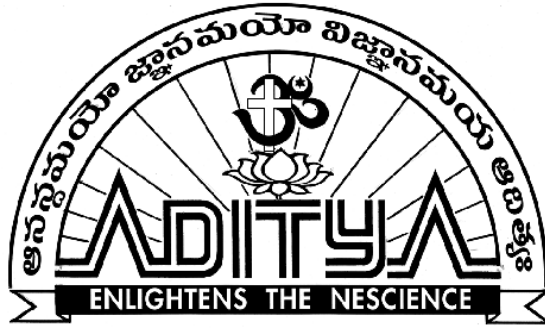


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1. On which date is International Jaguar Day observed every year to raise awareness about jaguar conservation?
(a) 25th November (b) 27th November (c) 29th November (d) 30th November (e) 28th November Ans. c
2. On which date is the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People observed each year?
(a) 25th November (b) 27th November (c) 29th November (d) 30th November (e) 28th November Ans. c
3. On which date is Red Planet Day observed every year to celebrate Mars?
(a) 14th November (b) 21st November (c) 28th November (d) 30th November (e) 25th November Ans. c
4. Which newly launched platform by NPCI Bharat BillPay allows the RBI to monitor fund transfers in real time?
(a) UPI Connect (b) Bharat BillPay (c) NEFT Connect (d) IMPS Connect (e) Banking Connect Ans. e
5. The Chhattisgarh Housing Board (CGHB), aiming to provide affordable housing and revive its revenue after years of slump, has launched a series of housing projects across 26 districts. These projects are worth a total of Rs.2,060 crore and are expected to construct 12,000 homes, including options for premier housing. How many projects have been launched by CGHB under this initiative?
(a) 45 (b) 50 (c) 55 (d) 60 (e) 65 Ans. c
6. Which international financial institution has approved a \$400 million results-based lending program to help the state of Maharashtra, India, develop climate-resilient, low-carbon, safe, and inclusive road networks, particularly enhancing connectivity for rural communities?
(a) World Bank (b) Asian Development Bank (ADB) (c) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
(d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) (e) New Development Bank (NDB) Ans. b
7. Which regulatory body has relaxed the educational qualification criteria for Investment Advisers (IAs) and Research Analysts (RAs)?
(a) RBI (b) SEBI (c) IRDAI
(d) Ministry of Finance (e) NSE Ans. b
8. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of PUMA India, starting December 2025?
(a) Karthik Balagopalan (b) Sanjay Lalbhai (c) Matthias Ba umer
(d) Anand Mahindra (e) Ramprasad Sridharan Ans. e
9. Who is set to assume the role of Chairperson of the 35-nation International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) for 2026?
(a) Sushil Chandra (b) Gyanesh Kumar (c) Sunil Arora
(d) Parul Tyagi (e) Achal Kumar Jyoti Ans. b
10. Who became the youngest ever FIDE World Cup winner by defeating GM Wei Yi in the 2025 edition held in Goa, India?
(a) Nodirbek Yakubboev (b) Andrey Esipenko (c) Javokhir Sindarov
(d) Magnus Carlsen (e) Hikaru Nakamura Ans. c
11. Renowned artiste Kumari Kamala (Kamala Lakshminarayanan) passed away at the age of 91 in California. Which classical dance style did Kumari Kamala help popularise on the global stage, known for its grace, flowing lines, and dramatic expressions?
(a) Kathak (b) Odissi (c) Bharatanatyam (d) Kuchipudi (e) Mohiniyattam Ans. c
12. Which award did the Ministry of Mines receive at IITF 2025 for excellence in display under the Central Ministries & Government Departments Pavilion category?
(a) Gold Award (b) Bronze Award (c) Silver Award
(d) Platinum Award (e) Special Jury Award Ans. c
13. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)'s analysis of Analysis of the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) data for FY 2024-25 identified high-risk cases where taxpayers failed to report foreign assets, prompting the launch of the second NUDGE campaign from 28 November 2025, advising taxpayers to revise their ITRs by 31 December 2025 to avoid penalties. The second NUDGE campaign primarily aims to help taxpayers correctly report which two schedules related to foreign holdings and income in their ITRs?
(a) Schedule AL and Schedule HP (b) Schedule FA and Schedule FSI
(c) Schedule OS and Schedule CYLA (d) Schedule TDS and Schedule SI
(e) Schedule VI-A and Schedule TR Ans. b

14. Under the Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) framework, how much amount has the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) released to 85 Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in Maharashtra?
(a) Rs.2.56 crore (b) Rs.4.10 crore (c) Rs.5.34 crore (d) Rs.7.50 crore (e) Rs.10.12 crore Ans. c
15. C-DOT, a premier R&D centre under the Department of Telecommunications, recently signed an MoU with which leading national institute to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) aimed at boosting indigenous capabilities in advanced communication technologies?
(a) IIT Kanpur (b) IIT Roorkee (c) IIT Madras (d) IISc Bengaluru (e) IIT Delhi Ans. b
16. World AIDS Day is observed every year on 1st December to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and support people living with the disease. What is the theme of World AIDS Day 2025?
(a) End Inequalities, End AIDS (b) Communities Make the Difference (c) Let Communities Lead
(d) Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response (e) Equal Access for All Ans. d
17. National Pollution Control Day is observed every year on which date?
(a) 1 December (b) 2 December (c) 3 December (d) 5 December (e) 4 December Ans. b
18. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed every year on which date?
(a) 1 December (b) 2 December (c) 3 December (d) 5 December (e) 4 December Ans. b
19. Which organisation created history by setting a Guinness World Record for conducting the largest career advice programme session in a single day, with thousands of students participating across India?
(a) RBI (b) SEBI (c) CBSE (d) ICAI (e) NITI Aayog Ans. d
20. Consider the following statements regarding the latest UN World Urbanisation Prospects 2025 report:
1. Jakarta has overtaken New Delhi to become the world's largest city.
2. Dhaka is projected to become the world's largest city by 2050.
3. Paris is the only city in the top 10 largest cities that is outside Asia.
4. The number of megacities globally has increased from 8 in 1975 to 33 in 2025.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 2 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, and 3 only (e) 1, 2 and 4 only Ans. c
21. Which government department in India has issued a directive making it mandatory for messaging apps to remain linked to a SIM card in order to operate on devices, aiming to prevent fraud and hijacking of accounts?
(a) Ministry of Home Affairs (b) Department of Telecommunications
(c) Ministry of Electronics and IT (d) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
(e) NITI Aayog Ans. b
22. What rank did India secure in its first-ever participation at the World Skills Asia 2025?
(a) 5th (b) 8th (c) 10th (d) 12th (e) 15th Ans. b
23. Which Indian rum won the 'Rum Brand of the Year' award at The Spirits Business Awards 2025?
(a) Old Monk (b) Camikara (c) Hercules (d) Ron Zacapa (e) Kingfisher Ans. b
24. On the occasion of Constitution Day 2025, at which organisation's headquarters was Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's bust unveiled by PM Narendra Modi?
(a) United Nations Headquarters, New York (b) UNESCO Headquarters, Paris
(c) World Bank Headquarters, Washington D.C. (d) International Court of Justice, The Hague
(e) IMF Headquarters, Washington D.C. Ans. b
25. India ranks 3rd in the Asia Power Index 2025, with the United States at 1st and China at 2nd, marking India's entry into the "major power" status category for the first time. What was India's overall score in the 2025 Asia Power Index?
(a) 35/100 (b) 38/100 (c) 49/100 (d) 42/100 (e) 40/100 Ans. e
26. The "Vision for Sujalam Bharat" Summit 2025 focuses on multiple thematic areas to strengthen India's water and sanitation security, integrate scientific approaches, promote community participation, and ensure sustainable water management. How many core themes are being addressed during the Summit?
(a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7 (e) 8 Ans. c
27. Paradip Port Authority (PPA) achieved its fastest-ever 100 MMT cargo throughput, reaching 100.15 MMT on 27th November — 12 days earlier than the previous fiscal. In which fiscal milestone did PPA achieve this record?
(a) Within 300 days of the fiscal (b) Within 260 days of the fiscal
(c) Within 241 days of the fiscal (d) Within 220 days of the fiscal
(e) Within 200 days of the fiscal Ans. c

28. Under the recently implemented MoU, VOC Port received its first coastal clinker shipment. This agreement ensures coastal movement of clinker from which major cement manufacturer?
 (a) UltraTech Cement (b) Dalmia Cement (c) Ambuja Cement Limited
 (d) Shree Cement (e) JK Cement Ans. c
29. India was re-elected to the Council of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) for which term?
 (a) 2024–25 (b) 2025–26 (c) 2026–27 (d) 2027–28 (e) 2028–29 Ans. c
30. Which organisation signed three MoUs with Nagaland's health authorities to strengthen pharmacovigilance and materiovigilance?
 (a) Indian Council of Medical Research (b) National Health Authority
 (c) Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (d) AIIMS Delhi
 (e) National Institute of Biologicals Ans. c
31. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 77-feet-tall bronze statue of Lord Ram at the historic Shree Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Math in Goa during the Math's 550th anniversary celebrations. Who crafted the 77-feet tall bronze statue of Lord Ram?
 (a) Subodh Gupta (b) Anish Kapoor (c) Ram V. Sutar
 (d) Amar Nath Sehgal (e) Jatin Das Ans. c
32. Amazon and Google have jointly launched a new multicloud networking service that allows customers to create private, high-speed connections between AWS and Google Cloud. The new multicloud service enables customers to create private, high-speed links in how much time?
 (a) Several days (b) One week (c) Minutes (d) One month (e) Several hours Ans. c
33. The RBI recently imposed a monetary penalty on Mannakrishna Investments Pvt Ltd for governance-related violations under its NBFC regulations. What was the exact amount of the penalty levied by the central bank?
 (a) Rs.1.50 lakh (b) Rs.2.00 lakh (c) Rs.3.10 lakh (d) Rs.5.00 lakh (e) Rs.10.00 lakh Ans. c
34. Who won the Qatar Grand Prix 2025, keeping the Formula 1 championship battle alive until the final race in Abu Dhabi?
 (a) Lando Norris (b) Oscar Piastri (c) Charles Leclerc
 (d) Max Verstappen (e) George Russell Ans. d
35. The Government of India and ADB signed loans worth over \$800 million for projects in which states?
 (a) Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Gujarat (b) Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat
 (c) Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat (d) Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Kerala
 (e) Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Maharashtra Ans. b
36. Who has been signed as the new brand ambassador for DP World?
 (a) Virat Kohli (b) Rohit Sharma (c) Abhishek Sharma
 (d) Rishabh Pant (e) Jasprit Bumrah Ans. c
37. How much has the Centre approved to modernise the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Mohali?
 (a) Rs 1,500 crore (b) Rs 2,500 crore (c) Rs 3,500 crore (d) Rs 4,500 crore (e) Rs 5,500 crore Ans. d
38. The Arunachal Dao, a hand-forged tribal blade, has received the GI tag, recognising it as a unique craft rooted in Arunachal Pradesh's cultural heritage. What is a Dao in the context of the Arunachal Dao's GI recognition?
 (a) A traditional musical instrument (b) A ritual wooden carving
 (c) A handwoven tribal garment (d) A hand-forged tribal blade
 (e) A traditional agricultural tool Ans. d
39. UPI recorded how much year-on-year growth in transaction count in November?
 (a) 20% (b) 25% (c) 28% (d) 32% (e) 35% Ans. d
40. Which airport became India's first water-positive airport, handling over 40 million passengers?
 (a) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (b) Kempegowda International Airport
 (c) Indira Gandhi International Airport (d) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
 (e) Cochin International Airport Ans. c
41. Which brand has partnered with the Tata Women's Premier League (WPL) as the Official Beverage Partner for the next two seasons?
 (a) Kinley (b) Aquafina (c) Himalayan
 (d) Bisleri International (e) Rail Neer Ans. d

42. India signed a Rs. 7,995-crore deal with which country for follow-on support of the MH-60R Seahawk helicopters?
(a) Russia (b) France (c) Israel (d) USA (e) Japan Ans. d
43. Which major European defense and aerospace company unveiled the AI-powered, multi-layered air defense system known as the "Michelangelo Dome," aimed at protecting cities and critical infrastructure?
(a) Airbus Defence (b) Thales Group (c) BAE Systems
(d) Leonardo (e) Lockheed Martin Ans. d
44. Which metro network has been recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's longest fully driverless metro?
(a) Dubai Metro (b) Tokyo Metro (c) Riyadh Metro
(d) London Underground (e) Delhi Metro Ans. c
45. On which date is World Computer Literacy Day observed every year?
(a) 1 December (b) 2 December (c) 3 December (d) 6 December (e) 7 December Ans. b
46. On which date is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed each year?
(a) 1 December (b) 2 December (c) 3 December (d) 4 December (e) 5 December Ans. c
47. Indian Navy Day commemorates which major operation during the 1971 Indo-Pak war?
(a) Operation Vijay (b) Operation Trident (c) Operation Flood
(d) Operation Cactus (e) Operation Blue Star Ans. b
48. Who were named the 2025 World Athletes of the Year at the World Athletics Awards?
(a) Armand Duplantis and Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (b) Maria Perez and Sabastian Sawe
(c) Emmanuel Wanyonyi and Nicola Olyslagers (d) Edmund Serem and Zhang Jiale
(e) Usain Bolt and Allyson Felix Ans. a
49. What is InDApp, recently launched by the National Industries Research and Development Council (NIRDC)?
(a) A financial loan scheme (b) A digital single-window platform for MSMEs
(c) A new export policy (d) An industrial training program
(e) A government subsidy scheme Ans. b
50. Who inaugurated the Saras Ajeevika Food Festival 2025 in New Delhi?
(a) Nitin Gadkari (b) Smriti Irani (c) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
(d) Narendra Singh Tomar (e) Piyush Goyal Ans. c
51. Which two public sector banks signed an MoU to collaborate on a Centre of Excellence in Strategic Partnership?
(a) SBI and PNB (b) BoI and Bank of Baroda (c) SBI and Bank of India
(d) PNB and Canara Bank (e) SBI and IDBI Bank Ans. c
52. RBI has retained SBI, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for 2025, keeping them in the same bucketing structure as the previous year. As per RBI's D-SIB norms, what is the additional CET1 capital buffer SBI must maintain over its Risk-Weighted Assets (RWAs) due to its highest systemic importance?
(a) 0.20% (b) 0.40% (c) 0.60% (d) 0.80% (e) 1.00% Ans. d
53. Who has taken additional charge as the Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF)?
(a) Daljit Singh Chawdhary (b) Praveen Kumar (c) Rakesh Asthana
(d) Sanjay Arora (e) Vivek Johri Ans. b
54. In December 2025, who has been appointed as Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
(a) Shaktikanta Das (b) Usha Janakiraman (c) Sonali Sen Gupta
(d) Sanjay Kumar Hansda (e) Urjit Patel Ans. b
55. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Knowledge Officer of the World Bank Group?
(a) Kristalina Georgieva (b) Paschal Donohoe (c) David Malpass
(d) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (e) Raghuram Rajan Ans. b
56. Which foundation has been officially recognised by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVT) as an Awarding Body (Standard) with the authority to certify learners across India?
(a) Reliance Skills Foundation (b) Adani Skills and Education Foundation
(c) Tata Skills Development Foundation (d) Infosys Foundation
(e) Mahindra Pride Schools Ans. b

57. Which three women cricketers were promoted to Officer on Special Duty (Sports) by Indian Railways?
 (a) Mithali Raj, Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana (b) Pratika Rawal, Sneha Rana, Renuka Singh Thakur
 (c) Deepti Sharma, Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues (d) Pooja Vastrakar, Taniya Bhatia, Harleen Deol
 (e) Smriti Mandhana, Jhulan Goswami, Shikha Pandey **Ans. b**
58. Who has taken over as Director General (Inspection & Safety) at Air HQ on 1 December 2025?
 (a) Air Marshal Makarand Bhaskar Ranade (b) Air Marshal Raghunath Nambiar
 (c) Air Marshal Tejbir Singh (d) Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
 (e) Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha **Ans. c**
59. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has mandated pre-installation of the Sanchar Saathi mobile app on all mobile handsets manufactured or imported for India, ensuring the app is clearly visible and accessible during first use, with no key functions hidden or restricted. Under which rules is the government authorized to issue directions to manufacturers regarding IMEI-related compliance?
 (a) Digital India Rules (b) Telecom Cyber Security Rules
 (c) Information Technology Act Rules (d) Mobile Safety Guidelines
 (e) Cyber Finance Rules **Ans. c**
60. What is the primary objective of the Ministry of Coal's newly simplified approval mechanism for exploration programs and Geological Reports (GRs)?
 (a) To increase coal prices
 (b) To fast-track approvals, enhance transparency, and improve ease of doing business
 (c) To reduce the number of private agencies (d) To stop coal exploration activities
 (e) To merge all exploration agencies **Ans. b**
61. Which scheme recently crossed 8.34 crore enrolments according to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman?
 (a) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (b) Atal Pension Yojana
 (c) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (d) National Pension System
 (e) PM-KISAN **Ans. b**
62. What new name has been given to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)?
 (a) Seva Dham (b) Kartavya Kendra (c) Rashtriya Seva Sadan
 (d) Seva Tirth (e) Lok Seva Bhavan **Ans. d**
63. Who has taken charge as the new Managing Director of LIC?
 (a) Siddhartha Mohanty (b) V. Ramesh (c) Ramakrishnan Chander
 (d) T. S. Ramakrishnan (e) Pankaj Jain **Ans. c**
64. Who has created history by becoming the first full-time woman Vice-Chancellor of Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University in its 100-year journey since 1923?
 (a) Dr. Madhavi Chavare (b) Dr. Neeta Kulkarni (c) Dr. Shalini Deshpande
 (d) Dr. Manali Kshirsagar (e) Dr. Priya Wankhede **Ans. d**
65. The 10th edition of the Vedanta Pink City Half Marathon was held in which city?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Delhi (c) Udaipur (d) Jaipur (e) Bengaluru **Ans. d**
66. Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi will launch a 100-day awareness campaign for a Child Marriage-Free Bharat in New Delhi, marking the one-year anniversary of the 'Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat' campaign. Which ministries are coordinating with the Women and Child Development Ministry for this campaign?
 (a) Finance and Defence, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, and Education
 (b) Home and Labour, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, and Education
 (c) Health and Family Welfare, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, and Education
 (d) Agriculture and Commerce, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, and Education
 (e) Culture and Tourism, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, and Education **Ans. c**
67. How many new Atal Tinkering Labs does the government plan to establish in schools across India?
 (a) 10,000 (b) 25,000 (c) 35,000 (d) 45,000 (e) 50,000 **Ans. e**
68. Who is being honoured with a customised 'My Stamp' by India Post on his birth centenary?
 (a) Prathap C Reddy (b) Pottipatti Obul Reddy (c) Manoj M.
 (d) Ratan Tata (e) Narayana Murthy **Ans. c**

69. Which organization has signed an MoU with Reliance Jio to introduce a safety alert system on National Highways?
 (a) Ministry of Road Transport (b) NITI Aayog (c) NHAI
 (d) IRDAI (e) Ministry of Telecom Ans. c
70. Recently, five traditional products from Tamil Nadu were granted the Geographical Indications (GI) tag. Which of the following is NOT among the newly GI-tagged products from Tamil Nadu?
 (a) Woraiyur cotton sari (b) Thooyamalli rice
 (c) Kavindapadi naatu sakkarai (d) Kanchipuram silk saree
 (e) Ambasamudram choppu saman Ans. d
71. Cashfree has partnered with which global institution to enhance cross-border payment processing in India?
 (a) Citi Bank (b) HSBC (c) J.P. Morgan Payments
 (d) Standard Chartered (e) World Bank Ans. c
72. CRISIL revised India's GDP growth forecast for the current financial year to what level?
 (a) 6% (b) 6.2% (c) 6.5% (d) 7% (e) 7.5% Ans. d
73. What was the total GST collection in November after the first full month of rate cuts?
 (a) Rs.1.5 lakh crore (b) Rs.1.6 lakh crore (c) Rs.1.7 lakh crore
 (d) Rs.1.8 lakh crore (e) Rs.1.9 lakh crore Ans. c
74. Which phrase has Oxford University Press selected as the Word of the Year 2025?
 (a) Clickbait (b) Rage bait (c) Misinformation (d) Viral trend (e) Social trolling Ans. b
75. DRDO successfully conducted a high-speed rocket-sled test of a fighter aircraft escape system at the Rail Track Rocket Sled facility in Chandigarh, validating canopy severance, ejection sequencing, and complete aircrew recovery. Which organisations collaborated with DRDO for this test?
 (a) ISRO and ADA (b) ADA and HAL (c) IAF and BEL (d) HAL and ISRO (e) BEL and ADA Ans. b
76. When is International Volunteer Day observed each year?
 (a) 1 December (b) 5 December (c) 6 December (d) 7 December (e) 8 December Ans. b
77. When is World Soil Day observed each year?
 (a) 1 December (b) 5 December (c) 6 December (d) 7 December (e) 8 December Ans. b
78. The RBI reduced the Policy Repo Rate by 25 basis points to 5.25%, setting the SDF rate at 5% and the MSF/Bank Rate at 5.5%; all six MPC members voted unanimously for the rate cut. What stance did the MPC decide to continue with?
 (a) Accommodative (b) Tightening (c) Hawkish (d) Neutral (e) Dovish Ans. d
79. Which Union Minister recently flagged off the construction of India's first all-electric green tug, marking a major step under the country's Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP)?
 (a) Nitin Gadkari (b) Hardeep Singh Puri (c) Sarbananda Sonowal
 (d) Rajnath Singh (e) Piyush Goyal Ans. c
80. AIM-NITI Aayog has partnered with which company to develop the "MStar™ Global AI Connect" innovation platform?
 (a) Tata Digital (b) Infosys Innovation Labs (c) Hitachi MGRM Net Ltd.
 (d) IBM India (e) Wipro Technologies Ans. c
81. S&P Global Ratings recently upgraded India's insolvency regime ranking from which category to which category?
 (a) A to B (b) B to A (c) C to B (d) C to A (e) D to B Ans. c
82. Which government department withdrew its directive requiring smartphone manufacturers to preload the Sanchar Saathi app?
 (a) Ministry of IT (b) TRAI (c) DoT
 (d) NIC (e) Ministry of Home Affairs Ans. c
83. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the 18th Plenary Meeting of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, hosted in New Delhi from 2–5 December 2025. What is the theme of the 18th Plenary Meeting of the Global Forum hosted by India?
 (a) Global Tax Compliance and Innovation
 (b) Tax Transparency: Delivering a Shared Vision Through International Cooperation
 (c) Combating Tax Evasion through Technology (d) Financial Inclusion and Tax Governance
 (e) Digital Economy and Taxation Ans. b

84. What is Fitch Ratings' revised GDP growth forecast for India in FY26?
(a) 6.5% (b) 6.9% (c) 7.4% (d) 7.8% (e) 8.2% Ans. c
85. The 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) was inaugurated at the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Kolkata, focusing on demographic drivers of India's inclusive growth. What is the theme of the 46th Annual IASP Conference?
(a) Population and Technology (b) Urbanization and Growth
(c) Migration and Employment (d) Health and Demography
(e) People, Planet, Prosperity: Demographic Drivers of India's Inclusive Growth Ans. e
86. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director & CEO of TeamLease Services, effective February 2, 2026?
(a) Ashok Reddy (b) Manish Sabharwal (c) Parul Tyagi
(d) Suparna Mitra (e) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw Ans. d
87. The PM-WANI scheme was approved on 9th December 2020 to accelerate broadband proliferation across India via Public Wi-Fi networks, in line with the National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP) 2018. It enables Public Data Offices (PDOs) to set up Wi-Fi hotspots under PDO Aggregators (PDOAs). As of 26th November 2025, India has 3,91,599 active PM-WANI Wi-Fi hotspots, delivered by PDOs, facilitating affordable and widespread internet access across urban and rural areas. Who certifies that the hardware and software used by PM-WANI stakeholders are compliant with PM-WANI guidelines?
(a) TRAI (b) Ministry of Electronics & IT (c) Department of Telecommunications
(d) CDOT (e) NITI Aayog Ans. d
88. When will the amended Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2025 for pan masala, which mandate the display of Retail Sale Price (RSP) on all packs including small packs of 10 grams or less, come into force?
(a) 1st January 2026 (b) 1st February 2026 (c) 1st March 2026
(d) 5th December 2025 (e) 1st April 2026 Ans. b
89. Which bank has appointed Harmanpreet Kaur as its first female brand ambassador?
(a) SBI (b) Bank of Baroda (c) Punjab National Bank
(d) Canara Bank (e) HDFC Bank Ans. c
90. Arun Kumar Singh has received an extension as chairman of which organisation?
(a) IOC (b) BPCL (c) ONGC (d) GAIL (e) NTPC Ans. c
91. Who has been approved by the RBI as the CEO of Bank of America NA (BoFA) in India?
(a) Ajay Banga (b) Vikram Sahu (c) Shantanu Narayen
(d) Arvind Krishna (e) Nitin Chugh Ans. b
92. International Day against Unilateral Coercive Measures is observed on which date?
(a) 1 December (b) 2 December (c) 3 December (d) 4 December (e) 7 December Ans. d
93. International Day of Banks is observed on which date?
(a) 1 December (b) 2 December (c) 4 December (d) 5 December (e) 7 December Ans. c
94. Markets regulator SEBI introduces single-window access for low-risk foreign investors, simplifying participation in the Indian securities market and enhancing India's appeal as an investment destination. The framework named SWAGAT-FI provides unified registration across multiple investment routes and reduces repeated compliance and documentation. What is the full form of SWAGAT-FI?
(a) Single Window Automatic & Generalised Access for Trusted Foreign Investors
(b) Simplified Workflow Access for Global and Trusted Foreign Investors
(c) Single Way Agreement for Foreign Institutional Investors
(d) Secure Window Access for Global Accredited Traders
(e) Systematic Workflow for Advanced Foreign Investment Ans. a
95. Who has been appointed as the new United Nations Resident Coordinator in India?
(a) Shombi Sharp (b) Achim Steiner (c) Stefan Priesner (d) Filippo Grandi (e) Antonio Vitorino Ans. c
96. Which organisation, operating under the Catalyst Platform, has recently launched the "FPO Shakti" blended stage-based financing facility aimed at enabling Farmer-Producer Organisations (FPOs) to access timely and appropriate capital for sustainable growth?
(a) NABARD (b) Vrutti (c) NAFED (d) FCI (e) SIDBI Ans. b

97. Which General Insurance company has partnered with Vastu Housing Finance to provide insurance solutions to Vastu's housing loan customers across 17 States and 340 districts in India?
 (a) HDFC ERGO General Insurance (b) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
 (c) ICICI Lombard General Insurance (d) SBI General Insurance
 (e) Reliance General Insurance Ans. c
98. Which organisation has partnered with Gujarat Fluorochemicals' subsidiary GFCL EV Products by investing around USD 50 million to help build India's first integrated battery materials facility?
 (a) Asian Development Bank (ADB) (b) New Development Bank (NDB)
 (c) International Finance Corporation (IFC) (d) World Economic Forum (WEF)
 (e) UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Ans. c
99. Which payments bank has been granted 'in-principle' approval by the RBI to convert into a Small Finance Bank (SFB)?
 (a) AU Payments Bank (b) Fino Payments Bank (c) Jana Payments Bank
 (d) Ujjivan Payments Bank (e) Paytm Payments Bank Ans. b
100. In its December 2025 monetary policy announcement, the RBI revealed a major liquidity-boosting step. As part of this measure, how much worth of government securities did the RBI decide to purchase through Open Market Operations (OMO) to inject long-term durable liquidity into the banking system?
 (a) Rs.50,000 crore (b) Rs.75,000 crore (c) Rs.1,00,000 crore
 (d) Rs.1,25,000 crore (e) Rs.1,50,000 crore Ans. c
101. Which edition of the International Sand Art Festival was inaugurated alongside the Konark Festival in Odisha?
 (a) 10th Edition (b) 12th Edition (c) 14th Edition (d) 15th Edition (e) 18th Edition Ans. d
102. Where was the Indian Army's annual Idea and Innovation Competition, Inno-Yoddha 2025, conducted?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Pune (c) Jaipur (d) New Delhi (e) Chandigarh Ans. d
103. Which licence has Razorpay recently been granted by the Reserve Bank of India, enabling it to facilitate regulated inward and outward cross-border payments for exporters, SaaS firms, freelancers, D2C brands, and global companies operating in India?
 (a) Payment Aggregator – Domestic (PA-D) (b) Payment Aggregator – Cross Border (PA-CB)
 (c) Foreign Exchange Dealer Licence (d) Unified Payments Licence
 (e) Digital Wallet Licence Ans. b
104. The 8th Economic Census in India is scheduled for 2027, to be conducted after the two-phase Population Census (April–September 2026 and February 2027). Which Union Ministry is responsible for organising and administering this massive statistical exercise?
 (a) Ministry of Finance (b) Ministry of Home Affairs (c) Ministry of Commerce
 (d) Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (e) Ministry of Corporate Affairs Ans. d
105. Which Assam-based public-sector refinery, known for spearheading major energy and petrochemical projects in the Northeast and recently commissioning a bamboo-based 2G bioethanol plant, was granted Navratna status by the Government of India?
 (a) Digboi Refinery (b) Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (c) Guwahati Refinery
 (d) Barauni Refinery (e) Haldia Refinery Ans. b
106. The Government of India recently signed a comprehensive two-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which global payment technology company to promote India as a premium tourism destination and strengthen the digital tourism ecosystem through marketing campaigns, stakeholder engagement, and secure digital payment solutions?
 (a) Visa Inc. (b) American Express (c) PayPal Holdings
 (d) RuPay (NPCI) (e) Mastercard Ans. e
107. Which fruit from Darjeeling has recently been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?
 (a) Darjeeling Apple (b) Darjeeling Pineapple (c) Darjeeling Lemon
 (d) Darjeeling Mandarin Orange (e) Darjeeling Peach Ans. d
108. Which state government has recently launched the 'Mukhyamantri Bharat Darshan Yojana' aimed at sending secondary school students on educational tours across important historical and research sites across India?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh Government (b) Maharashtra Government (c) Bihar Government
 (d) Gujarat Government (e) Karnataka Government Ans. c

109. When is International Volunteer Day (IVD) observed every year?
 (a) 1 December (b) 3 December (c) 5 December (d) 7 December (e) 10 December Ans. c
110. World Soil Day is observed every year on 5 December to raise awareness about the importance of healthy soil and sustainable soil management. What is the theme for World Soil Day 2025?
 (a) Soil and Water: Sources of Life (b) Keep Soil Alive, Protect Soil Biodiversity
 (c) Healthy Soil, Healthy Food (d) Save Soil, Save Future
 (e) Healthy Soils for Healthy Cities Ans. e
111. Cristiano Ronaldo recently became the global brand ambassador of which AI company?
 (a) OpenAI (b) Google DeepMind (c) Anthropic
 (d) Perplexity (e) Cohere Ans. d
112. The 11th India International Science Festival (IISF 2025), being held in Panchkula, Haryana, will showcase India's science-led progress while bridging traditional knowledge with modern scientific research. What is the theme of IISF 2025?
 (a) Science for Future (b) Technology for All
 (c) Vigyan Se Samruddhi: for Aatmanirbhar Bharat
 (d) Innovation for India (e) Digital India Mission Ans. c
113. The Government of India recently announced a major statistical reform by updating the base year used for national accounts. Which of the following years has been selected as the new base year to ensure that GDP and related indicators better reflect the current structure of the economy?
 (a) 2011–12 (b) 2015–16 (c) 2017–18 (d) 2020–21 (e) 2022–23 Ans. e
114. Which Indian company was named among the Top 100 Corporate Startup Stars (CSS) 2025?
 (a) ONGC (b) Indian Oil (c) NTPC (d) GAIL (e) BPCL Ans. e
115. Who became the first-ever recipient of the newly established "FIFA Peace Prize – Football Unites the World," an award created to honour individuals for their exceptional contributions to promoting global peace and unity through football, and was presented during the 2026 FIFA World Cup Draw held in Washington, DC?
 (a) Joe Biden (b) Vladimir Putin (c) Emmanuel Macron
 (d) Donald Trump (e) Narendra Modi Ans. d
116. Veteran Indian pacer Mohit Sharma announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, ending a career that included 34 international matches and over a decade-long stint in the IPL with teams like CSK, KXIP/PBKS, DC, and Gujarat Titans. In which year did Mohit Sharma make his international debut for India?
 (a) 2011 (b) 2012 (c) 2013 (d) 2014 (e) 2015 Ans. c
117. LIC recently signed a comprehensive and strategic bancassurance partnership with which bank, allowing the bank's customers to access a wide range of LIC insurance products through its extensive branch network as well as digital platforms?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Axis Bank (d) Yes Bank (e) IndusInd Bank Ans. d
118. The Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Sangeet Natak Academy, and Andhra Pradesh agencies, is hosting the 3rd Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam 2025 in Vijayawada on 6–7 December 2025, celebrating Telugu music heritage. What is the theme of Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam 2025?
 (a) Reviving Lost Indian Classical Instruments
 (b) Celebrating the Richness of Telugu Music Traditions (c) India's Folk Music and Tribal Rhythms
 (d) Global Carnatic Fusion Sounds (e) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat – Cultural Melodies Ans. b
119. The fifth edition of the Joint Military Exercise "Harimau Shakti – 2025" between India and Malaysia is being conducted at which location?
 (a) Jaisalmer Military Station, Rajasthan (b) Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
 (c) Wellington Cantonment, Tamil Nadu (d) Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar
 (e) Dehradun Military College Ans. b
120. Which company has partnered with Sabre Direct Pay to modernise payment solutions for global travel merchants?
 (a) Razorpay (b) PayU (c) Juspay (d) Cashfree (e) Stripe Ans. c
121. Which Cambodia-based bank has partnered with NPCI International Payments to enable UPI acceptance in Cambodia?
 (a) Phnom Penh Commercial Bank (b) ACLEDA Bank (c) Canadia Bank
 (d) Cambodian Public Bank (e) ANZ Royal Bank Ans. b

122. RBI has widened access to Gold Metal Loans (GML), allowing banks to lend not only to jewellery manufacturers but also to jewellers who outsource production. From which date will the new RBI guidelines on expanded Gold Metal Loan (GML) access come into effect?
 (a) January 1, 2025 (b) July 1, 2025 (c) April 1, 2026
 (d) December 31, 2025 (e) March 31, 2026 Ans. c
123. Where were the India–Russia bilateral talks on fisheries, meat, and dairy trade expansion held?
 (a) Moscow (b) St. Petersburg (c) Mumbai (d) New Delhi (e) Vladivostok Ans. d
124. In which location did the 10th edition of the India–Indonesia joint special forces exercise 'Garuda Shakti' begin?
 (a) Tezpur, Assam (b) Jaipur, Rajasthan (c) Agra, Uttar Pradesh
 (d) Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh (e) Shillong, Meghalay Ans. d
125. India is hosting the 20th session of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage at which location?
 (a) India Gate (b) Red Fort (c) Vigyan Bhawan
 (d) Rashtrapati Bhawan (e) Purana Qila Ans. b
126. Which bank launched the premium 'Luxura' RuPay metal credit card?
 (a) SBI (b) HDFC Bank (c) Punjab National Bank
 (d) ICICI Bank (e) Bank of Baroda Ans. c
127. NMDC signed an MoU with which institution to enhance cybersecurity and digital technology integration?
 (a) IIT Delhi (b) IIT Bombay (c) IIT Kanpur (d) IISc Bengaluru (e) NIT Trichy Ans. c
128. International Anti-Corruption Day is observed annually on 9 December to raise awareness about the dangers of corruption and promote measures to combat it globally. What is the theme for International Anti-Corruption Day 2025?
 (a) Fighting Corruption Together (b) Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity
 (c) Transparency and Accountability (d) Governance for All
 (e) Ending Corruption Worldwide Ans. b
129. The Indian Army's Eastern Command mountaineering team achieved a landmark feat by completing the first-ever recorded ascent of which previously unconquered Himalayan peak?
 (a) Mount Kangto (b) Mount Kamet (c) Mount Jongsong
 (d) Mount Pauhunri (e) Mount Kabru Ans. a
130. Tata Advanced Systems Ltd. (TASL) and which global defence company have announced a partnership to establish a state-of-the-art Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility in Bengaluru to support the Indian Air Force's C-130J Super Hercules fleet, enhancing in-country sustainment capabilities and regional/global support?
 (a) Boeing (b) Lockheed Martin (c) Airbus
 (d) Larsen & Toubro (e) Bharat Electronics Limited Ans. b
131. Where will the 2025 Squash World Cup be held in India?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Delhi (c) Chennai (d) Bengaluru (e) Hyderabad Ans. c
132. On which date is Armed Forces Flag Day observed annually?
 (a) 5 December (b) 6 December (c) 7 December (d) 8 December (e) 10 December Ans. c
133. On which date is National Microwave Oven Day observed every year?
 (a) 4 December (b) 5 December (c) 6 December (d) 7 December (e) 8 December Ans. c
134. International Civil Aviation Day is observed annually on 7 December to recognise the importance of international civil aviation and its role in social and economic development. What is the theme for International Civil Aviation Day 2025?
 (a) Aviation Innovation for All (b) Global Air Connectivity
 (c) Safe Skies & Sustainable Future for All (d) Green Skies Initiative
 (e) Secure Flights, Secure Future Ans. c
135. RBI urges banks and other regulated entities to improve customer service and reduce grievances, emphasising customer-centric policies and operations. A special two-month campaign will be held from 1st January next year to resolve all complaints pending for more than a month with the RBI Ombudsman. Which initiative by the RBI focuses on customer financial awareness and rights?
 (a) Re-KYC (b) Aapki Poonji, Aapka Adhikar (c) Financial Literacy Week
 (d) RBI Kehta Hai (e) Digital RBI Ans. b

136. Who has become the youngest ever chess player to earn an official FIDE rating?
 (a) Lavina Vithal (b) Sarwagya Singh Kushwaha (c) Praggnanandhaa R
 (d) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (e) Nihal Sarin Ans. b
137. Which company has Netflix announced it will acquire, including its studios and HBO assets?
 (a) Paramount Pictures (b) Universal Studios (c) Sony Pictures
 (d) Warner Bros. (e) Lionsgate Ans. d
138. Lando Norris won his maiden Formula One World Drivers' Championship in Abu Dhabi. Which driver's four-year reign did Lando Norris end to win the championship?
 (a) Lewis Hamilton (b) Fernando Alonso (c) Max Verstappen
 (d) Charles Leclerc (e) Valtteri Bottas Ans. c
139. Rohit Sharma became the _____ Indian cricketer to score 20,000 runs across formats.
 (a) Second (b) Third (c) Fourth (d) Fifth (e) Six Ans. c
140. What is the name of the ancient Milky Way-like galaxy recently discovered by Indian scientists?
 (a) Mandakini (b) Ganga (c) Saraswati (d) Yamuna (e) Alaknanda Ans. e
141. According to the recently concluded Fifth Khelo India University Games 2025 held in Jaipur, which university emerged as the overall champion by securing the highest number of medals, including an impressive tally of 42 gold medals?
 (a) Lovely Professional University (b) Guru Nanak Dev University (c) Chandigarh University
 (d) Jain University (e) Panjab University Ans. c
142. Kalyan Chattopadhyay, who recently passed away, belonged to which Indian state?
 (a) Odisha (b) Maharashtra (c) West Bengal (d) Assam (e) Bihar Ans. c
143. When is the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of Genocide observed?
 (a) 7 December (b) 8 December (c) 9 December (d) 10 December (e) 11 December Ans. c
144. Who has begun his first full four-year term as President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)?
 (a) Raninder Singh (b) Amit Sanghi (c) Gagan Narang
 (d) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo (e) Zorawar Singh Sandhu Ans. d
145. What is 'Tax Pragya' launched by Deloitte?
 (a) A financial audit software (b) A tax filing portal
 (c) An AI-powered tax research and insights platform
 (d) A payroll management system (e) An investment advisory tool Ans. c
146. Baba Adhav, a renowned socialist leader, passed away at 95 in Pune. Which of the following was one of the initiatives led by Baba Adhav?
 (a) Clean India Mission (b) Digital India Campaign (c) Make in India initiative
 (d) One village one water source project (e) Atamnirbhar Bharat Ans. d
147. What percentage of total global real-time retail payment volumes is contributed by India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI), making it the largest real-time payment system in the world as per IMF and ACI Worldwide data for 2024-25?
 (a) 25% (b) 35% (c) 49% (d) 55% (e) 60% Ans. c
148. Where has India Post unveiled Kerala's first Gen-Z Post Office extension counter?
 (a) University of Kerala, Kottayam (b) Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam
 (c) CMS College, Kottayam (d) Cochin University of Science & Technology
 (e) Kerala Central College, Kottayam Ans. c
149. International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) is observed every year on 9 December to raise global awareness about the harmful effects of corruption and promote efforts to combat it. What is the theme of International Anti-Corruption Day 2025?
 (a) Say No to Corruption (b) Fighting Corruption for Progress
 (c) Uniting with Youth Against Corruption (d) End Corruption Now
 (e) Youth for Transparency Ans. c
150. Union MoS for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh will represent India at the 7th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7), the UN's highest-level decision-making body on environmental matters. Where is UNEA-7 being held?
 (a) New York (b) Geneva (c) Nairobi (d) Paris (e) Tokyo Ans. c

151. The Government of India has announced a nationwide governance outreach initiative called 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore', aimed at improving administrative access in rural regions. As per the official schedule, during which dates will this campaign be organized across all districts, states, and Union Territories of India?
 (a) 10–16 December (b) 15–20 December (c) 21–27 December
 (d) 19–25 December (e) 1–7 January Ans. d
152. Which wildlife reserve has been approved by the Mohan Yadav cabinet to be developed as Madhya Pradesh's third cheetah habitat?
 (a) Satpura Tiger Reserve (b) Bandhavgarh National Park
 (c) Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (d) Pench Tiger Reserve
 (e) Kanha Tiger Reserve Ans. c
153. Gujarat Police's Cyber Centre of Excellence has launched a major crackdown on mule bank accounts used by cybercriminals. What is the name of this coordinated action plan?
 (a) Operation Cyber Shield (b) Operation Digital Strike
 (c) Operation Anti-Fraud Mission (d) Operation Secure Net
 (e) Operation Mule Hunt Ans. e
154. Which Indian state has become the first to achieve 100% digitisation of its electoral roll under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Maharashtra (c) Karnataka (d) Gujarat (e) Rajasthan Ans. e
155. The Maharashtra Government launched the Mahadeva Football Initiative (Project Mahadeva) to provide world-class training facilities for 60 young football players from rural and remote areas. Which age group is specifically targeted under the Mahadeva Football Initiative?
 (a) Under-10 (b) Under-12 (c) Under-13 (d) Under-15 (e) Under-17 Ans. c
156. The new brand identity of Ageas Federal Life Insurance was launched in Mumbai by MD & CEO Jude Gomes, along with which iconic sportsperson who serves as the company's brand ambassador?
 (a) Virat Kohli (b) P. V. Sindhu (c) Sachin Tendulkar
 (d) Neeraj Chopra (e) M. S. Dhoni Ans. c
157. Bank of Baroda launched its new 'Masterstroke' advertising campaign featuring which global brand ambassador, aiming to inspire customers to make informed financial decisions through relatable real-life scenarios?
 (a) Rohit Sharma (b) Virat Kohli (c) Sachin Tendulkar (d) Harleen Deol (e) M. S. Dhoni Ans. c
158. At The Banker magazine's prestigious "Bank of the Year Awards 2025 – Asia-Pacific," Bank of Baroda received recognition for its overall performance in the Indian banking sector. Which title was awarded to the bank for its excellence?
 (a) Best Digital Bank in Asia (b) Best Public Sector Bank in India (c) Best Customer Service Bank
 (d) Best Retail Transformation Bank (e) Best Bank in India Ans. e
159. What is the full name of the new company that has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to be set up jointly by the State Bank of India (SBI) and the Bank of Baroda (BoB) to develop a Digital Payments Intelligence Platform aimed at detecting and preventing fraudulent transactions in public sector banks across India?
 (a) India Digital Fraud Monitoring Authority (b) Digital Transaction Security Council
 (c) Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (d) National Payment Monitoring Corporation
 (e) India SecurePay Intelligence Network Ans. c
160. What is the new maximum foreign investment limit that has been approved by the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, for AU Small Finance Bank (SFB), increasing from the earlier 49% to provide greater flexibility for foreign investors and support the bank's growth as it transitions to a universal bank?
 (a) 49% (b) 60% (c) 72% (d) 76% (e) 92% Ans. d
161. RBI has imposed a monetary penalty on Jammu & Kashmir Bank for violating Section 26A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, and for non-compliance with RBI directions related to the Internal Ombudsman Scheme 2018, Customer Service in Banks, and KYC Directions. What is the total penalty imposed on J&K Bank by RBI?
 (a) Rs.50 lakh (b) Rs.7.5 lakh (c) Rs.99.30 lakh (d) Rs.1.5 crore (e) Rs.2 crore Ans. c
162. What is ADB's revised growth forecast for India for FY 2025-26?
 (a) 6.0% (b) 6.5% (c) 7.0% (d) 7.2% (e) 7.5% Ans. d

163. SEBI recently launched a new mechanism called PaRRVA to authenticate past performance claims made by market intermediaries, tackle misleading claims by influencers, and ensure transparency for investors. What is the full form of PaRRVA?
- (a) Past Regulatory Review and Verification Authority (b) Past Risk and Return Verification Agency
(c) Performance and Return Review Verification Agency (d) Past Returns Regulation and Validation Agency
(e) Portfolio Risk and Returns Validation Authority Ans. b
164. Which award-winning Bollywood actor, known for her dedication to animal welfare, commitment to a meat-free lifestyle, and advocacy for community animals, has been named PETA India's 2025 Person of the Year?
- (a) Sunny Leone (b) Raveena Tandon (c) Dia Mirza (d) Sunny Leone (e) John Abraham Ans. b
165. Who has been elected as the new President of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA)?
- (a) K.N. Shanth Kumar (b) Venkatesh Prasad (c) Sujith Somasundar
(d) B.K. Ravi (e) B.N. Madhukar Ans. b
166. Who was recently honoured with the Global Humanitarian Award for Animal Welfare by the Global Humane Society, becoming the youngest and first Asian recipient for his contributions to wildlife conservation through initiatives like Vantara?
- (a) Sonu Sood (b) Anant Ambani (c) Parul Tyagi (d) Sundar Pichai (e) Aditya Birla Ans. b
167. According to TIME magazine's special feature for 2025, which Indian-origin CEO—described as a global cultural shaper whose decisions influence the daily content consumption of billions—has been honoured as TIME's CEO of the Year 2025?
- (a) Sundar Pichai (b) Satya Nadella (c) Neal Mohan
(d) Arvind Krishna (e) Shantanu Narayen Ans. c
168. Who was sworn in as the new Prime Minister of the Czech Republic?
- (a) Petr Fiala (b) Milos Zeman (c) Andrej Babis (d) Petr Pavel (e) Jan Lipavsky Ans. c
169. Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December to commemorate the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. What is the theme of Human Rights Day 2025?
- (a) Dignity for All (b) Equality and Freedom (c) Human Rights in Action
(d) Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials (e) Justice for Everyone Ans. d
170. Deepavali has been officially added to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List, marking a historic moment for India during the 20th ICH Committee Session held at the Red Fort, New Delhi. With the addition of Deepavali, how many elements from India are now part of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List?
- (a) 12 (b) 14 (c) 15 (d) 16 (e) 18 Ans. d
171. UAE has been ranked the world's strongest passport for 2025 with a mobility score of 179, offering its citizens the highest access to countries visa-free or with a visa-on-arrival. Which two countries share the second rank with a mobility score of 175 in the 2025 strongest passports list?
- (a) Germany and Sweden (b) Japan and South Korea (c) Singapore and Spain
(d) Norway and Finland (e) Belgium and France Ans. c
172. Tata Electronics and Intel have signed an MoU to explore manufacturing and advanced packaging of Intel's chips in India, including production at Tata's upcoming semiconductor fab in Dholera (Gujarat) and packaging at the _____.
- (a) Noida OSAT facility (b) Kochi semiconductor hub (c) Guwahati OSAT facility
(d) Mumbai Electronics Park (e) Visakhapatnam Tech Valley Ans. c
173. IIT Bombay recently launched India's first incubator-linked deep tech venture capital fund. What is the name of this fund?
- (a) A-Point Venture Fund (b) B-Point Innovation Fund (c) C-Point Technology Fund
(d) Y-Point Venture Capital Fund (e) Z-Point Research Fund Ans. d
174. Col Prateek Roy of the Indian Army was recently awarded which prestigious recognition at the Australian Defence College?
- (a) President's Medal (b) Victoria Cross (c) Param Vishisht Seva Medal
(d) Geddes Gavel Award (e) Defence Leadership Medal Ans. d
175. TIME magazine has named a professional basketball player as its 2025 Athlete of the Year in recognition of her historic season, remarkable on-court performance, leadership in women's sports, and significant cultural impact. Who is this athlete?
- (a) LeBron James (b) Stephen Curry (c) Serena Williams (d) A'ja Wilson (e) Candace Parker Ans. d

176. India will host the first-ever Commonwealth Kho Kho Championship from March 9 to 14, 2026, with participation expected from over 24 countries across Asia, Europe, Africa, Oceania, and the Americas. Which organization is responsible for organizing the Commonwealth Kho Kho Championship in India?
 (a) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (b) Kho Kho Federation of India (c) Sports Authority of India
 (d) Indian Olympic Association (e) Commonwealth Games Federation Ans. b
177. The ISSF World Cup Final 2025 concluded India's shooting season. In which country was this edition of the tournament hosted?
 (a) India – New Delhi (b) Qatar – Doha (c) UAE – Dubai
 (d) South Korea – Seoul (e) Germany – Munich Ans. b
178. International Mountain Day is observed every year on 11 December to highlight the importance of mountains for ecosystems, biodiversity, and human livelihood. What is the theme for International Mountain Day 2025?
 (a) Protecting Mountain Ecosystems (b) Mountains Matter for Youth
 (c) Glaciers and Climate Action
 (d) Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond
 (e) Sustainable Tourism in Mountain Ans. d
179. Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has reconstituted the Supreme Court's Artificial Intelligence Committee to guide the adoption, development, and deployment of AI tools across the higher judiciary and subordinate courts. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the newly reconstituted Supreme Court AI Committee?
 (a) Justice Anoop Chitkara (b) Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V (c) Justice PS Narasimha
 (d) Justice Suraj Govindaraj (e) Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva Ans. c
180. Which ministry launched the Sujalam Bharat App to improve rural drinking water governance?
 (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (b) Ministry of Jal Shakti
 (c) Ministry of Rural Development (d) Ministry of Water Resources
 (e) Ministry of Panchayati Raj Ans. b
181. India's first indigenous hydrogen fuel-cell passenger vessel was launched at which location?
 (a) Kolkata (b) Mumbai (c) Varanasi (d) Kochi (e) Chennai Ans. c
182. UNICEF Day is observed annually on 11 December to commemorate the establishment of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). In which year was UNICEF established?
 (a) 1945 (b) 1946 (c) 1950 (d) 1965 (e) 1952 Ans. b
183. On which date is Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day observed every year?
 (a) 10 December (b) 11 December (c) 12 December (d) 15 December (e) 20 December Ans. c
184. The Bihar government recently launched an initiative to accelerate the settlement of land disputes and improve transparency in land administration. What is the name of this programme, which provides a public interface for citizens to resolve ownership and documentation issues on the spot?
 (a) Bhumi Shakti Abhiyan (b) Bhumi Sudhar Samvad (c) Zameen Sudhar Yojana
 (d) Land Rights Mission (e) Bihar Land Connect Ans. b
185. To improve inclusivity and ease of participation for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has announced a significant reform. What is the main objective of this new decision?
 (a) To conduct separate examinations for PwBD candidates
 (b) To provide additional compensatory time in all papers
 (c) To ensure allotment of the preferred examination centre chosen by PwBD candidates
 (d) To exempt PwBD candidates from preliminary examinations
 (e) To introduce online examinations exclusively for PwBD candidates Ans. c
186. The India-Italy Business Forum 2025 was held in which city during the visit of the Italian Deputy Prime Minister?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Bengaluru (c) Mumbai (d) Chennai (e) Hyderabad Ans. c
187. DSC A20, the first indigenous Diving Support Craft of the Indian Navy, will be commissioned at which location?
 (a) Visakhapatnam (b) Mumbai (c) Kochi (d) Chennai (e) Port Blair Ans. c
188. The 17th edition of the FICCI Annapoorna Interfood Exhibition 2025 was held in which city?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Bengaluru (c) Chennai (d) Hyderabad (e) Mumbai Ans. e

189. NIFTEM–Thanjavur has signed MoUs with which of the following institutions in Karnataka to strengthen food processing education and research?
 (a) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
 (b) University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru and University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shimoga
 (c) National Institute of Technology, Surathkal and IISc Bengaluru
 (d) Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University
 (e) Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore and IIT Delhi Ans. c
190. Which Indian player from Punjab was awarded Rs 11 lakhs by the Punjab government for winning the 2025 Women's World Cup?
 (a) Smriti Mandhana (b) Harmanpreet Kaur (c) Jemimah Rodrigues
 (d) Deepti Sharma (e) None of above Ans. b
191. Which bank, recognised for its strong financial performance, technology-driven initiatives, and strategic investment focus, was named Global Bank of the Year 2025 by The Banker, part of the Financial Times Group?
 (a) HSBC (b) DBS (c) Standard Chartered
 (d) Citibank (e) Bank of Singapore Ans. b
192. Which company has launched a multi-currency travel card in India to reduce hidden forex fees?
 (a) Paytm (b) Wise (c) HDFC Bank (d) ICICI Bank (e) SBI Ans. b
193. Researchers at NIT Rourkela have developed a low-cost social robot capable of holding real-time, human-like conversations by understanding natural language, emotions and verbal commands. Which advanced technology mainly enables this conversational ability?
 (a) Rule-based automation (b) Internet of Things (IoT)
 (c) Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models
 (d) Robotics Process Automation (e) Augmented Reality Ans. c
194. Which company has announced an investment of \$35 billion in India by 2030 to expand its retail operations, cloud services and AI infrastructure?
 (a) Microsoft (b) Google (c) Apple (d) Meta Platforms (e) Amazon Inc. Ans. e
195. Which country has become the first in the world to ban social media for children under the age of 16?
 (a) Canada (b) United Kingdom (c) Australia (d) New Zealand (e) Denmark Ans. c
196. Which country has launched the "Gold Card" visa scheme, offering fast-tracked residency to wealthy foreigners in return for a minimum payment of \$1 million?
 (a) Canada (b) USA (c) China (d) Australia (e) Russia Ans. b
197. Who has been awarded the UN Environment Programme's 2025 Champions of the Earth Award for outstanding climate action?
 (a) Sunita Narain (b) Supriya Sahu (c) Vandana Shiva
 (d) Parul Tyagi (e) Ramesh Pokhriyal Ans. b
198. On which date is National Horse Day observed every year?
 (a) 12 December (b) 13 December (c) 14 December (d) 15 December (e) 16 December Ans. b
199. National Energy Conservation Day is observed on 14 December every year to raise awareness about the importance of saving energy and promoting sustainable energy use. What is the theme of National Energy Conservation Day 2025?
 (a) Renewable Energy for All (b) Saving Energy, Securing Future (c) Energy Efficiency Matters
 (d) Powering India (e) Sustainable Energy Solutions Ans. b
200. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025, proposing to allow 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in the insurance sector, subject to the condition that the entire premium is invested within India. The Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025 proposes to replace which of the following Acts?
 (a) Insurance Act, 1938 (b) LIC Act, 1956 (c) IRDAI Act, 1999
 (d) All of the above (e) Both a and c Ans. d
201. The government is likely to introduce an amendment Bill in the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament to rename MGNREGA as "Pujya Babu Gramin Rozgar Yojana", with the proposal reportedly cleared by the Union Cabinet. According to the government's proposal, the guaranteed employment under the scheme may be increased to:
 (a) 110 days (b) 115 days (c) 120 days (d) 125 days (e) 150 days Ans. d

202. The central government has recently approved a comprehensive development scheme for Makhana, aimed at improving research and innovation, quality seed production, farmer training, harvesting, post-harvest practices, value addition, branding, marketing, and export promotion. What is the total financial outlay approved for this scheme for the period 2025–26 to 2030–31?
(a) Rs.350 crore (b) Rs.425 crore (c) Rs.456 crore (d) Rs.476 crore (e) Rs.500 crore Ans. d
203. What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) milling copra for the 2026 season?
(a) Rs.11,500 per quintal (b) Rs.12,027 per quintal (c) Rs.12,505 per quintal
(d) Rs.12,750 per quintal (e) Rs.13,000 per quintal Ans. b
204. Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav 2025 was organised in New Delhi to mark the birth anniversary of Mahakavi Subramania Bharati. What was the theme of Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav 2025?
(a) One Language, Many Cultures (b) Many Languages, One Emotion (c) Language and Unity
(d) Tribal Voices of India (e) Celebrating Hindi Ans. b
205. Who introduced the MahaCrimeOS AI platform to accelerate cybercrime investigations in Maharashtra?
(a) Sundar Pichai (b) Satya Nadella (c) Mark Zuckerberg
(d) Arvind Krishna (e) Elon Musk Ans. b
206. NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has partnered with which company to launch a nationwide start-up acceleration programme for the circular economy?
(a) Tata Group (b) Reliance Industries (c) Hindustan Unilever Limited
(d) ITC Limited (e) Adani Group Ans. c
207. The Ministry of MSME signed an MoU with which company to support Vishwakarma artisans through digital marketplaces?
(a) Amazon (b) Meesho (c) Flipkart (d) Snapdeal (e) JioMart Ans. c
208. IndusInd Bank launched its first fuel-linked co-branded credit card in partnership with which company?
(a) Indian Oil (b) Bharat Petroleum (c) Reliance Retail
(d) Jio-bp (e) HPCL Ans. d
209. Dinesh Khatak, Haryana, has been awarded the Union Home Minister's Efficiency Medal for exemplary service, recognising his leadership, operational excellence, and sustained contribution to national security. Dinesh Khatak, who was awarded the Union Home Minister's Efficiency Medal, is an officer of which force?
(a) Border Security Force (BSF) (b) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
(c) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) (d) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
(e) Assam Rifles Ans. d
210. The SHANTI Bill, which was recently in the news and approved by the Union Cabinet, is related to which of the following sectors?
(a) Coal mining sector (b) Renewable energy sector
(c) Oil and gas sector (d) Nuclear power sector
(e) Power transmission sector Ans. d
211. India's retail inflation in November 2025 rose to what level on a year-on-year basis?
(a) 0.25% (b) 0.50% (c) 0.71% (d) 1.00% (e) 1.40% Ans. c
212. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of PNB Housing Finance?
(a) Girish Kousgi (b) Ajai Kumar Shukla (c) Parul Tyagi
(d) Atul Kumar Goel (e) Rajiv Sabharwal Ans. b
213. Who has been appointed as the National Working President of the BJP recently?
(a) J.P. Nadda (b) Rajnath Singh (c) Nitin Nabin
(d) Amit Shah (e) Sushil Kumar Modi Ans. c
214. The "Craftkatha – 2025" exhibition, showcasing artisans and diverse craft traditions from across India, was organised as part of the National Handicrafts and Heritage Week 2025 in New Delhi. Who inaugurated this important national-level exhibition in New Delhi?
(a) Giriraj Singh (b) Smriti Irani (c) Sudha Murty (d) Nitin Gadkari (e) Amit Shah Ans. c

215. To strengthen financial inclusion and expand access to mutual fund products in rural, semi-urban, and underserved areas of India, BSE, Asia's oldest stock exchange, partnered with a government organisation under the Ministry of Communications to leverage its extensive network of over 1.64 lakh post offices. Which two organisations signed this MoU?
- (a) National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
 (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and State Bank of India (SBI)
 (c) BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) and Department of Posts (India Post)
 (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and India Post (e) ICICI Bank and BSE Ans. c
216. Where in Meghalaya was the Soil Lake recently inaugurated under the Nengsang River Valley Project?
- (a) Tura (b) Shillong (c) Williamnagar (d) Jowai (e) Nongpoh Ans. c
217. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has recently approved a proposal to establish India's first dedicated autonomous maritime shipyard and systems development centre at Juvvaladinne Fishing Harbour in Nellore district, aimed at positioning the state as a hub for next-generation maritime and autonomous systems. Which company has received approval to establish India's first dedicated autonomous maritime shipyard in Andhra Pradesh?
- (a) Larsen & Toubro (b) Reliance Defence
 (c) Sagar Defence Engineering Pvt Ltd (d) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
 (e) Garden Reach Shipbuilders Ans. c
218. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI)?
- (a) Vinay M Tonse (b) Rajnish Kumar (c) Ravi Ranjan
 (d) Arundhati Bhattacharya (e) Dinesh Kumar Khara Ans. c
219. How much money was released to Rural Local Bodies in Kerala as the first instalment of XV Finance Commission grants for FY 2025-26?
- (a) Rs.260.20 crore (b) Rs.220.75 crore (c) Rs.200.50 crore
 (d) Rs.275.30 crore (e) Rs.300 crore Ans. a
220. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) handed over a dividend cheque of over how much to the Government of India for FY 2024-25?
- (a) Rs 95 crore (b) Rs 100 crore (c) Rs 109 crore (d) Rs 115 crore (e) Rs 120 crore Ans. c
221. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently signed agreements for a total of five loans amounting to over \$2.2 billion. These loans aim to support multiple development projects across sectors such as skill development, rooftop solar deployment, healthcare infrastructure, metro rail expansion, and ecotourism promotion in different states. What is the total value of the loans signed?
- (a) \$1.5 billion (b) \$2.0 billion (c) \$2.2 billion (d) \$2.5 billion (e) \$3.0 billion Ans. c
222. Who chaired the second meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on AYUSH in New Delhi?
- (a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi (b) Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav
 (c) Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya (d) NITI Aayog CEO
 (e) Lok Sabha Speaker Ans. b
223. The International Day Against Colonialism in All Its Forms and Manifestations is observed every year on:
- (a) 12 December (b) 13 December (c) 14 December (d) 15 December (e) 16 December Ans. c
224. President Smt Droupadi Murmu presented the National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2025 and National Painting Competition on Energy Conservation prizes in New Delhi. The National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2025 are organised by which government body to promote energy efficiency?
- (a) Central Electricity Authority (b) Bureau of Energy Efficiency
 (c) Renewable Energy Development Agency (d) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
 (e) Power Grid Corporation of India Ans. b
225. At which edition of the National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) did Raiza Dhillon win a double gold?
- (a) 66th (b) 67th (c) 68th (d) 69th (e) 70th Ans. c
226. Chhattisgarh recently designated a wetland as its first Ramsar site, located in Bilaspur district, under the Ramsar Convention. Which reservoir received this recognition, aligning with Chhattisgarh Anjor Vision 2047?
- (a) Hasdeo Reservoir (b) Kopra Reservoir (c) Gangrel Reservoir
 (d) Mand Reservoir (e) Sondur Reservoir Ans. b

227. In squash, India created history by winning the Squash World Cup for the first time after a dominant 3–0 victory in the final match held in Chennai. Which of the following teams did India defeat to clinch this historic title?
(a) England (b) Malaysia (c) Egypt (d) Hong Kong (e) Australia Ans. d
228. Who was elected as the first woman President of the Press Club of India?
(a) Aditi Rajput (b) Sneha Bhura (c) Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty
(d) Parul Tyagi (e) Jahanvi Sen Ans. c
229. India's resolution on "Strengthening the Global Management of Wildfires" was adopted at which session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)?
(a) UNEA-5 (b) UNEA-6 (c) UNEA-7 (d) UNEA-8 (e) UNEA-9 Ans. c
230. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India?
(a) P.M. Prasad (b) Sanoj Kumar Jha (c) B. Sairam
(d) Alok Kumar (e) Anil Kumar Ans. c
231. Kavita Chand recently etched her name in India's mountaineering history by successfully summiting which mountain, known as the highest peak in Antarctica and considered one of the most challenging due to extreme cold and isolation?
(a) Mount Erebus (b) Mount McKinley (Denali) (c) Mount Aconcagua
(d) Mount Vinson (e) Mount Kosciuszko Ans. d
232. As part of the government's plan to develop Maitri II, India's next-generation research station in East Antarctica, funds were approved for pre-investment activities such as architectural design and preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR). Considering that the total estimated cost of the project is Rs.2,000 crore over seven years, which ministry approved the initial pre-investment expenditure of Rs.29.2 crore?
(a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (b) Ministry of Science and Technology
(c) Ministry of Earth Sciences (d) Ministry of External Affairs
(e) Ministry of Defence Ans. c
233. Which institution has been officially designated as India's first Yoga and Ayurveda-based Cluster Centre under the Gyan Bharatam Mission of the Ministry of Culture, a recognition aimed at preserving, documenting, and promoting India's ancient knowledge systems through institutional collaboration and academic leadership?
(a) Banaras Hindu University (b) Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (c) Gujarat Ayurved University
(d) University of Patanjali (e) Central University of Yoga Ans. d
234. NLC India Ltd. (NLCIL) has received a Letter of Acceptance (LoA) to set up a 110 MW grid-connected solar PV project in which state?
(a) Maharashtra (b) Gujarat (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Rajasthan (e) Haryana Ans. c
235. India and Liberia recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in which field?
(a) Renewable energy (b) Pharmacopoeia (c) Education
(d) Information technology (e) Defence Ans. b
236. India has recently achieved a major milestone in its semiconductor journey by launching its first fully indigenous microprocessor under the Microprocessor Development Programme (MDP). What is the name of this processor?
(a) SHAKTI64 (b) DHRUV64 (c) PARAM64 (d) VIKRAM64 (e) PAROO64 Ans. b
237. The World Bank has recently approved a funding of nearly USD 600 million to support large-scale clean-air programmes aimed at improving air quality, reducing pollution, and promoting greener jobs for millions of people. These programmes are being implemented in which two Indian states in the Indo-Gangetic Plains region?
(a) Punjab and Haryana (b) Uttar Pradesh and Haryana (c) Bihar and Uttar Pradesh
(d) Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan (e) Gujarat and Maharashtra Ans. b
238. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a USD 240 million loan for which Indian city's metro expansion project?
(a) Delhi (b) Bengaluru (c) Chennai (d) Hyderabad (e) Kolkata Ans. c
239. The Mizoram government has decided to sign a USD 108 million loan agreement to strengthen its public healthcare system. This loan is being provided by which international financial institution?
(a) World Bank (b) International Monetary Fund (c) Asian Development Bank
(d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (e) New Development Bank Ans. c
240. What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rate in November 2025?
(a) 0.32% (b) -0.32% (c) -1.21% (d) 1.40% (e) 0.71% Ans. b

241. Who won the recent presidential election in Chile?
 (a) Gabriel Boric (b) Sebastián Piñera (c) José Antonio Kast
 (d) Michelle Bachelet (e) Jeannette Jara Ans. c
242. Who was sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner of the Central Information Commission in December 2025?
 (a) Heeralal Samariya (b) Raj Kumar Goyal (c) C.P. Radhakrishnan
 (d) Ajay Bhalla (e) Nityanand Rai Ans. b
243. Lionel Messi virtually unveiled a 70-foot statue of himself in which Indian city during the GOAT India Tour 2025?
 (a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi (c) Kolkata (d) Chennai (e) Bengaluru Ans. c
244. Minorities Rights Day is observed in India on 18 December every year to recognise and uphold the rights of religious and linguistic minorities in the country. What is the theme of Minorities Rights Day in 2025?
 (a) Equality and Justice for All (b) Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials
 (c) Minority Welfare for Development (d) Protecting Cultural Heritage
 (e) Unity in Diversity Ans. b
245. Which regulatory body has given in-principle approval to NCDEX to launch a Mutual Fund transaction platform?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
 (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (d) Ministry of Finance (e) Forward Markets Commission Ans. c
246. Which regulatory authority has granted approval to HDFC Bank and its group entities to acquire an aggregate holding of up to 9.5% of the paid-up share capital or voting rights in IndusInd Bank?
 (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (b) Ministry of Finance
 (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (d) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
 (e) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) Ans. c
247. Who was named ICC Women's Player of the Month for November following a match-winning performance in the Women's World Cup final?
 (a) Smriti Mandhana (b) Harmanpreet Kaur (c) Shafali Verma
 (d) Pratika Rawal (e) Deepti Sharma Ans. c
248. Veteran leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa, who passed away recently, was the MLA from which constituency?
 (a) Davanagere North (b) Chitradurga (c) Harihar
 (d) Davanagere South (e) Shimoga Rural Ans. d
249. The Government has extended the tenure of which SBI Managing Director for another two years?
 (a) C.S. Setty (b) Alok Kumar Choudhary (c) Ashwini Kumar Tewari
 (d) Dinesh Khara (e) Rajnish Kumar Ans. c
250. Who inaugurated the Param Vir Dirgha at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Vijay Diwas?
 (a) Ram Nath Kovind (b) Droupadi Murmu (c) Narendra Modi
 (d) Rajnath Singh (e) Venkaiah Naidu Ans. b
251. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was recently honoured by Ethiopia with its highest civilian award for his exceptional efforts in strengthening bilateral relations and global leadership. What is the name of this prestigious award?
 (a) Order of the Star of Ethiopia (b) The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia
 (c) Ethiopian Medal of Excellence (d) Friendship of Nations Award
 (e) Global Leadership Medal Ans. b
252. Ponduru Khadi, recently awarded the GI tag, is a traditional fabric from which Indian state?
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Andhra Pradesh (c) Karnataka (d) Telangana (e) Odisha Ans. b
253. Which country has become the first in the world to receive UNESCO recognition for its entire national cuisine?
 (a) France (b) Italy (c) Spain (d) Japan (e) Mexico Ans. b
254. Who has been appointed as Managing Director & CEO of Airtel India, effective January 1, 2026?
 (a) Gopal Vittal (b) Soumen Ray (c) Akhil Garg
 (d) Shashwat Sharma (e) Rohit Krishan Puri Ans. d
255. Which highest civilian honour of Oman was conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
 (a) Order of Renaissance (b) Order of Al Said (c) Order of Merit
 (d) The First Class of the Order of Oman (e) Order of Friendship Ans. d

256. Which police initiative was launched in Bihar's Motihari to ensure the safety of women and girl students?
 (a) Shakti Squad (b) Nirbhaya Force (c) Durga Vahini
 (d) Abhaya Brigade (e) Suraksha Team Ans. d
257. Gujarat's first Gram Panchayat to function at night has been started in Mitiyaj village. This village is located in which district of Gujarat?
 (a) Junagadh (b) Amreli (c) Bhavnagar (d) Gir Somnath (e) Porbandar Ans. d
258. Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced that Hansi will be elevated to district status, increasing the total number of districts in the state. Hansi will become which numbered district of the state?
 (a) 21st (b) 23rd (c) 22nd (d) 20th (e) 24th Ans. b
259. What was India's overall unemployment rate (UR) in November 2025?
 (a) 5.5% (b) 6.2% (c) 5.0% (d) 4.7% (e) 4.0% Ans. d
260. Amazon Pay introduces UPI Biometric Authentication, allowing users to approve UPI transactions using fingerprint or face recognition without entering a PIN. For UPI transactions using biometric authentication, what is the maximum transaction limit on Amazon Pay?
 (a) Rs.1,000 (b) Rs.2,500 (c) Rs.5,000 (d) Rs.10,000 (e) Rs.2,000 Ans. c
261. State Bank of India (SBI) will sign a €150 million credit line with KfW to finance climate-friendly energy generation projects. KfW is a development bank based in which country?
 (a) France (b) Germany (c) Netherlands (d) Switzerland (e) Austria Ans. b
262. Who was Peter Arnett, who recently passed away at the age of 91?
 (a) A renowned photojournalist (b) A Pulitzer Prize Winner (c) A military historian
 (d) A documentary filmmaker (e) A political analyst Ans. b
263. What is the maximum amount that customers are allowed to withdraw from The Gauhati Cooperative Urban Bank under the RBI restrictions?
 (a) Rs.25,000 (b) Rs.30,000 (c) Rs.35,000 (d) Rs.40,000 (e) Rs.50,000 Ans. c
264. Which authority imposed a Rs.1 crore penalty on Care Health Insurance Ltd for serious lapses in claims settlement, violating policyholder protection norms and corporate governance standards?
 (a) SEBI (b) RBI (c) IRDAI (d) CCI (e) NABARD Ans. c
265. The Finance Ministry unveiled a new common logo for all 28 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to create a single and unified brand identity, strengthening their visibility and recognition nationwide. What do the colours of the new RRB logo signify?
 (a) Blue signifies technology, green signifies education (b) Red signifies power, yellow signifies energy
 (c) Dark blue signifies finance and trust, green signifies life and growth
 (d) White signifies peace, black signifies strength
 (e) Blue signifies water, green signifies agriculture Ans. c
266. Where was Karnataka's first Gen Z-themed post office inaugurated by India Post?
 (a) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (b) PES University, Bengaluru
 (c) Acharya Institute of Technology, Bengaluru (d) Bangalore University
 (e) Christ University Ans. c
267. The Union Government has approved the development of the Viksit Bharat Mumbai Marina in Mumbai Harbour, aiming to boost coastal shipping, maritime tourism, and waterfront-led urban development. Considering the scale of the project, including berthing facilities for 424 yachts, world-class onshore infrastructure, and integration with national maritime initiatives, what is the estimated total cost of this project?
 (a) Rs.750 crore (b) Rs.808 crore (c) Rs.850 crore (d) Rs.887 crore (e) Rs.900 crore Ans. d
268. Which airline was named Best Domestic Airline at the Travel + Leisure India and South Asia's Best Awards 2025?
 (a) IndiGo (b) Vistara (c) SpiceJet (d) Air India (e) GoAir Ans. d
269. According to Travel+Leisure's India's Best Awards 2025, which airport was voted the world's best international airport based on factors such as overall travel experience, comfort, facilities, and passenger satisfaction?
 (a) Dubai International Airport (b) London Heathrow Airport (c) Singapore Changi Airport
 (d) Tokyo Haneda Airport (e) Hong Kong International Airport Ans. c
270. The Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine was inaugurated at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, jointly organised by the WHO and the Ministry of AYUSH. What is the theme of the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine?
 (a) Science and Innovation in Health (b) Integrative Medicine for All
 (c) Restoring Balance: The Science and Practice of Health and Well-Being
 (d) Traditional Medicine for Global Health (e) Holistic Health Approaches Ans. c

271. Which Ministry launched the dedicated portal for Republic Day Celebrations–2026 youth competitions?
 (a) Ministry of Education (b) Ministry of Culture (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (d) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (e) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Ans. d
272. An independent evaluation of the Jiyo Parsi Scheme was conducted in 2025 to assess its effectiveness in addressing the declining Parsi population, its outreach to beneficiaries, and overall impact. The evaluation report noted widespread acceptance and usefulness of the scheme among the Parsi community. Which organisation carried out this evaluation study?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) National Sample Survey Office (c) Registrar General of India
 (d) International Institute for Population Sciences (e) Indian Council of Medical Research Ans. c
273. The Indian Army contingent has departed to participate in which joint military exercise with the UAE?
 (a) Exercise Al Nagah (b) Exercise Zayed Shield (c) Exercise Gulf Star
 (d) Exercise Desert Cyclone–II (e) Exercise Sand Storm Ans. d
274. The Har Ghar Museum initiative was launched by the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) under the Ministry of Culture with the vision that every household preserves a part of India's living heritage. This initiative was honoured with a PRSI National Award 2025. Under which category was this award conferred?
 (a) Best Heritage Awareness Campaign (b) Best Digital Outreach Initiative
 (c) Best Community Engagement Programme
 (d) Best Use of Social Media in a Corporate Campaign
 (e) Best Cultural Documentation Project Ans. d
275. Piramal Finance Ltd recently announced an agreement to divest its entire equity holding in a life insurance company. Which company is Piramal Finance exiting through this transaction?
 (a) Shriram General Insurance (b) Shriram Capital Ltd (c) Shriram Life Insurance
 (d) Shriram Finance Ltd (e) Shriram AMC Ans. c
276. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty on Kotak Mahindra Bank for failure to comply with certain banking and regulatory norms. What was the amount of this penalty?
 (a) Rs.58.50 lakh (b) Rs.60.10 lakh (c) Rs.61.95 lakh (d) Rs.63.25 lakh (e) Rs.65.00 lakh Ans. c
277. Which country unveiled the official logo "Yerevan Blue Butterfly" for the 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the Convention on Biological Diversity?
 (a) Georgia (b) Azerbaijan (c) Armenia (d) Kazakhstan (e) Uzbekistan Ans. c
278. Who led the Indian delegation at the 11th United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia?
 (a) S. Jaishankar (b) P. Kumaran (c) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
 (d) Harsh Vardhan Shringla (e) T.S. Tirumurti Ans. b
279. In 2025, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) committed sovereign lending of USD 4.258 billion to India. This funding aims to support multiple sectors. Which of the following is not a focus area of ADB's 2025 lending to India?
 (a) Strengthening the skill ecosystem (b) Renewable energy deployment (c) Space exploration projects
 (d) Urban infrastructure and metro networks (e) Healthcare and ecotourism Ans. c
280. On which date is World Saree Day celebrated?
 (a) 15th December (b) 20th December (c) 21st December (d) 25th December (e) 30th December Ans. c
281. National Mathematics Day is celebrated in India on 22nd December every year to honour the birth anniversary of the legendary mathematician _____.
 (a) Aryabhata (b) Srinivasa Ramanujan (c) Bhaskaracharya
 (d) C.R. Rao (e) D.R. Kaprekar Ans. b
282. Which department under the Ministry of Jal Shakti organised the second edition of Sujal Gram Samvad in 2025, a unique initiative providing a direct platform for rural communities to share feedback on the Har Ghar Jal mission?
 (a) Department of Rural Development (b) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
 (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (e) National Water Mission Ans. b
283. India's first dedicated Forest University, aimed at strengthening education and research in forestry, wildlife, and environmental sciences, is set to be established in which city of Uttar Pradesh?
 (a) Lucknow (b) Gorakhpur (c) Kanpur (d) Varanasi (e) Noida Ans. b

284. Which country formally handed over the BRICS presidency to India for 2026?
(a) China (b) Russia (c) Brazil (d) South Africa (e) Indonesia Ans. c
285. India has established the Joint Trade and Investment Committee (JTIC) with which country to strengthen bilateral trade and investment?
(a) Germany (b) Netherlands (c) France (d) Japan (e) Australia Ans. b
286. The GI-tagged Indi Lime that recently entered the Oman market is grown in which district of Karnataka?
(a) Belagavi (b) Kalaburagi (c) Vijayapura (d) Bidar (e) Dharwad Ans. c
287. The National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH) Scheme, aimed at promoting entrepreneurship among SC/ST communities and improving their participation in public procurement, is implemented by which ministry of the Government of India?
(a) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (b) Ministry of Rural Development
(c) Ministry of Finance (d) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
(e) Ministry of Labour and Employment Ans. d
288. Good Governance Week 2025 is observed during which period?
(a) December 11–18 (b) December 15–21 (c) December 19–25
(d) December 20–26 (e) December 23–29 Ans. c
289. International Human Solidarity Day is observed on which date?
(a) 19 December (b) 21 December (c) 20 December (d) 23 December (e) 22 December Ans. c
290. Exercise Avialndra is conducted between which two countries?
(a) India and USA (b) India and France (c) India and Russia
(d) India and Japan (e) India and China Ans. c
291. ICGS Amulya, commissioned by the Indian Coast Guard to strengthen coastal and maritime security, is a new-generation Fast Patrol Vessel built with a high level of indigenous content under the Make in India initiative. It is the third vessel of its series and is designed for missions such as surveillance, interdiction, search and rescue, and anti-smuggling operations. ICGS Amulya belongs to which class of vessels?
(a) Samarth-class (b) Vikram-class (c) Adanya-class (d) Sankalp-class (e) Varuna-class Ans. c
292. An Indian team from Chennai achieved global recognition at NASA's 2025 International Space Apps Challenge by proposing an innovative solution to address the digital divide. The project focused on a sovereign phased-array satellite internet infrastructure, aimed at expanding broadband connectivity in remote and underserved regions and potentially benefiting over 700 million people in India. For this impactful idea, the team received the Most Inspirational Award at the global level. Which of the following teams achieved this feat?
(a) AstroNet India (b) Orbital Innovators (c) SatCom Pioneers
(d) Space Visionaries (e) Photonics Odyssey Ans. e
293. The Government of India has decided to establish a dedicated Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) to strengthen the safety and security of ships, port facilities, and related infrastructure across the country. This Bureau will function as a statutory body with regulatory oversight under the framework of a newly promulgated act, which provides the legal basis for maritime safety, security, and administration of merchant shipping in India. Under which act will the Bureau of Port Security be formally established?
(a) Ports and Shipping Act, 2020 (b) Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 (c) Maritime Safety Act, 2022
(d) Coastal Security Act, 2023 (e) Indian Shipping and Port Authority Act, 2024 Ans. b
294. Which institution appointed B P Kanungo as its non-executive chairman to strengthen leadership and governance?
(a) State Bank of India (b) HDFC Bank (c) India Infoline Finance Limited
(d) ICICI Bank (e) Reserve Bank of India Ans. c
295. At which event did Prime Minister Narendra Modi release the commemorative postal stamp on Ashwagandha?
(a) 1st WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine
(b) 2nd WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine (c) International Ayurveda Day
(d) UN Health Summit (e) Global Herbal Medicine Conference Ans. b
296. The Meghalaya government has made which languages mandatory in the curriculum up to Class-12?
(a) Assamese and Bengali (b) Khasi and Garo (c) Hindi and English
(d) Mizo and Manipuri (e) Nepali and Bodo Ans. b
297. Jammu and Kashmir's first Gen Z Post Office has been inaugurated at which location?
(a) AIIMS Srinagar (b) University of Jammu (c) AIIMS Vijaypur
(d) IIT Jammu (e) GMC Anantnag Ans. c

298. Recently, South Indian Bank launched a new contactless payment solution to enhance digital transactions. What is the name of this NFC-enabled payment instrument?
 (a) RuPay Quick Card (b) SIB Smart Tap (c) RuPay Contactless SIB Paytag Sticker
 (d) SIB NFC Debit Card (e) RuPay PayWave Ans. c
299. The Viksit Bharat—Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 replaces which earlier Act?
 (a) National Rural Livelihood Mission Act (b) PM Awas Yojana Act
 (c) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005
 (d) Rural Development Act, 2010 (e) Food Security Act, 2013 Ans. c
300. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of a Rs.10,601-crore brownfield ammonia-urea fertiliser plant, aimed at boosting nitrogenous fertiliser production in eastern India. This plant, under the Assam Valley Fertiliser and Chemical Company Ltd (AVFCL), will be established within the existing premises of BVFCL and is scheduled to be commissioned by 2030. In which location did this historic event take place?
 (a) Guwahati, Assam (b) Dibrugarh, Assam
 (c) Namrup, Arunachal Pradesh (d) Silchar, Assam (e) Dispur, Assam Ans. b
301. When is Kisan Diwas celebrated in India??
 (a) 22 December (b) 23 December (c) 24 December (d) 25 December (e) 26 December Ans. b
302. Airtel Payments Bank has enabled EV wallet recharges on the Airtel Thanks app in partnership with which organisation?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (b) NPCI UPI (c) NPCI Bharat BillPay
 (d) NITI Aayog (e) Power Grid Corporation Ans. c
303. MUFG Bank will acquire what percentage stake in Shriram Finance through the preferential issue?
 (a) 10% (b) 15% (c) 18% (d) 20% (e) 25% Ans. d
304. What percentage of Shriram Life Insurance stake is Piramal Finance selling to Sanlam?
 (a) 10.25% (b) 12.50% (c) 14.72% (d) 15.00% (e) 16.25% Ans. c
305. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Canara Bank?
 (a) Rajnish Kumar (b) Brajesh Kumar Singh (c) Arundhati Bhattacharya
 (d) Shikha Sharma (e) Usha Ananthasubramanian Ans. b
306. Which two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance collaboration in research, education, training, and technology support for India's defence and internal security, aiming to strengthen self-reliance and foster innovation?
 (a) DRDO and IIT Delhi (b) DRDO and Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)
 (c) ISRO and Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) (d) DRDO and NIT Warangal
 (e) Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) and AIIMS Ans. b
307. Who became the first Indian woman to score 4,000 runs in Women's T20 Internationals?
 (a) Harmanpreet Kaur (b) Jemimah Rodrigues (c) Smriti Mandhana
 (d) Shafali Verma (e) Deepti Sharma Ans. c
308. Which institution has been conferred the title of Best Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Institute for the second consecutive year?
 (a) AIIMS New Delhi (b) PGIMER Chandigarh (c) JIPMER Puducherry
 (d) NIMHANS Bengaluru (e) SGP GIMS Lucknow Ans. b
309. Which IT Services Company has secured a multi-year contract with ASN Bank to modernise its digital operations?
 (a) TCS (b) Infosys (c) Wipro (d) HCL Tech (e) Tech Mahindra Ans. d
310. India and New Zealand have concluded a historic Free Trade Agreement, announced by which two Prime Ministers?
 (a) Narendra Modi and Jacinda Ardern (b) Narendra Modi and Christopher Luxon
 (c) S. Jaishankar and John Key (d) Narendra Modi and Winston Peters
 (e) S. Jaishankar and Christopher Luxon Ans. b
311. Which state has become the first in India to launch a large-scale genome sequencing project focused on tribal communities?
 (a) Odisha (b) Chhattisgarh (c) Jharkhand
 (d) Gujarat (e) Madhya Pradesh Ans. d

312. Which state has become the first in India to implement the amended Bharat Net Scheme across the entire state?
 (a) Haryana (b) Rajasthan (c) Punjab
 (d) Himachal Pradesh (e) Uttar Pradesh Ans. c
313. The Bihar Cabinet approved the implementation of Saat Nischay-3, a five-year development programme aimed at placing Bihar among the developed states of India. For which period has this programme been approved?
 (a) 2025–2029 (b) 2025–2030 (c) 2026–2031 (d) 2025–2028 (e) 2025–2027 Ans. b
314. The “Shunya Se Shatak” programme was held in which city to mark Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s birth centenary?
 (a) Bhopal (b) Indore (c) Gwalior (d) Jabalpur (e) Ujjain Ans. b
315. Which company was responsible for the development of India’s first nature-themed airport terminal at Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoloi International Airport in Guwahati, Assam, incorporating bamboo and orchid-inspired designs and coordinating closely with the Centre and Assam government for this Rs.4,000 crore project?
 (a) GMR Airports (b) Adani Airports Holdings Limited (c) Larsen & Toubro
 (d) Tata Projects (e) HCL Infrastructure Ans. b
316. World Meditation Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 18 December (b) 20 December (c) 21 December (d) 22 December (e) 25 December Ans. c
317. World Basketball Day is observed annually on which date?
 (a) 18 December (b) 20 December (c) 21 December (d) 22 December (e) 25 December Ans. c
318. The Union Ministry of Tourism has announced the establishment of city-level Convention Promotion Bureaus to boost which segment of tourism?
 (a) Medical tourism (b) Eco-tourism (c) MICE tourism
 (d) Adventure tourism (e) Rural tourism Ans. c
319. Which organisation has recently recognised Flipkart as an Awarding Body (Dual) to promote industry-led skilling in India’s e-commerce sector?
 (a) National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
 (b) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
 (c) National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)
 (d) University Grants Commission (UGC) (e) NITI Aayog Ans. c
320. Ravi Deece, Publisher and Managing Director of DC Books, was recently conferred which prestigious French cultural honour in recognition of his contribution to literature and cross-cultural exchange?
 (a) Legion of Honour (b) Ordre national du Me rite
 (c) Chevalier de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (d) Prix Goncourt
 (e) Prix Renaudot Ans. c
321. Mswipe Technologies recently received which regulatory approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
 (a) Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) licence (b) Small Finance Bank licence
 (c) NBFC registration (d) Final Payment Aggregator (PA) licence
 (e) Payment Bank licence Ans. d
322. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$650 million policy-based loan to support India’s rooftop solar expansion, aiming to provide clean and affordable energy to 10 million households by 2027. The ADB loan will support which flagship Government of India scheme related to rooftop solar energy?
 (a) PM-KUSUM Yojana (b) National Solar Mission (c) Rooftop Solar Phase-II
 (d) Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (e) Green Energy Corridor Ans. d
323. The ‘VijAlpatha’ initiative is being implemented by the Cyient Foundation in partnership with which State government to promote AI and STEM education in government schools?
 (a) Andhra Pradesh Government (b) Telangana Government (c) Tamil Nadu Government
 (d) Maharashtra Government (e) Karnataka Government Ans. e
324. MoHUA launched the 10th edition of Swachh Survekshan (2025–26) in Bhopal, marking a decade of the world’s largest urban cleanliness survey under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U); the toolkit was released by Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal. What is the theme of the 10th edition of Swachh Survekshan?
 (a) Clean Cities, Green India (b) Swachh Bharat, Healthy Bharat (c) Garbage Free India
 (d) Swacchata Ki Nayi Pehel – Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath
 (e) Urban Cleanliness for All Ans. d

325. Which company has received RBI's Certificate of Registration (CoR) to operate as an NBFC?
 (a) Aryaman Financial Services Ltd (b) Aryaman Capital Markets Ltd
 (c) Aryaman Investments Pvt Ltd (d) Aryaman Finance (India) Ltd
 (e) Aryaman Securities Ltd Ans. d
326. Who has been named the captain of India's U19 cricket team for the ICC Men's Under-19 World Cup 2026?
 (a) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (b) Vihaan Malhotra (c) Ayush Mhatre
 (d) R.S. Ambrish (e) Mohamed Enaan Ans. c
327. Who won the open section of the World Rapid Chess Championship 2025?
 (a) Vladislav Artemiev (b) Arjun Erigaisi (c) Magnus Carlsen
 (d) Nihal Sarin (e) R. Praggnanandhaa Ans. c
328. Brigitte Bardot, who passed away at the age of 91, was a legendary actress from which country?
 (a) Italy (b) France (c) USA (d) Spain (e) Germany Ans. b
329. Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first female Prime Minister and a key figure in the country's politics, passed away at the age of 80 after a prolonged illness. Khaleda Zia was associated with which political party?
 (a) Awami League (b) Jatiya Party (c) Bangladesh Nationalist Party
 (d) Jamaat-e-Islami (e) Workers Party Ans. c
330. According to the Hurun India Rich List 2025, who emerged as the wealthiest Indian-origin tech executive?
 (a) Sundar Pichai (b) Satya Nadella (c) Jayshree Ullal (d) Parul Tyagi (e) Nikesh Arora Ans. c
331. Which institution will host eight disciplines of the World Police & Fire Games 2029?
 (a) Sardar Patel Sports Complex (b) Gujarat Sports Authority
 (c) Rashtriya Raksha University (d) Indian Olympic Association
 (e) Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy Ans. c
332. The Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS) has signed an MoU with which institution to embed ethics in social security administration?
 (a) Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (b) National Institute of Public Finance and Policy
 (c) IC Centre for Governance (d) Indian Institute of Public Administration
 (e) Centre for Policy Research Ans. c
333. Bhutan spinner Sonam Yeshey created history by becoming the first bowler to take an eight-wicket haul in a men's T20 International, setting a new world record. Against which country did Sonam Yeshey achieve his record-breaking eight-wicket haul?
 (a) Nepal (b) Thailand (c) China (d) Myanmar (e) Malaysia Ans. d
334. Who won the Women's Singles title at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships?
 (a) Tanvi Patri (b) Shikha Gautam (c) Ashwini Bhat K
 (d) Radhika Sharma (e) Surya Charishma Tamiri Ans. e
335. The Indian Coast Guard has recently inducted its first ever Pollution Control Vessel (PCV) designed and built indigenously to enhance marine pollution management and maritime law enforcement. What is the name of this vessel?
 (a) Samudra Rakshak (b) Samudra Pratap (c) Samudra Veer
 (d) SamudraParul (e) Samudra Jyoti Ans. b
336. Vinod Kumar Shukla, who passed away recently, was a recipient of which prestigious literary award?
 (a) Sahitya Akademi Award (b) Jnanpith Award (c) Booker Prize
 (d) Padma Shri (e) Katha Award Ans. b
337. The Pro Wrestling League (PWL) recently unveiled a new logo in preparation for which season?
 (a) 2024 Season (b) 2025 Season (c) 2026 Season (d) 2027 Season (e) 2028 Season Ans. c
338. India announced a \$450 million relief package for which country's post-cyclone recovery?
 (a) Maldives (b) Bangladesh (c) Nepal (d) Myanmar (e) Sri Lanka Ans. e
339. Who chaired the 'Chintan Shivir' of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Amit Shah (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
 (d) Piyush Goyal (e) Rajnath Singh Ans. c
340. Which publishing house is releasing the book Salman Khan: The Sultan of Bollywood?
 (a) Penguin Random House (b) Rupa Publications (c) HarperCollins India
 (d) Bloomsbury India (e) Westland Publications Ans. c
341. The Indian Navy inducted Anjadip, designed and built by GRSE, Kolkata, with delivery taking place in Chennai. Anjadip inducted into the Indian Navy belongs to which category of vessels?
 (a) Aircraft Carrier (b) Destroyer (c) Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft
 (d) Frigate (e) Fleet Tanker Ans. b

342. India Optel Limited (IOL) signed a collaboration agreement with which company for defence manufacturing in India?
 (a) Thales Group (b) Boeing Defence
 (c) Safran Electronics & Defense (d) Lockheed Martin
 (e) Raytheon Technologies **Ans. c**
343. Which country has unveiled its first polymer one-rial banknote as part of a broader move towards currency modernisation and enhanced security standards?
 (a) Saudi Arabia (b) United Arab Emirates (c) Qatar
 (d) Oman (e) Bahrain **Ans. d**
344. INS Sindhughosh, the lead submarine of her class, was decommissioned after completing 40 years of distinguished service, marking the end of an important chapter in India's conventional submarine force. Where was the decommissioning ceremony of INS Sindhughosh held?
 (a) Visakhapatnam Naval Base (b) Kochi Naval Base (c) Karwar Naval Base
 (d) Mumbai Naval Dockyard (e) Port Blair Naval Base **Ans. d**
345. Which team did East Bengal FC defeat in the final to win the inaugural SAFF Women's Club Championship 2025?
 (a) Sethu FC (b) APF (Armed Police Forces) (c) Gokulam Kerala FC
 (d) Sreebhumi FC (e) Nita Football Academy **Ans. b**
346. Veteran Assamese actress Ranjana Sharma Bordoloi passed away in Dibrugarh at the age of 80, marking the end of an era in Assamese cinema. Which award did Ranjana Sharma Bordoloi receive in recognition of her contributions to Assamese arts and culture?
 (a) Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (b) Bishnu Rabha Award (c) Padma Shri
 (d) Assam State Film Award (e) Dadasaheb Phalke Award **Ans. b**
347. IIT Delhi has developed an AI agent named AILAS capable of conducting scientific experiments independently, mimicking human researchers. What does AILAS stand for?
 (a) Artificially Intelligent Lab Assistant System (b) Artificially Intelligent Laboratory Agent
 (c) Automated Intelligent Laboratory Automation System (d) Advanced Intelligent Lab Analysis Software
 (e) Artificial Integrated Lab Automation System **Ans. b**
348. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Rashtra Prerna Sthal in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, on the occasion of the 101st birth anniversary of a former Prime Minister. The memorial is dedicated to the life, ideals and nation-building contributions of which leader?
 (a) Lal Bahadur Shastri (b) Jawaharlal Nehru (c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
 (d) Morarji Desai (e) P. V. Narasimha Rao **Ans. c**
349. National Consumer Rights Day is observed every year on 24 December in India to promote awareness about consumer rights, responsibilities and protection laws. What is the theme of National Consumer Rights Day 2025?
 (a) Consumer First (b) Protecting Consumer Interests
 (c) Digital Consumer Awareness (d) Justice for All Consumers
 (e) Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice **Ans. e**
350. Good Governance Day is observed every year in India on which date?
 (a) 23 December (b) 24 December (c) 25 December (d) 26 December (e) 27 December **Ans. c**
351. DMRC Foundation Day is observed on 24 December to commemorate the establishment of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), which laid the foundation of modern urban mass rapid transit in India. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) was established in which year?
 (a) 1993 (b) 1994 (c) 1995 (d) 1997 (e) 2000 **Ans. c**
352. The Viksit Bharat—Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB—G RAM G) Act, 2025, recently assented by President Droupadi Murmu, introduces a modern statutory framework for rural employment, enhances wage guarantee, and strengthens livelihood security. This Act replaces which age-old rural employment scheme that was implemented in 2005 to provide wage employment and income security to rural households?
 (a) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (b) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
 (c) Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (d) National Rural Health Mission
 (e) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana **Ans. b**
353. Donald Trump announced that a new class of US battleships will be named "Trump-class battleships", with the declaration made at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, USA. What is the name of the first vessel of the Trump-class battleships?
 (a) USS Freedom (b) USS Liberty (c) USS Defiant (d) USS Victory (e) USS Conqueror **Ans. c**
354. Bhogapuram International Airport is located near which city in Andhra Pradesh?
 (a) Visakhapatnam (b) Vijayawada (c) Vizianagaram (d) Tirupati (e) Guntur **Ans. c**

355. Who inaugurated the commercial operation of Unit-2 (250 MW) of the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project?
(a) Rajnath Singh (b) Manohar Lal (c) Nitin Gadkari (d) Piyush Goyal (e) R. K. Singh Ans. b
356. Japan has approved the restart of which nuclear power plant after nearly two decades, marking a significant shift in its post-Fukushima energy policy?
(a) Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant (b) Ohi Nuclear Power Plant
(c) Takahama Nuclear Power Plant (d) Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Plant
(e) Mihama Nuclear Power Plant Ans. d
357. To address tightening liquidity conditions in the banking system, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a major liquidity infusion measure in December 2025. What is the total amount of government securities that RBI will purchase under Open Market Operations (OMO)?
(a) Rs.1.25 lakh crore (b) Rs.1.50 lakh crore (c) Rs.1.75 lakh crore
(d) Rs.2.00 lakh crore (e) Rs.2.25 lakh crore Ans. d
358. State Bank of India (SBI) recently rolled out YONO 2.0, marking a major upgrade in its digital banking ecosystem. The new version was launched after a significant gap since the introduction of the original YONO platform, reflecting SBI's evolving digital strategy and focus on scale and security. After how many years of the original launch did SBI introduce YONO 2.0?
(a) 5 years (b) 6 years (c) 7 years (d) 8 years (e) 10 years Ans. d
359. Canara Bank launched its unified UPI app, Canara ai1Pe, enabling users of any bank to link their accounts for fund transfers, QR payments, bill payments, and auto-debit of recurring payments. Canara Bank launched Canara ai1Pe in collaboration with which organisation that manages the BHIM payment app?
(a) Reserve Bank of India (b) Ministry of Finance
(c) National Payments Corporation of India (d) NPCI BHIM Services Limited
(e) UIDAI Ans. d
360. To strengthen research, academics and skill development in the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector, two premier institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in December 2025. Which of the following institutions are parties to this MoU?
(a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and IIIT Hyderabad (b) IDRBT and IISc Bengaluru
(c) IDRBT and IIIT Hyderabad (d) NABARD and IIT Hyderabad
(e) SEBI and IIIT Bangalore Ans. c
361. Bharti Enterprises and Warburg Pincus announced a strategic investment in which Indian subsidiary of a Chinese consumer electronics company?
(a) Xiaomi India (b) Haier India (c) TCL India (d) Oppo India (e) Lenovo India Ans. b
362. Which NHAI-sponsored entity recently received SEBI approval as an Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) to monetise road assets?
(a) Raajmarg Toll Co. (b) Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (c) NHAI Road Assets Fund
(d) National Highway Developers Trust (e) India Highway Investment Ltd. Ans. b
363. International Day against Cybercrime was observed on 24 December 2025, aiming to raise awareness about cyber threats and promote safe online practices. What is the theme of the International Day against Cybercrime 2025?
(a) Cybersecurity for All (b) Countering Cybercrime – Sharing Responsibility – Securing our Future
(c) Digital Safety and Protection (d) Preventing Cyber Fraud Globally
(e) Safe Internet, Safe Life Ans. b
364. President Droupadi Murmu released the Constitution of India in the Santhali language at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The Constitution of India has been released in the Santhali language in which script?
(a) Devanagari (b) Roman (c) Bengali (d) Ol Chiki (e) Perso-Arabic Ans. d
365. The Kimberley Process (KP) Plenary has selected India to assume the Chairpersonship from 1 January 2026, with India taking over as Vice Chair; this marks the third time India will chair the KP. The Kimberley Process primarily aims to prevent the trade of which of the following?
(a) Synthetic diamonds (b) Blood gold (c) Conflict diamonds
(d) Illegal gemstones (e) Smuggled jewellery Ans. c
366. The Union Cabinet approved three new corridors—R.K. Ashram Marg–Indraprastha, Aerocity–Airport Terminal-1, and Tughlakabad–Kalindi Kunj—under Delhi Metro Phase-V (A), taking the metro network beyond 400 km. What is the total approved cost of this project?
(a) Rs.8,500 crore (b) Rs.10,200 crore (c) Rs.11,500 crore
(d) Rs.12,015 crore (e) Rs.14,040 crore Ans. d

367. With the objective of facilitating nationwide collection of samples and ensuring their safe, reliable, and timely delivery for laboratory testing, which two institutions have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)?
 (a) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and India Post
 (b) National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) and India Post
 (c) National Test House (NTH) and Department of Posts
 (d) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and Department of Posts
 (e) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Department of Posts Ans. c
368. Who became the youngest centurion in men's List A cricket history during the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2025?
 (a) Anmolpreet Singh (b) Jake Fraser-McGurk (c) AB de Villiers
 (d) Vaibhav Suryavanshi (e) Prithvi Shaw Ans. d
369. Virat Kohli became the fastest player to reach 16,000 List A runs, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar, during Delhi's Vijay Hazare Trophy match against Andhra. In how many innings did Kohli achieve this milestone?
 (a) 300 innings (b) 330 innings (c) 350 innings (d) 370 innings (e) 391 innings Ans. b
370. When is the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness observed?
 (a) 24 December (b) 25 December (c) 26 December (d) 27 December (e) 28 December Ans. d
371. Which team won the Global Chess League 2025 Season 3 title?
 (a) Triveni Continental Kings (b) Alpine SG Pipers (c) Mumbai Chess Masters
 (d) Delhi Dynamos (e) Chennai Super Kings Ans. b
372. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has postponed the January 3, 2026 rollout of the 3-hour cheque clearance under the Continuous Clearing and Settlement on Realisation (CCSR) framework in the Cheque Truncation System (CTS). Phase 1 of the CCSR project was launched on which date?
 (a) 1 April 2025 (b) 15 August 2025 (c) 4 October 2025
 (d) 4 January 2025 (e) 1 December 2025 Ans. c
373. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)?
 (a) Sukhmal Chand Jain (b) Manoj Joshi (c) Saleem Ahmad
 (d) Anil Kumar Lahoti (e) Vinay Kumar Tripathi Ans. c
374. Who inaugurated the two-day Anti-Terrorism Conference-2025 held in New Delhi?
 (a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi (b) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
 (c) Union Home Minister Amit Shah (d) NSA Ajit Doval (e) NIA Director General Ans. c
375. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Union Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the 'Atal Canteen' in New Delhi on the 101st birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. At what price will a meal be provided under the Atal Canteen scheme?
 (a) Rs.10 (b) Rs.15 (c) Rs.20 (d) Rs.5 (e) Free of cost Ans. d
376. Union Health Minister JP Nadda laid the foundation of India's first PPP-based medical colleges in which state?
 (a) Rajasthan (b) Chhattisgarh (c) Madhya Pradesh
 (d) Jharkhand (e) Odisha Ans. c
377. The 150th Shree Baba Harivallabh Sangeet Sammelan is being held in which city?
 (a) Amritsar (b) Patiala (c) Jalandhar (d) Ludhiana (e) Chandigarh Ans. c
378. Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) has extended a Rs 9,821 crore loan to DFCCIL to refinance its World Bank foreign currency debt. The World Bank loan, which is being refinanced by IRFC, was originally taken for which major infrastructure project?
 (a) Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (b) Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor
 (c) Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (d) Golden Quadrilateral Project
 (e) Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Ans. b
379. In December 2025, which fintech company received the Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) license from NPCI?
 (a) PhonePe (b) PayNearby (c) Paytm (d) Google Pay (e) BharatPe Ans. b
380. Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) has recently delivered the first batch of WhAP 8x8 armoured vehicles to a foreign army, marking the initial supply from its Morocco-based production facility. Which company is responsible for this delivery?
 (a) Bharat Electronics Limited (b) Tata Advanced Systems Limited
 (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (d) Larsen & Toubro Defence
 (e) Mahindra Defence Systems Ans. b
381. International Cello Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 25 December (b) 26 December (c) 28 December (d) 29 December (e) 31 December Ans. d

382. INSV Kaundinya will undertake her maiden overseas voyage from Porbandar to which country?
(a) Iran (b) Saudi Arabia (c) Oman (d) UAE (e) Russia Ans. c
383. Recently, India successfully test-fired the K-4 submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) to strengthen its sea-based nuclear deterrence. From which nuclear-powered submarine was this missile launched?
(a) INS Arihant (b) INS Chakra (c) INS Arighaat (d) INS Kalvari (e) INS Vela Ans. c
384. The inaugural edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG), aimed at promoting sports talent from India's tribal communities and strengthening grassroots inclusion under the Khelo India Scheme, is being hosted by which state?
(a) Odisha (b) Jharkhand (c) Madhya Pradesh
(d) Telangana (e) Chhattisgarh Ans. e
385. On the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas, how many children from different States and Union Territories were conferred with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar by President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi for their outstanding achievements?
(a) 15 (b) 18 (c) 20 (d) 22 (e) 25 Ans. c
386. Vaibhav Suryavanshi received the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar for becoming the first Indian in which field to get the award?
(a) Athletics (b) Chess (c) Cricket (d) Badminton (e) Shooting Ans. c
387. The Indian Standard IS 19412:2025 – Incense Sticks (Agarbatti) — Specification, which lays down safety norms by prohibiting harmful insecticidal chemicals and synthetic fragrance substances, has been developed and notified by which organisation?
(a) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
(b) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
(c) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) (d) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
(e) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ans. c
388. Which institute signed an MoU with the Ministry of Minority Affairs to implement the PM VIKAS Scheme?
(a) NIFTEM–Thanjavur (b) IIFT–Delhi (c) NIFTEM–Kundli
(d) CFTRI–Mysuru (e) IIT–Kharagpur Ans. c
389. The Union Government released Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV-FC) Untied Grants in FY 2025–26 to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) in Rajasthan and Jharkhand. How much was the first instalment of XV-FC Untied Grants released to Rajasthan for FY 2025–26?
(a) Rs.250.50 crore (b) Rs.303.04 crore (c) Rs.275.12 crore
(d) Rs.145.24 crore (e) Rs.400.00 crore Ans. b
390. After over 30 years, Gujarat has been formally recognised again as a tiger-bearing state following confirmed photographic evidence from a wildlife sanctuary located in Dahod district. The confirmed tiger presence in Gujarat has been recorded in which sanctuary?
(a) Gir National Park (b) Barda Wildlife Sanctuary (c) Ratanmahal Sanctuary
(d) Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary (e) Purna Wildlife Sanctuary Ans. c
391. The Indian Army has revised its long-standing restrictions to allow “passive participation” on select social media platforms, while continuing to enforce strict safeguards to protect operational and national security. Which authority issued the revised social media guidelines for Indian Army personnel?
(a) Ministry of Defence (b) Army Training Command
(c) Directorate General of Military Intelligence (d) National Security Council Secretariat
(e) Integrated Defence Staff Ans. c
392. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) data tabled in the Rajya Sabha, over 24,600 Indian nationals were deported from 81 countries in 2025. Which country recorded the highest number of deportations of Indian nationals during this period?
(a) United States (b) United Arab Emirates (c) Malaysia
(d) Saudi Arabia (e) Myanmar Ans. d
393. What percentage of stake in Indian Overseas Bank is the government planning to divest using the green-shoe option?
(a) 1% (b) 2% (c) 3% (d) 4% (e) 5% Ans. c
394. President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu created history by undertaking a dived operational sortie onboard an indigenous Indian Navy submarine from the Western Seaboard. This submarine belongs to the Kalvari-class and the embarkation took place from Karwar Naval Harbour, Karnataka. The President thus became the second Indian President to experience a submarine sortie after Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. Which of the following submarines was involved in this historic event?
(a) INS Arihant (b) INS Vagir (c) INS Vaghsheer (d) INS Chakra (e) INS Kalvari Ans. c

395. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) notified operational guidelines for the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and the Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) to strengthen India's domestic shipbuilding capacity and global competitiveness. What is the total financial corpus allocated under the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS)?
(a) Rs.19,989 crore (b) Rs.15,004 crore (c) Rs.30,000 crore (d) Rs.24,736 crore (e) Rs.96,000 crore Ans. d
396. Anu Garg, a 1991-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as _____'s Chief Secretary, becoming the first woman to hold the top bureaucratic post in the state.
(a) West Bengal (b) Chhattisgarh (c) Jharkhand (d) Odisha (e) Andhra Pradesh Ans. d
397. VoxelGrids has developed India's first indigenous MRI scanner, marking a major milestone in the country's medical technology ecosystem. VoxelGrids is backed by which Indian technology company?
(a) Infosys (b) TCS (c) Wipro (d) HCL (e) Zoho Ans. e
398. Who has been elected as the Chair of the BWF Athletes' Commission for the 2026–2029 term?
(a) Greysia Polii (b) An Se-young (c) PV Sindhu (d) Jia Yifan (e) Debora Jille Ans. d
399. Former _____ cricketer Hugh Morris passed away at the age of 62.
(a) Australian (b) Indian (c) South African (d) England (e) New Zealand Ans. d
400. The Central Government has appointed three Senior Advocates as Additional Solicitors General (ASGs) to represent the Union of India before the Supreme Court of India. Which of the following is NOT among the newly appointed Additional Solicitors General?
(a) Devinder Pal Singh (b) Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar (c) Anil Kaushik
(d) Tushar Mehta (e) Both a and c Ans. d
401. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), launched on 25 December 2000, completed 25 years in 2025, emerging as one of India's most impactful schemes for all-weather rural road connectivity and inclusive development. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), which of the following correctly describes the funding pattern?
(a) 70:30 for all States and 100% for UTs
(b) 60:40 for General States, 90:10 for North-Eastern & Himalayan States
(c) 50:50 for all States and UTs (d) 75:25 for General States and 90:10 for all Special Category States
(e) 100% Central funding for all States Ans. b
402. Which of the following airlines have been granted No Objection Certificates (NOCs) by the Ministry of Civil Aviation to enter the Indian aviation market?
(a) Akasa Air, Vistara, AirAsia India (b) Shankh Air, AI Hind Air, FlyExpress
(c) Alliance Air, TruJet, Star Air (d) IndiGo, Air India, SpiceJet
(e) Go First, FlyBig, Blue Dart Ans. b
403. IIT-Patna inaugurated the PARAM Rudra supercomputer, marking Bihar's first high-performance computing (HPC) facility. The PARAM Rudra supercomputer at IIT-Patna has been launched under which national initiative?
(a) Digital India Mission (b) Make in India Programme
(c) National Supercomputing Mission (d) Startup India Mission
(e) National Super AI Mission Ans. c
404. Which regulatory body recently imposed a Rs.1 crore penalty on Reliance General Insurance Company for violations related to outsourcing of activities, payment of commission, and corporate governance norms?
(a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
(c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
(d) Ministry of Finance (e) Department of Financial Services Ans. c
405. ISRO successfully launched the United States' AST SpaceMobile BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite from the Second Launch Pad, Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The BlueBird Block-2 launch marks which operational flight of ISRO's LVM3 heavy-lift vehicle?
(a) Fourth (b) Fifth (c) Sixth (d) Seventh (e) Ninth Ans. c
406. India has handed over three Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) to Myanmar to support the socio-economic development of its people. These projects were implemented specifically in which region of Myanmar to benefit local communities, including education, vocational training, and clean energy initiatives?
(a) Yangon Region (b) Mandalay Region (c) Naypyidaw Region
(d) Sagaing Region (e) Rakhine State Ans. b
407. How much incentive has Ola Electric received under the PLI-Auto Scheme for FY 2024-25?
(a) Rs.250 crore (b) Rs.300 crore (c) Rs.366 crore (d) Rs.400 crore (e) Rs.450 crore Ans. c
408. Canara HSBC Life Insurance has entered into a strategic bancassurance partnership to enhance life insurance accessibility across India. Which small finance bank is collaborating with Canara HSBC Life Insurance in this initiative?
(a) AU Small Finance Bank (b) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (c) Equitas Small Finance Bank
(d) Jana Small Finance Bank (e) ESAF Small Finance Bank Ans. c

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