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## 1. G V Satish (NBCC Director) Sir's Top Picks

### Industry, Labour & Macroeconomic Indicators

1. MoSPI will release the All-India IIP on the 28 th of every month starting April 2025, cutting the publication lag to 28 days (from 42).
2. Current IIP base year: 2011-12; sectors covered: Mining, Manufacturing, Electricity.
3. Labour Force Participation Rate (15 + yrs) improved to 60.1 % in 2023-24 (from 49.8 % in 2017-18).
4. Women now hold 39.2 % of all Indian bank accounts and contribute 39.7 % of total deposits.
5. Female demat accounts rose from 6.67 mn (Mar 2021) to 27.71 mn (Nov 2024).
6. DPIIT-recognised start-ups with  $\geq 1$  woman director in 2024: 17,405.
7. FY 2024-25 combined Index of Eight Core Industries growth: 4.4 %; its weight in IIP: 40.27 %.
8. Net direct-tax collection FY 25: ₹ 22.26 lakh crore (growth 13.57 %); record refunds ₹ 4.76 lakh crore.
9. RBI gold operations FY 25: 57.5 t purchased; total stock 879.6 t (global rank 8) = 11.4 % of FX reserves.
10. Repo rate cut to 6 % (-25 bps, April 2025) to spur demand.
11. United States stayed India's largest trading partner for the 4 th year (bilateral trade US \$ 131.84 bn, FY 25).
12. UN DESA World Social Report 2025 – 60 % of world population faces economic insecurity; framework: "People-Centric Social Development."
13. World Bank Poverty & Equity Brief 2024: India's extreme-poverty headcount fell from 16.2 % → 2.3 % (2011-12 → 2022-23), lifting 171 mn people; under US \$ 3.65/day line, 378 mn moved out of poverty.

### Banking, Finance & Capital Markets

14. MUDRA added a "Tarun Plus" loan category (above ₹ 10 lakh up to ₹ 20 lakh); since 2015 70 % of loans have gone to women.
15. Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY: Delhi joined as 35 th state/UT; Delhi households now get ₹ 10 lakh cover (₹ 5 lakh Centre + ₹ 5 lakh Delhi). West Bengal remains the only state outside the scheme.
16. Senior citizens  $\geq 70$  yrs were included in AB-PM-JAY in 2024 irrespective of socio-economic status.
17. Implementing agency for PM-JAY: National Health Authority (NHA), MoHFW.
18. PM-POSHAN material cost/child/day from 1 May 2025: ₹ 6.78 (primary & Balvatika) and ₹ 10.17 (upper-primary). Cost indexation uses CPI-RL, base 1986-87.
19. BoB "Square Drive" FD rate for super-seniors ( $\geq 80$  yrs): 7.75 % p.a. for 444 days.
20. SBI re-introduced "Amrit Vrishti" FD for senior citizens at 7.55 % for 444 days.
21. Tata Neu SBI Card delivers shopping rewards as NeuCoins.
22. Bandhan "Elite Plus" Savings allows unlimited free cash deposits monthly.
23. Jio Finance Loan-Against-Securities: up to ₹ 1 crore against shares/MFs, starting 9.99 %.
24. Razorpay "Turbo UPI Plugin," India's first in-app UPI flow, launched on BHIM Vega (part of BHIM 3.0); NPCI set up NPCI BHIM Services Ltd to back Vega.



25. NPCI now restricts P2M international UPI payments made with stored QR codes.
26. IDFC First Bank board cleared ₹ 7,500 crore via preferential shares.
27. NaBFID-New Development Bank MoU: cooperation on infrastructure finance.
28. ADB approved a US \$ 85.4 million loan for Tripura industrial infrastructure; cumulative ADB commitment to India US \$ 59.5 billion (to 31 Dec 2024).
29. Flipkart Internet (FIPL) fined ₹ 1.06 crore for violating IRDAI Corporate-Agent Regulations 2015.
30. FIU-IND imposed ₹ 37 lakh penalty on Union Bank for 2011-14 STR lapses.
31. SEBI proposes MF limits in REITs/InvITs: ≤ 10 % per issuer, ≤ 20 % overall.
32. For Specialised Investment Funds, the ₹ 10 lakh minimum applies per investor across every strategy run by the AMC.
33. All service/transaction calls from registered market intermediaries must originate from the "1600" number series (SEBI directive).
34. Trading-window closure will extend to start 1 July 2025 under SEBI's insider-trading amendments; "immediate relative" defined as parent, sibling, child and their spouse.
35. Niveshak Didi Phase 2: ~ 4,000 financial-literacy camps nationwide.
36. Niveshak Shivir pilot (May 2025, Mumbai & Ahmedabad) helps investors recover unclaimed dividends.
37. SBI "Grahak Mitras" to guide customers to alternate channels at ~ 4,500 branches (20 % of network).
38. S&P Global Market Intelligence 2024: SBI (43 rd) & HDFC Bank (73 rd) are India's only two banks in the global top-100 by assets.
39. RBI digital-governance platform "PRAVAAH" (launched 28 May 2024; mandatory after 1 May 2025).
40. Banks must shift public websites/apps/e-mail to "bank.in" domains by 31 Oct 2025; registrar: IDRBT.
41. New LCR rules (from 1 Apr 2026): IMB retail deposit run-off 7.5 %; non-financial corporate deposit run-off 40 %; LCR floor 100 %.
42. Revised FEMA penalty cap for misuse of LRS proceeds (not reinvested in 180 days): ₹ 2 lakh.
43. Timeline for upgraded note-sorting machines extended to 1 Nov 2025.
44. Credit cards in use (Mar 2025): 109.80 mn.
45. Largest FY 25 FDI equity inflows source: Singapore.
46. SEBI clarified Groww drove the largest share of new active demat additions; NSE active demat count 5.02 crore.

## Government Schemes, Rural & State Initiatives

47. MGNREGS: Bihar logged 51.36 lakh families in FY 25, the highest ever; Maharashtra's participating families doubled versus pre-COVID FY 20.
  48. Entrepreneurship Planning Digital Tool (EPDT) launched under DAY-NRLM to guide aspirant "Lakshpati Didis."
  49. National Panchayat Awards 2025 introduced two special categories: Climate Action & Atma Nirbharta (Self-Reliance).
- Dawwa S GP (Maharashtra) – Climate Action Rank 1.
  - Mall GP (Telangana) – Atma Nirbharta Rank 1.
  - Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) received Rank 1 PKNSSP with ₹ 1 crore incentive.
  - Three winning GPs are women-headed (Motipur, Dawwa S, Hatbadra).



50. **Madhya Pradesh PPP hospital scheme:** viability-gap support up to **40 %** for new private hospitals in major cities; health targets by 2030: **MMR < 100, IMR < 20**.
51. MP sanctioned **₹ 145 crore** for developing **buffer zones** in tiger reserves; tiger deaths in 2024: **46**.
52. **RISE app (Rapid Immunisation Skill Enhancement)** launched by Uttar Pradesh for last-mile health-worker training.
53. **Karnataka** rolled out "**Pragathi Patha**" (rural-road upgrade) and "**Koosina Mane**" childcare centres for MGNREGA women/workers.
54. **Telangana:**
- Signed MoU with **Godrej Capital** for digital-first MSME lending.
  - Issued "**Quantum Frontier Tech Charter**" (World Quantum Day, 14 Apr).
  - Launched "**Bhu Bharati**" portal to resolve land-record issues after Dharani.
55. **Bihar** hosts the **Khelo India Youth Games 2025** and set two Guinness records:
- **Largest Madhubani painting** – 201.17 sq ft.
  - **Largest singing-bowl ensemble** – 375 monks at Bodh Gaya.
56. **Atal Pension Yojana:** Uttar Pradesh recorded the **highest number of new subscribers**, earning the "Award of Ultimate Leadership."

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## Agriculture, Environment & Energy

57. Forest cover grew **5 %** (2003 → 2023) to **71,534 kha** (FSI).
58. **Ethanol blending target: 30 %** by 2030.
59. Central Public-Sector Enterprises (Apr 2025): **14 Maharatna, 26 Navratna**.
60. **CPCB** introduced a new "**Blue**" pollution category.
61. **SECL** adopted **paste-fill** coal-mining technology.
62. **CEA** launched "**STELLAR**," India's first fully-indigenous resource-adequacy model.
63. Four countries signed the first **ISA Country Partnership Frameworks: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cuba, Mauritius**.
64. **International Big Cat Alliance** became a treaty body on **23 Jan 2025**; India pledged **₹ 150 crore** for corpus & infrastructure, covering conservation of **tiger, lion, leopard, snow-leopard, puma, jaguar, cheetah**.
65. **PM MITRA Park – Madhya Pradesh:** investment **₹ 2,100 crore**, 2,100 acres, PPP mode at **Bhainsola (Dhar)**; central green-field support **₹ 500 crore**.

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## Infrastructure, Transport & Urban Affairs

66. **Railways**
- **Kavach 4.0 ATP** is being deployed nationwide; **Kavach 5.0** for Mumbai suburban will raise train throughput **30 %** within a modernisation project worth **₹ 17,000 crore**.
  - **Long-range glide bomb "Gaurav"** (1,000 kg class) successfully tested (see Defence).
  - **UDAN** first flight: **27 Apr 2017, Shimla → Delhi**; **₹ 4,023.37 crore** VGF paid up to **13 Mar 2025**.



**67. Ports & Shipping**

- **Mundra** became India's first port to handle > 200 MMT cargo in FY 25.
- **Paradip & Deendayal** each topped 150 MMT for the first time; **Kandla** posted the fastest growth.
- **Maritime India Vision 2030** aims to raise Inland-Waterway freight share to 5 % (from 2 %).
- **Marina India Infrastructure** secured the first digital NoC for a jetty on NW-68 (Goa, Malim).
- **Cruise Bharat Mission** (Oct 2024–Mar 2029, 3 phases) budgets ₹ 5,700 crore for Vadhavan-port infrastructure.

**68. Civil Aviation & Urban**

- **Singapore Changi**: Skytrax World's Best Airport 2025; **Delhi IGI**: Best Airport in India & South-Asia and the first Indian airport linked to 150 destinations.
- **Hubballi Airport**, Karnataka won ACI Asia Pacific & ME "Green Airports – Platinum" in the Sustainable-Energy category.
- **Bank of Maharashtra** installed India's first on-board ATM on Mumbai-Manmad Panchavati Express.

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**Science, Technology & Space****69. Quantum & Supercomputing**

- Bengaluru-based **QpiAI** unveiled "**QpiAI-Industrial**" quantum computer under the National Quantum Mission.
- **PARAM Rudra** supercomputers (interconnect "**Trinetra**," servers "**Rudra**") deployed at Pune, Delhi & Kolkata in 2024; **PARAM Pravega** at IISc (2022) provides 3.3 PF.

**70. Artificial Intelligence**

- **Samsung's Ballie** robot integrates **Gemini LLM**.
- **IIT-Madras & Ziroh-Labs** launched "**Kompact Air**," first foundation-model platform running purely on CPUs.
- **MeitY "Digital Threat Report 2024"** recorded a 175 % rise in phishing year-on-year within BFSI.
- **Sarvam** (Bengaluru) chosen to build India's first sovereign LLM under the ₹ 10,371.92 crore "**India AI Mission**."

**71. Aerospace & Satellites**

- **Skyroot Aerospace**: third stage of **Vikram-1** is "**Kalam-100**."
- **Blue Origin "NS-31"** flew an all-female crew led by **Lauren Sanchez**.
- **ISRO & NASA** selected **Shubhanshu Shukla** (Ax-4) to fly to the ISS.
- **Amazon** launched first 27 "**Project Kuiper**" satellites (Apr 2025).
- **Bangladesh** became the 54 th **Artemis Accords** signatory.

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**Defence**



72. Production-export targets: ₹ 3 lakh crore output by 2029; ₹ 30,000 crore exports (2025), ₹ 50,000 crore (2029).
73. **Rafale-M deal:** India signed a ₹ 63,887 crore contract with France for 26 Rafale-Marine jets to operate from INS Vikrant.
74. **DRDO "Gaurav"** long-range glide bomb (1,000 kg class) successfully tested.
75. Joint exercises:
  - **India-Uzbekistan "DUSTLIK-6,"** Aundh, Pune; theme "joint multi-domain sub-conventional ops"; 60 personnel (Indian JAT Regiment & IAF).
  - **"Yudh Kaushal"** field exercise by Red Horns Division & IAF in Meghalaya.
  - **"Samudra Pradakshina":** first all-women Tri-Services circumnavigation.
76. **Philippines** received the second consignment of **BrahMos (range 290 km)** anti-ship missiles.
77. **Gujarat Police "GP-DRASTI":** drone operations ceiling 120 m for fugitive tracking & missing-child search.
78. **Pahalgam terror attack (Apr 2025)** claimed by **The Resistance Front**.
79. **Cyber security** upgrades for BFSI (see Science & Tech).

## Corporate, Trade & Employment

80. **Power/hand-tools market:** NITI projects US \$ 190 bn by 2035; India's export share at present 1.8 % (hand tools), 0.7 % (power tools).
81. **Swiggy MoU** with Labour Ministry pledges 12 lakh job opportunities; launched consumer-services app "Pyng."
82. **ONDC** now steered by an 8-member executive committee.
83. **EV sales FY 25:** 11,67,720 registrations; top state **Uttar Pradesh**; global EV CAGR forecast 23.42 % (2024-33).
84. **Inter-ministerial National Manufacturing Mission** chaired by **B.V.R. Subrahmanyam** (NITI Aayog CEO).
85. **Microsoft "AI Careers for Women"** will provide 240 hours of AI training.

## International Affairs

86. **Slovakia** publicly supported India's **UNSC permanent-member bid** during President Murmu's visit.
87. **India-Portugal** celebrated 50 years of diplomatic relations; Lisbon's Mayor conferred the **"City Key of Honour"** on President Murmu.
88. India sent US \$ 2 million medical aid to Nepal under the **Neighbourhood First Policy**.
89. **IMO** member states agreed a US \$ 100 / t CO<sub>2</sub> levy on ship emissions.
90. **UAE** was elected to chair **INTERPOL's Committee on Governance** for 2 years.
91. India joined the **UN ISAR working group (2025-27)** on international accounting standards.

## Education, Culture, GI & Heritage



**92. Asia University Rankings 2025 (THE):**

- IISc Bengaluru #1 in India; Shoolini University highest Indian private (Asia rank 146).
- Tsinghua University heads overall list; Japan most represented; India totals 107 institutions.

93. Coventry University became the first UK university licensed to open a campus in GIFT City.

94. UNESCO Memory of the World Register (17 Apr 2025): manuscripts of Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra added.

**95. GI registrations:**

- Ryndia silk (Meghalaya), Amalsad Chikoo (Gujarat), Banarasi Tabla & Bharwan Mirch (U.P.).
- Uttar Pradesh now holds India's highest count of GI-certified products.

96. Maharashtra approved new name "Ratnapur" for Khultabad (Aurangzeb's tomb town).

97. Payal Kapadia received French Officer of the Order of Arts & Letters; her film "All We Imagine As Light" won Cannes Grand Prix 2024.

98. Sudarsan Pattnaik won the Fred Darrington Sand Master Award; created a 10-ft Lord Ganesha (theme: World Peace) at Weymouth, England.

**Health**

99. Cervical cancer is India's 2 nd most common female cancer; WHO target 70 % screening by 2030.

100. Measles-Rubella elimination target: 2026; 332 districts reported zero measles cases (Jan-Mar 2025).

101. Bajaj Allianz "Superwoman Term" plan adds a women-specific critical-illness rider.

102. Jammu & Kashmir's "E-SeHAT" app offers tele-consultation & healthcare services.

**Sports**

103. Chess: Magnus Carlsen won Freestyle Chess Grand Slam 2025; Humpy Koneru won Pune FIDE Women's GP 2025.

**104. Cricket:**

- Vaibhav Suryavanshi (Rajasthan Royals) debuted in IPL aged 14 years 23 days.
- Virat Kohli became the first Indian with 100 T20 half-centuries; world record holder David Warner - 108.
- Mohun Bagan Super Giant captured the ISL 2024-25 title.
- Sourav Ganguly was re-appointed Chair of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee (2025).

105. Olympics 2028 (LA28): cricket returns in Pomona, California; new sports also include baseball/softball, flag-football, lacrosse (sixes) & squash.

106. Khelo India Youth Games 2025 (Bihar): mascot "Gajsimha," song "Khel Ke Rang, Bihar Ke Sang."

107. Archery World Cup 2025 Stage 1: India 4 th overall (Mexico 1 st).

108. Asian U18 Athletics 2025 (Dammam): India 11 medals (1 G, 5 S, 5 B); Himanshu Jakhar won India's first boys' javelin gold.

109. World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025: India 2 nd in men's; total 6 medals (1 G - Hitesh Gulia, 1 S, 4 B).

110. Asian Yogasana Sport Championship (New Delhi): India 83 gold; Japan 2 nd with 10 medals (3 G).





111. ISSF World Cup 2025, Buenos Aires: table-topper China.
112. Laureus Awards 2025: Athletes of the Year Mondo Duplantis & Simone Biles; Best Team Real Madrid; Rafael Nadal won the Laureus Sporting Icon award.
113. Wisden 2025: Leading Men's Cricketer Jasprit Bumrah; Cricketers of the Year Gus Atkinson, Jamie Smith, Sophie Ecclestone, Liam Dawson, Dan Worrall.
114. FIFA Women's World Cup hosts: USA 2031, UK 2035.

## Awards, Appointments & Miscellaneous

115. Key Government appointments:
  - Arvind Shrivastava – Revenue Secretary.
  - Mangi Lal Jat – Secretary DARE & DG ICAR.
  - Justice Bhushan R. Gavai recommended as 52<sup>nd</sup> CJI.
  - Justice Arun Palli – CJ, J&K & Ladakh HC.
  - Jitendra Srivastava – CMD, REC Ltd.
  - Nipun Aggarwal – Chair, Air India Express.
116. Peter Brabeck-Letmathe became interim Chair of WEF after Klaus Schwab.
117. Sunil Bharti Mittal was inducted into the World Bank Private-Sector Investment Lab.
118. Corporate leadership: Sandeep Singh – CEO, Trillionloans Fintech; Neeraj Kumar Gupta – Chair, NSE IX.
119. TIME 100 (2025): oldest honouree Muhammad Yunus.
120. Tata Steel named Steel Sustainability Champion 2025 (worldsteel).
121. Rajesh Unni received the National Maritime Varuna Award 2025.
122. Gerardus 't Hooft won the Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics.
123. Dr Bharrat Jagdeo and Marina Silva received the Sustainable Development Leadership Award 2025.
124. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network now has 229 sites; North Korea entered the list for the first time (2025 batch of 16 new sites).
125. Defence Literature Festival "Kalam & Kavach 2.0" (host CENJOWS with Pentagon Press) carried the theme "Securing India's Rise through Defence Reforms."

## 2. Amounts & Agreements

1. ADB loans \$85.4 mn for Tripura Industrial Infrastructure Development Project

## 3. Appointments & Resignations

Government & Constitutional Bodies – India

- Justice Dinesh Maheshwari appointed Chairman, 23<sup>th</sup> Law Commission of India — tenure till August 2027  
22<sup>nd</sup> Law Commission was headed by Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi





- Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai nominated to become 52<sup>nd</sup> Chief Justice of India on CJI Sanjiv Khanna's retirement (13 May 2025); oath on 14 May 2025
- Will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Dalit CJI after Justice K.G. Balakrishnan (2007)
- Tenure: up to 23 Nov 2025 if approved
- Eligibility for CJI: Citizen of India and ( $\geq 5$  yrs High Court judge or  $\geq 10$  yrs advocate or distinguished jurist)
- Appointment: Article 124 (2) of the Constitution, by the President
- Supreme Court sanctioned strength: 34 judges (including CJI)
- Retirement ages: Supreme Court 65 yrs | High Court 62 yrs
- Dr Mangi Lal Jat appointed Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) and Director-General, ICAR — 3-year term, succeeding Himanshu Pathak
- Anuradha Thakur appointed Secretary, Economic Affairs
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) reshuffle
  - Arvind Shrivastava – Secretary, Revenue
  - Vumlunmang Vualnam – Secretary, Expenditure
  - Samir Kumar Sinha – Secretary, Civil Aviation
  - Vandana Gurnani – Secretary, Labour & Employment
  - Rakesh Kumar Verma – Director General, IIIDEM
- Ex-RAW chief Alok Joshi appointed Chairman, 7-member National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)

## Public-Sector & Statutory Enterprises – India

- Capt. Jagmohan (Retd) appointed Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) — tenure till September 2029
- IAS Jitendra Srivastava appointed CMD, REC Ltd (rank: Additional Secretary), succeeding Vivek Kumar Dewangan
- Neeraj Kumar Gupta becomes Chairman & Public-Interest Director, NSE International Exchange (NSE IX), GIFT City — effective 1 April 2025, replacing Rajiv Mehrishi

## Corporate Sector – India

- T. Koshy resigns as founding MD-CEO, ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce)
- Anant M. Ambani elevated as Executive Director, Reliance Industries Ltd for five years (w.e.f. 1 May 2025); RIL is the first Indian firm with total equity exceeding ₹ 10 lakh-crore

## International Financial & Multilateral Bodies

- Ajay Bhushan Pandey (Ex-Finance Secretary) appointed Vice-President, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
  - India remains 2<sup>nd</sup>-largest shareholder – 7.58 %
  - AIIB profile: 110 members | Authorised capital US \$ 100 billion | AAA-rated
  - Shareholdings: China 26.54 % | India 7.58 % | Russia 5.9 % | Germany 4.1 %
- Klaus Schwab steps down after 55 years as Chairman, World Economic Forum; Peter Brabeck-Letmathe named interim chief





## International Political Leadership

- **Djuro Macut** (medical professor, Serbian Progressive Party – SNS) elected **Prime Minister** of Serbia by parliament
- **Kamla Persad-Bissessar** returns as **Prime Minister** of Trinidad & Tobago

## Global Sports Administration

- **Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul** (Thailand) elected **President**, Badminton World Federation (BWF) — **2<sup>nd</sup> woman** to hold the post  
*First woman President: Lu Shengrong (1993-2001); BWF founded 5 July 1934, HQ Kuala Lumpur*

## Arts, Fashion & Culture

- **Ananya Panday** announced as **first-ever Indian Global Ambassador** for Chanel, unveiled at the **Paris Spring/Summer 2025** show

## 4. Arts & Cultural Affairs

## 5. Awards, Rewards, Recognition

## PHOTOGRAPHY & FILM

- **World Press Photo 2025 (68<sup>th</sup> World Press Photo of the Year)** — Palestinian photographer **Samar Abu Elouf** wins for portrait of **9-year-old armless Gazan boy Mahmoud Ajjour**; prize € 10,000; award presented in Amsterdam.
- **Director Payal Kapadia** receives French honour “**Officier dans l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres**”; her debut “**All We Imagine As Light**” won the **Cannes 2024 Grand Prix**.
- **Oscars** add new category “**Best Stunt Design**” starting with the **100<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards (2028)**.





## SPORTS

- **Wisden 2025**
  - Leading Cricketers in the World: Jasprit Bumrah & Smriti Mandhana
  - Cricketers of the Year: Atkinson, Smith, Ecclestone, Dawson, Worrall
  - Leading T20 Cricketer: Nicholas Pooran
  - Image Award: Photo of Lyon appeal wins
- **Laureus World Sports Awards 2025 (Madrid)**
  - Athletes of Year: Mondo Duplantis & Simone Biles
  - Team of Year: Real Madrid
  - Breakthrough: Lamine Yamal
  - Sporting Icon: Rafael Nadal
  - Rebeca Andrade
  - Sport-for-Good Award: Kick4Life FC

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## INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT

- **National Highways Excellence Awards 2023**
  - Golds: Nanguneri Kanyakumari Tollway (O&M Flexible); Ashoka Buildcon ('Green Highways')
  - Best Engineer: Navratan, Devender Kumar, Subhash Chandra
- **Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport joins top-4 in Asia-Pacific with ACI Level-5 Carbon Accreditation.**
- **Hubballi Airport gets ACI "Platinum" Green Airports Recognition 2025.**
- **Climate-Action Special Panchayat Award (CASPA):** 1 Dawwa S (Maharashtra); 2 Biradahalli (Karnataka); 3 Motipur (Bihar).
- **Atma Nirbhar Panchayat Special Award (ANPSA):** 1 Mall (Telangana); 2 Hatbadra (Odisha); 3 Gollapudi (AP).
- **Panchayat Kshamta Nirman Sarvottam Sansthan Puraskar (PKNSSP):** 1 KILA (Kerala); 2 SIRDPR Odisha; 3 SIPRD Assam.

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## SOCIAL IMPACT & LEADERSHIP

- **Karnataka humanitarian Madhusudan Sai** receives Fiji's highest honour "**Companion of the Order of Fiji**" for **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital** in Suva; past honourees include PM Narendra Modi & President Droupadi Murmu.
- **WEF "Young Global Leaders 2025"** — Seven Indian entrants (from 116 leaders < 40 yrs across ~ 50 countries): Ritesh Agarwal (OYO), K. Ram Mohan Naidu (Civil Aviation Minister), Nipun Malhotra (Nipman Foundation), Alok M. Anil (Next Big Innovation Labs), Natarajan Sankar (BCG partner), Manasi Subramaniam (Editor-in-Chief, PRH India), Anurag Maloo (mountaineer & entrepreneur).
- **Indian Institute of Science** leads India in **THE Asia University Rankings 2025** – Rank 38.





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## 6. Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

### A. Banking & Payments – New Products, Initiatives & Services

- Godrej Capital & Government of Telangana sign MoU to accelerate digital-first MSME credit, with a special focus on women through the “Aarohi” initiative.
- NPCI retro-halts all international UPI “QR Share & Pay” transactions (effective 4 Apr 2025); only live scans abroad remain valid.
  - QR images saved in a phone gallery will no longer work overseas; domestic use is unchanged, with the existing ₹ 2,000 cap for non-verified merchants.
  - Supported UPI-QR countries (now live-scan only): Bhutan, France, Nepal, Mauritius, Singapore, Sri Lanka & UAE.
  - NPCI HQ: Mumbai | Chair: Ajay Kumar Choudhary | MD-CEO: Dilip Asbe | Established: 2008.
- PhonePe launches “UPI Circle” – a delegated-payment feature that lets a primary user authorise trusted contacts.
  - Limits: ₹ 15,000 daily and ₹ 5,000 per transaction for each secondary user.
  - PhonePe HQ: Bengaluru | CEO: Sameer Nigam | Founded: 2015.
- Mastercard & City Union Bank introduce India’s first cricket-“passion” credit cards – CUB-CSK and CUB-SRH (Platinum / World variants) offering airport lounge access, fuel waiver & travel cover.
  - Franchises on board: Chennai Super Kings & Sunrisers Hyderabad.
  - Mastercard HQ: New York | CEO: Michael Miebach.
  - CUB HQ: Kumbakonam | CEO: Dr N. Kamakodi.
- SBI re-introduces 444-day “Amrit Vrishti” fixed deposit (from 15 Apr 2025) at 7.05 % (general), 7.55 % (senior citizens) & 7.65 % (super-seniors).



- **SBI HQ: Mumbai | Chairman:** Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | **MDs:** R.A.K. Singh, A.K. Tewari, V.M. Tonse, R.M.R. Amara.
- **Central Railway & Bank of Maharashtra** install India's first onboard ATM in the AC coach of the Mumbai-Manmad "Panchavati Express".
- **Bank of Maharashtra HQ: Pune | MD-CEO:** Nidhu Saxena | Tagline "One Family One Bank".
- **ATM milestones:** Inventor – John Shepherd-Barron (UK); 1<sup>st</sup> ATM – Barclays, London (1967); 1<sup>st</sup> Indian ATM – HSBC, Mumbai (27 Jun 1987); 1<sup>st</sup> Floating ATM – SBI ferry, Ernakulam-Vypeen (2004); Highest ATM (13,200 ft) – Axis Bank, Nathu-La; 1<sup>st</sup> UPI-enabled ATM – Hitachi Payment Services.
- **PhonePe's "Pincode"** launches 24 × 7 hyper-local medicine delivery (10-minute fulfilment) in Bengaluru, Mumbai & Pune.
- **SBI debuts the "Grahak Mitra" project:** 4,500 branches (≈ 20 %) will station SBOSS staff to promote self-service & digital adoption.
- **AU Small Finance Bank** – remains India's largest Small Finance Bank (HQ Jaipur | MD-CEO: Sanjay Agarwal).
- **Bandhan Bank** unveils the "Elite Plus" savings account for HNIs (HQ Kolkata | MD-CEO: Partha Pratim Sengupta | Tagline "Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai").
- **Airtel Payments Bank** surpasses 2.5 million "RuPay On-The-Go" NCMC cards, targeting 10 million within two years.

## B. Banking – Rankings, Capital & Corporate Actions

- **SBI (43<sup>rd</sup>) & HDFC Bank (73<sup>rd</sup>)** are the only Indian lenders in S&P Global's 2025 list of the world's top-100 banks by assets, led by Chinese majors (ICBC, ABC, CCB, BOC).
- **HDFC Bank HQ: Mumbai | MD-CEO:** Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline "We understand your World".
- **HDFC Bank** becomes India's 3<sup>rd</sup> ₹ 15 lakh-crore company (m-cap ₹ 15,01,289 cr on share price ₹ 1,961.90), joining Reliance Industries & TCS.
- **IDFC FIRST Bank** to raise ₹ 7,500 crore via preferential shares for capital infusion.
- **LIC** increases its stake in Bank of Baroda to 7.05 %.
- **Income-Tax Department** adds an "e-Pay Tax" facility on its portal, providing a single, seamless online tax-payment route.

## C. Insurance, Mutual Funds & Capital-Market Products

- **Bajaj Allianz Life** launches the women-centric "Superwoman Term" insurance plan with a 60-critical-illness rider and a child-care income option.
- **United India Insurance** partners **SIDBI** to sell customised general-insurance solutions to MSMEs across 123 SIDBI branches.
- **UIIC HQ: Chennai | CMD:** Bhupesh Sushil Rahul.
- **SIDBI HQ: Lucknow | CMD:** Manoj Mittal | Estd 1990.
- **Edelweiss Mutual Fund** rolls out India's first "Edelweiss BSE Internet Economy Index Fund".
- **MD-CEO, Edelweiss MF:** Radhika Gupta.
- **SBI Card & Tata Digital** introduce the two-variant "Tata Neu SBI Card," awarding up to 10 % NeuCoin rewards redeemable on Tata Neu (SBI Cards HQ – Gurugram | MD-CEO: Salila Pande).



- Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) HQ Mumbai | Chairman: Navneet Munot | CEO: Venkat N. Chalasani.

#### D. Regulatory & Supervisory Measures

- RBI permits **minors aged 10 years +** to open and operate savings / term-deposit accounts independently or with their mother as guardian; banks must align policies by **1 July 2025** and ensure **no overdrafts**.
- **\*\*Banks must shift every public website & e-mail to the ".bank.in" secured domain by 31 Oct 2025 (RBI directive).**
- From **1 May 2025**, all RBI-regulated entities must file licence / approval applications only through the **"PRAVAAH" web portal** (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation and Authorisation; launched 28 May 2024).
- **Deadline for BIS-compliant note-sorting machines** extended six months to **1 Nov 2025**.
- **RBI buys 57.5 t of gold in FY 2025** (stock 879.6 t) – 2<sup>nd</sup>-highest annual addition; India now holds 8<sup>th</sup>-largest official reserves.
- **T Rabi Sankar** receives a second extension as **RBI Deputy Governor (till 2 May 2026)**.
  - **Current RBI leadership:** Governor Sanjay Malhotra; Deputy Governors Poonam Gupta, Swaminathan Janakiraman, M. Rajeshwar Rao & T Rabi Sankar.
- **RBI imposes ₹ 61.40 lakh penalty on Kotak Mahindra Bank** for loan-delivery & margin breaches, and **₹ 29.60 lakh on Punjab National Bank** for wrong minimum-balance charges on in-operative accounts.
- **RBI cancels the licence of Ajantha Urban Co-operative Bank Maryadit (Aurangabad, Maharashtra)** for financial weakness.
- **New Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) framework (effective 1 Apr 2026):**
  - (i) Run-off factor on non-financial corporate deposits cut to **40 %** (from 100 %)
  - (ii) Banks must always maintain **≥ 100 % LCR**
  - (iii) Stable retail deposits via internet/mobile banking: run-off factor **7.5 %**.
- **SEBI proposes to double mutual-fund exposure limits to REITs / InvITs** — single-issuer cap **10 %**, overall **20 %** for equity & hybrid schemes (debt schemes retain 10 %).
- **SEBI HQ: Mumbai | Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey | Estd 1992.**

#### E. Government Schemes, Public Finance & CPSE Policy

- **PM Jan-Dhan Yojana deposits** touch a record **₹ 2.63 lakh-crore** (552.8 million accounts; average balance **₹ 4,760**) as on **9 Apr 2025**.
  - Key features: **BSBD account**, **₹ 10,000 overdraft**, **RuPay card** with **₹ 2 lakh accident cover**, no minimum balance, **3-4 % interest**.
- **CBDT grants full tax-exempt status** to the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** under the Environment Act 1986, effective **AY 2024-25**.
- **Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) classification revamp** proposed:
  - Introduce a **performance-based downgrade clause** so poorly-performing CPSEs drop a tier (current tiers: Maharatna / Navratna / Miniratna I-II).
  - **FY 2024-25 record dividend to Centre: ₹ 74,016 crore** (top payers: Coal India, ONGC, IOCL, PowerGrid, NTPC).
  - **Maharatna eligibility (all five criteria to be met):**
    1. Listed with **≥ 25 % public shareholding**
    2. Annual turnover **> ₹ 25,000 crore**



3. Net worth > ₹ 15,000 crore
  4. Net profit > ₹ 5,000 crore each of the last 3 yrs
  5. Demonstrated global presence.
- First coal PSU to adopt paste-fill technology: South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL).

## F. Capital Markets & Exchanges

- BSE celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary — FM Nirmala Sitharaman releases a ₹ 150 commemorative silver coin, unveils the “BSE @ 150” logo and launches the broad-based “BSE India 150” Index covering the top 150 listed firms.
- Neeraj Kumar Gupta becomes Chairman & Public-Interest Director, NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT City (effective 1 Apr 2025), succeeding Rajiv Mehra.
- BHIM 3.0 consumer campaign rolled out under the tagline “Paison Ki Kadar.”

## G. Trade, Multilateral & Macro-Economic Updates

- USA remains India's No. 1 trading partner in FY 2025 with bilateral trade of US \$ 131.84 billion.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) cumulative assistance to India reaches US \$ 59.5 billion across 657 operations.
  - ADB HQ: Mandaluyong, Philippines | President: Masato Kanda | Members: 69.
- India's pharmaceutical exports hit an all-time high US \$ 30.47 billion in FY 2025 (+ 9.39 % YoY).
- CRISIL pegs India's FY 2026 GDP growth at 6.5 %; Morgan Stanley: 6.1 %; IMF: 6.2 %; World Bank: 6.3 %.

## H. Corporate & M&A Highlights

- Ambuja Cements (Adani Group) acquires 46.66 % of Orient Cement (37.8 % from CK Birla promoters + 8.87 % public) and becomes the promoter.
- Flipkart to shift its domicile from Singapore to India, paving the way for a domestic IPO and deeper participation in Indian capital markets.
- Juspay becomes India's first unicorn of 2025.
- Samsung & Google Cloud integrate generative-AI into the home companion robot “Ballie.”

## I. Environmental, ESG & Sectoral Policies

- Bank of Baroda launches a comprehensive ESG policy on Earth Day 2025 — aims for net-zero carbon by 2057, unveils the “BOB Earth” platform and plants 30,000 trees in FY 2025.
- Government considers raising the FDI cap in nuclear power plants to 49 % to build a 100 GW atomic-energy fleet by 2047.



## J. Other Key Measures & Milestones

- RBI directs all banks to migrate every public-facing website / e-mail to “.bank.in” (deadline reaffirmed 31 Oct 2025).
- RBI extends the BIS note-sorting machine deadline to 1 Nov 2025 and continues oversight on cash-management quality.
- Reserve Bank retro-halting and PRAVAAH mandate (see Sections A & D) plus the gold-reserve build-up underscore its tightening supervisory stance.
- Pioneering ATM list (Section A), SECL paste-fill breakthrough (Section E) and ADB / pharma export records (Sections G) reflect India's technology, infrastructure and trade progress.

## 7. Defence Affairs

### 1. Joint & Multinational Military Engagements

Exercise / Event	Schedule & Venue	Indian Participation	Partner-Nation / Participants	Key Points
“DUSTLIK-6” India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise	15 – 28 Apr 2025, Aundh Military Station, Pune	60-member JAT Regiment battalion + Indian Air Force detachment	Uzbekistan – Capital Tashkent • Currency Som • President Shavkat Mirziyoyev • PM Abdulla Aripov	Sixth edition; counter- terror & urban-ops focus
“Desert Flag-10” Multinational Air- Combat Exercise	Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE	Indian Air Force fighter detachment	USA • France • UK • Australia • Germany • South Korea • others	Enhances inter- operability in complex air scenarios
Indian Navy “Meghayan 25” Symposium (3 <sup>rd</sup> edition)	Observed on WMO Day	Hosted by Indian Navy	—	Theme: “Closing the Early Warning Gap Together” (meteorology, maritime safety)

### 2. Defence Production, Exports & Big-Ticket Deals

Initiative / Deal	Value / Target	Timeline / Delivery	Highlights
Defence Conclave 2025 – “Force of the Future”	₹ 3 lakh crore domestic defence production & ₹ 50,000 crore exports by 2029	Interim FY 2025 export target ₹ 30,000 crore • Current output to top ₹ 1.6 lakh crore	Announced by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh





Initiative / Deal	Value / Target	Timeline / Delivery	Highlights
2 <sup>nd</sup> BrahMos Shore Battery for the Philippines	US \$ 375 million	Ongoing; range 290 km, speed Mach 2.8	Strengthens India-Philippines defence ties • Philippines capital Manila, President Bongbong Marcos
India-France Inter-governmental Agreement for 26 Rafale-M naval fighters	₹ 64,000 crore	Deliveries 2028 – 2030	Will equip Indian carriers; complements existing MiG-29K fleet
Indian Navy Aircraft Carriers	—	INS Vikramaditya (Russian-origin) & INS Vikrant (indigenous, 2022 commission)	Currently operate MiG-29K fighters

### 3. Research, Development & Capability Upgrades

- DRDO successfully flight-tests the 1,000 kg long-range glide bomb “Gaurav.”
- SIPRI 2024 report: Global military expenditure +9.4 %; India 5<sup>th</sup> at US \$ 86 billion (1.9 % GDP).

### 4. Operational Outreach, Adventure & Awards

Activity	Details & Outcome
Community Radio “Voice of Kinnaur”	Launched by Indian Army at Pooh, Kinnaur (Himachal Pradesh) under Operation Sadbhavana; youth-, women- & farmer-centric programming for border villages
High-Altitude Expedition “ARMEX-24”	28-day, 146 km trek across Sikkim’s high ranges, successfully completed by the Indian Army
MacGregor Memorial Medal	CDS Gen Anil Chauhan confers the award on five defence personnel and releases the book “Bravest of the Brave.”

## 8. International Affairs

### I. International Policing Governance

- UAE elected as the first-ever chair of INTERPOL’s new “Committee on Governance”.
- Lt Col Dana Humaid Al Marzouqi will lead the committee.
- INTERPOL Headquarters: Lyon, France.





• United Arab Emirates: Capital Abu Dhabi, Currency Dirham, President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

## II. Climate Loss-and-Damage Support

- UNDP joins the "Santiago Network" to support climate loss-and-damage response.
- UNDP Headquarters: New York.
- Administrator: Achim Steiner.

## III. Space Cooperation

- Bangladesh becomes the 54<sup>th</sup> signatory of the NASA-led "Artemis Accords".

## IV. Global Health Awareness

- World Immunization Week (24 – 30 Apr 2025) theme: "Immunization for All is Humanly Possible".

## 9. Meetings, Conferences, and Summits

### 1. 75th 'Diabetes World Congress'

- Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

### 2. 15<sup>th</sup> BRICS Agricultural Ministers' Meeting (BRICS AMM)

- Date: 17 Apr 2025
- Venue: Brasília
- Indian Delegate: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Theme: Inclusive & Sustainable Agriculture

### 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> "STREE" Summit — Respect, Equality & Empowerment

- Venue: Hyderabad



## 10. Miscellaneous

### A. NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL DAYS / WEEKS / YEARS (APRIL 2025)

- 5 Apr — World Penguin Day
- 12 Apr 1895 — Punjab National Bank's 131<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day – India's first Swadeshi bank
- 15 Apr — 78<sup>th</sup> Himachal Day
- 15 Apr — World Art Day – Theme "DNA – Do No Algorithm"
- 16 Apr — World Voice Day – Theme "Empower Your Voice"
- 17 Apr — World Hemophilia Day – Theme "Access for All: Women and Girls Bleed Too" (haemophilia = genetic bleeding disorder)
- 18 Apr — International Day for Monuments & Sites – Theme "Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and Learning from 60 years of ICOMOS Actions"
- 19 Apr — World Liver Day – Theme "Food Is Medicine"
- 20 Apr — UN Chinese Language Day – Theme "Chinese Language: A Gift Across Time and Space"
- 21 Apr — 17<sup>th</sup> National Civil Service Day (since 2006)
- 21 Apr — UN World Creativity & Innovation Day; 15-21 Apr — World Creativity & Innovation Week
- 21 Apr — UN International Delegate's Day (6<sup>th</sup> edition)
- 21-25 Apr — Fire Safety Week by MoHFW – Theme "Fire Safety in Health Facilities"
- 24 Apr — National Panchayati Raj Day – marks 32 years of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment 1992
- 26 Apr — World Veterinary Day – Theme "Animal Health Takes a Team"
- 26 Apr — International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day (39<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1986)
- 26 Apr — World Intellectual Property Day – Theme "Music and IP: Feel the Beat of IP."
- 28 Apr — World Day for Safety and Health at Work – Theme "Revolutionising Health & Safety: The Role of AI and Digitalisation at Work."
- International Girls in ICT Day 2025 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of April) – Theme "Girls in ICT for Inclusive Digital Transformation"
- International Day of Multilateralism & Diplomacy for Peace (started 2019)
- World Lab Animal Day (World Day for Animals in Laboratories)
- World Malaria Day 2025 – Theme "Malaria Ends With Us: Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite"
- International Dance Day (since 1982) – honouring Jean-Georges Noverre
- International Jazz Day (UNESCO)
- Ayushman Bharat Diwas – marks 2018 launch of the scheme
- 2025 World Book Capital — Rio de Janeiro

### B. CONFERENCES, SUMMITS & MEETINGS

- "Vividhita ka Amrit Mahotsav" (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) – New Delhi; focus on southern states/UTs (Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Lakshadweep, Puducherry). The 7<sup>th</sup> edition festival covers all regions of India.
- GRIDCON 2025 – organised by POWERGRID & CIGRE-India, New Delhi – Theme "Innovations in Grid Resilience"





- **Water Sustainability Conference 2025** – New Delhi; organised by Bureau of Water Use Efficiency + TERI
- **National Conference on 'Environment – 2025'** – organised by NGT, New Delhi
- **Bharat Calling Conference 2025** (IMC Chamber, Mumbai) – Theme “Path to Viksit Bharat 2047: Pioneering Prosperity for All.”
- **1<sup>st</sup> International Research Conference on Pension 2025** – PFRDA & IIM Ahmedabad, New Delhi
- **20<sup>th</sup> IASSH Annual Conference** – Sambalpur University, Odisha (celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> NSS Anniversary)
- **Coastal States Fisheries Meet 2025** – Mumbai
- **International Radio-Biology Conference (INMAS)** – New Delhi
- **WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution & Health** – Colombia; Theme “Accelerating Action for Clean Air, Clean Energy Access & Climate-Change Mitigation.”
- **SUFALAM 2025** (2<sup>nd</sup> Start-Up Forum for Aspiring Leaders & Mentors) – hosted by NIFTEM-Kundli, Haryana
- **India Steel 2025** (6<sup>th</sup> edition) – Mumbai; Theme “Shaping the Future of Steel: Driving Capacity Augmentation, Sustainability, Digitalisation & Downstream Applications” (organised by Mo Steel + FICCI)
- **Water Sustainability Conference 2025** – New Delhi (Bureau of Water Use Efficiency + TERI)
- **“Sashakt Panchayat-Netri Abhiyan”** – launched by Ministry of Panchayati Raj, New Delhi
- **Sansad Khel Mahakumbh** – held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- **UN Chinese Language Day Event** – Theme reiterated under Section A
- **UN International Delegate's Day** – 6<sup>th</sup> edition (noted in Section A)
- **UN Chinese Language Day** – Theme reiterated above

## C. BANKING, FINANCE & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- **Punjab National Bank** – 131<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day (12 Apr 1895); India's first Swadeshi bank
- **LIC** raises stake in **Bank of Baroda** from 5.03 % → 7.05 %
- **CCI clearance** – Patanjali Ayurved & allied foundations to acquire 98.055 % of **Magma General Insurance** (deal value ₹4,500 crore) via green-channel route (no detailed scrutiny)
- **CCI approval** – joint proposal of **360 ONE & Bharti Life Ventures** to acquire stakes in **Bharti AXA Life Insurance**
- **Ambuja Cements** acquires 37.79 % in **Orient Cement**, raising stake to 46.66 % and gaining control
- **NABARD** makes first start-up equity pick: 10 % stake in agri-fintech **24x7 Moneyworks** (eKisanCredit)

## D. INFRASTRUCTURE & INDUSTRY

- **Maharaja Agrasen Airport, Hisar, Haryana** – noted infrastructure update
- **800 MW Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant** – Yamunanagar, Haryana
- **Operation “Brahma”** – Indian Army's urgent humanitarian aid to Myanmar
- **Golden Dome** – advanced missile-defence system of the United States

## E. ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE & HERITAGE



- Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Abhyaran – declared 25<sup>th</sup> wildlife sanctuary of Madhya Pradesh
- Bor Wildlife Sanctuary – Wardha, Maharashtra
- Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- DPS Flamingo Lake – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra (new conservation reserve)
- Similipal National Park, Odisha – identified as India's 107-th National Park
- Kancha Gachibowli – designated a protected forest patch in Telangana
- *Leptobrachium aryatium* – new frog species discovered in Garbhanga Reserve Forest, Guwahati, Assam (specimen deposited at Museum Koenig, Bonn, Germany)
- Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi (*Ficus religiosa*) – heritage tree, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka
- Wallace Line – biogeographic boundary between Asia & Australia

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## F. SPORTS & GAMES

- 2025 Bahrain Grand Prix Winner: Oscar Piastri (Australia, McLaren)
- 2025 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix Winner: Oscar Piastri (McLaren)
- Brand Ambassador: Rohit Sharma for T20 Mumbai League Season 3
- Sansad Khel Mahakumbh – noted above under Conferences

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## G. BOOKS & LITERATURE

- "The India I Saw" – English translation by S. Ambujammal (Freedom Fighter) of Tamil autobiography 'Nān Kanda Bhāratam', rendered by Sriram V
- "The Diary of a Cricketer's Wife: A Very Unusual Memoir" by Puja Pujara
- "Space: The Indian Story" by Dinesh Sharma
- "The Chief Minister and the Spy" by Amarjit Singh Dulat (Juggernaut Books)
- "Mere Achhe Din" authored by Hari Singh Rana; released by Himachal CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
- "Out of The Blue" authored by Sandeep Menon
- "Another Day in LANDOUR: Looking Out from My Window" by Ruskin Bond
- "AI on Trial" by Tauseef Alam & Sujeet Kumar
- "AI Valley" by Gary Rivlin
- "Beyond the Courtroom: Reflections on Law, Constitution, and Nationhood" by late Fali S. Nariman

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## H. CULTURE, FESTIVALS & SOCIAL EVENTS

- Poila Boishakh (Bengali New Year) celebrated in West Bengal
- Strawberry Festival – Meghalaya

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## I. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & EDUCATION

- International Girls in ICT Day 2025 – Theme already noted
- Water Sustainability Conference 2025 – listed under Conferences
- GRIDCON 2025 – listed above





- **Dr K. Kasturirangan** – ex-ISRO Chairman (Padma Bhushan 1982, Padma Vibhushan 2000), Project Director of Bhaskara-I & II satellites, passed away

## J. OBITUARIES

- **Mario Vargas Llosa** (Peru) – Nobel Prize in Literature 2010, Jerusalem Prize 1995, author of *The Time of the Hero*, *Conversation in the Cathedral*, *Feast of the Goat* – passed away aged 89
- **Hari Dutt Kapri** – former Indian basketball captain; Arjuna Award 1969 – passed away
- **Former Malaysian PM Abdullah bin Ahmad Badawi** – 5<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister (2003-09) – passed away
- **Dr Mathew Samuel Kalarickal** – “Father of Angioplasty” in India (Padma Shri 2000, Dr B C Roy Award 1996) – passed away
- **Pope Francis** – first Latin-American & first non-European pontiff in 1,000 years – obituary notice
- **Renowned filmmaker Shaji N. Karun** – Padma Shri 2010, J.C. Daniel Award 2023, Camera d’Or special mention 1989 – passed away
- **Ram Sahay Pandey** – legendary Rai folk-dance exponent (Padma Shri 2022) – passed away

## K. GOVERNANCE & PROGRAMMES

- **Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Abhyaran** – sanctuary notification (see Section E)
- **UN Chinese Language Day; UN Int’l Day of Multilateralism & Diplomacy for Peace** – observed 21 Apr
- **National Panchayati Raj Day** – 24 Apr (see Section A)
- **“Sashakt Panchayat-Netri Abhiyan”** – Ministry of Panchayati Raj initiative
- **Ayushman Bharat Diwas** – programme anniversary (see Section A)

## 11. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

## 12. National & States Affairs

## A. DIGITAL GOVERNANCE & E-INITIATIVES

- **E-SeHAT App** — launched by J&K CM Omar Abdullah; delivers integrated digital healthcare across the Union Territory.
- **“Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights) Act 2025” & “Bhu Bharati” land-records portal** — enacted/launched by Telangana to replace “Dharani”.



- **Kerala Digi Literacy Drive** — state set to become India's 1<sup>st</sup> 100 % digitally literate via 'Digi Kerala'; also pioneers online filing & virtual hearings for Permanent Lok Adalats (KELSA initiative).
- **Ayushman Vay Vandana (Delhi)** — ₹ 10 lakh health cover for residents 70 + (₹ 5 lakh AB-PM-JAY + ₹ 5 lakh Delhi top-up).

## B. HEALTH & SOCIAL WELFARE

- **World Liver Day, 19 Apr 2025** — Theme "Food is Medicine"
  - **Amit Shah** launches nationwide **HEALD initiative** (*Healthy Liver Education and Alcohol-associated Liver Disease Prevention*) and inaugurates India's 1<sup>st</sup> **Integrated LiHAB Centre**.
- **National Zero Measles-Rubella Elimination Campaign 2025-26** — launched by Union Health Minister **J. P. Nadda** during World Immunization Week (24-30 Apr); goal zero MR cases by 2026.
  - Status Jan-Mar 2025: 332 measles-free & 487 rubella-free districts.
  - India received "Measles & Rubella Champion" Award (American Red Cross, Washington DC, 6 Mar 2024).
- **Pink E-Rickshaw Scheme, Maharashtra** — 10 000 women-driven e-rickshaws (Phase-1: Pune, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Nagpur, Nashik, Ahilyanagar, Amravati, Ch. Sambhajinagar, Kolhapur, Solapur); subsidy ₹ 1 lakh (₹ 25 k Centre + ₹ 75 k State) & 70 % bank loan.
- **Ayushman Bharat Diwas** — commemorates 2018 scheme launch.

## C. AGRICULTURE, RURAL & MSME

- **IISR 'IISR Surya' Turmeric** — high-yield, light-coloured variety developed by **Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode** for the masala industry.
- **Tobacco Board Rule Amendment** — **Virginia-tobacco grower licence** now valid 3 years from 2025-26 crop-season; India is 2<sup>nd</sup>-largest producer & exports ₹ 16 728 cr (2024-25).
- **Sugarcane FRP** raised from ₹ 340 → ₹ 355 for basic recovery 10.25 % (CCEA approval).
- **YourStory's "The Bharat Project"** — launched by **Piyush Goyal** to empower 1 million Tier-2/3 & rural entrepreneurs:
  1. "Co-Pilot for Entrepreneurs" — AI mobile platform (Hindi & English)
  2. **Education & Upskilling** — state/district activations, WhatsApp courses
  3. "Bharat Ideathon" — idea hunt in 1 000+ districts
  4. "BharatSparks" — launchpad with investor pitches & grants
  5. "Shuru-kar" — 7-part web-documentary on regional startups
  - **YourStory HQ: Bengaluru | Founder & CEO: Shradha Sharma.**

## D. ECONOMY & MANUFACTURING

- **MoSPI advances IIP release** to 28<sup>th</sup> of every month (4 p.m.) — data now out 28 days after the reference month (was 42).
- **National Manufacturing Mission Committee** — chaired by **NITI Aayog CEO B. V. R. Subrahmanyam**; five focus areas: (1) Ease & cost of doing business, (2) Future-ready workforce, (3) Vibrant MSME sector, (4) Technology availability, (5) Quality products.





- ₹ 2 100 cr PM MITRA Park — India's 1<sup>st</sup> integrated textile park approved for Bhainsola, Dhar (Madhya Pradesh).
- New ethanol-blend target — 30 % by 2030.

## E. ENERGY, SCIENCE & URBAN INNOVATION

- 500 MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR), Kalpakkam — first criticality Mar 2026; full commissioning Sep 2026; supports India's 100 GW nuclear-power mission by 2047.
- High-Altitude Climate Research Station — India's 1<sup>st</sup>, launched at Udhampur, J&K.
- Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh) to be the world's 1<sup>st</sup> 100 % renewables-powered city — 2.7 GW demand, ₹ 65 000 cr eco-smart capital plan by 2050.

## F. ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE & HERITAGE

- International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Headquarters — hosted by India; ₹ 150 cr corpus (2023-24 → 2028-29).
  - Launched Apr 2023; covers 7 big cats (tiger, lion, leopard, snow-leopard, puma, jaguar, cheetah).
  - Treaty effective 23 Jan 2025 after ratification by India, Liberia, Eswatini, Somalia, Nicaragua.
- Madhya Pradesh allocates ₹ 145 cr (2025-26 → 2027-28) for buffer zones around all 9 tiger reserves.
- Similipal National Park — notified as India's 107<sup>th</sup> National Park; largest in Odisha (Mayurbhanj).
- Karnataka conducts India's 1<sup>st</sup> village-level antiquities survey — geo-tagging 25 000+ monuments.

## G. CULTURE & GI TAGS

- 21 new GI certificates for Uttar Pradesh handed over by PM Modi — state total 77 (India-high; Tamil Nadu 69).
  - Kashi region: 32 GI tags, ~20 lakh artisans, ₹ 25 500 cr annual market.
- Meghalaya's 'Ryndia' Textile — hand-spun, naturally-dyed; receives GI tag.
- UNESCO Memory of the World Register adds "Bhagavad Gita" (700 verses, 18 chapters) & "Natyashastra" (a.k.a. Gandharva Veda, 36 000 verses, Bharata Muni, 2<sup>nd</sup> c. BCE).
  - Register entries: 570 | India's tally: 14 | UNESCO HQ: Paris | DG: Audrey Azoulay.

## H. LAW, GOVERNANCE & SECURITY

- "Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025" — repeals Mussalman Wakf Act 1923; donor must be practising Muslim ≥ 5 yrs & owner; waqf-akal-aulad must honour female heirs; Board CEO needn't be Muslim.





- Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) reaction to Pahalgam attack: suspends Indus Waters Treaty 1960, closes Integrated Check Post Attari (₹ 3 886 cr trade & 72 000 travellers in 2023-24), reduces Pakistan High Commission staff.
- Pakistan suspends 1972 Simla Agreement (signed 2 Jul 1972; ended 1971 war, created Bangladesh, converted Ceasefire Line → LoC).
- First state for SC categorisation — Telangana.

## I. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & AID

- India ships US \$ 2 million medical aid to Nepal — 17 030 vaccine vials for Thalassemia (Neighbourhood-First Policy).
- Kailash Mansarovar Yatra resumes Jun–Aug 2025 via Lipulekh & Nathu La — first time after 5 years (suspended since 2020).

## J. SPORTS, YOUTH & OBSERVANCES

- 62<sup>nd</sup> National Maritime Day — 5 Apr 2025.
- Civil Services Day, India — 21 Apr — honours Sardar Patel's 1947 IAS address; PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration presented annually.
- Khelo India Youth Games 2025 (Bihar) — sets 2 Guinness World Records:
  - Largest Madhubani painting (201.17 sq ft)
  - Singing-bowl ensemble by 375 Buddhist monks in Bodh Gaya.

## K. BOOKS & AUTHORS

- “Confessions of Stock Market Wizards” — author Safir Anand.

## L. RANKINGS

- Indian cluster rankings: IISc 38, Anna University 111, IIT Indore 131, MG University 140, Shoolini 146.
- Asia top-5 universities: Tsinghua, Peking, NUS, NTU, University of Tokyo.

## M. MISCELLANEOUS INITIATIVES & RECORDS

- Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor, buffer-zone funding, IBCA details, ethanol target, and Amaravati renewables plan — covered under respective sections above.



## 13. Persons in News

**1. Dr K. Kasturirangan (Padma Vibhushan), chief architect of Chandrayaan-1, passes away aged 84 (2025)**

- Former **ISRO Chairman**, announced India's first lunar mission on **National Technology Day (11 May 1999)**.
- Honours: **Padma Shri (1982), Padma Bhushan (1992), Padma Vibhushan (2000)**.

## 14. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

### A. NATIONAL & GLOBAL REPORTS (2024-25 data unless noted)

- **4<sup>th</sup> India Justice Report 2025 (IJR-4)** — **Karnataka tops 18 large/mid states (score 6.78); Sikkim leads 7 small states (score 5.20); Goa bottom small state (score 3.51)**.
  - **National per-capita justice spend:** Police ₹ 1,275, Judiciary ₹ 182, Prisons ₹ 57, Legal-Aid ₹ 6.
- **Global Forest Watch vs FSI** — India lost ≈ **402 Kha humid primary forest (2003-23)** yet overall forest cover **rose 5 % to 71,534 Kha**; India ranks **31<sup>st</sup>** in global loss (**414 Kha**).
- **World Gold Council** — gold's share in India's forex reserves **doubles to 11.4 % (2024)** and touches **12 % (Feb 2025)**; RBI bought **72.6 t (3<sup>rd</sup>-highest)** in 2024.
  - Largest reserve ratios: **US 76.4 %, Germany 75.6 %, Italy 72.4 %, France 73.2 %, Russia 33.9 %; India 8<sup>th</sup> at 12.8 %**.
- **Atal Pension Yojana** — **Uttar Pradesh tops with 1.20 cr enrolments, adding 21.49 lakh in FY 24-25**; next: **Bihar, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu**.
- **World Bank "Poverty & Equity Brief"** — India lifts **171 million people out of extreme poverty (2011-12 → 2022-23)**.

### B. RANKINGS & HONOURS

- **Newsweek-Statista "World's Best Hospitals 2024"** — **AIIMS New Delhi ranks #97 worldwide (top in India); Mayo Clinic USA is #1**.
- **WEF "Young Global Leaders 2025"** — Seven Indians among 116 under-40 innovators: **Anurag Maloo, Nipun Malhotra, Ritesh Agarwal, Alok Medikepura Anil, Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu (Union Civil Aviation Minister), Natarajan Sankar, Manasi Subramaniam**.
  - **World Economic Forum** founded 2004; HQ **Cologny, Switzerland**.
- **TIME 100 Most Influential People 2025** — oldest **Muhammad Yunus (84)**, youngest **Léon Marchand (22)**; **Donald Trump** appears for record **7<sup>th</sup>** time; **no Indian listed**.
- **Airports Council International "World's Busiest Airports 2024"** — **Delhi IGIA ranks #9 (77.82 mn passengers)**; list led by **Atlanta (108.07 mn)**.
- **Henley & Partners "Wealthiest Cities 2025"** — **Monaco costliest (> \$ 38 800 / m<sup>2</sup>)**; next: **New York City, Hong Kong, London, St-Jean-Cap-Ferrat**.
- **Skytrax "World's Best Airports 2025"** — **Singapore Changi wins record 13<sup>th</sup> title**;



1. Singapore Changi 2. Hamad Intl (Qatar) 3. Tokyo Haneda (Japan)
  - India: IGI Delhi #32, Kempegowda Bengaluru #48, RGIA Hyderabad #56.
- Times Higher Education "Asia University Rankings 2025" — IISc Bengaluru #38 (India's best); Shoolini University #146 (highest Indian private).
  - India top-5: IISc #38, Anna Univ #111, IIT Indore #131, Mahatma Gandhi Univ #140, Shoolini #146.
  - Asia top-5: Tsinghua (92.5), Peking (92), NUS (89.9), NTU (81.8), Tokyo Univ (83.3).
  - 853 universities ranked; India 107 entries (up from 91); new entrant countries: Uzbekistan, Bahrain, Mongolia, Syria.
- "World's 100 Largest Banks by Assets 2024" (S&P Global Market Intelligence) — SBI #43 & HDFC Bank #73 enter the list.
- NIRYAT portal (FY 24-25 textiles) — Tamil Nadu leads exports \$ 7.99 bn (26.81 %); others: Gujarat \$ 5.64 bn (18.9 %), Maharashtra \$ 3.83 bn, Uttar Pradesh \$ 3.68 bn, Karnataka \$ 2.72 bn.
  - India's total textile exports: \$ 36.61 bn.
- UNESCO Global Geoparks 2025 — 16 new sites across 11 countries; global network now 229 sites in 50 nations.
  - India still has 0 Global Geoparks.
  - UNESCO HQ Paris; DG Audrey Azoulay; founded 1945; 194 member states.
- Airports & Passenger Volumes Recap (cross-reference above): Delhi IGIA #9 busiest, Singapore Changi best worldwide.
- 5. Justice & Governance Benchmark

Index	Large / Mid-Sized States	Small States
India Justice Report 2025 (IJR-4)	Karnataka tops 18 states (score 6.78)	Sikkim leads 7 small states (score 5.20); Goa lowest (score 3.51)

## 15. Schemes & Initiatives

### 1. SVAMITVA Scheme — 5-Year Milestone (24 Apr 2020 → 24 Apr 2025)

- Scope & Progress:
  - 3.20 lakh villages drone-mapped | 2.42 crore property cards issued
  - 65 lakh cards delivered by 18 Jan 2025 covering 50 000 + villages across 10 States + 2 UTs
- Expenditure: ₹ 566.23 crore (FY 2021-25)
- Objectives: create accurate rural land-records, expand property-tax base, improve credit access, and generate GIS maps

### 2. UDAN Regional-Connectivity Scheme — 8-Year Milestone (21 Oct 2016 → 27 Apr 2025)

- Operational Achievements (as of 27 Apr 2025):
  - 625 routes | 90 airports connected | 1.49 crore passengers served
  - ₹ 4 023 crore paid as Viability-Gap Funding (VGF)





- **Launch & First Flight:** scheme launched 21 Oct 2016; first UDAN flight Shimla–Delhi, 27 Apr 2017
- **Future Commitment:** Government pledges 50 new airports in the next 5 years



The Goats which are just writing online exams and watching you tube videos without attending Live Coaching Classes by Good Teachers

## 16. Science & Technology

1. ISRO's first satellite "Aryabhata" turns 50 years (launched 19 Apr 1975 from USSR Kapustin Yar) – India became 11<sup>th</sup> nation in orbit

## 17. Sports & Games

### A. MULTI-SPORT GAMES & MEGA-EVENTS

- LA 28 Summer Olympics (14 – 30 Jul 2028)
- T20 cricket returns after 128 years; venue Pomona, California.
- Format: 6 men's + 6 women's teams.
- Other new LA 28 sports: baseball/softball, flag football, lacrosse (sixes), squash.
- T20 cricket has featured at Asian Games (2010, 2014, 2023) and CWG 2022 (women).





- USA sole bidder — 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup (expanded to 48 teams); announcement by FIFA President Gianni Infantino at 49<sup>th</sup> UEFA Congress, Belgrade.
- Third time the USA will host; UK awarded 2035 edition.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Khelo India Youth Games (4 – 15 May 2025) — to be staged across Patna, Gaya, Rajgir, Begusarai & Bhagalpur (Bihar).

## B. CRICKET

- Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 — Record-breaking Teen
  - Vaibhav Suryavanshi (Bihar) debuts at 14 y 23 d, scoring 34 (20) for Rajasthan Royals vs LSG in Jaipur.
  - Just days later, he smashes a 35-ball century — 2<sup>nd</sup>-fastest in IPL history; becomes youngest centurion (14 y 32 d).
  - Fastest IPL ton remains Chris Gayle — 30 balls (2013).
- James Anderson — England's record Test wicket-taker (704 wkts, 188 Tests) receives a Knighthood for services to cricket in former PM Rishi Sunak's resignation honours; only the 2<sup>nd</sup> England cricketer after Geoffrey Boycott (2019).
- Neeraj Chopra (Olympic champion) wins "Potch Invitational" javelin in South Africa with 84.52 m under new coach Jan Železný.

## C. FOOTBALL & HOCKEY

- Indian Super League 2024-25 — Mohun Bagan Super Giant beat Bengaluru FC 2-1 to lift the ISL Cup and complete the Shield-Cup double.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2025 (Division A) — Punjab clinch record 5<sup>th</sup> title, defeating Madhya Pradesh 4-1.

## D. SHOOTING & ARCHERY

- ISSF World Cup 2025, Lima (Peru) — India 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with 7 medals (2 G, 4 S, 1 B) behind China & USA.
  - Suruchi Singh takes double gold (10 m Air Pistol; 10 m AP Mixed with Saurabh Chaudhary).
  - Lima is India's second ISSF WC of the season after Buenos Aires.
- Archery World Cup 2025 — India secure 4 medals (1 G, 1 S, 2 B) to finish 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

## E. ATHLETICS

- Asian U18 Athletics Championships 2025 (Dammam, Saudi Arabia) — India 11 medals (1 G, 5 S, 5 B);
  - Historic gold by Himanshu Jakhar — Javelin 67.57 m.
- National Federation Senior Athletics (Kochi) — Vithya Ramraj sets new meet record 56.04 s to win women's 400 m hurdles (previous mark 57.21 s by Saritaben Gayakwad, 2019).





## F. CHESS

- Magnus Carlsen wins the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam 2025 (Paris), defeating Hikaru Nakamura.
- Humpy Koneru triumphs at the "Pune FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2025".

## G. CUE SPORTS

- IBSF World Billiards Championship 2025 (Timed, Ireland) — Sourav Kothari overcomes Pankaj Advani for the title.

## H. WEIGHTLIFTING & FITNESS

- IWLAF Athletes' Commission (4-year term) — Olympic silver-medallist Mirabai Chanu elected Chairperson; CWG gold-medallist S. Sathish Kumar elected Vice-Chairperson.
- Ayushmann Khurrana appointed official "Fit India Icon" by Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya.

## I. YOGASANA, TABLE TENNIS & OTHER DISCIPLINES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Yogasana Sport Championship (New Delhi) — India dominate with 87 medals (83 Gold); Japan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mongolia 3<sup>rd</sup> among 21 nations.
- WTT Contender Tunis 2025 — Manush Shah & Diya Chitale capture mixed-doubles crown.

## J. MEDAL & EVENT DIGEST

Event	Indian Medal Tally / Result
ISSF WC Lima 2025	7 (2 G • 4 S • 1 B) — 3 <sup>rd</sup> overall
Archery WC 2025	4 (1 G • 1 S • 2 B) — 4 <sup>th</sup> overall
Asian U18 Athletics 2025	11 (1 G • 5 S • 5 B) — Himanshu Jakhar lone gold
Asian Yogasana 2025	87 medals; 83 Gold — overall champions



**18. Multiple Choice Questions****G.V. Satish (NBCC Director) Sir's Top Picks**

1. From April 2025, on which date will MoSPI release the All-India IIP every month?  
(1) 15th (2) 20th (3) 28th (4) 30th
2. Under the 2025 update, within how many days of the reference month will MoSPI now publish IIP data?  
(1) 35 days (2) 28 days (3) 30 days (4) 42 days
3. Into how many broad sectors is IIP data divided?  
(1) Two (2) Four (3) Five (4) Three
4. What is the present base-year series used for compiling India's IIP?  
(1) 2011-12 (2) 2004-05 (3) 2017-18 (4) 1999-2000
5. Delhi became which numbered State/UT to join Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY?  
(1) 34th (2) 36th (3) 33rd (4) 35th
6. What is the total annual insurance cover per family in Delhi under PM-JAY after the top-up by the state?  
(1) ₹ 7 lakh (2) ₹ 8 lakh (3) ₹ 9 lakh (4) ₹ 10 lakh
7. Which beneficiary group was added to PM-JAY in 2024 regardless of socio-economic status?  
(1) Pregnant women (2) Persons with disabilities (3) Children < 5 yrs (4) Senior citizens 70 +
8. Which body implements Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY?  
(1) Central TB Division (2) NITI Aayog (3) Employees' State Insurance Corp. (4) National Health Authority
9. In the first Panchayat Advancement Index (2022-23), which state ranked second for 'Front-Runner' Gram Panchayats?  
(1) Gujarat (2) Kerala (3) Telangana (4) Rajasthan
10. According to Women & Men in India 2024, India's LFPR (age 15+) rose to which figure in 2023-24?  
(1) 55.2 % (2) 58.0 % (3) 60.1 % (4) 62.9 %
11. What share of all Indian bank accounts are held by women, per the 2024 report?  
(1) 35.5 % (2) 39.2 % (3) 42.7 % (4) 47.3 %
12. Female demat accounts leapt to what number by Nov 2024 (from 6.67 mn in Mar 2021)?  
(1) 15.20 mn (2) 22.35 mn (3) 27.71 mn (4) 31.40 mn
13. How many DPIIT-recognised start-ups had at least one woman director in 2024?  
(1) 12,090 (2) 15,888 (3) 20,002 (4) 17,405
14. Who is the public-sector co-chair of the India Skills Accelerator?  
(1) Rajeev Chandrasekhar (2) Jayant Chaudhary (3) Hemant Soren (4) Rohit Kumar
15. Under MP's PPP hospital model, the capital-grant ceiling for new private hospitals is:  
(1) 25 % (2) 35 % (3) 40 % (4) 50 %
16. Madhya Pradesh aims by 2030 to cut MMR below \_\_\_\_ and IMR below \_\_\_\_.  
(1) 150 / 25 (2) 120 / 22 (3) 100 / 20 (4) 80 / 18
17. Uttar Pradesh's RISE app is meant to train which cadre?  
(1) ASHA workers (2) Child-immunisation health workers (3) Anganwadi supervisors (4) ANMs
18. Which state logged the highest-ever MGNREGS demand with 51 lakh+ families in FY 2024-25?  
(1) UP (2) Bihar (3) Rajasthan (4) Chhattisgarh
19. Which new loan tier did PM MUDRA Yojana introduce in 2025 (₹ > 10 lakh – ₹ 20 lakh)?  
(1) Shishu Plus (2) Kishor Max (3) Tarun Plus (4) Udyam Pro
20. Revised material cost/child/day (upper-primary) under PM POSHAN from 1 May 2025 is:  
(1) ₹ 9.29 (2) ₹ 9.75 (3) ₹ 10.00 (4) ₹ 10.17





21. For primary/Balvatika classes, the PM POSHAN rate per child per day rose to \_\_\_\_ on 1 May 2025.  
(1) ₹ 6.19(2) ₹ 6.50(3) ₹ 6.78(4) ₹ 7.05
22. Which state doubled its MGNREGS beneficiary families versus pre-COVID 2019-20?  
(1) Gujarat(2) Maharashtra(3) Jharkhand(4) Odisha
23. The CPI-Rural Labourers index used for PM POSHAN escalations is based to:  
(1) 1999-00(2) 2004-05(3) 1986-87(4) 2011-12
24. Since 2015, about what share of MUDRA loans have gone to women?  
(1) 60 %(2) 70 %(3) 75 %(4) 80 %
25. Which four countries signed the first ISA Country Partnership Frameworks?  
(1) India, Nepal, Japan, UAE(2) Sri Lanka, Kenya, Laos, Spain(3) Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cuba, Mauritius(4) Maldives, Brazil, Egypt, France
26. BoB "Square Drive" deposit offers super-seniors (80 +) an interest of:  
(1) 7.25 %(2) 7.50 %(3) 7.75 %(4) 8.00 %
27. Approx. how many financial-literacy camps are slated in Phase-2 of Niveshak Didi?  
(1) 2500(2) 3000(3) 3500(4) 4000
28. Razorpay's "Turbo UPI" plugin debuted inside which platform?  
(1) Paytm Lite(2) G-Pay Next(3) PhonePe Pulse(4) BHIM Vega
29. Which new NPCI subsidiary backs BHIM Vega and related initiatives?  
(1) NPCI Tech Labs(2) NPCI BHIM Services Ltd(3) UPI Gateway Corp(4) NPCI Digital Payments Ltd
30. IRDAI fined Flipkart Internet ₹ 1.06 cr for breaking which regulation set?  
(1) POSP Rules 2021(2) Bancassurance Norms 2017(3) Corporate Agents Regulations 2015(4) Broker Guidelines 2020
31. SEBI proposes MF limits in REITs/InvITs of \_\_\_\_ per issuer & \_\_\_\_ overall.  
(1) 5 % / 15 %(2) 7.5 % / 15 %(3) 10 % / 20 %(4) 12 % / 25 %
32. Key perk of the "Tata Neu SBI Card" is earning:  
(1) CashBack+(2) Reward Miles(3) Fuel Points(4) NeuCoins
33. ADB's US \$ 85.4 mn loan to Tripura will chiefly:  
(1) Upgrade rural roads(2) Expand MSME credit(3) Develop industrial infrastructure & jobs(4) Fund solar parks
34. Which conclave wrapped up with the theme "Startup India @ 2047: Unfolding the Bharat Story"?  
(1) Startup Sangam(2) Startup Mahakumbh (2 nd ed.)(3) India Pitch-Fest(4) Venture Summit 2025
35. Jio Finance's LAS product permits loans up to:  
(1) ₹ 50 lakh(2) ₹ 75 lakh(3) ₹ 90 lakh(4) ₹ 1 crore
36. SEBI's new SIF rule applies the ₹ 10 lakh minimum:  
(1) Per scheme only(2) Per AMC(3) Per month(4) Per investor across all strategies of one AMC
37. Why must market entities now use the phone number series "1600"?  
(1) Cheaper tariffs(2) Marketing convenience(3) Regulatory fee sharing(4) To cut fraud on service/transaction calls
38. Which two Indian banks feature in S&P Global's 2024 top-100 by assets?  
(1) ICICI & Axis(2) SBI & HDFC Bank(3) SBI & PNB(4) HDFC Bank & Kotak
39. FIU-IND penalised Union Bank of India ₹ 37 lakh for lapses in:  
(1) KYC of NPOs(2) Forex transactions(3) Suspicious-transaction reporting (2011-14)(4) ATM security
40. Bajaj Allianz's "Superwoman Term" plan uniquely offers:  
(1) Waiver-of-premium rider(2) Women-specific critical-illness rider(3) Child education rider(4) Income benefit option
41. India's biggest trading partner four years running (FY 25) is:  
(1) China(2) UAE(3) Saudi Arabia(4) United States
42. UIICL's tie-up with SIDBI chiefly aims to:  
(1) Launch crop insurance(2) Offer life-cover bundles(3) Customise insurance for MSMEs(4) Sell pension annuities





43. Projected global market size for power & hand tools by 2035:  
(1) US \$ 120 bn(2) US \$ 150 bn(3) US \$ 175 bn(4) US \$ 190 bn
44. India's current export share is \_\_\_\_ % in hand tools and \_\_\_\_ % in power tools.  
(1) 2.5 / 1.0(2) 1.8 / 0.7(3) 3.0 / 1.5(4) 1.2 / 0.4
45. Which Indian names appear in WEF's 2025 Young Global Leaders list?  
(1) Kailash Satyarthi(2) Ritesh Agarwal, Nipun Malhotra, etc.(3) Neeraj Chopra(4) Sania Mirza
46. BHIM's 2025 brand-campaign theme is:  
(1) Digital Zaroori(2) Paison Ki Kadar(3) One Click India(4) Cashless Safar
47. IREDA set two FY 25 records, one of which was:  
(1) Largest IPO of a PSU(2) Fastest annual results in 15 days(3) Highest loan disbursal ever(4) First green bond issue
48. By 31 Dec 2024, ADB's cumulative loan commitments to India reached:  
(1) US \$ 48.0 bn(2) US \$ 55.2 bn(3) US \$ 59.5 bn(4) US \$ 62.1 bn
49. After T. Koshy, ONDC's leadership shifted to:  
(1) A single CEO(2) NITI task force(3) An eight-member executive committee(4) Commerce Ministry board
50. IDFC First Bank okayed raising capital via preferential shares up to:  
(1) ₹ 5,000 cr(2) ₹ 6,500 cr(3) ₹ 8,000 cr(4) ₹ 7,500 cr
51. The NaBFID-NDB MoU focuses primarily on:  
(1) MSME loans(2) Climate finance(3) Infrastructure financing(4) Women-entrepreneur funds
52. Swiggy pledged to mobilise how many job opportunities via its MoU with MoLE?  
(1) 8 lakh(2) 10 lakh(3) 12 lakh(4) 15 lakh
53. "Pyng," Swiggy's AI-powered app, helps users mainly to:  
(1) Order groceries(2) Book taxis(3) Find verified service professionals(4) Compare insurance
54. Bandhan Bank's "Elite Plus" savings account allows:  
(1) Free cheque books(2) Higher interest on balance(3) Airport lounge passes(4) Unlimited cash deposits monthly
55. Godrej Capital's MoU with Telangana targets:  
(1) Farmer loans(2) Digital-first MSME lending(3) Housing finance(4) Student credit
56. NPCI's 2025 rule on international UPI bars:  
(1) P2P transfers abroad(2) P2M payments via stored QR codes(3) Card-to-UPI linking(4) Auto-debit mandates
57. The Mastercard-City Union Bank tie-up launched cards themed on:  
(1) Travel(2) Movies(3) Dining(4) Cricket passion
58. SBI's re-introduced "Amrit Vrishi" FD (senior citizens) yields:  
(1) 7.35 %(2) 7.45 %(3) 7.55 %(4) 7.65 %
59. Amalgamating 26 RRBs aims chiefly to:  
(1) Increase branch count(2) Improve efficiency & cut costs(3) Privatise banks(4) Expand into metros
60. RBI cut the repo rate to 6 % in Apr 2025 primarily to:  
(1) Cool inflation(2) Stabilise rupee(3) Boost consumer demand & growth(4) Reduce CAD
61. Global Finance named RBI the world's:  
(1) Safest Central Bank(2) Most transparent(3) Most Innovative Financial Institution(4) Best regulator in Asia
62. OBICUS (68th round) gathers data on manufacturing mainly for:  
(1) Export promotion(2) Monetary-policy formulation(3) Tax planning(4) Industrial licensing
63. FSI shows India's forest cover grew about \_\_\_\_ % between 2003 and 2023.  
(1) 3 %(2) 5 %(3) 7 %(4) 10 %
64. Who became Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR in 2025?  
(1) Tarun Bajpai(2) Mangi Lal Jat(3) R. Gowda(4) K. Subramaniam
65. India's key proposal at the 3rd BIMSTEC Agri-Ministers' meet was to create a:  
(1) Seed vault(2) Common pesticide pool(3) Centre of Excellence for Agri-Co-operation(4) Rice research corridor





66. Karnataka's "Pragathi Patha" programme focuses on:

- (1) Health insurance(2) Rural road development(3) Organic farming(4) Digital literacy

67. "Koosina Mane" provides:

- (1) Elderly care homes(2) Child-care support for MGNREGA women(3) Skill centres(4) Farmer-input subsidies

68. MoRD's EPDT tool is aimed at aspiring:

- (1) Anganwadi workers(2) Lakhpati Didis(3) Gram Rozgar Sewaks(4) Village sarpanchas

69. India's 2030 ethanol-blending target has been lifted to:

- (1) 20 %(2) 25 %(3) 30 %(4) 35 %

70. As of Apr 2025, India counts 14 Maharatna CPSEs and how many Navratna CPSEs?

- (1) 20(2) 22(3) 24(4) 26

71. The CPCB introduced a new industrial colour band called:

- (1) Amber(2) Crimson(3) Blue(4) Silver

72. Who clinched the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam 2025 in Paris?

- (1) Alireza Firouzja(2) Fabiano Caruana(3) Magnus Carlsen(4) Anish Giri

73. The oldest figure in TIME 100 (2025) list is:

- (1) Nelson Mandela(2) Muhammad Yunus(3) Henry Kissinger(4) Noam Chomsky

74. SECL adopted which modern mining technique?

- (1) Block caving(2) Room-and-pillar(3) Paste-fill(4) Mountaintop removal

75. Rajasthan Royals player Vaibhav Suryavanshi made his IPL debut at:

- (1) 13 yrs 250 d(2) 15 yrs 10 d(3) 16 yrs 5 d(4) 14 yrs 23 d

76. Who took charge as India's Revenue Secretary in 2025?

- (1) T. V. Somanathan(2) Arvind Shrivastava(3) Tarun Bajpai(4) Ajay Bhushan Pandey

77. Which party reported the highest donations in ADR FY 24 data?

- (1) INC(2) Aam Aadmi Party(3) BJP(4) CPI(M)

78. Gujarat Police's GP-DRASTI is meant for:

- (1) Drug-cartel mapping(2) Traffic-rule monitoring(3) Missing-child & fugitive tracking(4) Pollution control

79. Operational flight ceiling of GP-DRASTI drones equals:

- (1) 60 m(2) 90 m(3) 120 m(4) 150 m

80. Which state topped national-party donation sources in FY 23-24?

- (1) Maharashtra(2) Delhi(3) Gujarat(4) Tamil Nadu

81. "Samudra Pradakshina" expedition seeks to set a record as the first:

- (1) Solo non-stop circumnavigation(2) Tri-Services all-women global sail-around(3) Nuclear sub polar trek(4) Drone-assisted voyage

82. Which nation became the 54<sup>th</sup> signatory of the Artemis Accords?

- (1) Nepal(2) Sri Lanka(3) Thailand(4) Bangladesh

83. India's rank on the medal table at Archery World Cup 2025 Stage 1 was:

- (1) 2nd(2) 3rd(3) 4th(4) 5th

84. 2025 WMO Day theme, highlighted during "Meghayan-25," was:

- (1) Weather Ready, Climate Smart(2) Closing the Early Warning Gap Together(3) Climate Literacy for All(4) Save Our Seas

85. The 7<sup>th</sup> Khelo India Youth Games 2025 will be staged in:

- (1) Assam(2) Goa(3) Bihar(4) Haryana

86. "Khelo India 2025" mascot "Gajsimha" blends:

- (1) Tiger & Horse traits(2) Peacock & Lion(3) Elephant strength & Lion heart(4) Bull stamina & Falcon speed

87. Theme song of Khelo India Youth Games 2025 is titled:

- (1) Run Bihar Run(2) "Khel Ke Rang, Bihar Ke Sang"(3) Jeet Ka Junoon(4) Play for India

88. India's defence-production target for 2029 is:

- (1) ₹ 2 lakh cr(2) ₹ 2.5 lakh cr(3) ₹ 3 lakh cr(4) ₹ 3.5 lakh cr

89. Defence-export target for 2025 is pegged at:





- (1) ₹ 20,000 cr(2) ₹ 25,000 cr(3) ₹ 40,000 cr(4) ₹ 30,000 cr
90. By 2029, India wants defence exports worth:  
(1) ₹ 40,000 cr(2) ₹ 50,000 cr(3) ₹ 60,000 cr(4) ₹ 75,000 cr
91. Samsung's in-home robot "Ballie" will run which generative-AI model?  
(1) Llama(2) Mistral(3) Claude(4) Gemini
92. Which ministry released the "Digital Threat Report 2024" for BFSI?  
(1) Home Affairs(2) MeitY(3) Finance(4) Corporate Affairs
93. Phishing attacks jumped by \_\_\_\_ % in 2024 over 2023, per the report.  
(1) 120 %(2) 150 %(3) 175 %(4) 200 %
94. India-Uzbekistan Exercise "DUSTLIK-6" was conducted at:  
(1) Jodhpur(2) Lucknow(3) Aundh, Pune(4) Gwalior
95. Theme of "DUSTLIK-6" centred on joint:  
(1) High-altitude warfare(2) Multi-domain sub-conventional ops in semi-urban terrain(3) Desert survival(4) Cyber defence
96. Indian participation in DUSTLIK-6 comprised 60 personnel from:  
(1) Dogra Regt & IAF(2) Sikh Regt only(3) Para SF(4) JAT Regt & IAF
97. Tata Steel was honoured by worldsteel as a:  
(1) Zero-Waste Champion(2) Innovation Pioneer(3) Steel Sustainability Champion 2025(4) Safety Gold awardee
98. Cricket at LA28 will be hosted in which Californian city?  
(1) Los Angeles(2) San Diego(3) Santa Clarita(4) Pomona
99. Which set of sports joins cricket at the LA28 Olympics?  
(1) Karate, Surfing, Climbing, Rugby 7s, Baseball(2) Baseball/Softball, Flag Football, Lacrosse (sixes), Squash(3) Bowling, Netball, Kickboxing, Polo(4) Motorsport, Chess, Esports, Kabaddi
100. The "E-SeHAT" app launched in J-&-K primarily offers:  
(1) Ambulance booking(2) Tele-consultation & health-care access(3) Medicine price comparison(4) Mental-health helplines
101. In 2024, gold formed what share of India's foreign-exchange reserves?  
(1) 11.4 %(2) 8.9 %(3) 13.6 %(4) 15.2 %
102. Which bank installed India's first on-board ATM inside a train coach?  
(1) Punjab & Sind Bank (2) State Bank of India (3) Canara Bank (4) Bank of Maharashtra
103. Who has been recommended to become India's 52 nd Chief Justice?  
(1) Justice A. M. Khanwilkar (2) Justice S. A. Bobde (3) Justice Bhushan R. Gavai (4) Justice D. Y. Chandrachud
104. Skytrax named which airport the "World's Best Airport 2025"?  
(1) Doha Hamad (2) Tokyo Haneda (3) Seoul Incheon (4) Singapore Changi
105. The best airport in India & South Asia (2025) is:  
(1) Bengaluru Kempegowda (2) Hyderabad Rajiv Gandhi (3) Chennai Meenambakkam (4) Delhi IGI
106. Goa Shipyard Ltd signed an AI-shipbuilding MoU with which institute?  
(1) IIT Madras (2) NIT Trichy (3) IIT Hyderabad (4) IISc Bengaluru
107. Y D Ramarao was elected Chairman of which state's Red Cross Society?  
(1) Telangana (2) Kerala (3) Andhra Pradesh (4) Karnataka
108. Kavach 5.0 on Mumbai suburban rails is expected to raise train numbers by about:  
(1) 15 % (2) 20 % (3) 25 % (4) 30 %
109. The full modernisation plan (incl. Kavach 5.0) for Mumbai suburban is worth:  
(1) ₹ 9,500 cr (2) ₹ 12,000 cr (3) ₹ 15,500 cr (4) ₹ 17,000 cr
110. Which Kavach version is presently being rolled out across Indian Railways?  
(1) 3.0 (2) 4.0 (3) 5.0 (4) 2.5
111. Name both Indian manuscripts added to UNESCO's Memory of the World in 2025.  
(1) Rig Veda & Arthashastra (2) Panchatantra & Charaka Samhita (3) Bhagavad Gita & Natyashastra (4) Abhinaya Darpana & Ramcharitmanas





112. Estimated world semiconductor-industry revenue (2024) was about:

- (1) \$ 540 bn (2) \$ 610 bn (3) \$ 680 bn (4) \$ 655.9 bn

113. The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) chiefly works toward conservation of how many big-cat species?

- (1) 5 (2) 6 (3) 7 (4) 8

114. IBCA was formally established as a treaty body on:

- (1) 1 Jan 2024 (2) 23 Jan 2025 (3) 15 Aug 2024 (4) 2 Oct 2025

115. India earmarked what sum as corpus & infra support for IBCA?

- (1) ₹ 100 cr (2) ₹ 125 cr (3) ₹ 175 cr (4) ₹ 150 cr

116. India bagged how many medals at the World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025?

- (1) 5 (2) 7 (3) 6 (4) 8

117. Which country publicly endorsed India's bid for a permanent UNSC seat during President Murmu's visit?

- (1) Czech Republic (2) Poland (3) Hungary (4) Slovakia

118. Who became the first Indian to win gold at the World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025?

- (1) Amit Pangal (2) Hitesh Gulia (3) Shiva Thapa (4) Lovlina Borgohain

119. The Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics went to:

- (1) Frank Wilczek (2) Donna Strickland (3) Gerardus 't Hooft (4) Edward Witten

120. Which state chairs INTERPOL's Committee on Governance for 2025-27?

- (1) USA (2) Canada (3) France (4) UAE

121. 2025 Sustainable Development Leadership Awardees were Dr Bharrat Jagdeo and:

- (1) Greta Thunberg (2) Marina Silva (3) Al Gore (4) Jane Goodall

122. On World Quantum Day, Telangana launched the:

- (1) Quantum Skilling Hub (2) Q-Edge Incubator (3) Quantum Frontier Tech Charter (4) Hyderabad Q-Lab

123. Where was India's DFDR & CVR laboratory inaugurated?

- (1) Bengaluru (2) Hyderabad (3) Mumbai (4) New Delhi

124. The newly created Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) helps with:

- (1) Visa processing (2) Biological-passport monitoring (3) Match-fixing probes (4) Sponsorship deals

125. IMO members agreed a global ship-emissions tax of:

- (1) \$ 60/t (2) \$ 80/t (3) \$ 90/t (4) \$ 100/t CO<sub>2</sub>

126. Which agency unveiled STELLAR, India's first indigenous resource-adequacy model?

- (1) Power Grid Corp. (2) BEE (3) Central Electricity Authority (4) CEA & NITI jointly

127. India's medal haul at the 2025 Asian U18 Athletics was:

- (1) 9 (2) 11 (3) 13 (4) 14

128. Who claimed India's first boys' javelin gold at that championship?

- (1) Neeraj Chopra (2) Rohit Yadav (3) Himanshu Jakhar (4) Davinder Kang

129. ICC Men's Player of the Month (March 2025) was:

- (1) Virat Kohli (2) Rohit Sharma (3) Shreyas Iyer (4) Kane Williamson

130. Which UK university will open the first foreign campus in GIFT City?

- (1) University of Leeds (2) King's College London (3) Coventry University (4) Manchester University

131. Chairman of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Law Commission of India:

- (1) Justice A. K. Patnaik (2) Justice R. F. Nariman (3) Justice Dinesh Maheshwari (4) Justice Madan Lokur

132. The third stage of Skyroot's Vikram-1 rocket is called:

- (1) Aryabhata-300 (2) Vikram-Aero (3) Kalam-100 (4) Sarabhai-X

133. Which company flew an all-female crew on New Shepard Mission NS-31?

- (1) SpaceX (2) Virgin Galactic (3) ULA (4) Blue Origin

134. The NS-31 crew was led by:

- (1) Jessica Watkins (2) Peggy Whitson (3) Lauren Sanchez (4) Sunita Williams





135. Adani Solar supplied what share of modules under PM Surya Ghar scheme?  
(1) 46 % (2) 50 % (3) 54 % (4) 60 %
136. State with the highest rooftop-solar adoption in PMSG:MBY is:  
(1) Rajasthan (2) Punjab (3) Madhya Pradesh (4) Gujarat
137. Which hospital ranked 97 th in World's Best Hospitals 2024?  
(1) PGIMER Chandigarh (2) CMC Vellore (3) Apollo Delhi (4) AIIMS, New Delhi
138. Google's seventh-generation AI chip unveiled in 2025 is named:  
(1) Evergreen (2) Aspen (3) Ironwood (4) Redwood
139. The National Maritime Varuna Award 2025 went to:  
(1) Sunil Lanba (2) Rajesh Unni (3) Radhika Menon (4) K. Subramaniam
140. India joined UN ISAR (2025-27) as a member representing which country?  
(1) UK (2) China (3) USA (4) India itself
141. First Indian airport linked to 150 destinations is:  
(1) Mumbai T2 (2) Bengaluru T2 (3) Hyderabad (4) Delhi IGI
142. "Ryndia," a hand-spun organic silk, earned a GI tag for which state?  
(1) Assam (2) Meghalaya (3) Manipur (4) Tripura
143. Heart Lamp—short-listed for the 2025 International Booker—was penned by:  
(1) Vasudhendra (2) Vivek Shanbhag (3) U. R. Ananthamurthy (4) Banu Musthaq
144. Which portal did Telangana unveil to solve post-Dharani land issues?  
(1) Bhu Nidhi (2) Bhu Bharati (3) Land-Ease (4) Grama Bhoomi
145. "Amalsad Chikoo," now GI-tagged, originates from which state?  
(1) Maharashtra (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Gujarat (4) Goa
146. Khultabad in Maharashtra will henceforth be called:  
(1) Pratapgarh (2) Ratnapur (3) Shivapur (4) Aurangnagar
147. First digital NoC for a jetty on NW-68 (Goa) was granted to:  
(1) L&T Port Infra (2) Goa Port Dev. Co. (3) Marina India Infrastructure Pvt Ltd (4) Adani Ports
148. Name the powerful quantum computer launched by QpiAI in 2025.  
(1) QpiAI-Nova (2) QpiAI-Proton (3) QpiAI-Industrial (4) QpiAI-Maxima
149. Which state now tops India in total GI-certified products?  
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Karnataka (3) Kerala (4) Uttar Pradesh
150. Among Uttar Pradesh's newest GIs are Varanasi's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) Lucknow Zardozi & Banarasi Sari (2) Banarasi Tabla & Bharwan Mirch (3) Chunar Pottery & Mathura Peda (4) Rampur Razai & Meerut Scissors
151. India's first port to cross 200 MMT cargo in FY 25 was:  
(1) Visakhapatnam (2) Jawaharlal Nehru Port (3) Mundra Port (4) Kandla
152. Paradip and Deendayal became the first two major ports to exceed how much cargo in FY 25?  
(1) 100 MMT (2) 125 MMT (3) 150 MMT (4) 175 MMT
153. Which major port logged the highest growth rate in FY 25?  
(1) Chennai (2) Visakhapatnam (3) Kandla Port (4) Kolkata
154. Theme of Defence Literature Festival Kalam & Kavach 2.0:  
(1) Writing Wars (2) Defence Digital (3) Securing India's Rise through Defence Reforms (4) Armed Forces & Arts
155. Kalam & Kavach 2.0 was hosted by CENJOWS with:  
(1) Oxford University Press (2) Pentagon Press (3) HarperCollins (4) Niti Media
156. CPU-based foundation-model platform from IIT Madras & Ziroh Labs is:  
(1) Model-Life (2) Kompact Air (3) DeepCore (4) Pragyan-AI
157. India inked a ₹ 63,887 cr deal with which country for 26 Rafale-M jets?  
(1) USA (2) Israel (3) Russia (4) France
158. These Rafale-M fighters will primarily operate from:  
(1) INS Viraat (2) INS Vishal (3) INS Vikrant (4) INS Vikramaditya
159. India's first eri-silk village famous for Ryndia silk is in:  
(1) Assam (2) Nagaland (3) Meghalaya (4) Sikkim





160. The Red Horns Division & IAF conducted Exercise:  
(1) Parakram (2) Yudh Kaushal (3) Sangram Shakti (4) Suraksha Setu
161. DRDO tested a 1-tonne glide bomb named:  
(1) Pratap (2) Shaurya (3) Gaurav (4) Pralay
162. FIFA Women's World Cups 2031 & 2035 will be hosted by:  
(1) Spain & Germany (2) Brazil & Australia (3) USA & UK (4) Japan & France
163. Which nation topped the medal table at ISSF World Cup 2025 (Buenos Aires)?  
(1) India (2) USA (3) Italy (4) China
164. Who was re-appointed Chair of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee (2025)?  
(1) Ricky Ponting (2) Sourav Ganguly (3) Rahul Dravid (4) Eoin Morgan
165. Virat Kohli became the first Indian to record:  
(1) 10,000 T20 runs (2) 50 T20 centuries (3) 150 T20 sixes (4) 100 T20 half-centuries
166. Global record for most T20 fifties (108) is held by:  
(1) Babar Azam (2) Martin Guptill (3) Chris Gayle (4) David Warner
167. Who handed Lisbon's "City Key of Honour" to President Murmu?  
(1) Portuguese Prime Minister (2) Indian Ambassador (3) Mayor of Lisbon (4) President of Portugal
168. India & Portugal are celebrating how many years of diplomatic ties in 2025?  
(1) 25 (2) 40 (3) 50 (4) 60
169. Sudarsan Pattnaik received which sand-art award in 2025?  
(1) Sands of Time Prize (2) Golden Grains Award (3) Fred Darrington Sand Master Award (4) World Sculpture Medal
170. He created a 10-ft Lord Ganesha sculpture at:  
(1) Brighton, UK (2) Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh (3) Bondi, Australia (4) Weymouth, England
171. The 2024-25 Indian Super League title was won by:  
(1) Mumbai City FC (2) ATK Mohun Bagan (3) Mohun Bagan Super Giant (4) Bengaluru FC
172. New Chief Justice of the High Court of J-&-K & Ladakh is:  
(1) Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul (2) Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey (3) Justice Arun Palli (4) Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia
173. UDAN's maiden flight (Shimla→Delhi) operated on:  
(1) 1 May 2018 (2) 27 Apr 2017 (3) 15 Aug 2019 (4) 2 Oct 2016
174. Total Viability-Gap Funding disbursed under UDAN till 13 Mar 2025 is roughly:  
(1) ₹ 3,200 cr (2) ₹ 3,800 cr (3) ₹ 4,023.37 cr (4) ₹ 4,500 cr
175. UN DESA's World Social Report 2025 says \_\_\_\_ % of people face economic insecurity.  
(1) 45 % (2) 50 % (3) 55 % (4) 60 %
176. World Bank data show India cut extreme poverty from 16.2 % to \_\_\_\_ % by 2022-23.  
(1) 3.5 % (2) 2.3 % (3) 5.0 % (4) 1.8 %
177. Five states still housing a majority of India's extreme poor include Bihar and:  
(1) Kerala (2) Haryana (3) Odisha (4) Punjab
178. Which state topped new Atal Pension Yojana enrolments, winning "Ultimate Leadership"?  
(1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Karnataka (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Gujarat
179. Under the \$ 3.65/day line, India lifted how many people out of poverty (2011-23)?  
(1) 310 mn (2) 378 mn (3) 401 mn (4) 425 mn
180. Full-year growth of the Eight-Core Industries Index in FY 25 was:  
(1) 3.6 % (2) 5.1 % (3) 4.4 % (4) 6.0 %
181. Core-sector index accounts for \_\_\_\_ % weight in the all-India IIP.  
(1) 35.2 % (2) 40.27 % (3) 42.0 % (4) 45.1 %
182. Microsoft's AI Careers for Women programme offers how many training hours?  
(1) 120 (2) 200 (3) 240 (4) 300
183. India plans to eliminate Measles & Rubella nationwide by:  
(1) 2025 (2) 2026 (3) 2027 (4) 2028
184. Districts reporting zero measles cases (Q1 2025) number:





(1) 289 (2) 305 (3) 332 (4) 360

185. Average global social-protection spending equals \_\_\_\_ % of GDP.

(1) 4.1 % (2) 5.3 % (3) 6.2 % (4) 7.5 %

186. Within the core-industries basket, the heaviest weight belongs to:

(1) Steel (2) Cement (3) Electricity (4) Refinery Products

187. Top textile-exporting state in 2024-25 (NIRYAT portal) was:

(1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) Tamil Nadu (4) Punjab

188. Sandeep Singh became CEO of which BharatPe subsidiary?

(1) 12% Club (2) Trillionloans Fintech (3) Resilient Payments (4) PostPe Capital

189. Neeraj Kumar Gupta is now Chairman of:

(1) BSE Intl. Exchange (2) GIFT-IFSC Authority (3) NSE International Exchange (4) India INX

190. World Social Report 2025 advocates which core framework?

(1) Growth-First Strategy (2) Digital-Only Inclusion (3) Climate-Smart Development (4) People-Centric Social Development

191. Inter-ministerial panel drafting the National Manufacturing Mission is led by:

(1) Amitabh Kant (2) Ajay Seth (3) B. V. R. Subrahmanyam (4) G. Kamal Vardhan

192. Madhya Pradesh allotted \_\_\_\_ crore for tiger-reserve buffer-zone development.

(1) ₹ 110 (2) ₹ 145 (3) ₹ 160 (4) ₹ 180

193. Tiger fatalities recorded in MP during 2024 totalled:

(1) 38 (2) 42 (3) 46 (4) 50

194. Nipun Aggarwal replaced Campbell Wilson as Chairman of:

(1) Air India (2) Alliance Air (3) Air India Express (4) Vistara

195. Which roadmap seeks to raise IWT freight share from 2 % to 5 % by 2030?

(1) Sagarmala 2.0 (2) National Water Grid Vision (3) Maritime India Vision 2030 (4) RiverLink Bharat plan

196. Which state set two Guinness Records ahead of Khelo India Youth Games 2025?

(1) Haryana (2) Assam (3) Bihar (4) Kerala

197. Record-breaking Madhubani painting measured about:

(1) 150 sq ft (2) 180 sq ft (3) 201.17 sq ft (4) 225 sq ft

198. A record singing-bowl ensemble in Bodh Gaya involved how many monks?

(1) 250 (2) 300 (3) 375 (4) 420

199. EV registrations in India (Apr 2024–Mar 2025) totalled roughly:

(1) 9.8 lakh (2) 11.68 lakh (3) 13.2 lakh (4) 15.0 lakh

200. FY 25's top EV-adopting state in absolute numbers was:

(1) Maharashtra (2) Karnataka (3) Tamil Nadu (4) Uttar Pradesh

201. The global EV market is forecast to grow at roughly what CAGR (2024-33)?

(1) 18.5 % (2) 23.42 % (3) 26.0 % (4) 30.7 %

202. Which group claimed responsibility for the April 2025 Pahalgam terror attack?

(1) Hizbul Mujahideen (2) Lashkar-e-Taiba (3) The Resistance Front (4) Al-Badr

203. ISRO–NASA chose \_\_\_\_ to fly on Axiom's Ax-4 ISS mission.

(1) Rakesh Sharma (2) Shubhanshu Shukla (3) Anil Menon (4) Sirisha Bandla

204. After Klaus Schwab, the interim Chair of the World Economic Forum is:

(1) Paul Bukke (2) Peter Brabeck-Letmathe (3) Sharan Burrow (4) Doug McMillon

205. Panchayat Day 2025 carried which theme?

(1) Panchayat for Prosperity (2) Strengthening Local Governance (3) Digital Gram Sabhas (4) Women-led Villages

206. Amazon lofted its first 27 "Project Kuiper" satellites in:

(1) February 2025 (2) April 2025 (3) June 2024 (4) December 2024

207. The 2025 Goldman Environmental Prize for Africa went to:

(1) Ruden Sibanda (2) Semia Gharbi (3) Wangari Maathai (4) Mbaraka Hamadi

208. South & Central America's 2025 Goldman Prize laureate is:

(1) Carlos Quevedo (2) Mari Luz Canaquiri Murayari (3) Juan Pablo Carrera (4) Pedro Castro





209. Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul became only the second woman to head which body?  
 (1) Asian Hockey Federation (2) Badminton World Federation (3) FINA (4) World Rugby
210. Which Bengaluru AI start-up will build India's first sovereign LLM under IndiaAI Mission?  
 (1) Aicrowd (2) Sarvam (3) DeepSight (4) Prajna-AI
211. Total outlay sanctioned for the IndiaAI Mission (Mar 2024) equals:  
 (1) ₹ 8,050 cr (2) ₹ 10,371.92 cr (3) ₹ 11,500 cr (4) ₹ 12,900 cr
212. Sunil Bharti Mittal joined which World Bank initiative in 2025?  
 (1) Climate Resilience Lab (2) Private-Sector Investment Lab (PSIL) (3) Digital Finance Council (4) Blue-Economy Forum
213. Which Indian institution topped the country chart in Asia University Rankings 2025?  
 (1) IIT Bombay (2) JNU (3) IISc Bengaluru (4) IIT Delhi
214. The nation with most universities in THE's Asia Rankings 2025 is:  
 (1) China (2) Japan (3) India (4) South Korea
215. Top-ranked Indian private university in the same list is:  
 (1) Amity Noida (2) OP Jindal Global U. (3) Shoolini University (4) VIT Vellore
216. Overall No. 1 in Asia University Rankings 2025 is:  
 (1) National University of Singapore (2) University of Tokyo (3) Tsinghua University, China (4) Seoul National University
217. How many Indian universities featured in the 2025 Asia list?  
 (1) 94 (2) 99 (3) 107 (4) 112
218. Laureus World Sports Awards 2025 named \_\_\_\_\_ "Athletes of the Year."  
 (1) Novak Djokovic & Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (2) Mondo Duplantis & Simone Biles (3) Lionel Messi & Katie Ledecky (4) Max Verstappen & Sydney McLaughlin
219. The Laureus 2025 "Best Team" award went to:  
 (1) Kansas City Chiefs (2) Real Madrid CF (3) New Zealand All Blacks (4) Golden State Warriors
220. NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) operates at:  
 (1) Kochi SEZ (2) GIFT City, Ahmedabad (3) IFSC Gandhinagar (4) Colombo Port City
221. PhonePe's "Pincode" platform uniquely promises:  
 (1) Same-hour grocery delivery (2) 24-hour online pharmacy service (3) Auto insurance compare (4) Rural cash-pickup
222. Which firm became India's third with ₹ 15 lakh-crore market cap?  
 (1) ITC (2) Infosys (3) HDFC Bank (4) Adani Enterprises
223. India's most valuable company at ₹ 17.5 lakh-crore (2025) is:  
 (1) Tata Consultancy Services (2) Reliance Industries (3) Adani Green (4) JSW Steel
224. "Niveshak Shivir" aims primarily to help investors recover:  
 (1) Lost share certificates (2) Unclaimed dividends (3) Stuck PF balances (4) Forgotten PPF accounts
225. Pilot "Niveshak Shivir" camps (May 2025) will run in:  
 (1) Chennai & Hyderabad (2) Mumbai & Ahmedabad (3) Delhi & Kolkata (4) Jaipur & Lucknow
226. SBI's "Grahak Mitras" initiative chiefly encourages customers to:  
 (1) Open RD accounts (2) Use locker facilities (3) Adopt alternate banking channels (4) Buy NPS
227. Approx. what share of SBI branches will have Grahak Mitras?  
 (1) 10 % (2) 20 % (3) 30 % (4) 40 %
228. FY 25's top contributor to new active demat accounts was:  
 (1) Zerodha (2) Angel One (3) Groww (4) Upstox
229. Active demat accounts on NSE touched about:  
 (1) 4.55 crore (2) 5.02 crore (3) 5.60 crore (4) 6.10 crore
230. India's net direct-tax collection growth in FY 2024-25 was around:  
 (1) 10.2 % (2) 13.57 % (3) 15.8 % (4) 17.3 %
231. Total direct-tax mop-up (corp. + non-corp.) for FY 25 equalled:  
 (1) ₹ 20.9 lakh cr (2) ₹ 22.26 lakh cr (3) ₹ 23.8 lakh cr (4) ₹ 25.1 lakh cr
232. Highest-ever refunds issued by the tax dept. in FY 25 amounted to:





- (1) ₹ 3.95 lakh cr (2) ₹ 4.76 lakh cr (3) ₹ 5.10 lakh cr (4) ₹ 6.00 lakh cr
233. Under SEBI rules, an "immediate relative" includes a DP's:  
(1) Cousin (2) Sibling's spouse (3) Grandparent (4) Uncle
234. The first phase of SEBI's extended trading-window closure kicks in on:  
(1) 1 April 2025 (2) 1 July 2025 (3) 1 Oct 2025 (4) 1 Jan 2026
235. RBI's "PRAVAAH" portal is primarily for submitting:  
(1) Customer grievances (2) Regulatory approval & licence applications (3) GST returns (4) RTI requests
236. "PRAVAAH" expands to:  
(1) Platform for Reporting and Validation of Accounts (2) Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation and Authorization (3) Public Repository of Verified Audit Histories (4) Portal for Risk Assessment & Warnings
237. Banks must mandatorily use PRAVAAH for filings starting:  
(1) Jan 1 2025 (2) May 1 2025 (3) Aug 1 2025 (4) Jan 1 2026
238. The PRAVAAH portal went live on:  
(1) April 5 2024 (2) June 12 2024 (3) May 28 2024 (4) July 15 2024
239. Under revised LCR norms, stable retail deposits with IMB face a run-off factor of:  
(1) 5 % (2) 7.5 % (3) 10 % (4) 20 %
240. Max. penalty for certain FEMA violations (e.g., mis-used LRS proceeds) is now:  
(1) ₹ 50,000 (2) ₹ 1 lakh (3) ₹ 2 lakh (4) ₹ 5 lakh
241. Deadline for upgrading note-sorting machines as per RBI is:  
(1) May 1 2025 (2) Nov 1 2025 (3) Mar 31 2026 (4) June 30 2025
242. RBI bought roughly how much gold in FY 2025?  
(1) 42 t (2) 57.5 t (3) 65 t (4) 72 t
243. Total RBI gold stock as of Mar 2025 stands at about:  
(1) 825 t (2) 860 t (3) 879.6 t (4) 905 t
244. India's global rank in gold reserves is:  
(1) 6 th (2) 7 th (3) 8 th (4) 9 th
245. All banks must shift digital assets to ".bank.in" domains by:  
(1) Jun 30 2025 (2) Oct 31 2025 (3) Dec 31 2024 (4) Mar 31 2026
246. Who is exclusive registrar for the ".bank.in" domain?  
(1) NIXI (2) CERT-In (3) IDRBT (4) NIC
247. Number of credit cards in circulation (Mar 2025) was nearest to:  
(1) 95 mn (2) 110 mn (3) 125 mn (4) 140 mn
248. Largest single source of equity FDI into India (Apr 24-Feb 25) was:  
(1) USA (2) Mauritius (3) Netherlands (4) Singapore
249. SVAMITVA scheme chiefly empowers villagers by issuing:  
(1) Job cards (2) Property cards for land parcels (3) Health IDs (4) LPG subsidies
250. SVAMITVA was launched nationwide on:  
(1) 2 Oct 2019 (2) 24 Apr 2020 (3) 15 Aug 2021 (4) 1 Jan 2022
251. NICSI acts as tech partner for implementing which scheme?  
(1) Digital India Land Records (2) SVAMITVA (3) Ayushman Bharat (4) e-Shram
252. Approx. total cost of SVAMITVA (FY 21-25) is:  
(1) ₹ 410 cr (2) ₹ 495 cr (3) ₹ 566.23 cr (4) ₹ 630 cr
253. PMFBY is administered by which Union ministry?  
(1) Finance (2) Rural Development (3) Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (4) Cooperation
254. Approved investment for MP's PM MITRA textile park equals:  
(1) ₹ 1,500 cr (2) ₹ 1,800 cr (3) ₹ 2,100 cr (4) ₹ 2,400 cr
255. The PM MITRA park in MP is coming up at \_\_\_\_\_ tehsil.  
(1) Depalpur (2) Badnawar (3) Mhow (4) Sardarpur
256. Total land earmarked for that park is about:  
(1) 1,500 acres (2) 1,800 acres (3) 2,100 acres (4) 2,500 acres





257. Development mode adopted for PM MITRA parks is:  
 (1) EPC (2) Annuity (3) BOT-Hybrid (4) Public-Private Partnership
258. Centre's capital support per Greenfield PM MITRA park =  
 (1) ₹ 300 cr (2) ₹ 500 cr (3) ₹ 700 cr (4) ₹ 900 cr
259. New special-award categories in National Panchayat Awards 2025 are:  
 (1) Digital & Water (2) Gender & Health (3) Climate Action & Atmanirbharta (4) Literacy & Nutrition
260. Rank-1 Climate Action Special Panchayat Award went to:  
 (1) Hatbadra GP (2) Motipur GP (3) Dawwa S GP (Maharashtra) (4) Kuthambakkam GP
261. Top Atma Nirbhar Panchayat award was clinched by:  
 (1) Dholera GP (2) Mall GP, Telangana (3) Palghar GP (4) Kudumbashree GP
262. Financial incentive for Rank-1 "PKNSSP" institutional award equals:  
 (1) ₹ 50 lakh (2) ₹ 1 crore (3) ₹ 1.5 crore (4) ₹ 2 crore
263. Which institute bagged Rank-1 PKNSSP?  
 (1) SIRD Odisha (2) Kerala Institute of Local Administration (3) NIRDPR Hyderabad (4) MANAGE
264. Number of women-headed GPs among 2025 awardees is:  
 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4 (4) 5
265. CEO of India Semiconductor Mission (2025) is:  
 (1) Rajeev Chandrasekhar (2) Amitesh Kumar Sinha (3) Ajit Manocha (4) Vinod Dham
266. After breast cancer, the second-most common cancer among Indian women is:  
 (1) Ovarian (2) Lung (3) Cervical (4) Thyroid
267. WHO wants 70 % of eligible women screened for cervical cancer by:  
 (1) 2025 (2) 2028 (3) 2030 (4) 2032
268. Cruise Bharat Mission will span 6 years (Oct 2024 – Mar 2029) in how many phases?  
 (1) One (2) Three (3) Two (4) Four
269. Planned Vadhavan-port infra spend under CBM approximates:  
 (1) ₹ 3,200 cr (2) ₹ 4,600 cr (3) ₹ 5,700 cr (4) ₹ 6,800 cr
270. High-speed interconnect Trinetra was developed under which mission?  
 (1) Make-in-India Defence (2) Digital Bharat Network (3) National Supercomputing Mission (4) BharatNet Phase-II
271. PARAM Rudra supercomputers employ indigenous HPC servers called:  
 (1) Vajra (2) Rudra (3) Vayu (4) Shakti
272. Three PARAM Rudra systems were deployed by the PM in:  
 (1) 2022 (2) 2023 (3) 2024 (4) 2025
273. PARAM Pravega at IISc (2022) delivers roughly \_\_\_\_ petaflops.  
 (1) 2.5 (2) 3.3 (3) 4.1 (4) 5.0
274. NSM is jointly delivered by IISc Bengaluru and:  
 (1) IIT Kanpur (2) C-DAC Pune (3) IIT Kharagpur (4) DRDO
275. Filmmaker Payal Kapadia received which French honour?  
 (1) Chevalier of Legion d'Honneur (2) Officer of the Order of Arts & Letters (3) Palme d'Or Medal (4) Médaille des Cinéastes
276. Her movie winning Cannes 2024 Grand Prix is:  
 (1) The Archival Footage (2) A Night of Knowing Nothing (3) All We Imagine As Light (4) Bombay Dreams
277. Hubballi Airport earned ACI "Platinum" in which category?  
 (1) Water conservation (2) Carbon neutrality (3) Sustainable energy (4) Wildlife management
278. India clinched how many gold medals at Asian Yogasana 2024?  
 (1) 65 (2) 72 (3) 83 (4) 90
279. Country finishing 2 nd (10 medals, 3 gold) at the same meet was:  
 (1) Iran (2) Nepal (3) Japan (4) Thailand
280. UNESCO added North Korea's first geopark in 2025, bringing the Global Geoparks Network to:





(1) 221 sites (2) 229 sites (3) 235 sites (4) 243 sites

281. Total geoparks worldwide after the 2025 additions stand at:

(1) 225 (2) 229 (3) 232 (4) 240

282. Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra's coach is:

(1) Uwe Hohn (2) Jan Zelezny (3) Gary Calvert (4) Klaus Bartonietz

283. India shipped its second batch of BrahMos missiles to:

(1) Vietnam (2) Philippines (3) Indonesia (4) UAE

284. Standard ship-launched BrahMos has a range closest to:

(1) 180 km (2) 250 km (3) 290 km (4) 350 km

285. India targets ₹ 3 lakh-crore defence production by which year?

(1) 2027 (2) 2029 (3) 2030 (4) 2032

286. Jitendra Srivastava became CMD of which PSU?

(1) PFC (2) REC Ltd (3) NTPC (4) NHPC

287. Medical aid worth \$ 2 mn to Nepal was sent under India's \_\_\_\_\_ policy.

(1) Act East (2) Look West (3) Neighbourhood First (4) Indo-Pacific Ocean frac.

288. "Neighbourhood First" emphasises engagement that is:

(1) Non-consultative (2) Outcome-oriented & non-reciprocal (3) Defence-centric only (4) Trade-protectionist

289. CAG signed an MoU with which IIM for better performance audits?

(1) IIM Bangalore (2) IIM Indore (3) IIM Kozhikode (4) IIM Ahmedabad

290. One of Wisden's Cricketers of the Year 2025 is:

(1) Virat Kohli (2) Joe Root (3) Gus Atkinson (4) Pat Cummins

291. Wisden's Leading Men's Cricketer in the World 2025 was:

(1) Ben Stokes (2) Jasprit Bumrah (3) Travis Head (4) Babar Azam

292. 'Wisden Photograph of the Year 2024' captured:

(1) Virat Kohli diving catch (2) Nathan Lyon & Aussies appealing LBW (3) Rohit Sharma century celebration (4) Jonny Bairstow stumping scene

293. Which state is poised to finish India's first village-level antiquities survey?

(1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) Karnataka (4) Odisha

294. Fiji's highest civilian honour awarded to Madhusudan Sai is:

(1) Cross of Fiji (2) President's Medal (3) Companion of the Order of Fiji (4) Star of the Pacific

295. 2025 IBSF World Billiards champion (over P. Advani) is:

(1) Rupesh Shah (2) Sourav Kothari (3) Dhruv Sitwala (4) Peter Gilchrist

296. Humpy Koneru triumphed in which elite women's chess event 2025?

(1) Tata Steel Challengers (2) FIDE Women's Candidates (3) Pune FIDE Women's Grand Prix (4) Cairns Cup

297. The Laureus Sporting Icon Award 2025 honoured:

(1) Serena Williams (2) Usain Bolt (3) Rafael Nadal (4) Michael Phelps.





Answers

Answers (MCQs G V Satish picks )

1	3	21	3	41	4	61	3	81	2
2	2	22	2	42	3	62	2	82	4
3	4	23	3	43	4	63	2	83	3
4	1	24	2	44	2	64	2	84	2
5	4	25	3	45	2	65	3	85	3
6	4	26	3	46	2	66	2	86	3
7	4	27	4	47	2	67	2	87	2
8	4	28	4	48	3	68	2	88	3
9	3	29	2	49	3	69	3	89	4
10	3	30	3	50	4	70	4	90	2
11	2	31	3	51	3	71	3	91	4
12	3	32	4	52	3	72	3	92	2
13	4	33	3	53	3	73	2	93	3
14	2	34	2	54	4	74	3	94	3
15	3	35	4	55	2	75	4	95	2
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20	4	40	2	60	3	80	2	100	2

101	1	121	2	141	4	161	3	181	2
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103	3	123	4	143	4	163	4	183	2
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105	4	125	4	145	3	165	4	185	2
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112	4	132	3	152	3	172	3	192	2
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114	2	134	3	154	3	174	3	194	3
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116	3	136	4	156	2	176	2	196	3
117	4	137	4	157	4	177	3	197	3
118	2	138	3	158	3	178	3	198	3
119	3	139	2	159	3	179	2	199	2
120	4	140	4	160	2	180	3	200	4





201	2	221	2	241	2	261	2	281	2
202	3	222	3	242	2	262	2	282	2
203	2	223	2	243	3	263	2	283	2
204	2	224	2	244	3	264	2	284	3
205	2	225	2	245	2	265	2	285	2
206	2	226	3	246	3	266	3	286	2
207	2	227	2	247	2	267	3	287	3
208	2	228	3	248	4	268	2	288	2
209	2	229	2	249	2	269	3	289	3
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211	2	231	2	251	2	271	2	291	2
212	2	232	2	252	3	272	3	292	2
213	3	233	2	253	3	273	2	293	3
214	2	234	2	254	3	274	2	294	3
215	3	235	2	255	2	275	2	295	2
216	3	236	2	256	3	276	3	296	3
217	3	237	2	257	4	277	3	297	3
218	2	238	3	258	2	278	3		
219	2	239	2	259	3	279	3		
220	2	240	3	260	3	280	2		





## తల్లిదండ్రులకు మరియు విద్యార్థులకు ముఖ్య గమనిక

ఇటీవల కొందరు విద్యార్థులు సరియైన విచారణ చెయ్యకుండా ఎదో ఒక Coaching Institute లో Join అయ్యి, అక్కడ కూర్చోవడానికి కనీసం Benches కూడా లేవని, ఏ ఒక్క Subject కూడా సరిగ్గా Explain చెయ్యరని, Teachers వారి వద్దనున్న Answers Screen పై చూపించి చదువుతున్నారని, ఏదైనా ఒక సందేహం వస్తే Class లో అడిగే అవకాశమే లేదని, teacher ఒక Shed లో వుండి విద్యార్థులు మరొక shed లో కూర్చోని ఒక Radio లో Answers వింటున్నట్లుగా ఉందని, Teachers కనీసం విద్యార్థుల ముఖము కూడా చూడకుండా Answers చదువుతున్నారని, అక్కడ Coaching సరిగ్గా లేదని, వెరే ఏదైనా మంచి Coaching Center లో Join అవుదామని, Nandyal Banking Coaching Center వద్దకు వచ్చి Fees లో రాయితీ ఇవ్వమని మనవి చేస్తున్నారు. ఇది మాకు చాలా భారంగా ఉంది.

కనుక తల్లిదండ్రులు విద్యార్థులను ఏ Coaching Institute లో నైన చేర్పించే ముందు అన్ని విషయాలు (Digital Class, Benches, Faculty Qualification, Class లో doubt అడిగే అవకాశం..... ) విచారించి సరియైన Coaching Institute ఐన Nandyal Banking Coaching Center లో చేర్పించవలసినదిగా కోరుచున్నాము.

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1. The \$85.4 million loan for the Tripura Industrial Infrastructure Development Project was sanctioned by which institution?  
 (1) World Bank (2) New Development Bank (3) Asian Development Bank (4) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
2. Who has been appointed Chairman of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Law Commission of India with a tenure up to August 2027?  
 (1) Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi (2) Justice Dinesh Maheshwari (3) Justice B. R. Gavai (4) Justice Sanjiv Khanna
3. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari's predecessor as head of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Law Commission of India was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Justice Jasti Chelameswar (2) Justice Kurian Joseph (3) Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi (4) Justice Dipak Misra
4. T. Koshy, who recently resigned, was the founding MD-CEO of which Indian digital commerce network?  
 (1) ONIC (2) ONDC (3) NeGD (4) NPCI
5. Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai has been nominated to become India's 52<sup>nd</sup> Chief Justice upon the retirement of CJI Sanjiv Khanna on 13 May 2025. His tenure, if approved, will end on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) 14 May 2026 (2) 23 November 2025 (3) 31 December 2025 (4) 12 May 2027
6. Justice Gavai would be the second Dalit CJI after which former Chief Justice?  
 (1) Justice H. L. Dattu (2) Justice S. H. Kapadia (3) Justice K. G. Balakrishnan (4) Justice P. Sathasivam
7. Under which Article of the Constitution is the Chief Justice of India appointed?  
 (1) Article 217(1) (2) Article 148(2) (3) Article 124(2) (4) Article 321
8. What is the current sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court of India, including the CJI?  
 (1) 30 (2) 31 (3) 33 (4) 34
9. The retirement age for High Court judges in India is \_\_\_\_\_, whereas for Supreme Court judges it is 65 years.  
 (1) 62 years (2) 63 years (3) 60 years (4) 64 years
10. Who has taken over as Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) and Director-General, ICAR for a three-year term?  
 (1) Himanshu Pathak (2) Mangi Lal Jat (3) Trilochan Mohapatra (4) Ramesh Chand
11. In the latest ACC reshuffle, Arvind Shrivastava was appointed Secretary of which Union ministry?  
 (1) Civil Aviation (2) Expenditure (3) Revenue (4) Labour & Employment
12. Vumlunmang Vualnam has been made Secretary of the Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Rural Development (2) Expenditure (3) Commerce & Industry (4) Power
13. Which former Finance Secretary of India has been appointed a Vice-President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?  
 (1) Subhash Chandra Garg (2) Hasamukh Adhia (3) Ajay Bhushan Pandey (4) T. V. Somanathan
14. India's current shareholding percentage in AIIB is closest to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) 5.90 % (2) 7.58 % (3) 4.10 % (4) 10.00 %
15. The Serbian parliament has chosen medical professor Djuro Macut as the country's new \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) President (2) Finance Minister (3) Prime Minister (4) Speaker
16. After 55 years at the helm, Klaus Schwab has stepped down as Chairman of the World Economic Forum. Who has been named interim chief?  
 (1) Børge Brende (2) Peter Brabeck-Letmathe (3) Christine Lagarde (4) Jeffrey Sachs
17. Retired Captain Jagmohan has been appointed CMD of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) up to which month and year?  
 (1) April 2028 (2) September 2029 (3) December 2027 (4) June 2030
18. IAS officer Jitendra Srivastava now heads which central public-sector enterprise?  
 (1) Power Grid Corp. (2) REC Ltd (3) IRCON International (4) Rural Electrification Corp. Finance
19. Neeraj Kumar Gupta has taken charge as Chairman & Public-Interest Director of NSE International Exchange at GIFT City starting \_\_\_\_\_.





(1)1 January 2025 (2)1 April 2025 (3)1 July 2025 (4)1 October 2025

20. Which Ambani family member has been elevated to Executive Director of Reliance Industries for a five-year term from 1 May 2025?  
(1)Isha Ambani (2)Akash Ambani (3)Anant M. Ambani (4)Shloka Ambani
21. Reliance Industries became the first Indian company to cross which milestone in total equity value?  
(1)₹ 5 lakh crore (2)₹ 8 lakh crore (3)₹ 10 lakh crore (4)₹ 12 lakh crore
22. Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul is the second woman ever to lead the Badminton World Federation. Where is the BWF headquartered?  
(1)Jakarta (2)Basel (3)Guangzhou (4)Kuala Lumpur
23. The first woman President of BWF (1993-2001) was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1)Judy Hashman (2)Lu Shengrong (3)Carolina Marin (4)Gillian Clark
24. Kamla Persad-Bissessar has returned to office as Prime Minister of which Caribbean nation?  
(1)Barbados (2)Jamaica (3)Trinidad & Tobago (4)Guyana
25. Former RAW chief Alok Joshi now chairs the revamped National Security Advisory Board consisting of how many members?  
(1)Five (2)Seven (3)Nine (4)Eleven
26. Who has been appointed the Union Economic-Affairs Secretary in the recent bureaucratic reshuffle?  
(1)Tuhin Kanta Pandey (2)Anuradha Thakur (3)Tarun Bajaj (4)Gopal Krishna
27. Bollywood actor Ananya Panday became the first-ever Indian global ambassador for which luxury fashion house at its Paris Spring/Summer 2025 show?  
(1)Dior (2)Louis Vuitton (3)Chanel (4)Gucci
28. Which Palestinian photojournalist won the World Press Photo of the Year 2025 for portraying nine-year-old amputee Mahmoud Ajjour?  
(1)Samar Abu Elouf (2)Mo Azab (3)Fadel Senna (4)Hatem Ali
29. The World Press Photo-of-the-Year prize money in 2025 amounted to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1)€ 5,000 (2)€ 10,000 (3)€ 15,000 (4)€ 20,000
30. In the National Highways Excellence Awards 2023, the "O&M Flexible" Gold went to which tollway project?  
(1)Madurai-Kanyakumari Tollway (2)Nanguneri-Kanyakumari Tollway (3)Salem-Karur Tollway (4)Bengaluru-Mysuru Tollway
31. Ashoka Buildcon bagged Gold in the same awards under which category?  
(1)Bridge Maintenance (2)Green Highways (3)Road Safety (4)Intelligent Transport Systems
32. Who among the following was NOT named "Best Engineer" in the National Highways Excellence Awards 2023?  
(1)Navratan (2)Devender Kumar (3)Subhash Chandra (4)Sanjay Singh
33. The Leading Cricketer in the World (Men) according to Wisden 2025 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1)Virat Kohli (2)Ben Stokes (3)Jasprit Bumrah (4)Pat Cummins
34. Who received the title of Leading Cricketer in the World (Women) 2025 from Wisden?  
(1)Alyssa Healy (2)Beth Mooney (3)Smriti Mandhana (4)Meg Lanning
35. Which batter topped the Leading T20 Cricketer list in Wisden 2025?  
(1)Suryakumar Yadav (2)Nicholas Pooran (3)Glenn Phillips (4)Babar Azam
36. Identify the Laureus World Sports Awards 2025 "Athlete of the Year" (Men).  
(1)Novak Djokovic (2)Erling Haaland (3)Mondo Duplantis (4)Eliud Kipchoge
37. The 2025 Laureus "Team of the Year" honour went to which club?  
(1)Manchester City (2)Real Madrid (3)Golden State Warriors (4)Penrith Panthers
38. Which teenage footballer clinched the Laureus "Breakthrough of the Year" 2025 award?  
(1)Endrick (2)Joao Felix (3)Lamine Yamal (4)Rico Lewis
39. Kick4Life FC, winner of the Laureus "Sport-for-Good" award, is renowned primarily for using football to promote \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1)Climate action (2)Social change & health (3)Refugee integration (4)Anti-doping education
40. Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport recently achieved ACI Level-5 Carbon Accreditation, placing it in the top-4 of which region?





- (1)Europe (2)North America (3)Asia-Pacific (4)Middle East
41. Which Maharashtra village topped the Climate-Action Special Panchayat Award (CASPA) list?  
(1)Biradahalli (2)Motipur (3)Mall (4)Dawwa S
42. The Atma Nirbhar Panchayat Special Award first prize was secured by which Telangana panchayat?  
(1)Gollapudi (2)Mall (3)Hatbadra (4)Biradahalli
43. KILA (Kerala) received first place in which institutional category of Panchayat awards?  
(1)ANPSA (2)CASPA (3)PKNSSP (4)SSKY
44. Filmmaker Payal Kapadia was honoured by France as "Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres."  
Her debut feature that won the Cannes 2024 Grand Prix is titled \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1)My Love Is Red (2)Bombay Rhapsody (3)All We Imagine As Light (4)Night Stories
45. Hubballi Airport received "Platinum" in ACI's Green Airports Recognition 2025. The award primarily recognises excellence in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1)Passenger satisfaction (2)Baggage handling (3)Environmental sustainability (4)Cargo throughput
46. Humanitarian Madhusudan Sai was appointed a Companion of the Order of Fiji for establishing which children's hospital in Suva?  
(1)Shirdi Sathya Sai Hospital (2)Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital (3)Sai Global Kids Hospital (4)Pacific Pediatric Centre
47. From the 100<sup>th</sup> ceremony (2028) onward, the Oscars will include a new competitive category for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1)Best Casting (2)Best Voice-Over (3)Best Stunt Design (4)Best Motion-Capture Performance
48. Which of the following Indians is NOT part of the WEF "Young Global Leaders 2025" cohort?  
(1)Ritesh Agarwal (2)Harnaaz Sandhu (3)Nipun Malhotra (4)Manasi Subramaniam
49. Mountaineer-entrepreneur Anurag Maloo belongs to the Young Global Leaders 2025 list. Which organisation created this programme?  
(1)Asian Development Bank (2)World Economic Forum (3)United Nations Foundation (4)Commonwealth Secretariat
50. According to THE Asia University Rankings 2025, which Indian institution achieved the country's highest rank (38)?  
(1)IIT Madras (2)Indian Institute of Science (IISc) (3)IIT Delhi (4)JNU
51. Which two officials were simultaneously elevated to Secretary rank in Civil Aviation and Labour & Employment ministries, respectively?  
(1)Samir Kumar Sinha & Vandana Gurnana (2)Samir Kumar Sinha & Vandana Gurnana (3)Rakesh Kumar Verma & Arvind Shrivastava (4)Vumlungmang Vualnam & Rakesh Kumar Verma
52. Rakesh Kumar Verma was promoted to Secretary level to head which institute connected with democratic processes?  
(1)NIRDPR (2)IIIDEM (3)NCERT (4)IIPA
53. Eligibility to be appointed Chief Justice of India includes being a citizen and either a minimum of five years as High Court judge, ten years as advocate, or being \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1)Eminent parliamentarian (2)A distinguished jurist (3)Senior civil servant (4)Member of Law Commission
54. The AIIB currently has authorised capital of approximately \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1)\$ 50 billion (2)\$ 75 billion (3)\$ 100 billion (4)\$ 125 billion
55. Which country is the largest shareholder in AIIB with about 26.54 % stake?  
(1)India (2)Germany (3)Russia (4)China
56. The Badminton World Federation was founded on which date?  
(1)1 January 1935 (2)5 July 1934 (3)15 August 1933 (4)30 September 1932
57. The prestigious World Press Photo 2025 ceremony took place in which city?  
(1)Brussels (2)Paris (3)Amsterdam (4)Geneva
58. The 2025 Wisden photograph of the year captured which cricketer's appeal?  
(1)Shane Warne (2)Nathan Lyon (3)Stuart Broad (4)Rashid Khan
59. Real Madrid earned Laureus Team of the Year 2025 primarily for success in which sport?  
(1)Basketball (2)Football (3)Tennis (4)Futsal





60. Among the 2025 Wisden Cricketers of the Year, which fast bowler from Surrey was honoured?

(1)Chris Woakes (2)Gus Atkinson (3)Reece Topley (4)Ollie Robinson

61. Which financial institution signed an MoU with the Government of Telangana to accelerate MSME credit?

(1)Kotak Mahindra Bank (2)Godrej Capital (3)IDFC FIRST Bank (4)Axis Bank

62. What is the name of the women-centred initiative under the Godrej-Telangana pact?

(1)Vikasita (2)Aarohi (3)Tejaswini (4)Prerana

63. NPCI's international "QR Share & Pay" feature was retro-halted from ---.

(1)1 Jan 2025 (2)15 Apr 2025 (3)4 Apr 2025 (4)1 May 2025

64. After the halt, which action is still allowed for Indians paying abroad by UPI?

(1)QR saved in gallery (2)OTP over SMS (3)Live scan of merchant QR (4)Favourite VPA transfer

65. The ₹2,000 cap for non-verified UPI merchants applies to which market?

(1)Overseas only (2)Domestic only (3)Both domestic & overseas (4)High-value B2B

66. NPCI was established in the year ---.

(1)2005 (2)2008 (3)2010 (4)2012

67. India's first cricket-fan "passion" credit cards are a tie-up of Mastercard and which bank?

(1)City Union Bank (2)Kotak Bank (3)Bank of Baroda (4)ICICI Bank

68. Which two IPL teams feature on the new Cardinal "passion" cards?

(1)MI & GT (2)CSK & SRH (3)RCB & KKR (4)DC & LSG

69. What is the tenure of SBI's re-launched "Amrit Vrishti" fixed deposit?

(1)365 days (2)444 days (3)555 days (4)730 days

70. Super-senior citizens earn what rate on the "Amrit Vrishti" FD?

(1)7.15 % (2)7.25 % (3)7.65 % (4)7.95 %

71. India's first onboard ATM has been fitted in which train?

(1)Deccan Queen (2)Mumbai-Manmad Panchavati Express (3)Rajdhani (Mumbai-Delhi) (4)Duronto (Mumbai-Nagpur)

72. The ATM concept was invented by ---.

(1)James Goodfellow (2)John Shepherd-Barron (3)Donald Wetzel (4)Howard Scott

73. India's first ATM (1987) was installed by which bank?

(1)ICICI (2)HSBC (3)SBI (4)Grindlays

74. PhonePe's feature for delegated group payments is called ---.

(1)UPI Squad (2)UPI Circle (3)UPI Hub (4)UPI Link

75. A secondary user's per-transaction limit on UPI Circle is ---.

(1)₹2,000 (2)₹5,000 (3)₹10,000 (4)₹15,000

76. SBI ranks --- in S&P Global's list of the world's top-100 banks by assets.

(1)27th (2)43rd (3)58th (4)73rd

77. IDFC FIRST Bank plans to raise --- via preferential shares.

(1)₹5,000 cr (2)₹7,500 cr (3)₹10,000 cr (4)₹12,500 cr

78. The general-public rate on SBI's "Amrit Vrishti" fixed deposit is ---.

(1)7.15 % (2)7.25 % (3)7.05 % (4)6.95 %

79. India's first onboard ATM has been fitted by Central Railway along with ---.

(1)SBI (2)Bank of Maharashtra (3)Union Bank of India (4)Punjab & Sind Bank

80. The world's first UPI-enabled ATM is run by ---.

(1)Hitachi Payment Services (2)NCR Corp (3)Diebold Nixdorf (4)FIS Global

81. The daily spending cap for a secondary user in UPI Circle is ---.

(1)₹20,000 (2)₹10,000 (3)₹15,000 (4)₹25,000

82. HDFC Bank holds the --- position (by assets) in S&P Global's top-100 list.

(1)63rd (2)68th (3)73rd (4)88th

83. HDFC Bank's well-known tagline is ---.

(1)A Tradition of Trust (2)We Understand Your World (3)We Make You Grow (4)Perfect Banking Partner

84. How many critical illnesses are covered under Bajaj Allianz Life's "Superwoman Term" plan?





(1)40 (2)50 (3)60 (4)70

85. The current President of the Asian Development Bank is ---.

(1)Masatsugu Asakawa (2)Takehiko Nakao (3)Masato Kanda (4)Haruhiko Kuroda

86. "Tata Neu SBI Card" users can earn up to \_\_\_\_\_ NeuCoin rewards on platform spends.

(1)5 % (2)7.5 % (3)10 % (4)12 %

87. India's pharma exports touched USD --- billion in FY 2025.

(1)30.47 (2)29.34 (3)28.31 (4)31.29

88. During BSE's 150-year celebration, the commemorative ₹150 coin was unveiled by ---.

(1)PM Narendra Modi (2)RBI Governor S. Malhotra (3)FM Nirmala Sitharaman (4)SEBI Chair T. K. Pandey

89. From 1 July 2025, banks must let customers aged \_\_\_ or older run their own savings or term-deposit account.

(1)8 years (2)10 years (3)12 years (4)14 years

90. Under the new minor-account rule, a child may also open the account with \_\_\_ acting as guardian.

(1)Father (2)Mother (3)Elder sibling (4)Grandparent

91. As on 9 Apr 2025, deposits under the PM Jan-Dhan Yojana stood at roughly \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)₹1.83 lakh cr (2)₹2.10 lakh cr (3)₹2.63 lakh cr (4)₹3.05 lakh cr

92. The average balance per Jan-Dhan account at that date was closest to \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)₹3,980 (2)₹4,760 (3)₹5,420 (4)₹6,050

93. India's largest Small Finance Bank by size is \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)Ujjivan SFB (2)Equitas SFB (3)Jana SFB (4)AU Small Finance Bank

94. AU Small Finance Bank is headquartered in \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)Ahmedabad (2)Jaipur (3)Indore (4)Nagpur

95. PhonePe's "Pincode" service guarantees medicine delivery within about \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

(1)5 (2)10 (3)20 (4)30

96. "Pincode" is currently live in all the following cities except \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)Pune (2)Chennai (3)Mumbai (4)Bengaluru

97. India's first "BSE Internet Economy Index Fund" is offered by \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)SBI Mutual Fund (2)Edelweiss Mutual Fund (3)Nippon India MF (4)ICICI Prudential MF

98. Edelweiss MF's MD & CEO is \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)Kalpen Parekh (2)Radhika Gupta (3)Nimesh Shah (4)Navneet Munot

99. All banks must shift public websites and official e-mails to the ".bank.in" domain no later than \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)30 Jun 2025 (2)31 Oct 2025 (3)1 Jan 2026 (4)31 Mar 2026

100. RBI Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar has had his term extended until \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)2 May 2025 (2)2 May 2026 (3)31 Dec 2026 (4)31 Mar 2027

101. SBI's "Grahak Mitra" project will initially cover roughly \_\_\_\_\_ of its branches.

(1)10 % (2)15 % (3)20 % (4)25 %

102. How many SBI branches (approx.) will deploy SBOSS staff under "Grahak Mitra"?

(1)3 000 (2)4 500 (3)5 500 (4)6 000

103. The RBI has postponed the deadline for BIS-compliant note-sorting machines to \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)1 Jul 2025 (2)30 Sep 2025 (3)1 Nov 2025 (4)31 Dec 2025

104. India now holds \_\_\_\_\_-largest gold reserves in the world.

(1)6th (2)7th (3)8th (4)9th

105. The Central Board of Direct Taxes granted full tax-exempt status to \_\_\_\_\_ under the Environment Act, 1986.

(1)Swachh Bharat Mission (2)Jal Jeevan Mission (3)National Mission for Clean Ganga (4)PM-KUSUM

106. The PRAVAAH portal for regulatory approvals officially went live on \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)1 Apr 2024 (2)28 May 2024 (3)1 Jan 2025 (4)15 Aug 2024

107. PRAVAAH stands for Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation and \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)Helpdesk (2)Authorisation (3)Harmonisation (4)Handling

108. Which of the entities below is NOT required to use PRAVAAH from 1 May 2025?





(1)Housing-finance companies (2)Payment-system operators (3)Primary dealers (4)Insurance companies

109. Bandhan Bank's new high-net-worth savings product is branded \_\_\_\_.

(1)Advantage Plus (2)Elite Plus (3)Supreme Save (4)Signature Select

110. Bandhan Bank operates under the tagline \_\_\_\_.

(1)Together We Grow (2)Banking for Everyone (3)Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai (4)Prosperity for All

111. India's first unicorn of 2025 is fintech firm \_\_\_\_.

(1)Razorpay (2)Juspay (3)Pine Labs (4)Groww

112. Samsung and Google Cloud embedded Generative-AI into which home robot?

(1)Aido (2)Vector (3)Ballie (4)Jibo

113. FY 2024-25 dividend payout by CPSEs to the Centre reached about ₹ \_\_\_\_ crore.

(1)52 000 (2)65 500 (3)74 016 (4)81 200

114. Maharatna eligibility requires an annual turnover of over \_\_\_\_ crore.

(1)10 000 (2)20 000 (3)25 000 (4)30 000

115. BHIM 3.0's public-awareness campaign carries the slogan \_\_\_\_.

(1)Cashless India (2)"Paisa Ki Kadar" (3)Digital Dost (4)Safe Payments

116. CRISIL has pegged India's GDP growth for FY 2025-26 at \_\_\_\_ %.

(1)6.2 (2)6.5 (3)6.8 (4)7.0

117. Morgan Stanley's latest FY-26 GDP forecast for India is \_\_\_\_ %.

(1)6.0 (2)6.1 (3)6.4 (4)6.7

118. The IMF now expects India to grow \_\_\_\_ % in FY 2026.

(1)5.9 (2)6.2 (3)6.4 (4)6.8

119. On its 131st Foundation Day PNB launched a total of \_\_\_\_ new products.

(1)24 (2)34 (3)40 (4)44

120. South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL) became the first coal PSU to use \_\_\_\_ technology.

(1)Longwall (2)Paste-fill (3)Highwall (4)Room-and-pillar

121. LIC has increased its stake in Bank of Baroda to about \_\_\_\_ %.

(1)5.80 (2)7.05 (3)8.20 (4)9.10

122. Ambuja Cements acquired \_\_\_\_ % of Orient Cement, becoming its promoter.

(1)33.33 (2)40.00 (3)46.66 (4)51.00

123. Bank of Baroda unveiled its first full ESG policy on \_\_\_\_ Day 2025.

(1)World Environment (2)Earth (3)Energy Conservation (4)Climate-Action

124. BoB targets achieving net-zero carbon emissions by the year \_\_\_\_.

(1)2050 (2)2055 (3)2057 (4)2060

125. The Bank of Baroda announced a plantation drive of \_\_\_\_ trees for FY 25.

(1)10 000 (2)20 000 (3)30 000 (4)50 000

126. E-commerce giant Flipkart plans to shift its domicile from Singapore to \_\_\_\_.

(1)UAE (2)United States (3)India (4)Ireland

127. The government is considering raising the FDI cap in nuclear-power plants to \_\_\_\_ %.

(1)26 (2)40 (3)49 (4)74

128. Under the new LCR(Liquidity Coverage Ratio) rules (effective 1 Apr 2026), non-financial corporate deposits get a run-off factor of \_\_\_\_ %.

(1)20 (2)30 (3)40 (4)50

129. Banks must maintain a Liquidity Coverage Ratio of at least \_\_\_\_ % under the updated framework.

(1)80 (2)90 (3)100 (4)110

130. The world's very first ATM (1967) was installed by \_\_\_\_ in London.

(1)Lloyds Bank (2)Barclays (3)NatWest (4)HSBC

131. The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) is chaired by \_\_\_\_.

(1)Nimesh Shah (2)Navneet Munot (3)A. Balasubramanian (4)Kalpen Parekh

132. AMFI's present CEO is \_\_\_\_.

(1)S. Venkatesh (2)Venkat N. Chalasani (3)N. S. Vishwanathan (4)R. Subramaniam





133. In the CPSE hierarchy, a firm must show a net profit of over \_\_\_\_ crore in each of three consecutive years to qualify for Maharatna status.  
(1)3000 (2)4000 (3)5000 (4)6000
134. Which of the following locations hosts the highest-altitude ATM in the world?  
(1)Khardung La (2)Rohtang Pass (3)Chang La (4)Nathu-La
135. Which edition of the India-Uzbekistan joint exercise is "DUSTLIK-6"?  
(1) 5th (2)7th (3)4th (4)6th
136. The 2025 "DUSTLIK-6" exercise was held at Aundh, a military station in \_\_\_\_.  
(1) Jodhpur (2)Pune (3)Jaipur (4)Dehradun
137. The Indian Army contingent in DUSTLIK-6 came from which regiment?  
(1) Sikh Regiment (2)JAT Regiment (3)Gorkha Rifles (4)Dogra Regiment
138. "Meghayan 25" echoed the World Meteorological Day theme \_\_\_\_.  
(1) Weather-Ready World (2)Climate & Water (3)'Closing the Early Warning Gap Together' (4)Sun, Earth & Weather
139. At "Defence Conclave 2025 – Force of the Future", India set a defence-production target of about \_\_\_\_ lakh crore by 2029.  
(1) 2 (2)3 (3)4 (4)5
140. The export target for Indian defence goods by 2029 is close to \_\_\_\_ crore.  
(1) 25 000 (2)40 000 (3)50 000 (4)60 000
141. The interim defence-export target set for 2025 is \_\_\_\_ crore.  
(1) 30 000 (2)25 000 (3)35 000 (4)40 000
142. Community radio "Voice of Kinnaur" has been launched under which army outreach programme?  
(1) Sadhbhavana Seva (2)Operation Sadhbhavana (3)Mission Sampark (4)Project Udaan
143. Pooh, the site of the new radio station, is in which Indian state?  
(1) Uttarakhand (2)Himachal Pradesh (3)Jammu & Kashmir (4)Sikkim
144. "Voice of Kinnaur" especially focuses on \_\_\_\_ groups in border villages.  
(1) Ex-servicemen (2)Youth, women & farmers (3)Tourists (4)Panchayat officials
145. Expedition "ARMEX-24" in Sikkim covered about \_\_\_\_ km on foot.  
(1) 120 (2)146 (3)180 (4)200
146. The BrahMos sale to Manila is valued around \_\_\_\_ million US dollars.  
(1) 250 (2)300 (3)375 (4)425
147. BrahMos has a top speed close to Mach \_\_\_\_.  
(1) 2.8 (2)3.5 (3)2.2 (4)1.8
148. The standard range of the export-variant BrahMos missile is about \_\_\_\_ km.  
(1) 200 (2)290 (3)350 (4)500
149. The Rafale-M fighters procurement is costed at roughly \_\_\_\_ crore rupees.  
(1) 54 000 (2)64 000 (3)74 000 (4)84 000
150. INS Vikramaditya was originally built in \_\_\_\_.  
(1) France (2)Russia (3)United Kingdom (4)Italy
151. INS Vikrant, commissioned in 2022, is notable for being \_\_\_\_.  
(1) Nuclear-powered (2)India's first indigenous carrier (3)A helicopter-only platform (4)The world's largest carrier
152. SIPRI's latest data show global military spending rose by about \_\_\_\_ % in 2024.  
(1) 7.8 (2)9.4 (3)10.2 (4)12.5
153. According to SIPRI, India ranks \_\_\_\_ worldwide in defence expenditure.  
(1) 3rd (2)4th (3)5th (4)6th
154. India's total defence outlay is estimated near \_\_\_\_ billion US dollars.  
(1) 76 (2)86 (3)ninety-six (4)106
155. India's total defence outlay represents roughly \_\_\_\_ % of India's GDP.  
(1) 1.5 (2)1.9 (3)2.3 (4)2.8
156. DRDO recently tested a long-range glide bomb nick-named \_\_\_\_.  
(1) Shakti (2)Gaurav (3)Prahara (4)Divyastra





157. The India Justice Report 2025 found the top performer among large-mid states to be \_\_\_\_.
- (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Karnataka (3) Maharashtra (4) Gujarat
158. Among small states, \_\_\_\_ tops the justice-delivery index.
- (1) Goa (2) Sikkim (3) Tripura (4) Manipur
159. Which small state finished last in the 2025 India Justice Report?
- (1) Arunachal Pradesh (2) Meghalaya (3) Goa (4) Mizoram
160. The Indian Air Force took part in Exercise "Desert Flag-10" hosted at \_\_\_\_ in the UAE.
- (1) Al Ain AB (2) Al Dhakheel AB (3) Al Dhafra AB (4) Fujairah AB
161. Which country has been elected the first-ever chair of INTERPOL's new "Committee on Governance"?
- (1) France (2) United Arab Emirates (3) India (4) Brazil
162. The UAE representative leading first ever INTERPOL's new "Committee on Governance" is \_\_\_\_.
- (1) Maj Gen Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi (2) Dr Sultan Al-Jaber (3) Brig Gen Mohammed Al-Kaabi (4) Lt Col Dana Humaid Al Marzouqi
163. INTERPOL's global headquarters are located in \_\_\_\_.
- (1) Lyon, France (2) Vienna, Austria (3) Singapore (4) Geneva, Switzerland
164. Who currently serves as Administrator of UNDP?
- (1) Achal Malhotra (2) Helen Clark (3) António Guterres (4) Achim Steiner
165. Which nation became the 54th signatory of NASA-led Artemis Accords?
- (1) Nepal (2) Sri Lanka (3) Bangladesh (4) Malaysia
166. World Immunization Week 2025 will be celebrated from \_\_\_\_.
- (1) 1 - 7 Apr (2) 24 - 30 Apr (3) 10 - 16 May (4) 12 - 18 Jun
167. The 2025 theme for World Immunization Week is \_\_\_\_.
- (1) Vaccines Work for All (2) Close the Immunity Gap (3) Stronger Together (4) "Immunization for All is Humanly Possible"
168. The 75th Diabetes World Congress is scheduled to take place in which city?
- (1) Bangkok (2) Jakarta (3) Kuala Lumpur (4) Manila
169. India will be represented at the 15th BRICS Agricultural Ministers' Meeting by \_\_\_\_.
- (1) Narendra Singh Tomar (2) Arjun Munda (3) Shivraj Singh Chouhan (4) Piyush Goyal
170. The 15th BRICS Agricultural Ministers' Meeting will be hosted in \_\_\_\_.
- (1) Shanghai (2) Brasília (3) Moscow (4) Cape Town
171. The official theme of the 2025 BRICS Agricultural Ministers' Meeting is \_\_\_\_.
- (1) Smart & Digital Farming (2) Inclusive & Sustainable Agriculture (3) Farmers First, Planet First (4) Climate-Smart Livestock
172. The 2nd STREE Summit was convened in which Indian city?
- (1) Jaipur (2) Mumbai (3) Hyderabad (4) Bengaluru
173. Which mobile application was launched by Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to deliver integrated digital healthcare across the Union Territory?
- (1) E-Swasthya (2) E-SeHAT (3) J&K Tele-Health (4) Digital Arogya
174. The world's 17th Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) inaugurated by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya is housed at which Indian facility?
- (1) National Institute of Virology, Pune (2) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai (3) National Dope Testing Laboratory, New Delhi (4) Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala
175. After receiving the latest GI certificates, Uttar Pradesh's total number of GI tags reached \_\_\_\_ — the highest of any Indian state.
- (1) 69 (2) 71 (3) 75 (4) 77
176. Which state now ranks second for the most GI tags in India, with 69 to its credit?
- (1) Karnataka (2) Tamil Nadu (3) West Bengal (4) Gujarat
177. Approximately how many artisans are associated with the 32 GI-tagged products of the Kashi region alone?
- (1) 20 lakh (2) 12 lakh (3) 5 lakh (4) 50,000
178. Under the "Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights) Act 2025", which Indian state enacted the reform?





(1)Andhra Pradesh (2)Madhya Pradesh (3)Telangana (4)Rajasthan

179. UNESCO recently added the manuscripts of the "Bhagavad Gita" and the "Natyashastra" to which heritage register?

(1)Intangible Cultural Heritage List (2)World Heritage Sites List (3)Memory of the World Register  
(4)Creative Cities Network

180. With the inclusion of the two Indian manuscripts, the total number of entries in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register became \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)514 (2)570 (3)612 (4)650

181. After the latest additions, how many entries from India now feature in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register?

(1)10 (2)14 (3)18 (4)20

182. The Natyashastra, attributed to Bharata Muni, is also popularly known as \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)Nritya Veda (2)Gandharva Veda (3)Rasa Sutra (4)Abhinaya Shastra

183. UNESCO's headquarters are located in which city?

(1)New York (2)Paris (3)Geneva (4)Vienna

184. Who currently serves as Director-General of UNESCO?

(1)Irina Bokova (2)Audrey Azoulay (3)Kristalina Georgieva (4)Fatou Bensouda

185. How many member states make up UNESCO?

(1)185 (2)190 (3)194 (4)201

186. Which country will be home to the headquarters of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?

(1)South Africa (2)United Arab Emirates (3)India (4)Brazil

187. The Government of India has committed a corpus of ₹150 crore for IBCA (International Big Cat Alliance) operations covering which period?

(1)2021-26 (2)2023-24 to 2028-29 (3)2024-27 (4)2025-30

188. IBCA (International Big Cat Alliance) focuses on conservation of how many big-cat species worldwide?

(1)5 (2)7 (3)8 (4)10

189. From which month-end does the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) now release the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) every month?

(1)28<sup>th</sup> (2)15<sup>th</sup> (3)30<sup>th</sup> (4)10<sup>th</sup>

190. India's long-term target is to develop 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by which milestone year?

(1)2035 (2)2040 (3)2047 (4)2050

191. The "Pink E-Rickshaw Scheme" launched by Maharashtra will roll out how many women-driven e-rickshaws in its first phase?

(1)5,000 (2)10,000 (3)12,500 (4)15,000

192. Under the Pink E-Rickshaw Scheme, each beneficiary receives a subsidy of ₹1 lakh, comprising ₹25,000 from the Centre and \_\_\_\_\_ from the State government.

(1)₹50,000 (2)₹60,000 (3)₹75,000 (4)₹90,000

193. 'IISR Surya', a new high-yield turmeric variety for the masala industry, was developed by which institution?

(1)Central Institute of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (2)Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode  
(3)National Research Centre for Banana (4)Central Plantation Crops Research Institute

194. Following the Pahalgam attack, the Cabinet Committee on Security suspended which 1960 treaty between India and Pakistan?

(1)Tashkent Declaration (2)Indus Waters Treaty (3)Lahore Declaration (4)Karachi Agreement

195. Under the Indus Waters Treaty, India has full rights over which of the following rivers?

(1)Indus (2)Chenab (3)Ravi (4)Jhelum

196. The Attari-Wagah land port, now temporarily closed, handled trade worth roughly \_\_\_\_\_ in 2023-24.

(1)₹1,200 crore (2)₹2,500 crore (3)₹3,886 crore (4)₹5,100 crore

197. YourStory, the organisation behind The Bharat Project, is headquartered in \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)Mumbai (2)Bengaluru (3)Hyderabad (4)New Delhi





198. The acronym HEALD (launched on World Liver Day 2025) stands for Healthy Liver Education and \_\_\_\_\_ Disease Prevention.
- (1)Hepatitis-Associated (2)Alcohol-Associated Liver (3)Auto-immune Liver (4)Acetaminophen-Linked
199. World Liver Day is observed annually on \_\_\_\_.
- (1)7 April (2)19 April (3)1 May (4)12 March
200. The 2025 theme for World Liver Day was \_\_\_\_.
- (1)Love Your Liver (2)Think Liver, Think Life (3)"Food is Medicine" (4)Stop Alcohol Harm
201. Under India's Neighbourhood-First Policy, medical aid worth roughly US \$2 million was shipped to which neighbouring nation?
- (1)Bhutan (2)Nepal (3)Sri Lanka (4)Maldives
202. In reaction to the Pahalgam attack, Pakistan suspended which historic agreement that had officially converted the ceasefire line into the Line of Control?
- (1)Tashkent Agreement 1966 (2)Simla Agreement 1972 (3)Lahore Declaration 1999 (4)Agra Summit 2001
203. The Simla Agreement was signed on 2 July 1972 by Indira Gandhi and \_\_\_\_.
- (1)Pervez Musharraf (2)Yahya Khan (3)Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (4)Nawaz Sharif
204. One outcome of the Simla Agreement was the formal creation of which sovereign nation?
- (1)Nepal (2)Bangladesh (3)Bhutan (4)Maldives
205. Under amended Tobacco Board Rules, the grower licence for Virginia tobacco will now remain valid for how many crop-years?
- (1)1 (2)2 (3)3 (4)5
206. India is the world's second-largest producer of tobacco after which country?
- (1)United States (2)China (3)Brazil (4)Indonesia
207. The National Zero Measles-Rubella Elimination Campaign 2025-26 has set the target year of \_\_\_\_ for achieving zero MR cases.
- (1)2025 (2)2026 (3)2027 (4)2030
208. In January–March 2025, how many Indian districts were already certified measles-free?
- (1)225 (2)332 (3)400 (4)487
209. Ahead of the Khelo India Youth Games 2025, Bihar created a Guinness World Record for the largest Madhubani painting, covering an area of approximately \_\_\_\_.
- (1)101 sq ft (2)201.17 sq ft (3)251 sq ft (4)301 sq ft
210. Another Bihar record featured a singing-bowl ensemble performed by how many Buddhist monks in Bodh Gaya?
- (1)250 (2)300 (3)375 (4)400
211. India's first integrated textile facility under the PM MITRA scheme is to be set up at Bhainsola in which state?
- (1)Gujarat (2)Madhya Pradesh (3)Tamil Nadu (4)Uttar Pradesh
212. What is the approved outlay for the PM MITRA Park at Bhainsola, Dhar?
- (1)₹1,000 crore (2)₹1,500 crore (3)₹2,100 crore (4)₹3,000 crore
213. Under the Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025, a donor must have been a practising Muslim for at least how many years before creating a waqf?
- (1)5 years (2)7 years (3)10 years (4)12 years
214. The inter-ministerial committee for the proposed National Manufacturing Mission is chaired by \_\_\_\_.
- (1)V Anantha Nageswaran (2)Bibek Debroy (3)B V R Subrahmanyam (4)Amitabh Kant
215. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs recently increased the Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane from ₹340 to \_\_\_\_ per quintal for a basic recovery of 10.25 %.
- (1)₹345 (2)₹350 (3)₹355 (4)₹360
216. The 62<sup>nd</sup> National Maritime Day was observed in India on which date in 2025?
- (1)1 April (2)5 April (3)7 April (4)9 April
217. Delhi's "Ayushman Vay Vandana" scheme offers a cumulative health cover of how much to residents aged 70 and above?



- (1) ₹5 lakh (2) ₹7 lakh (3) ₹10 lakh (4) ₹15 lakh
218. Which Indian state became the first to introduce categorisation within the Scheduled Castes list?  
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Karnataka (3) Telangana (4) Punjab
219. "Confessions of Stock Market Wizards" is authored by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Ashwini Gupta (2) Safir Anand (3) Ramesh Damani (4) Radhika Gupta
220. India's first high-altitude climate research station was inaugurated in which district of Jammu & Kashmir?  
 (1) Leh (2) Kupwara (3) Udhampur (4) Anantnag
221. Through the "Digi Kerala" initiative, Kerala is poised to become India's first state to attain \_\_\_\_\_ digital literacy.  
 (1) 90 % (2) 100 % (3) 75 % (4) 50 %
222. The traditional hand-spun, naturally-dyed textile "Ryndia" that secured a GI tag originates from which state?  
 (1) Assam (2) Manipur (3) Meghalaya (4) Tripura
223. India's revised ethanol-blending target for petrol by 2030 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) 20 % (2) 25 % (3) 30 % (4) 35 %
224. The KELSA initiative made Kerala the first Indian state to allow online filing and virtual hearings for which quasi-judicial forum?  
 (1) Lokayukta (2) Debt Recovery Tribunal (3) Permanent Lok Adalats (4) Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
225. India celebrates Civil Services Day each year on \_\_\_\_\_, commemorating Sardar Patel's 1947 address to probationers.  
 (1) 16 April (2) 21 April (3) 24 April (4) 1 May
226. Madhya Pradesh approved a ₹145 crore scheme (2025-26 → 2027-28) to create buffer zones around how many tiger reserves?  
 (1) 5 (2) 7 (3) 9 (4) 11
227. Simlipal, declared India's 107<sup>th</sup> National Park, is the largest national park of which state?  
 (1) West Bengal (2) Jharkhand (3) Odisha (4) Chhattisgarh
228. According to the latest Asian university cluster rankings, which Indian institution holds the highest position (38<sup>th</sup>)?  
 (1) IIT Bombay (2) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) (3) IIT Delhi (4) Shoolini University
229. Among Asia's top-five universities, which of the following figures on the list released alongside the cluster rankings?  
 (1) Kyoto University (2) Tsinghua University (3) Seoul National University (4) University of Hong Kong
230. Which river system under the Indus Waters Treaty is allocated to Pakistan?  
 (1) Beas (2) Sutlej (3) Indus (4) Ravi
231. India earned the "Measles & Rubella Champion" Award from which organisation in March 2024?  
 (1) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (2) UNICEF (3) American Red Cross (4) Gavi – The Vaccine Alliance
232. Which Padma Vibhushan awardee, known as the chief architect of Chandrayaan-1, passed away in 2025 aged 84?  
 (1) Prof. U.R. Rao (2) Dr K. Kasturirangan (3) Dr Vikas Saraswat (4) Dr M.Y.S. Prasad
233. According to Global Forest Watch, India lost roughly how many thousand hectares (Kha) of humid primary forest between 2003-23?  
 (1) 514 Kha (2) 402 Kha (3) 214 Kha (4) 71 Kha
234. In the global league table of primary-forest loss, India currently ranks \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) 21<sup>st</sup> (2) 31<sup>st</sup> (3) 11<sup>th</sup> (4) 41<sup>st</sup>
235. The 4<sup>th</sup> India Justice Report 2025 placed which large/mid-sized state at the very top?  
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Karnataka (4) Kerala
236. Among small states, who led the 2025 India Justice Report rankings?  
 (1) Goa (2) Sikkim (3) Tripura (4) Himachal Pradesh
237. The 4<sup>th</sup> India Justice Report 2025 noted India's per-capita police spending at about \_\_\_\_\_.





(1) ₹ 182 (2) ₹ 57 (3) ₹ 6 (4) ₹ 1,275

238. Which small state finished last in the 2025 India Justice Report scorecard?

(1) Goa (2) Meghalaya (3) Arunachal Pradesh (4) Manipur

239. AIIMS New Delhi ranked 97<sup>th</sup> in Newsweek-Statista's "World's Best Hospitals 2024". Which hospital topped the global list?

(1) Cleveland Clinic (2) Charité – Berlin (3) Mayo Clinic, USA (4) Johns Hopkins Hospital

240. How many Indians feature in the World Economic Forum's "Young Global Leaders 2025" cohort of 116?

(1) 5 (2) 6 (3) 7 (4) 8

241. Which Indian entrepreneur founded the hotel-startup OYO?

(1) Ritesh Agarwal (2) Nipun Malhotra (3) Alok Medikepura Anil (4) Anurag Maloo

242. Where is the World Economic Forum headquartered?

(1) Geneva (2) Lausanne (3) Cologne (4) Zurich

243. In TIME's "100 Most Influential People 2025", the oldest honouree was Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus (Bangladesh) aged \_\_\_\_.

(1) 79 (2) 82 (3) 84 (4) 88

244. French swimmer Léon Marchand, the youngest on the 2025 TIME 100 list, is aged \_\_\_\_.

(1) 22 (2) 24 (3) 26 (4) 28

245. Which public figure appeared on TIME 100 for a record 7<sup>th</sup> time in 2025?

(1) Xi Jinping (2) Donald Trump (3) Angela Merkel (4) Taylor Swift

246. How many tonnes of gold did the RBI purchase in 2024, the world's third-largest central-bank buy for the year?

(1) 55 t (2) 62 t (3) 72.6 t (4) 80 t

247. Which country tops the chart for the highest gold-to-forex-reserve ratio at 76.4 %?

(1) Germany (2) United States (3) France (4) Italy

248. Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport ranked 9<sup>th</sup> busiest worldwide in 2024 with ≈ 77.82 million passengers. Which hub remained No. 1?

(1) Beijing Capital (2) Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson (3) Dubai International (4) Los Angeles LAX

249. UNESCO announced 16 new Global Geoparks in 2025, bringing the network total to how many sites?

(1) 199 (2) 229 (3) 245 (4) 259

250. How many UNESCO Global Geoparks does India currently possess?

(1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 0

251. The present UNESCO Director-General is \_\_\_\_.

(1) Irina Bokova (2) Henrietta Fore (3) Audrey Azoulay (4) Kristalina Georgieva

252. Which state sits second after Uttar Pradesh for cumulative APY enrolments?

(1) Maharashtra (2) Bihar (3) West Bengal (4) Tamil Nadu

253. According to Henley & Partners, which city commands the highest luxury real-estate price (>\$38,800 per m<sup>2</sup>) in 2025?

(1) New York City (2) Hong Kong (3) Monaco (4) London

254. In Times Higher Education's Asia University Rankings 2025, which Indian university leads at #38 overall?

(1) IIT Delhi (2) IISc Bengaluru (3) IIT Bombay (4) Anna University

255. Which Indian private university achieved the country's best private-sector slot at #146 in Asia?

(1) Amity University (2) Shoolini University (3) VIT Vellore (4) SRM University

256. Among Asia's top-5 universities, which institution tops the table with a score of about 92.5?

(1) National University of Singapore (2) Tsinghua University (3) NTU Singapore (4) University of Tokyo

257. How many Indian universities feature in the 2025 Asia rankings (up from 91 last year)?

(1) 94 (2) 107 (3) 112 (4) 131

258. Via the NIRYAT portal, which Indian state led FY 2024-25 textile exports with \$7.99 billion?

(1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) Tamil Nadu (4) Uttar Pradesh

259. Gujarat's share of national textile exports in FY 2024-25 stood at about \_\_\_\_.





(1)12 % (2)18.9 % (3)22 % (4)28 %

260. India's total textile-export value for FY 2024-25 is reported at approximately \_\_\_\_.

(1)\$29.8 bn (2)\$32.4 bn (3)\$36.61 bn (4)\$40.2 bn

261. World Bank's latest "Poverty & Equity Brief" estimates India lifted \_\_\_\_ people out of extreme poverty between 2011-12 and 2022-23.

(1)101 million (2)171 million (3)211 million (4)251 million

262. Skytrax crowned which airport "World's Best Airport 2025" for a record 13<sup>th</sup> time?

(1)Hamad International (2)Tokyo Haneda (3)Singapore Changi (4)Incheon International

263. Delhi's IGI ranked #32 in the 2025 Skytrax list; which Indian airport followed at #48?

(1)Mumbai CSMIA (2)Chennai MAA (3)Kempegowda Bengaluru (4)Kochi COK

264. According to S&P Global Market Intelligence (2024), which Indian bank entered the world's top-100 by assets at rank 43?

(1)ICICI Bank (2)Axis Bank (3)State Bank of India (4)Kotak Mahindra Bank

265. In the India Justice Report 2025, national per-capita spending on legal aid was reported at roughly \_\_\_\_.

(1)₹ 3 (2)₹ 4 (3)₹ 6 (4)₹ 8

266. Which of the following Indians on the WEF YGL 2025 list is currently a Union Cabinet Minister?

(1)Anurag Maloo (2)K. J. Somaiya (3)Manasi Subramaniam (4)Natarajan Sankar

267. Manasi Subramaniam, another YGL 2025, is associated with which publishing house?

(1)HarperCollins India (2)Hachette India (3)Penguin Random House India (4)Rupa Publications

268. Among the top-five busiest airports 2024, Delhi IGIA finished 9<sup>th</sup>. Roughly how many passengers did it handle?

(1)62 million (2)77.82 million (3)85 million (4)92 million

269. Which European nation holds the third-highest gold-reserve ratio, at about 72.4 %?

(1)France (2)Italy (3)Switzerland (4)Netherlands

270. Which airport occupies second place in Skytrax "World's Best Airports 2025"?

(1)Zurich (2)Hamad International, Qatar (3)Tokyo Narita (4)Paris CDG

271. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport Hyderabad is placed where on the Skytrax 2025 list?

(1)#46 (2)#56 (3)#66 (4)#76

272. India Justice Report 2025 gave Karnataka a composite score of about \_\_\_\_.

(1)5.20 (2)6.25 (3)6.78 (4)7.10

273. Sikkim's India-Justice-Report score among small states is roughly \_\_\_\_.

(1)4.90 (2)5.20 (3)5.70 (4)6.10

274. Who is the youngest person on the TIME 100 list for 2025?

(1)Greta Thunberg (2)Léon Marchand (3)Erling Haaland (4)Ansu Fati

275. Which city topped Henley's wealthiest-cities real-estate ranking after Monaco?

(1)New York City (2)Hong Kong (3)London (4)Paris

276. In the gold-reserve league, India stands eighth with a ratio near \_\_\_\_.

(1)8 % (2)12.8 % (3)17 % (4)22 %

277. According to Skytrax 2025, which airport ranked immediately after Hamad International?

(1)Seoul Incheon (2)Tokyo Haneda (3)Zurich Kloten (4)Kansai International

278. Which JP Morgan-backed Indian bank did not make the S&P top-100 list?

(1)SBI (2)HDFC Bank (3)ICICI Bank (4)Axis Bank

279. India's per-capita spending on the judiciary is closest to \_\_\_\_.

(1)₹ 100 (2)₹ 182 (3)₹ 250 (4)₹ 310

280. SVAMITVA was originally launched on which date?

(1)15 August 2018 (2)05 June 2019 (3)24 April 2020 (4)01 July 2021

281. Approximately how many villages had been drone-mapped under SVAMITVA by its 5-year milestone?

(1)2.50 lakh (2)2.90 lakh (3)3.20 lakh (4)3.80 lakh

282. Cumulative central outlay for SVAMITVA during FY 2021-25 is closest to \_\_\_\_.

(1)₹ 366 cr (2)₹ 456 cr (3)₹ 566.23 cr (4)₹ 656 cr





283. UDAN's inaugural commercial flight on 27 April 2017 linked Delhi with which hill station?

(1) Dharamshala (2) Shimla (3) Dehradun (4) Dalhousie

284. India's UDAN scheme celebrated its 8-year anniversary on \_\_\_\_.

(1) 27 April 2025 (2) 21 October 2024 (3) 27 April 2024 (4) 15 August 2025

285. As of April 2025, how many routes had been operationalised under UDAN?

(1) 550 (2) 625 (3) 700 (4) 775

286. The total number of airports served by UDAN flights by its eighth year is around \_\_\_\_.

(1) 75 (2) 82 (3) 90 (4) 102

287. Viability-Gap Funding (VGF) disbursed for UDAN so far totals roughly \_\_\_\_.

(1) ₹ 2 640 cr (2) ₹ 3 455 cr (3) ₹ 4 023 cr (4) ₹ 5 100 cr

288. The government has pledged to create how many additional airports over the next five years under UDAN?

(1) 50 (2) 75 (3) 90 (4) 100

289. India's first satellite Aryabhata was launched on 19 April 1975 from which Soviet site?

(1) Baikonur (2) Plesetsk (3) Vostochny (4) Kapustin Yar

290. The launch of Aryabhata made India the \_\_\_\_ country to place a satellite in orbit.

(1) 9<sup>th</sup> (2) 11<sup>th</sup> (3) 13<sup>th</sup> (4) 15<sup>th</sup>

291. Which year marked the 50th anniversary of Aryabhata's launch?

(1) 2024 (2) 2025 (3) 2026 (4) 2030

292. Which Californian city is set to host the cricket competition at the LA 28 Olympics?

(1) Anaheim (2) Pomona (3) Pasadena (4) Long Beach

293. Cricket last featured at the Olympics in \_\_\_\_.

(1) London 1908 (2) St Louis 1904 (3) Paris 1900 (4) Stockholm 1912

294. How many women's teams will contest the T20 event at LA 28?

(1) 4 (2) 5 (3) 6 (4) 8

295. Which two bat-and-ball sports join cricket on the LA 28 programme?

(1) Baseball & flag football (2) Baseball/softball & lacrosse (sixes) (3) Softball & squash (4) Flag football & squash

296. Who won the 2024-25 Indian Super League Cup?

(1) Bengaluru FC (2) Kerala Blasters (3) Mumbai City FC (4) Mohun Bagan Super Giant

297. Which state did Punjab defeat 4-1 in that men's hockey final?

(1) Haryana (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Madhya Pradesh (4) Odisha

298. Magnus Carlsen clinched the 2025 Freestyle Chess Grand Slam in which city?

(1) Oslo (2) New York (3) Dubai (4) Paris

299. Carlsen beat which grandmaster in the final to lift the Freestyle Chess trophy?

(1) Fabiano Caruana (2) Ding Liren (3) Hikaru Nakamura (4) Ian Nepomniachtchi

300. The Asian U18 Athletics Championships 2025 were staged in \_\_\_\_.

(1) Doha (2) Jakarta (3) Dammam (4) Bangkok

301. When Vaibhav Suryavanshi made his IPL debut, he was just \_\_\_\_.

(1) 13 y 350 d (2) 14 y 23 d (3) 15 y 10 d (4) 16 y 5 d

302. Vaibhav Suryavanshi debuted for which IPL franchise?

(1) Lucknow Super Giants (2) Rajasthan Royals (3) Punjab Kings (4) Mumbai Indians

303. Who was elected Chairperson of the IWLF Athletes' Commission in 2025?

(1) S. Sathish Kumar (2) Mirabai Chanu (3) Jeremy Lalrinnunga (4) Punam Yadav

304. At ISSF World Cup Lima 2025, India finished overall \_\_\_\_.

(1) 2<sup>nd</sup> (2) 3<sup>rd</sup> (3) 4<sup>th</sup> (4) 5<sup>th</sup>

305. Which pair clinched the 10 m Air Pistol mixed-team gold for India?

(1) Saurabh Chaudhary / Manu Bhawne (2) Divyansh Panwar / Elavenil Valarivan (3) Saurabh Chaudhary / Suruchi Singh (4) Arjun Cheema / Esha Singh

306. Bollywood actor appointed as the official 'Fit India Icon' in 2025:

(1) Akshay Kumar (2) Ayushmann Khurrana (3) Tiger Shroff (4) Vidyut Jammwal

307. Neeraj Chopra is currently coached by three-time Olympic champion \_\_\_\_.





(1)Andreas Thorkildsen (2)Thomas Röhler (3)Jan Železný (4)Julius Yego

308. 2025 IBSF World Billiards (timed) champion:

(1)Pankaj Advani (2)Rupesh Shah (3)Dhruv Sitwala (4)Sourav Kothari

309. The women's 400 m hurdles meet record of 56.04 s was set by \_\_\_\_.

(1)Saritaben Gayakwad (2)Vithya Ramraj (3)Priyanka Mohan (4)Jauna Murmu

310. The mixed-doubles title at WTT Contender Tunis 2025 went to Manush Shah and \_\_\_\_.

(1)Archana Kamath (2)Mouma Das (3)Diya Chitale (4)Sreeja Akula

311. Which country stands as the sole bidder to host the 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup?

(1)England (2)Australia (3)USA (4)Brazil

312. The 7<sup>th</sup> Khelo India Youth Games (2025) will be held in which state?

(1)Odisha (2)Maharashtra (3)Bihar (4)Assam

313. Suruchi Singh specialises in which pistol distance?

(1)25 m (2)10 m (3)50 m (4)Rapid-fire

314. Mirabai Chanu is an Olympic silver-medallist in which weight-lifting category?

(1)49 kg (2)53 kg (3)49 kg (Tokyo 2020) (4)55 kg





Answers

Answers (March 1 to 15)

1	3	21	3	41	4	61	2	81	3
2	2	22	4	42	2	62	2	82	3
3	3	23	2	43	3	63	3	83	2
4	2	24	3	44	3	64	3	84	3
5	2	25	2	45	3	65	2	85	3
6	3	26	2	46	2	66	2	86	3
7	3	27	3	47	3	67	1	87	1
8	4	28	1	48	2	68	2	88	3
9	1	29	2	49	2	69	2	89	2
10	2	30	2	50	2	70	3	90	2
11	3	31	2	51	2	71	2	91	3
12	2	32	4	52	2	72	2	92	2
13	3	33	3	53	2	73	2	93	4
14	2	34	3	54	3	74	2	94	2
15	3	35	2	55	4	75	2	95	2
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