyan defeat to win the men's singles title at the World Table Tennis Feeder in Vientiane, Laos?
 (a) Koki Niwa (b) Ryoichi Yoshiyama (c) Tomokazu Harimoto
 (d) Hugo Calderano (e) Liam Pitchford Ans. b
187. Which Olympic gold medalist has been named an IOC Mental Health Ambassador?
 (a) Neeraj Chopra (b) Abhinav Bindra (c) Saina Nehwal (d) P. V. Sindhu (e) Mary Kom Ans. b
188. Which former Sri Lankan domestic cricketer has been banned from all forms of cricket for five years after an ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal found him guilty of breaching the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) Anti-Corruption Code during the 2021 Abu Dhabi T10 League?
 (a) Kumar Sangakkara (b) Mahela Jayawardene (c) Saliya Saman
 (d) Angelo Mathews (e) Tillakaratne Dilshan Ans. c
189. The mascot of the first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF), unveiled in Srinagar, symbolises the region's vibrant biodiversity. Which bird has been chosen as the mascot?
 (a) Bar-headed Goose (b) Indian Peacock (c) Hangul Deer
 (d) Black-necked Crane (e) Himalayan Kingfisher Ans. e
190. Which team emerged as the champion of the Armed Forces Inter Services Squash Championship 2025-26, defeating the Indian Air Force 2-1 in the final?
 (a) Army Red (b) Army Green (c) Indian Navy
 (d) Indian Air Force (e) Services Combined XI Ans. c
191. The Day of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary is observed on which date every year?
 (a) 18 August (b) 16 August (c) 15 August (d) 20 August (e) 19 August Ans. c
192. What was the market share by transaction volume of PhonePe in July 2025, significantly ahead of competitors like Google Pay and Paytm?
 (a) 35.56% (b) 45.88% (c) 40.25% (d) 50.00% (e) 42.10% Ans. b

193. Which public sector bank has partnered with Mumbai Metro One to provide smart ticketing solutions, including smart cards, paper tickets, and QR-based tickets?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Bank of Baroda (c) Indian Overseas Bank
 (d) Punjab National Bank (e) Canara Bank Ans. c
194. Who was the Governor of Nagaland who recently passed away at the age of 80 in Chennai?
 (a) Jagdish Mukhi (b) La Ganesan (c) Satya Pal Malik
 (d) Banwarilal Purohit (e) T.N. Chaturvedi Ans. b
195. Which bank has launched a special collateral-free personal loan scheme exclusively for Agniveers under the Agnipath recruitment programme?
 (a) Punjab National Bank (b) Bank of Baroda (c) State Bank of India
 (d) Canara Bank (e) Union Bank of India Ans. c
196. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY), consider the following statements:
 1. PMVBRY is a Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of Rs.1 lakh crore, aiming to generate 3.5 crore jobs between 2025–27.
 2. Under Part A, first-time employees with gross wages up to Rs.1 lakh are eligible for a one-time incentive up to Rs.15,000, payable in two instalments.
 3. Under Part B, establishments can get up to Rs.3,000 per month for each additional employee for 2 years in all sectors, and 4 years in the manufacturing sector.
 4. Under Part C, employees undergoing certified skill development or upskilling programmes may receive a one-time incentive of Rs.10,000 towards training and capacity building.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (e) 1, 2 and 4 only Ans. a
197. Which bank has recently expanded its Pay app with international UPI services, including Global Acceptance, Foreign Inward Remittance, and UPI for NRIs?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) Bank of Baroda
 (d) ICICI Bank (e) HDFC Bank Ans. c
198. The mascot of the Asia Cup Hockey 2025 has been named “Chand”, which draws inspiration from both Major Dhyan Chand and the tiger of Valmiki Tiger Reserve. What key values does this mascot symbolise?
 (a) Peace, patience, and harmony (b) Courage, agility, and strength
 (c) Dedication, discipline, and focus (d) Speed, strategy, and harmony
 (e) Simplicity, humility, and resilience Ans. b
199. What is the total combined cost of the two highway projects inaugurated in Delhi, including the Dwarka Expressway and the Alipur–Dichaon Kalan stretch of UER-II?
 (a) Rs.5,360 crore (b) Rs.5,580 crore (c) Rs.11,000 crore
 (d) Rs.10,500 crore (e) Rs.12,500 crore Ans. c
200. Who has been elected as the first woman President of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes (AMMA) in 2025?
 (a) Kukku Parameswaran (b) Parul Tyagi (c) Shwetha Menon
 (d) Manju Warriar (e) Kavya Madhavan Ans. c
201. To improve customer convenience and reduce settlement risks, the Reserve Bank of India has decided to introduce a real-time cheque clearing system that will process, scan, and settle cheques continuously during business hours instead of in batches. From which date will this system become operational across banks in India?
 (a) January 1, 2025 (b) October 4, 2025 (c) March 31, 2026
 (d) July 1, 2025 (e) November 15, 2025 Ans. b
202. Which platform has SEBI chosen to launch its investor awareness campaign to educate the public about frauds in the securities market, especially those occurring through social media?
 (a) Doordarshan (b) All India Radio (c) Facebook (d) YouTube (e) Instagram Ans. b
203. Which international ratings agency recently upgraded India's long-term sovereign credit rating to BBB, citing economic resilience and fiscal consolidation?
 (a) Moody's (b) Fitch (c) S&P Global (d) CRISIL (e) ICRA Ans. c
204. Who has been elected as the President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for 2025–26?
 (a) Prasanth Kumar (b) Srinivasan K Swamy (c) R K Swamy
 (d) Ajay Kumar (e) Sunil Gupta Ans. b

205. Which authority in the UAE granted Kotak Mahindra (International) a license for Investment Fund Management and Portfolio Management?
 (a) Dubai Financial Services Authority (b) Securities and Commodities Authority
 (c) Abu Dhabi Global Market (d) UAE Central Bank
 (e) Emirates Investment Authority Ans. b
206. World Humanitarian Day is observed annually on 19 August around the world to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service. What is the theme of World Humanitarian Day 2025?
 (a) Humanitarian Aid for All (b) Global Peace and Security (c) Women in Leadership
 (d) Strengthening Global Solidarity and Empowering Local Communities
 (e) Building Resilient Nations Ans. d
207. World Photography Day is celebrated annually on 19 August to honour the art, craft, and science of photography. What is the theme of World Photography Day 2025?
 (a) Capturing Nature (b) My Favourite Photo (c) Photography for All
 (d) Memories Through Lens (e) Photography and Technology Ans. b
208. Bob Simpson, who recently passed away at the age of 89, was associated with which field?
 (a) Sports (b) Literature (c) Politics (d) Science & Technology (e) Law Ans. a
209. How much amount has the Centre released to all states and union territories under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure and Investment (SASCI) till 11 August 2025?
 (a) Rs.25,000 crore (b) Rs.30,500 crore (c) Rs.36,027 crore
 (d) Rs.40,000 crore (e) Rs.45,500 crore Ans. c
210. The Finance Ministry has announced the removal of which duty on raw cotton imports till September 30, 2025, to provide relief to the textile and garment sector?
 (a) Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 28% (b) Export Duty of 11%
 (c) Import Duty of 11% (d) Excise Duty of 35%
 (e) Special Additional Duty of 1% Ans. c
211. According to the first-ever quarterly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) for April–June 2025, what was India's overall unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above (CWS basis)?
 (a) 4.5% (b) 5.0% (c) 5.2% (d) 5.4% (e) 6.5% Ans. d
212. Who has won the Cincinnati Open 2025 men's singles title?
 (a) Jannik Sinner (b) Roger Federer (c) Carlos Alcaraz
 (d) Novak Djokovic (e) Daniil Medvedev Ans. c
213. For the first time in its history, which railway zone has all five crucial departments—Operations, Commercial, Finance, Security, and Medical—being led by women officers?
 (a) North - Central Railway (b) Western Railway (c) Southern Railway
 (d) Eastern Railway (e) South - Central Railway Ans. e
214. India Post has launched IT 2.0 — Advanced Postal Technology (APT), to drive digital transformation nationwide. The newly launched IT 2.0 — APT system of India Post has been developed indigenously by which institution?
 (a) National Informatics Centre (b) Centre for Excellence in Postal Technology (c) C-DAC Pune
 (d) IIT Madras (e) NIELIT Ans. b
215. Who has been nominated as the Vice-Presidential candidate by the INDIA bloc?
 (a) C.P. Radhakrishnan (b) Mallikarjun Kharge (c) B. Sudershan Reddy
 (d) Sharad Pawar (e) Justice N.V. Ramana Ans. c
216. Russia has officially announced its plan to launch the ambitious Venera-D mission between 2034 and 2036. This mission aims to visit which planet?
 (a) Mars (b) Jupiter (c) Mercury (d) Saturn (e) Venus Ans. e
217. Which country announced in April 2025 its plan to build a nuclear power plant on the Moon by 2035?
 (a) USA (b) India (c) China (d) Russia (e) Japan Ans. c
218. Which Women's Self-Help Group (SHG) from Teertha village in Dharwad district, Karnataka, has brought pride to India by winning the prestigious UNDP Equator Initiative Award 2025, also known as the "Nobel Prize for Biodiversity Conservation"?
 (a) Amrita Women SHG (b) Narmada Women SHG (c) Bibi Fatima Women SHG
 (d) Ganga Women SHG (e) Savitri Women SHG Ans. c

219. World Mosquito Day is observed on which date to raise awareness about mosquito-borne diseases?
 (a) 19 August (b) 20 August (c) 21 August (d) 22 August (e) 23 August Ans. b
220. Sadbhavna Diwas (Goodwill Day) is observed every year on 20 August to promote national integration, peace, and harmony across India. Sadbhavna Diwas commemorates the birth anniversary of which Indian leader?
 (a) Mahatma Gandhi (b) Jawaharlal Nehru (c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
 (d) Indira Gandhi (e) Rajiv Gandhi Ans. e
221. Bhavina Patel, Assistant Director in ESIC, created history by winning medals in which sport at the ITTF World Para Events 2025?
 (a) Badminton (b) Para Table Tennis (c) Chess
 (d) Shooting (e) Archery Ans. b
222. Indian Akshay Urja Day is observed annually on which date?
 (a) 21 August (b) 19 August (c) 20 August (d) 18 August (e) 22 August Ans. c
223. Recently the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the proposal of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the development of a Green Field Airport in Rajasthan. At which location is this new airport project being set up?
 (a) Ajmer-Pushkar region (b) Kota-Bundi region (c) Jodhpur-Barmer region
 (d) Udaipur-Chittorgarh region (e) Jaipur-Sikar region Ans. b
224. Recently, the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) has launched a new online platform that will serve as a single-window solution to simplify the registration process for newspapers and periodicals. What is the name of this newly launched portal?
 (a) Media Connect Portal (b) Press Sewa Portal (c) News Registration Portal
 (d) Bharatiya Patrakar Portal (e) Digital Press Registration Portal Ans. b
225. The Government of India has proposed a next-generation Goods and Services Tax (GST 2.0) as part of tax reforms, focusing on rate rationalisation to simplify the indirect tax system. Under this proposed structure, GST will move from multiple slabs (5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%) to a two-tier system, classifying items as 'merit' and 'standard' goods. What are the two proposed GST rates under this new regime?
 (a) 5% and 12% (b) 18% and 28% (c) 12% and 28% (d) 5% and 18% (e) 3% and 40% Ans. d
226. Which institution has developed India's first indigenously designed silicon photonics-based high-speed Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG)?
 (a) IIT Delhi (b) IIT Madras (c) IISc Bengaluru
 (d) IIT Bombay (e) DRDO Hyderabad Ans. b
227. The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) has launched a new Medical Application Portal for ISO 15189:2022 applicant laboratories during a virtual event titled "GOING LIVE". Which organisation is NABL a constituent board of?
 (a) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 (c) Quality Council of India (QCI) (d) National Health Authority (NHA) (e) NITI Aayog Ans. c
228. During the Rajya Sabha Monsoon session, which Bill was passed to establish the 22nd Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Guwahati?
 (a) Indian Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2025
 (b) Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025
 (c) National Education Policy Implementation Bill, 2025 (d) Higher Education Development Bill, 2025
 (e) Assam Development and Education Bill, 2025 Ans. b
229. Recently, Indian Railways achieved a historic milestone by commissioning the country's first removable solar panel system between active railway tracks. In which Indian city was this project first implemented?
 (a) Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Varanasi (d) Ahmedabad (e) Jaipur Ans. c
230. Which state cabinet has approved reducing the preliminary exam fee for government competitive exams to just Rs.100?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Bihar (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Rajasthan (e) Jharkhand Ans. b
231. The Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank) recently signed a \$40 million commercial credit line agreement with which African financial institution?
 (a) African Development Bank (AfDB) (b) ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID)
 (c) East African Development Bank (EADB) (d) African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)
 (e) West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) Ans. b

232. Which Public Sector Bank has become the first to migrate its corporate website to the secure '.bank.in' domain?
 (a) Punjab National Bank (b) State Bank of India (c) Bank of Baroda
 (d) Canara Bank (e) Union Bank of India Ans. a
233. Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) and SBI Card have jointly launched a co-branded credit card in three variants – ELITE, PRIME, and SimplySAVE. The newly launched "Bank of Maharashtra SBI Card" will be available on which payment platforms?
 (a) MasterCard only (b) VISA only (c) RuPay & VISA
 (d) American Express & VISA (e) Maestro only Ans. c
234. Recently, which Small Finance Bank has launched UPI services for its NRE (Non-Resident External) and NRO (Non-Resident Ordinary) account holders with international mobile numbers, following NPCI's directive?
 (a) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (b) Jana Small Finance Bank (c) AU Small Finance Bank
 (d) Equitas Small Finance Bank (e) Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ans. c
235. Who was recently crowned Miss Universe India 2025 in Jaipur?
 (a) Tanya Sharma (b) Mehak Dhingra (c) Manika Vishwakarma
 (d) Amishi Kaushik (e) Rhea Singha Ans. c
236. Recently, the Indian government approved the procurement of how many Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk-1A for the Indian Air Force?
 (a) 67 (b) 83 (c) 97 (d) 105 (e) 121 Ans. c
237. The Breaking Barriers Fellowship was launched through a collaboration of DEPwD with which two organisations?
 (a) NITI Aayog and UNICEF (b) Nipman Foundation and Young Leaders for Active Citizenship
 (c) WHO and UNDP (d) NSSO and NCERT
 (e) World Bank and IMF Ans. b
238. Which state government recently launched the Shramshree Scheme to provide financial support to returning migrant workers?
 (a) Bihar (b) Odisha (c) West Bengal (d) Jharkhand (e) Assam Ans. c
239. Mohamed Salah recently made history by winning the PFA Players' Player of the Year award for the third time. Which club does he represent in the Premier League?
 (a) Manchester United (b) Liverpool (c) Chelsea
 (d) Arsenal (e) Manchester City Ans. b
240. Recently, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) signed a collaboration with which global satellite-based internet service provider for seamless Aadhaar-based customer verification, showcasing India's digital capabilities on the world stage?
 (a) OneWeb (b) Starlink (c) Inmarsat (d) HughesNet (e) Iridium Ans. b
241. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has introduced two new modules on Operation Sindoor — "A Saga of Valour" and "A Mission of Honour and Bravery", highlighting India's response after the Pahalgam killings and subsequent conflict with Pakistan. The NCERT module "Operation Sindoor — A Mission of Honour and Bravery" has been created for which class group?
 (a) Classes 1 to 5 (b) Classes 6 to 8 (c) Classes 9 to 12
 (d) Only Class 12 (e) Undergraduate students Ans. c
242. Which authority has launched the 'One Freezone Passport' initiative in Dubai to unify free zones under a single licence?
 (a) Dubai Chamber of Commerce (b) Dubai Free Zones Council (DFZC) (c) UAE Ministry of Economy
 (d) Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) (e) World Trade Centre Authority Ans. b
243. Recently, the Lok Sabha passed a Bill in 2025 that aims to promote e-sports and online social games, while also banning harmful money gaming services such as Poker and Rummy. Which of the following is the correct name of this legislation?
 (a) Digital Gaming Regulation Bill, 2025 (b) Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025
 (c) National IT & Gaming Bill, 2025 (d) Cybersecurity & Gaming Act, 2025
 (e) Digital Entertainment and Sports Bill, 2025 Ans. b
244. Kerala has become the first fully digitally literate State in India, after the successful completion of the first phase of the Digi Kerala project, covering all local bodies to bridge the digital divide. Under the Digi Kerala Project, what percentage of identified digitally illiterate people successfully completed the training and evaluation?
 (a) 95.4% (b) 97.8% (c) 99.98% (d) 92.69% (e) 90% Ans. c

245. State Bank of India (SBI) recently launched its Centre of Excellence (CoE) for MSMEs at which location?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru (c) New Delhi (d) Hyderabad (e) Gurugram Ans. e
246. The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) recently imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.10 lakh on which ride-hailing company for running misleading advertisements that promised "Auto in 5 minutes or Get Rs.50"?
 (a) Ola (b) Uber (c) Rapido (d) BluSmart (e) Meru Ans. c
247. The large-scale military drill named "Sustainable Power 1404", involving cruise missiles Nasir and Qadir, was recently conducted by which country?
 (a) Saudi Arabia (b) Iran (c) Israel (d) Turkey (e) Russia Ans. b
248. Recently, which country launched the Nusuk Umrah digital platform to streamline Umrah visa applications and services for international pilgrims?
 (a) United Arab Emirates (b) Saudi Arabia (c) Qatar
 (d) Oman (e) Bahrain Ans. b
249. Who has been appointed as observers for the upcoming Vice Presidential Election by the Election Commission of India?
 (a) Rajiv Kumar and Anup Chandra Pandey (b) Sushil Kumar Lohani and D. Anandan
 (c) Sunil Arora and Ashok Lavasa (d) Ajay Bhushan Pandey and Gyanesh Kumar
 (e) Rajiv Mehrishi and G. C. Murmu Ans. b
250. India participated for the first time in the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI) and secured which position among 63 countries?
 (a) 1st (b) 2nd (c) 3rd (d) 5th (e) 7th Ans. c
251. What is India's GDP growth expected to be in 2025-26 according to the SBI Research Report?
 (a) 5.8% (b) 6.3% (c) 6.5% (d) 7.0% (e) 6.0% Ans. b
252. Until which date has the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the universal supply of fortified rice under all government schemes, fully funded by the Government of India?
 (a) December 2025 (b) December 2026 (c) December 2027
 (d) December 2028 (e) December 2029 Ans. d
253. Which bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to provide enhanced insurance coverage and additional benefits to serving personnel and pensioners under its flagship scheme?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) HDFC Bank
 (d) ICICI Bank (e) Axis Bank Ans. b
254. Which planet's new moon, S/2025 U1, was recently discovered by NASA's James Webb Space Telescope?
 (a) Mars (b) Jupiter (c) Uranus (d) Saturn (e) Earth Ans. c
255. Who has been appointed as the new Commissioner of Delhi Police?
 (a) Shashi Bhushan Kumar Singh (b) Satish Golcha (c) Sanjay Arora
 (d) Rajeev Kannan (e) Nikhil Khadse Ans. b
256. Which ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra was awarded the Best KVK in the North Eastern Region?
 (a) KVK, Dimapur (b) KVK, Wokha (c) KVK, Kohima (d) KVK, Imphal (e) KVK, Agartala Ans. b
257. Assam Rifles recently signed an MoU with which institute to promote drone technology for defence and security?
 (a) IIT Guwahati (b) IIIT Manipur (c) NIT Nagaland (d) IIT Delhi (e) DRDO Ans. b
258. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) recently signed an MoU with which airline to supply sustainable aviation fuel (SAF)?
 (a) Vistara (b) IndiGo (c) Air India (d) SpiceJet (e) Akasa Air Ans. c
259. Achyut Potdar, who recently passed away at the age of 91, was associated with which profession?
 (a) Politician (b) Scientist (c) Actor (d) Cricketer (e) Businessman Ans. c
260. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the fourth edition of Semicon India 2025 in New Delhi on 2nd September, a three-day event highlighting India's semiconductor and microelectronics ambitions. How many international pavilions will feature for the first time at Semicon India 2025?
 (a) Two (b) Three (c) Four (d) Five (e) Six Ans. c

261. National Space Day is observed in India every year on 23rd August to commemorate the successful soft landing of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram Lander and the deployment of the Pragyan Rover on the lunar surface in 2023. What is the theme of National Space Day 2025?
 (a) Aryabhata to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities
 (b) Space for Sustainable Development (c) Harnessing Space for Global Collaboration
 (d) Leveraging Space Technology and Applications for Viksit Bharat 2047
 (e) Moon to Mars: India's Space Journey Ans. a
262. Where will the 55th meeting of the GST Council be held on 3rd and 4th September 2025?
 (a) Jaipur (b) Udaipur (c) Jaisalmer (d) New Delhi (e) Ahmedabad Ans. d
263. World Entrepreneur's Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 20th August (b) 21st August (c) 22nd August (d) 23rd August (e) 25th August Ans. c
264. Who has been re-appointed as the Chairperson of the Payments Council of India (PCI) for the 2025–27 term?
 (a) M N Srinivasu (b) Vishwas Patel (c) Nalin Bansal
 (d) Gautam Aggarwal (e) Amitabh Chaudhry Ans. b
265. Who has been elected as the President of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) for a third consecutive term?
 (a) Jaslal Pradhan (b) Pramod Kumar (c) Ajay Singh
 (d) Hemanta Kalita (e) Neeraj Jain Ans. c
266. Who has been nominated by U.S. President Donald Trump as the next U.S. Ambassador to India?
 (a) Richard Verma (b) Sergio Gor (c) Kenneth Juster (d) Antony Blinken (e) John Kerry Ans. b
267. Who has been appointed as the new ex officio member of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)?
 (a) Shaktikanta Das (b) Michael Patra (c) Indranil Bhattacharyya
 (d) Ashwini Kumar Tewari (e) Rajiv Mehrishi Ans. c
268. Whose tenure has been extended as the Managing Director & CEO of Yes Bank till April 5, 2026?
 (a) Rana Kapoor (b) Prashant Kumar (c) Amitabh Chaudhry
 (d) Shaktikanta Das (e) Rajnish Kumar Ans. b
269. Which city will host PHDCCI's 2nd Global Spiritual Tourism Conclave "mantic" on 27 August 2025?
 (a) Varanasi (b) Ujjain (c) Haridwar (d) Ayodhya (e) Puri Ans. b
270. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) recently signed a loan agreement of €150 million with which German bank to boost India's Power Distribution Reforms under RDSS?
 (a) Deutsche Bank (b) KfW (c) Commerzbank (d) Sparkasse Bank (e) BayernLB Ans. b
271. South Indian Bank has launched which new gold loan product to provide customers quick and convenient credit access?
 (a) SIB Gold Flexi (b) SIB Gold Xpress (c) SIB Gold Easy (d) SIB Gold Max (e) SIB Gold Digital Ans. b
272. VinFast Auto India has partnered with which bank to provide seamless loan facilities for its customers?
 (a) ICICI Bank (b) HDFC Bank (c) State Bank of India
 (d) Axis Bank (e) Bank of Baroda Ans. c
273. Who has been appointed as the new Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA) to handle internal affairs?
 (a) Rajinder Khanna (b) Anish Dayal Singh (c) T.V. Ravichandran
 (d) Pawan Kapoor (e) Ajit Doval Ans. b
274. Where was the 23rd AIBD General Conference, in which India was elected Chairman of the Executive Board, held?
 (a) New Delhi, India (b) Bangkok, Thailand (c) Phuket, Thailand
 (d) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (e) Jakarta, Indonesia Ans. c
275. Where was the two-day All India Speakers' Conference, inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, held?
 (a) Mumbai Assembly (b) Delhi Assembly (c) Lucknow Assembly
 (d) Hyderabad Assembly (e) Bengaluru Assembly Ans. b
276. Who chaired the inter-ministerial briefing about the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference?
 (a) Rajnath Singh (b) Om Birla (c) Amit Shah
 (d) Kiren Rijju (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar Ans. b

277. The fourth edition of Semicon India 2025, a flagship event aimed at showcasing India's growing strength in the global microelectronics and semiconductor value chain, will bring together 350 companies from 18 countries and regions, along with participation from nine Indian states. In which city will this important global conference be organised?
 (a) Bengaluru (b) Gandhinagar (c) Hyderabad (d) Pune (e) New Delhi Ans. e
278. Recently, RBI approved the proposal of Japan's Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) to acquire what maximum percentage of Yes Bank's paid-up share capital/voting rights?
 (a) 19.99% (b) 20.00% (c) 22.50% (d) 24.99% (e) 25.50% Ans. d
279. Which Indian Naval Ship recently completed a three-day port call at Surabaya, Indonesia?
 (a) INS Vikrant (b) INS Kadmatt (c) INS Kolkata (d) INS Shivalik (e) INS Arihant Ans. b
280. Cheteshwar Pujara recently announced his retirement from which sport?
 (a) Football (b) Cricket (c) Hockey (d) Tennis (e) Badminton Ans. b
281. Who has been appointed as the new CEO & MD of Tata Digital?
 (a) Naveen Tahilyani (b) Sajith Sivanandan (c) Janmejaya Sinha
 (d) Pawan Goenka (e) Manish Sabharwal Ans. b
282. Recently, which financial regulator has approved the reclassification of LIC as a "public shareholder" in IDBI Bank, subject to certain conditions, after the completion of strategic disinvestment?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) (d) Ministry of Finance
 (e) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Ans. b
283. Which two organisations jointly convened the National Conference on Fly Ash Utilisation and Transportation at the Power Management Institute, Noida?
 (a) Ministry of Power and NTPC (b) Ministry of Housing and NBCC
 (c) Ministry of Environment and BHEL (d) NITI Aayog and Coal India Limited
 (e) Ministry of Railways and NTPC Ans. e
284. Who will chair the three high-level committees formed to commemorate the anniversaries of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Birsa Munda, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee?
 (a) Union Home Minister Amit Shah (b) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
 (c) Prime Minister Narendra Modi (d) Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy
 (e) Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar Ans. c
285. Who inaugurated the 'Giving Wings to Dreams Conclave 2025' held in New Delhi?
 (a) Anurag Thakur (b) Raksha Nikhil Khadse (c) Rajnath Singh
 (d) Amit Shah (e) Narendra Modi Ans. b
286. Where will the India Maritime Week 2025 be held from 27th to 31st October?
 (a) Chennai (b) Kolkata (c) Mumbai
 (d) Visakhapatnam (e) New Delhi Ans. c
287. Small Industry Day is observed on which date every year in India to recognise the vital role of small-scale industries (SSIs) / MSMEs in nation-building?
 (a) 28 August (b) 29 August (c) 30 August (d) 31 August (e) 27 August Ans. c
288. Which multilateral bank has appointed RBI Executive Director Rajiv Ranjan as its Vice President and Chief Risk Officer?
 (a) Asian Development Bank (ADB) (b) World Bank (c) New Development Bank (NDB)
 (d) International Monetary Fund (IMF) (e) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Ans. c
289. Which state government has launched the e-Bhavishya pension reform initiative, aimed at ensuring transparent, speedy, and hassle-free disbursement of retirement benefits to its government employees?
 (a) Assam (b) Sikkim (c) Arunachal Pradesh
 (d) Nagaland (e) Meghalaya Ans. c
290. Recently, India signed an agreement with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to supply fortified rice. What is the total quantity to be supplied from FCI warehouses under this pact?
 (a) 100,000 metric tonnes (b) 150,000 metric tonnes (c) 300,000 metric tonnes
 (d) 250,000 metric tonnes (e) 200,000 metric tonnes Ans. e

291. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) recently launched its first all-women commando unit. Where is the training of these commandos being conducted?
 (a) Hyderabad, Telangana (b) Barwaha, Madhya Pradesh (c) Gurugram, Haryana
 (d) Pune, Maharashtra (e) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Ans. b
292. Star Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu recently won the Gold medal at the 2025 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships. Where was the event held?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Ahmedabad (c) Glasgow (d) Birmingham (e) Kuala Lumpur Ans. b
293. Women's Equality Day is observed annually on which date?
 (a) 24th August (b) 25th August (c) 26th August (d) 27th August (e) 28th August Ans. c
294. When is International Dog Day observed every year?
 (a) 24th August (b) 21st August (c) 23rd August (d) 26th August (e) 30th August Ans. d
295. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the localised production of hybrid battery electrodes?
 (a) Mumbai, Maharashtra (b) Hansalpur, Gujarat (c) Bengaluru, Karnataka
 (d) Hyderabad, Telangana (e) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Ans. b
296. The Indian Navy commissioned two Project 17A stealth frigates, Udaygiri and Himgiri, at Naval Base Visakhapatnam. Which shipyard built the stealth frigate Udaygiri?
 (a) Cochin Shipyard Ltd (b) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai
 (c) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata (d) Hindustan Shipyard Ltd
 (e) Goa Shipyard Ltd Ans. b
297. Which department released India's first-ever guidelines and SOPs for Blood Transfusion and Blood Banks for Animals?
 (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (b) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
 (c) Indian Veterinary Council (d) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
 (e) ICAR Ans. b
298. Fitch Ratings reaffirmed India's sovereign credit rating. Which of the following was the rating and its outlook as per the agency?
 (a) BBB with Positive Outlook (b) BBB- with Stable Outlook (c) BB+ with Negative Outlook
 (d) A- with Stable Outlook (e) BBB with Watchlist Outlook Ans. b
299. Which organisation signed a performance-based MoU with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) for FY 2025-26?
 (a) NTPC Limited (b) Power Finance Corporation (PFC) (c) Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)
 (d) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) (e) NHPC Limited Ans. d
300. How much total weight did Mirabai Chanu lift to win Gold at the 2025 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships?
 (a) 189 kg (b) 191 kg (c) 193 kg (d) 195 kg (e) 197 kg Ans. c
301. Who won the U18 women's individual recurve gold medal at the 2025 World Youth Archery Championships?
 (a) Chikitha Taniparthi (b) Kim Yewon (c) Deepika Kumari
 (d) Sharvari Somnath Shende (e) Komalika Bari Ans. d
302. Which organisation has launched Project Aarohan to support the educational aspirations of toll plaza employees' children?
 (a) Ministry of Education (b) NITI Aayog (c) National Highways Authority of India
 (d) University Grants Commission (e) Ministry of Skill Development Ans. c
303. Sundaram Home Finance recently launched an affordable housing finance product under which brand name?
 (a) Aashiyana (b) Anugraha (c) Grihalaxmi (d) Nirmaan (e) Ujjwal Ans. b
304. The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) recently penalized a well-known wellness company Rs.3 lakh for running misleading advertisements about its slimming treatments. Which company faced this penalty?
 (a) Patanjali Ayurveda (b) Amway India (c) VLCC Ltd
 (d) Himalaya Wellness (e) Dabur India Ans. c
305. L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF) has partnered with which digital payment platform to offer personal loan products?
 (a) PhonePe (b) Paytm (c) Amazon Pay (d) BharatPe (e) Google Pay Ans. e

306. Which advanced naval antenna system is being co-developed by India and Japan for Indian Navy platforms?
(a) TRIDENT (b) UNICORN (c) SAGARIKA (d) VIGILANT (e) NAVCOM Ans. b
307. Which country has recently joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), an India-led global initiative for the conservation of seven big cat species?
(a) Bhutan (b) Sri Lanka (c) Nepal (d) Bangladesh (e) Maldives Ans. c
308. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), launched on 28th August 2014 after being announced by PM Narendra Modi on 15th August 2014, completed 11 years on 28 August as one of the world's largest financial inclusion programmes. Which of the following facilities is NOT covered under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)?
(a) Basic Savings Account (b) Need-based Credit (c) Remittances
(d) Free Education Loan (e) Insurance and Pension Ans. d
309. The Union Cabinet approved the restructuring of the Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme, extending the lending period until 31st March 2030 from 31st December 2024. How much is the first tranche loan increased to under the restructured scheme?
(a) Rs.10,000 (b) Rs.12,500 (c) Rs.15,000 (d) Rs.20,000 (e) Rs.25,000 Ans. c
310. With which organization has the Defence Ministry signed an MoU to enhance veteran services?
(a) NITI Aayog (b) Quality Council of India (c) Indian Council of Medical Research
(d) National Health Authority (e) Defence Research & Development Organisation Ans. b
311. According to the EY report, by which year is India projected to emerge as the world's second-largest economy in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP), supported by its youthful population, robust savings, and sustainable fiscal path?
(a) 2030 (b) 2035 (c) 2038 (d) 2040 (e) 2045 Ans. c
312. Which state government will launch a month-long campaign, 'No Helmet, No Fuel', from September 1, under which petrol pumps will deny fuel to two-wheeler riders not wearing helmets?
(a) Maharashtra (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Karnataka (e) Gujarat Ans. c
313. Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi were appointed as Judges of the Supreme Court by the President of India, following the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium. Justice Alok Aradhe became Chief Justice of which High Court in January 2025, before his Supreme Court appointment?
(a) Telangana High Court (b) Karnataka High Court (c) Patna High Court
(d) Madhya Pradesh High Court (e) Bombay High Court Ans. e
314. Which state has become the first in India to implement systematic stray dog management following the Supreme Court directive?
(a) Rajasthan (b) Maharashtra (c) Gujarat (d) Karnataka (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. a
315. Bhubaneswar will host a two-day National Conference of Chairpersons of Committees on the Welfare of SCs and STs on August 29–30. Who will inaugurate the two-day SC/ST Welfare Committees conference in Bhubaneswar?
(a) President of India (b) Vice President of India (c) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
(d) Odisha Governor (e) Chief Minister of Odisha Ans. c
316. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated Maruti-Suzuki's first battery electric vehicle (BEV) named "e VITARA" along with a lithium-ion battery production facility. Where is this facility located?
(a) Sanand, Gujarat (b) Manesar, Haryana (c) Hansalpur, Ahmedabad
(d) Pune, Maharashtra (e) Noida, Uttar Pradesh Ans. c
317. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)?
(a) Santosh Sarangi (b) Akash Tripathi (c) R.K. Singh (d) Alok Kumar (e) Ajay Mathur Ans. b
318. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Lithuania?
(a) Gitanas Nausėda (b) Inga Ruginienė (c) Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen
(d) Dalia Grybauskaitė (e) Ingrida Šimonytė Ans. b
319. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has inaugurated its first startup-centric branch to promote innovation and entrepreneurship under the Startup India initiative. In which city was this branch inaugurated?
(a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru (c) Pune (d) Hyderabad (e) New Delhi Ans. e
320. More than 700 personnel from the Indian Armed Forces and Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff will participate in the upcoming multilateral exercise 'Bright Star 2025'. Where will this exercise be hosted?
(a) Israel (b) Egypt (c) Saudi Arabia
(d) United Arab Emirates (e) Qatar Ans. b

321. Veteran off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (38) announced his retirement from the Indian Premier League (IPL), while indicating that he may continue playing in other franchise cricket leagues worldwide. Ravichandran Ashwin began and ended his IPL career with which franchise team?
 (a) Rajasthan Royals (b) Kings XI Punjab (c) Delhi Capitals
 (d) Chennai Super Kings (e) Rising Pune Supergiant **Ans. d**
322. The Union Cabinet recently approved India's proposal to bid for which major sporting event in 2030?
 (a) Asian Games (b) Commonwealth Games (c) FIFA World Cup
 (d) Olympic Games (e) Youth Olympics **Ans. b**
323. Which authority approved the acquisition of Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) by Adani Group entities?
 (a) SEBI (b) RBI (c) Competition Commission of India
 (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (e) NITI Aayog **Ans. c**
324. On which date is World Lake Day observed every year?
 (a) 20 August (b) 25 August (c) 27 August (d) 29 August (e) 31 August **Ans. c**
325. Who has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Canada?
 (a) Sanjay Kumar Verma (b) Vikram Misri (c) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
 (d) S. Jaishankar (e) Dinesh K. Patnaik **Ans. e**
326. What was the year-on-year growth of India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in July 2025?
 (a) 1.5% (b) 2.0% (c) 3.5% (d) 4.5% (e) 5.4% **Ans. c**
327. Recently, BharatPe launched a new credit card in collaboration with a Small Finance Bank. The card is designed to make everyday expenses like groceries, bill payments, utilities, travel, and lifestyle spends more rewarding. Which bank has partnered with BharatPe for this launch?
 (a) AU Small Finance Bank (b) Fino Payments Bank (c) Unity Small Finance Bank
 (d) Equitas Small Finance Bank (e) Airtel Payments Bank **Ans. c**
328. Infosys recently announced a strategic collaboration with which global payments company to scale cross-border payments?
 (a) Visa (b) PayPal (c) SWIFT
 (d) American Express (e) Mastercard **Ans. e**
329. Which Indian company has been awarded the contract by Airbus Helicopters to manufacture the main fuselage of the H125 helicopter?
 (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (b) Tata Advanced Systems Ltd
 (c) Mahindra Aerostructures Private Ltd (d) Bharat Dynamics Limited (e) L&T Defence **Ans. c**
330. The International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 6 August (b) 12 August (c) 21 August (d) 29 August (e) 31 August **Ans. d**
331. National Sports Day is celebrated annually on 29th August to commemorate the birth anniversary of legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand. What is the theme of the nationwide Fit India Sports Movement launched on National Sports Day 2025?
 (a) Khelo India, Jeeto India (b) Ek Ghanta, Khel ke Maidan Main (c) Fitness for All
 (d) Sports for Unity (e) Run for Health **Ans. b**
332. India recently signed an MoU on Technical Cooperation in Agriculture and Allied Sectors with which neighbouring country?
 (a) Nepal (b) Bangladesh (c) Bhutan (d) Sri Lanka (e) Myanmar **Ans. c**
333. Where did Neeraj Chopra secure the runner-up position in the Diamond League Final 2025?
 (a) Tokyo (b) Zurich (c) Paris (d) Berlin (e) Doha **Ans. b**
334. Who was appointed as Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for three years in August 2025?
 (a) Raghuram Rajan (b) Shaktikanta Das (c) Urjit Patel
 (d) Arvind Subramanian (e) Duvvuri Subbarao **Ans. c**
335. Which state government has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana', aimed at providing employment opportunities to women?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Bihar (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Jharkhand (e) Rajasthan **Ans. b**

336. The International Cricket Council (ICC) recently announced a landmark partnership with Google to boost fan engagement in which sector of the game?
 (a) Men's Cricket (b) Women's Cricket (c) Domestic Cricket
 (d) Test Championship (e) Franchise Leagues Ans. b
337. The Ministry of Power recently released the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2024, developed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE). Which of the following states emerged as top performers in their respective energy consumption groups?
 (a) Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Tripura
 (b) Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Haryana
 (c) Gujarat, Karnataka, Assam, Odisha (d) Rajasthan, Telangana, Tripura, Punjab
 (e) Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala Ans. a
338. Which hospital has become the first government institute in India and the second in South Asia to perform Robotic Custom Laser Cataract Surgery using the ALLY Adaptive Cataract Treatment System?
 (a) AIIMS, New Delhi (b) Army Hospital Research and Referral
 (c) Command Hospital, Pune (d) Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
 (e) King George's Medical University, Lucknow Ans. b
339. Union Minister Shri Prataprao Jadhav presided over the BRICS CCI Healthcare Summit 2025 in New Delhi. What was the theme of the BRICS CCI Healthcare Summit 2025?
 (a) Global Health for All (b) Ayurveda for Future
 (c) Bridging Tradition and Innovation (d) Sustainable Medicine
 (e) One World, One Health Ans. c
340. The Department of Posts recently signed an MoU with which company to advance India's digital addressing system?
 (a) Google Maps (b) MapmyIndia - Mappls (c) ISRO
 (d) Microsoft (e) C-DAC Ans. b
341. Who has been appointed as the head of Tata Consultancy Services' newly formed AI and services transformation unit?
 (a) Rajesh Gopinathan (b) K. Krithivasan (c) Amit Kapur
 (d) N. Chandrasekaran (e) Arvind Krishna Ans. c
342. Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), a defence public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, was conferred with the prestigious SCOPE Eminence Award 2022-23 during a ceremony by President Droupadi Murmu. In which category was GSL honoured?
 (a) Defence Exports (b) Women Empowerment (c) Research & Innovation
 (d) Aerospace Excellence (e) Corporate Governance Ans. b
343. According to the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), what was India's fiscal deficit as a percentage of the full-year target at the end of July 2025?
 (a) 17.2% (b) 17.9% (c) 25.0% (d) 29.9% (e) 32.5% Ans. d
344. India's GDP growth in Q1 FY26 (April-June 2025) touched a five-quarter high. What was the growth rate?
 (a) 6.2% (b) 6.5% (c) 7.0% (d) 7.8% (e) 8.2% Ans. d
345. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of how much amount on Bandhan Bank for regulatory lapses?
 (a) Rs.22.5 lakh (b) Rs.35.0 lakh (c) Rs.44.7 lakh
 (d) Rs.50.0 lakh (e) Rs.60.5 lakh Ans. c
346. How much dividend did LIC present to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for FY25?
 (a) Rs.5,210 crore (b) Rs.6,845 crore (c) Rs.7,324 crore (d) Rs.8,100 crore (e) Rs.9,050 crore Ans. c
347. Who won the gold medal in the men's 79kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships in Ahmedabad?
 (a) Muhammad Erry (b) Adedapo Adeleke (c) Ajaya Babu Valluri
 (d) Sathish Sivalingam (e) Jeremy Lalrinnunga Ans. c

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