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

1. Which state ranked highest in the **Fiscal Health Index 2025**, as per **NITI Aayog**'s analysis? **Ans: Odisha** (with a score of **67.8**)

2. According to government data (up to 2023–24), which skill development scheme received the highest budgetary allocation over the last five years?

Ans: Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) (₹4,906.32 crore)

3. What is the total budgetary outlay for PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) launched on 15 November 2023, including both central and state shares?

**Ans: ₹24,104 crore** 

4. What is the total financial outlay of the **Vibrant Villages Programme – II (VVP-II)** up to the year **2028–29**?

Ans: ₹6,839 crore

5. What is the primary objective of the **Stand-Up India Sche me** launched on **5 April 2016**?

Ans: To provide loans to SC, ST, and women entrepreneurs to start new businesses

**6.** As of **17 March 2025**, what is the total amount of loans sanctioned under the **Stand-Up India Scheme** since its launch?

Ans: ₹61,020.41 crore

7. Which category of entrepreneurs saw the largest increase in the number of loan accounts between **November 2018** and **November 2024** under the Stand-Up India Scheme?

**Ans: Women entrepreneurs** 

8. Which Union Territory recently became the 35th State/UT to implement the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY scheme?

Ans: Delhi

9. What was the share of **coal** in India's total energy generation in **2023–24** according to the **Energy Statistics in India 2025** report?

Ans: 79%

10. When was the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) launched?

Ans: 8 April 2015

11. What is the total value of loans sanctioned under PMMY as of April 2025?

Ans: ₹32.61 lakh crore

12. What percentage of PMMY beneficiaries are women as of FY25?

Ans: 68%

13. Which state has the highest total loan disbursal under PMMY as of February 2025?

Ans: Tamil Nadu

**14.** What was the average **Mudra loan ticket size** in **FY25**?

**Ans: ₹1.02 lakh** 

15. According to the SBI report, what was the projected MSME lending in FY25?

Ans: ₹30 lakh crore

16. What share of PMMY accounts are held by SC, ST, and OBC entrepreneurs combined?

Ans: 50%

17. What is the name of the unique **sensory dark room** inaugurated on 7 April 2025 for the visually impaired?

Ans: Antar Drishti

**18.** When is the **7th edition of Poshan Pakhwada** being celebrated in **2025**?

Ans: 8 April to 22 April

19. Where was the 6th BIMSTEC Summit held in 2025?

Ans: Bangkok

20. What was a major economic proposal made by PM Modi during the 6th BIMSTEC Summit?

**Ans:** Linking India's **UPI** with member nations

21. What is the name of the vision document adopted during the 6th BIMSTEC Summit?

Ans: Bangkok Vision 2030

22. Which country assumed the **BIMSTEC chairmanship** on **4 April 2025**?

Ans: Bangladesh

23. How many child adoptions were recorded in India in FY 2024-25, the highest since 2015-16:

Ans: 4,515

**24.** Which state topped the national rankings under **SPMRM** (Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission) in **2025**?

**Ans: Tamil Nadu** (2nd: Mizoram, 3rd: Uttar Pradesh)

25. What is the title of the report released by UNESCO in March 2025 on school meals and nutrition?

Ans: Education and Nutrition: Learn to Eat Well

26. What is the initial seed capital provided under Assam's "Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan"?

Ans: ₹10,000

27. What is the maximum financial assistance a youth can receive under the "Rajiv Yuva Vikasam Scheme" in Telangana?

Ans: ₹4 lakh

28. What is the name of the Karnataka government's initiative to reduce digital addiction?

**Ans: Digital Detox Initiative – Beyond Screens** 

**29.** According to **IRDAI's Master Circular on Health Insurance Products**, within how much time must insurers settle **cashless claims** after receiving the discharge request?

Ans: 3 hours

**30.** According to IRDAI's Master Circular on Health Insurance Products, in emergency cases, how soon should the insurer decide on the request for **cashless authorisation**?

Ans: Within 1 hour

31. How many hours of training will be provided under the NSDC-PayPal skill development initiative?

Ans: 420-480 hours

32. What was the total dividend declared by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in FY 2023–24?

Ans: ₹27,830 crore

33. What amount did the government receive from PSBs as dividend in FY24?

Ans: ₹18,013 crore

34. What was the aggregate net profit of 12 PSBs in FY 2023–24?

Ans: ₹1.41 lakh crore

**35.** Which public sector bank recorded the highest share of **PSB profits** in FY24?

Ans: State Bank of India

**36.** Which bank reported the highest percentage increase in **net profit** in FY24?

Ans: Punjab National Bank

37. What financial turnaround did PSBs achieve from FY18 to FY24?

Ans: From ₹85,390 crore loss to ₹1.41 lakh crore profit

38. As per NPCI data, what was the total value of UPI transactions recorded in India in March 2025?

Ans: ₹24.77 lakh crore

**39.** What was the total number of **UPI transactions** in March 2025?

Ans: 18.3 billion

**40.** What was the **FASTag transaction amount** recorded in March 2025?

**Ans: ₹6,800 crore** 

41. Which mutual fund house launched the "Energy Opportunities Fund" in April 2025?

**Ans: Kotak Mutual Fund** 

**42.** What is the minimum investment amount required for Kotak Energy Opportunities Fund?

**Ans: ₹100** 

**43.** Where was the ₹5 special comme morative stamp for RBI's 90th anniversary released?

Ans: National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA), Mumbai

**44.** What is the **tagline** featured on the logo of RBI's 90th Anniversary commemorative stamp? **Ans:** "Stability. Trust. Growth."

**45.** Who has been appointed as the new **Deputy Governor** of the **Reserve Bank of India** (**RBI**) in 2025?

Ans: Poonam Gupta

**46.** Poonam Gupta is the **4th** female Deputy Governor appointed at the RBI since its inception. **Ans:** (after KJ Udeshi, Shyamala Gopinath, and Usha Thorat)

**47.** Prior to her appointment as RBI Deputy Governor, Poonam Gupta served as the Director General of which think tank?

Ans: National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)

48. Which former RBI Deputy Governor did Poonam Gupta succeed in 2025?

Ans: Michael Patra

**49.** Poonam Gupta also served as the RBI Chair Professor at which institution?

**Ans: National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)** 

**50.** How many **Deputy Governors** are currently serving at the RBI, including Poonam Gupta?

Ans: 4 (Poonam Gupta, Swaminathan J, T Rabi Shankar, and M Rajeshwar Rao)

**51.** As per revised **U.S. policy** in April 2025, what is the new **import duty rate** that the U.S. will impose on goods imported from India?

Ans: 26%

**52.** What was India's **trade surplus** with the U.S. in goods during **FY 2023–24**?

Ans: \$35.32 billion

53. As per the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India (Dec 2024), which mechanism accounted for the highest percentage of recoveries made by banks in FY 2023–24? Ans: Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) (48% of recoveries)

**54.** How many total corporate debtors were rescued under **IBC** till December 2024?

Ans: 3,485

**55.** How many amendments and regulatory reforms have been made to the IBC since its inception (2016)?

Ans: [Number of amendments]

56. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for FY26? Ans: C S Setty (Chief of SBI)

57. What is the GST collection reported for March 2025, making it the 2nd-highest ever?

Ans: ₹1.96 lakh crore

**58.** What is the maximum daily transaction limit allowed on Federal Bank's newly launched "Fed StarBiz" credit card?

Ans: ₹3 lakh

**59.** What is the maximum **credit limit** available on the Fed StarBiz card?

Ans: ₹50 lakh

**60.** What is the annual premium for the newly launched **Group Protection Insurance (GPI)** scheme in the UAE?

Ans: AED 32

**61.** What is the sum assured under the GPI scheme launched in the UAE for blue-collar workers?

Ans: AED 35,000

**62.** What is the name of the digital initiative launched for Indian workers in Dubai to enhance digital literacy?

**Ans: Digital Literacy Programme** 

**63.** What is the name of the women's health initiative launched by Star Health Insurance on International Women's Day?

Ans: SheTARA

64. Where is Tamil Nadu's first all-women operated "Pink Branch" of Star Health Insurance located?

Ans: Anna Nagar, Chennai

**65.** What is the new auto-settlement limit set by EPFO under its **ASAC** system?

Ans: ₹5 lakh

**66.** Which two institutions have signed an **MoU** to promote rural growth in Assam?

Ans: NABARD and State Bank of India

**67.** According to the **India Digital Payments Report H2 2024**, what was the YoY growth in **UPI transaction volume** during July–December 2024?

**Ans: 42%** (from 65.77 billion to 93.23 billion)

**68.** What was the total value of **UPI transactions** during July–December 2024?

Ans: ₹130.19 trillion

**69.** As of December 2024, which three **UPI platforms** collectively accounted for **93%** of transaction volume?

Ans: PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm

**70.** As of December 2024, what is India's total **external debt**?

Ans: \$717.9 billion

71. Who has been appointed as the first Executive Director (Growth) of NPCI?

Ans: Sohini Rajola

72. Which RBI-approved NBFC aims to disburse ₹100 crore in education loans in its first year?

Ans: Securis Finance

73. What is the name of the digital smart card product for teenagers operated by Securis Finance?

Ans: Junio

74. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of PFRDA?

Ans: Sivas ubramanian Ramann

**75.** Which alternative overnight benchmark rate was suggested by RBI in December 2024 to replace WACR?

Ans: Secured Overnight Rupee Rate (SORR)

**76.** Who was appointed as the head of the committee formed by the RBI to review rupee interest rate benchmarks?

Ans: Ramanathan Subramanian

77. What is the name of the framework that requires identified UCBs to initiate timely remedial actions?

Ans: Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Frame work

**78.** The Deposit Insurance provided by **DICGC** covers account holders in:

Ans: Both Commercial and Co-operative Banks

**79.** As per revised RBI guidelines, what is the maximum charge a bank can levy per ATM transaction beyond the free limit?

**Ans:** ₹23 (increased from ₹21)

80. How many free ATM transactions are customers allowed per month from their own bank's ATMs?

Ans: 5

81. In metro centres, how many free ATM transactions are allowed per month from other bank ATMs?

Ans: 3

82. As of January 2025, how many total ATMs were operational across India?

**Ans: 2.57 lakh** 

83. Out of the total ATMs reported in January 2025, how many were White Label ATMs?

Ans: 36,000

84. What is the maximum limit set by the RBI for FPI in government securities for FY 2025–26?

**85.** How much total liquidity support is the RBI providing via **Open Market Operations (OMOs)** in April 2025?

**Ans:** ₹80,000 crore (in 4 tranches of ₹20,000 crore each)

86. What was India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) as a percentage of GDP in Q3 FY25?

Ans: 1.1%

**87.** What was the value of the **merchandise trade deficit** in Q3 FY25?

Ans: \$79.2 billion

**88.** According to RBI's **IIP data**, what was the value of India's net foreign liabilities in **December 2024**?

Ans: \$364.5 billion

89. As of March 2024, how much forest area was reported under encroachment by MoEFCC?

Ans: 13,056 sq km

90. Which state has reported the highest forest encroachment in India?

Ans: Madhya Pradesh

91. How much forest encroachment was removed as per the latest government report?

Ans: 409.77 sq km

92. According to the Tea Board of India, what was India's total tea export volume in 2024?

**Ans: 254 Mkg** 

93. In 2024, India became the world's second-largest tea exporter.

**Ans:** (First: Kenya)

**94.** What is India's tea export target by 2030?

Ans: 300 Mkg

**95.** What is the name of the **mobile application** launched under **Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan 2025** in Uttarakhand?

Ans: Bhagirath

**96.** What is the **theme** of Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan 2025?

Ans: "Dhara Mera, Naula Mera, Gaon Mera, Prayas Mera'

97. Which institutions are assisting with river treatment plans under the **Spring and River Rejuvenation Authority (SARA)** in Uttarakhand?

Ans: IIT Roorkee and NIH Roorkee

98. How much renewable energy capacity did India add in FY 2024–25?

**Ans: 25 GW** 

99. What was the percentage increase in renewable energy addition in FY25 vs. the previous year?

Ans: 35%

**100.** The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** approved inclusion of which project under **PMKSY-AIBP**?

Ans: Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project

**101.** What is the total estimated cost of the **Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project** as approved by the CCEA?

Ans: ₹6,282.32 crore

**102.** The Kosi Mechi Project will divert surplus water from which river?

Ans: Kosi

103. The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) was launched in which year?

Ans: 2015–16

**104.** Which districts in Bihar will benefit directly from the Kosi Mechi Link Project?

Ans: Araria, Purnea, Kishanganj, Katihar

**105.** Which new portal has been launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti for real-time monitoring of reservoir storage?

**Ans: Reservoir Storage Monitoring System (RSMS)** 

**106.** Who launched the RSMS portal?

Ans: The Union Minister of Jal Shakti, C.R. Patil

**107.** How many reservoirs' live storage capacities are monitored by the **Central Water Commission** (CWC)?

Ans: 161

108. How many pests and crops are currently supported under the National Pest Surveillance System?

Ans: 61 crops and 400 pests

109. By when does the government aim to generate Farmer IDs for 11 crore farmers?

Ans: 2027

110. What is the total outlay of the **Digital Agriculture Mission**?

**Ans: ₹2,817 crore** 

111. What was India's total coal production in FY 2024–25?

Ans: 1,047.57 MT

**112.** Which city will host the **AI Centre for Geospatial Analytics** under Maharashtra's MoU with Microsoft?

Ans: Mumbai

**113.** The **Centre of Excellence** in Pune under the Maharashtra–Microsoft AI partnership will focus on enhancing:

**Ans: Criminal investigations** 

**114.** The joint venture between **BEL** and **Safran Electronics & Defense** aims to manufacture which weapon system in India?

Ans: HAMMER (Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range)

115. The HANSA-3 (Next Gen) aircraft is intended primarily for:

**Ans: Pilot training** 

116. Which organisation developed the HANSA-3 aircraft initially in 2000?

Ans: National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) under CSIR

117. Who has been appointed as the new **President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)** in 2025? **Ans: Mohsin Naqvi** (Chairman of the PCB)

118. The Ugadi Award presented by Karnataka Govt went to historian MyNaa Swamy for research in the Vijayanagara Empire and Lepakshi Temple.

Ans: MyNaa Swamy

**119.** Which state signed an MoU with **NASSCOM**, **IESA**, and **TiE Bangalore** to explore IT and semiconductor opportunities?

Ans: Chhattisgarh

**120.** Under **Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN)**, DoT signed an MoU with which institution for rural broadband?

Ans: NABARD

**121.** Who became India's fastest man with a **10.20 s** 100 m at the Indian Grand Prix 1, 2025?

Ans: Gurindevir Singh

**122.** What is the total length of the Indian Railways **expansion projects** recently approved by the CCEA?

Ans: 1,247 km

**123.** What was the total value of India's **defence exports** in FY 2024–25?

**Ans: ₹23,622 crore** 

**124.** What is the name of the poverty eradication initiative under Andhra Pradesh's

**'Swarnandhra 2047'** vision?

Ans: Zero Poverty – P4

125. What is the name of Nvidia's inference framework for distributed AI?

Ans: Dynamo

126. Who has been given additional charge as Chairperson of NFRA from 1 April 2025?

**Ans: Ravneet Kaur** 

127. Under which section of the Companies Act, 2013 was NFRA constituted?

**Ans: Section 132(1)** 

128. Who has been appointed as the new President of the India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA)?

Ans: Debmalya Sen

**129.** Where will the Argentina national football team play an exhibition match in India in

**October 2025**?

Ans: Ke rala

130. When did Lionel Messi first play a football match in India?

Ans: 2011

131. Who is Argentina's commercial partner for India & Singapore for the 2025 football season?

Ans: HSBC

132. Who won the 2025 Abel Prize for algebraic analysis and representation theory?

Ans: Masaki Kashiwara

133. Which prestigious mathematics award is often called the "Nobel Prize for Mathematics"?

Ans: Abel Prize

**134.** What is the monetary value of the 2025 Abel Prize?

Ans: 7.5 million Norwegian kroner (~\$720,000)

**135.** Where is the 2025 Abel Prize ceremony scheduled?

**Ans: University of Oslo** 

**136.** Who is the new **Private Secretary** to PM Narendra Modi?

Ans: Nidhi Tewari

137. Before that, Nidhi Tewari served as **Deputy Secretary**, **PMO**.

Ans: Deputy Secretary, PMO

**138.** The Abel Prize is named after which Norwegian mathematician?

Ans: Niels Henrik Abel

139. Who won the Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Sustainability in 2025?

Ans: The Dalai Lama

**140.** Where was the Gold Mercury Award originally established?

Ans: Italy

**141.** What is the total financial outlay approved by the Cabinet for the new **PLI sche me for electronics components**?

Ans: ₹22,919 crore

**142.** What is the name of Kerala's first-of-its-kind **drug disposal programme** launched in 2025?

**Ans: nPROUD** (New Programme for Removal of Unused Drugs)

**143.** Which district in Kerala is the pilot area for nPROUD?

Ans: Kozhikode

**144.** Who won the classical "Tashkent Open Agzamov Memorial 2025" chess tournament?

**Ans: Nihal Sarin** 

145. What is the name of the **mobile network system** deployed on the Moon by NASA under IM-2? Ans: Lunar Surface Communication System (LSCS)

146. Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Public Service through Cultural Leadership from Bridge India in 2025?

Ans: Chiranjeevi

**147.** Nokia signed a multi-year deal with which Indian telecom company for 4G/5G core and FWA solutions?

Ans: Bharti Airtel

148. What is the theme of International Day of Yoga 2025 announced by PM Modi?

Ans: "Yoga for One Earth One Health"

149. How many locomotives did India produce in FY 2024–25?

Ans: 1,681

150. Which two Tamil Nadu products recently received GI tags?

Ans: Kumbakonam vetrilai & Thovalai maanikka maalai

151. Which infrastructure project won the SKOCH 2025 Award in Maharashtra?

Ans: Samruddhi Mahamarg

**152.** Who won the women's title at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper squash event?

**Ans: Anahat Singh** 

**153.** Who won the men's singles title at the Miami Open 2025 by defeating Novak Djokovic?

Ans: Jakub Mensik

154. Which country topped the medal tally at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2025?

**Ans: Iran** (17 medals: 9 gold, 4 silver, 4 bronze)

155. Which state has the second-highest number of GI-tagged products in India as of 2025?

**Ans: Tamil Nadu** (69; 1st: Uttar Pradesh – 79)

**156.** Who became the first Indian to manufacture a high-tech solar-powered car?

Ans: Bilal Ahmad Mir (brand: BISA, car "RAY")

157. Which women's hockey player retired after a record 320 international matches?

Ans: Vandana Katariya

158. Which organisation released the India Philanthropy Report (IPR) 2025?

Ans: Dasra and Bain & Company

**159.** As per IPR 2025, what percentage of India's social sector funding in FY24 came from **public spending**?

Ans: 95%

160. What is the net worth threshold to be classified as an UHNWI as per IPR 2025?

**Ans: ₹1,000 crore** and above

**161.** How many **GI-registered crafts** from Jammu & Kashmir as of 2025?

**Ans: 15** (with 8 new)

**162.** Who is the new **President of FIEO** in 2025?

Ans: S C Ralhan

**163.** What is the name of Bilal Ahmad Mir's solar car brand?

Ans: Bilal Innovative Solar Automobile (BISA)

**164.** Which Indian female wrestler won India's only gold at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2025? **Ans: Manis ha Bhanwala** (62 kg)

**165.** What total solar capacity had Indian Railways installed across stations by Feb 2025?

Ans: 209 MW

**166.** Who won the 2025 **Windham-Campbell Prize** (non-fiction) for *Capital: A Portrait of Twenty-First-Century Delhi*?

Ans: Rana Dasgupta

**167.** How much prize money does each Windham-Campbell Prize recipient receive?

Ans: \$175,000

168. Which US-based billionaire tops the Forbes World's Billionaires List 2025 with \$342 billion?

Ans: Elon Musk

**169.** What is India's rank in number of billionaires in Forbes 2025?

Ans: 3rd

**170.** Who is the world's youngest billionaire according to Forbes 2025?

Ans: Johannes von Baumbach (19, Germany)

171. Which Indian woman billionaire ranked 48th globally in Forbes 2025 with \$35.5 billion?

Ans: Savitri Jindal

172. What is the name of the proposed cooperative university in Gujarat approved in 2025?

Ans: Tribhuvan Sahkari University

173. Tribhuvan Sahkari University is named after which cooperative movement leader?

Ans: Tribhuvandas Kishibhai Patel

174. What is the combined net worth of all billionaires globally per Forbes 2025?

Ans: \$16.1 trillion

175. Tiger TRIUMPH 2025 is the 4th edition of the HADR exercise between India and the United States.

**Ans:** United States

176. According to MoD, what was the total value of India's defence exports in FY 2024–25?

**Ans:** ₹23,622 crore (12.04%  $\uparrow$  ₹2,539 crore)

177. Which Indian naval ship hosted the Tiger TRIUMPH 2025 opening ceremony?

Ans: INS Jalashwa

178. Which country received a BrahMos missile export from India in April 2024?

**Ans: Philippines** 

**179.** Which state will receive ₹**18,360 crore** for pumped storage project financing from REC Ltd under the Global Green Hydrogen & Renewable Energy Summit 2025?

Ans: Ke rala

**180.** What is the name of the AI-powered railway track inspection system launched by **L&T Technology Services**?

Ans: TrackEi

**181.** By how much did India's installed solar module manufacturing capacity increase between March 2024 and March 2025?

Ans: From 38 GW to 74 GW

**182.** Who has been appointed as the Whole-time Member (Life) of **IRDAI**, the first private sector professional in this post?

Ans: Swaminathan S Iyer

**183.** Who was recently appointed as the new **CEO of Intel**, succeeding Pat Gelsinger?

Ans: Lip-Bu Tan

**184.** In **March 2025**, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways launched **Sagarmala 2.0** with what budget support?

Ans: ₹40,000 crore

185. Which scheme provides interest-free loans to Waqf Boards for commercial projects?

Ans: Shahari Waqf Sampatti Vikas Yojana (SWSVY)

186. The 14th edition of the INDRA Naval Exercise (INDRA 2025) was held from 28 March to 2 April 2025, between the Indian and Russian navies.

Ans: Russian

# 2. Amounts & Agreements

# 3. Appointments & Resignations

# **Corporate Leadership Changes**

- 1. Intel
  - o **Appointment:** Lip-Bu Tan named **CEO**, succeeding Pat Gelsinger.
  - o Background: Former CEO of Cadence; 2022 Robert Noyce Awardee.
- 2. **Ambuja Cement** (effective 1 April 2025)
  - o Managing Director: Ajay Kapur reappointed for two years.
  - Whole-Time Director & CEO: Vinod Bahety.
  - o **CFO:** Rakesh Tiwary.
- 3. TVS Capital
  - o **Senior Advisor:** Shyam Srinivasan, former MD & CEO of Federal Bank.

- 4. Thomas Cook India
  - o **Brand Ambassador (Forex Business):** Kartik Aaryan.
- 5. Equitas Small Finance Bank
  - o **Executive Director Technology & Operations:** Balaji Nuthalapadi.
  - Bank Profile: Established 2016; HQ in Chennai; MD & CEO Vasudevan P N.
- 6. **DBS Bank India** 
  - Managing Director & Head, Consumer Banking Group: Ambuj Chandna (formerly President & Head, Consumer Bank – Products at Kotak Mahindra Bank).
  - o **CEO** (from 1 March 2025): Rajat Verma, succeeding Surojit Shome.

# **Banking & Financial Institutions**

- 1. Indian Banks' Association (IBA)
  - o Chairman: CS Setty (Chairman, SBI).
  - Deputy Chairmen:
    - A. Manimekhalai (MD, Union Bank)
    - Swarup Kumar Saha (MD, Punjab & Sind Bank)
    - Madhav Nair (Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait)
  - o **Honorary Secretary:** B. Ramesh Babu (MD, Karur Vysya Bank)
  - o **CEO** (earlier): Atul Kumar Goel (former MD, PNB)
- 2. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
  - **Executive Director Growth:** Sohini Rajola.
- 3. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
  - o **Deputy Governor:** Poonam Gupta
    - **Milestones:** First woman in 14 years; fourth female Deputy Governor in RBI's 90-year history (after KJ Udeshi, Shyamala Gopinath, Usha Thorat).
    - Other Roles: DG of NCAER; Member, Economic Advisory Council to the PM; Convener, Advisory Council to the 16th Finance Commission.
  - Current Deputy Governors: Swaminathan J; T. Rabi Sankar; M. Rajeshwar Rao;
     Poonam Gupta
- 4. Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
  - o Chairman: Sivasubramanian Ramann (1991 IA&AS), replacing Deepak Mohanty.
  - Term: Five years.
  - o **Key Initiative:** Implementing the Unified Pension Scheme (approved August 2024).
- 5. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
  - o Whole-Time Member (Life): Swaminathan S. Iyer.

#### **Regulatory & Trade Bodies**

- 1. Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)
  - o **President:** SC Ralhan (MD, Sri Tools Industries; 50+ years in exports), succeeding Ashwani Kumar.
  - Vice-President: Ravikant Kapur (Owner, Group GR; textiles sector).
  - Overview: Apex trade promotion body under the Ministry of Commerce & Industries (est. 1965); HQ in New Delhi; DG & CEO Ajay Sahai.
- 2. Competition Commission of India (CCI) & National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)
  - o **CCI Chairperson:** Ravneet Kaur (also holding additional charge as NFRA Chairperson for three months from 1 April 2025).

NFRA: Independent regulatory body under Companies Act, 2013 (Section 132(1)); established 2018.

### International Organizations & Leadership

#### 1. GSMA

Chairman (till 2026): Gopal Vittal (Vice Chairman & MD, Bharti Airtel), replacing José Maria Álvares-Pallete (CEO, Telefónica).

# 2. New Development Bank (NDB)

- o **President:** Dilma Vana Rousseff (former President of Brazil); tenure extended to 2030.
  - **Timeline:** First appointed March 2023 (succeeding Marco's Troyjo); original term ended July 2025; extension proposed by Russia at the 2024 BRICS Summit in Kazan.
- About NDB: Established July 2015; HQ in Shanghai; members Algeria, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Russia, South Africa, UAE, Uruguay.

#### 3. Asian Cricket Council (ACC)

- President: Mohsin Naqvi (former Chairman, Pakistan Cricket Board since Feb 2024), succeeding Shammi Silva.
- o ACC: Founded 1983 under ICC; 30 member associations; HQ in Dubai.

#### **Political & Government Positions**

#### 1. Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of India

- o **Appointee:** Nidhi Tewari (2014-batch IFS officer).
- o **Previous Role:** Deputy Secretary in PMO; joined as Under Secretary in 2022.
- o **Origin:** Varanasi (PM Modi's constituency).

#### 2. General Secretary, CPI(M)

- Elected: Mariam Alexander Baby at the Party Congress in Madurai (April 2025).
- Predecessor: Prakash Karat (after Sitaram Yechury's passing in Sep 2024).

#### 3. President of Gabon

- o **Elected:** Gen. Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema (interim President since 2023 coup) for a seven-year term with **90.35% vote**.
- Significance: First post-coup election ending a 50-year dynasty.
- capital: Libreville; Currency: Central African Franc.

#### 4. President of Ecuador

- o **Re-elected:** Daniel Noboa (youngest president at 35 in Nov 2023).
- o Capital: Quito; Currency: US Dollar.

4. Arts & Cultural Affairs

# 5. Awards, Rewards, Recognition

# 1. Bridge India Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Public Service through Cultural Leadership

- Recipient: Actor Chiranjeevi
- **Presented at:** House of Commons, UK Parliament
- Significance: First-ever lifetime achievement award presented by Bridge India
- Additional Honours for Chiranjeevi:
  - o 2024 Padma Vibhushan (India's 2nd-highest civilian award)
  - Guinness World Record as "Most Prolific Actor-Dancer"

# 2. National Intellectual Property (IP) Awards 2024

- **Presenter:** Commerce & Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal**
- Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- Categories: 13 (patents, designs, startups, brand creation)
- Notable Winners:
  - o **Top Indian Individual Patents (Male):** Sidramappa Shivashankar Dharane
  - o Top Indian Individual Patents (Female): Dr. Swagatika Panda
  - o **Top Indian Individual Designs (Female):** Dr. Anusha P.
  - Top Indian Academic Institution Patents: IIT Kanpur
  - o Top R&D Institution Patents Filing & Commercialization: Anna University
  - o Manufacturing Sector (Patents): Tata Steel
  - Services Sector: Jio Platforms
  - o **Top Indian MSME:** West Bengal Chemical Industries Limited
  - o **Top Startup:** Numeros Motors Private Limited (Bengaluru)
  - o **Top Indian Company Designs:** IIT Bombay
  - o Top Company Creating Brand in India & Abroad: Biocon Biologics (Bengaluru)
  - Best Incubator for IP Development: AIC-Nalanda Institute of Technology Foundation (Bhubanes war)

#### 3. 28th Abel Prize for Mathematics (2025)

- Awarded to: Masaki Kashiwara (Japan)
- **Established:** 2003 by the Government of Norway
- Prize Money: 7.5 million Norwegian Krone (~ USD 710,000)

#### 4. SKOCH 2025 Award

• **Recipient:** Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd (**MSRDC**)

• Project: Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg expressway

# 5. Prime Minister's Yoga Awards 2025

- Organiser: Ministry of Ayush
- Categories: National & International × Individual & Organisation
- Prize: Trophy, certificate, ₹ 25 Lakh cash each
- Eligibility:
  - o **Individuals:**  $\geq 40$  years old with  $\geq 20$  years of service
  - Entities: Via nomination/application (one category per year)
- Minister of State (Ayush): Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao

#### 6. Mithra Vibhushana for Prime Minister Narendra Modi

- Award: Highest civilian honour of Sri Lanka (instituted 2008)
- Conferred by: President Anura Kumara Dissanavake
- Additional Context (Arunachal Pradesh):
  - o Capital: Itanagar
  - o Chief Minister: Pema Khandu
  - o **Governor:** Lt Gen K T Parnaik

#### 7. City Key of Honour, Lisbon

- Recipient: President Droupadi Murmu
- **Presenter:** Mayor of Lisbon at City Hall
- **Honour:** Honorary citizenship of the "City of Seven Hills"
- Occasion: 50 years of India–Portugal relations (since 1975)

#### 8. Sand Master Award 2025

- Recipient: Sudarsan Pattnaik
- Event: Sandworld 2025, Weymouth, Dorset (UK)
- Award: Fred Darrington Sand Master Award
- **Sculpture:** 10 ft Lord Ganesha promoting "World Peace"
- Previous Honours:
  - o Padma Shri (2014)
  - o Golden Sand Master (2024, St Petersburg)

#### 9. National Maritime Varuna Award 2025

• Recipient: Rajesh Unni (Synergy Marine Group)

• Occasion: 62nd National Maritime Day (5 April 2025, Mumbai)

# 10. Steel Sustainability Champion 2025

- Awarded to: Tata Steel
- Organisation: World Steel Association (Worldsteel)

# 11. World's Best Airport 2025

- Global Winner: Singapore Changi Airport (13th time)
- Top 5 Airports:
  - 1. Singapore Changi
  - 2. Doha Hamad
  - 3. Tokyo International
  - 4. Incheon
  - 5. Narita
- Regional Winners (India & South Asia):
  - o **Best Airport:** Delhi IGI
  - Best Regional Airport: Bengaluru (Kempegowda)
  - o **Best Staff Service:** Hyderabad
  - o Cleanest Airport (and highest-ranked for < 5 million pax): Goa Manohar

# 12. TERI's Sustainable Development Leadership Award 2025

- Recipients:
  - o Dr Bharrat Jagdeo (Vice President, Guyana)
  - o Marina Silva (Environment & Climate Change Minister, Brazil)
- Venue: World Sustainable Development Summit, New Delhi
- About TERI: The Energy and Resources Institute, founded in 1974 (New Delhi); independent non-profit dedicated to sustainable development through research, policy advocacy, and capacity building.

# 13. National SKOCH Award (Police & Safety category)

- Project: UP Police's Investigation, Prosecution & Conviction Portal
- **Developer:** UP Police Technical Services Unit



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# 6. Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

#### **Monetary Policy & RBI Actions**

- **Policy Repo Rate**: Reduced by **25** bps to **6.00** % with effect from April 9, 2025, by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).
- Standing Liquidity Facility (SLF) for Primary Dealers: Available at the revised reportate of 6.00 %.
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate: 5.75 %.
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate & Bank Rate: 6.25 %.
- SLF Limit for SPDs: Raised to ₹ 15,000 crore (effective April 2, 2025).
- Open Market Operations (OMO): ₹80,000 crore purchases in four tranches (₹20,000 cr each) on April 3, 8, 22 & 29, 2025 the largest OMO in four years, following a ₹1 lakh cr injection in March 2025.
- Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) Caps for FY 2025–26: Unchanged at 6 % of G-Secs, 2 % of State G-Secs, and 15 % of corporate bonds.
- Foreign Investor Limits Proposal: RBI aims to double individual foreign investor cap in listed Indian companies from 5 % to 10 %, with a possible raise of total foreign investor limit from 10 % to 24 % under final discussion with Government, RBI & SEBI.
- **RBI 90th Anniversary**: President Murmu released a commemorative ₹ 5 postage stamp with motto "Stability. Trust. Growth" at NCPA, Mumbai. RBI established April 1, 1935; first Governor Sir Osborne Smith; first Indian Governor Sir CD Deshmukh; HQ shifted from Kolkata to Mumbai in 1937.
- Headquarters & Leadership:
  - o **HQ**: Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - o **Governor**: Sanjay Malhotra (26th)

Deputy Governors: Swaminathan Janakiraman; T. Rabi Sankar; M. Rajeshwar Rao;
 Poonam Gupta

#### • RBI Initiatives:

- "RBI Kehta Hai" financial awareness campaign expanded with an official WhatsApp channel.
- Regulatory Sandbox "On Tap" Facility moved to Theme Neutral cohort (closes May 2025).
- 69th OBICUS Survey (Order Books, Inventories & Capacity Utilisation) launched for Jan–Mar 2025.
- Awarded "Most Innovative Financial Institution" by Global Finance magazine (first central bank ever) for its Unified Lending Interface (ULI) and prior Digital Transformation Award by Central Banking, London.

# II. Priority Sector Lending (PSL) Guidelines (Effective April 1, 2025)

- RBI amended PSL guidelines to enhance credit flow in priority areas.
- Weaker Sections Category:
  - o Cap removal on UCB loans to individual women beneficiaries.
  - Expanded to include: transgenders; small & marginal farmers; artisans; SHG/JLG members; SC/ST; persons with disabilities; notified minority communities; individual women beneficiaries (up to ₹ 2 lakh) [not for UCBs].
- Revised Loan Limits:
- 1. **Education Loans**: Up to ₹ 25 lakh per individual (including vocational).
- 2. **Social Infrastructure**: Up to ₹ 8 crore for schools, drinking water, healthcare in Tier 2–6 cities.
- 3. Artisans, Village & Cottage Industries: From  $\mathbf{\xi} \mathbf{1}$  lakh  $\rightarrow \mathbf{\xi} \mathbf{2}$  lakh.
- 4. Individual Women Beneficiaries: From  $\mathbf{\xi} \mathbf{1}$  lakh  $\rightarrow \mathbf{\xi} \mathbf{2}$  lakh.
- 5. Farmers' Warehouse Receipts:
  - Negotiable Warehouse Receipts: ₹ 75 lakh  $\rightarrow$  ₹ 90 lakh per individual.
  - Other Warehouse Receipts: Up to ₹ 60 lakh.

# **Export Credit:**

- o Indian banks: Up to 2 % of ANBC or maximum ₹ 50 crore.
- o Foreign banks (20+ branches): 2 % of ANBC; (fewer than 20 branches): 32 % of ANBC.

#### Renewable Energy Loans:

- o Power generators & public utilities: Up to ₹ 35 crore.
- Individual households: Up to ₹ 10 lakh.

#### **Housing Loans (Population-Based):**

o Cities ≥ 50 lakh: ₹ 50 lakh; 10–50 lakh: ₹ 45 lakh; < 10 lakh: ₹ 35 lakh.

# **Revised PSL Targets for UCBs:**

- o Total PSL: 60 % of ANBC or CEOBSE.
- Micro Enterprises: 7.5 % of ANBC.
- o Weaker Sections: 12 % of ANBC.

#### III. Macroeconomic & Fiscal Data

- Real GDP Growth:
  - 2024–25 (NSO estimate): 6.5 %.
  - o **2025–26** projections: Q1 6.5 %; Q2 6.7 %; Q3 6.6 %; Q4 6.3 %.
- Inflation Trends:



- o CPI headline inflation fell **1.6 pp** from **5.2 %** (Dec 2024) to **3.6 %** (Feb 2025).
- o Food inflation at a 21-month low of **3.8** % in Feb 2025 (seasonal vegetable correction).
- MPC projects FY 2025–26 CPI inflation at 4.0 % (Q1 3.6 %; Q2 3.9 %; Q3 3.8 %; Q4 4.4 %).
- **Fiscal Deficit**: FY 2025–26 estimated at **4.4** % of GDP (~ ₹ 15,68,936 crore), down from **4.8** % in FY 2024–25.
- Government Borrowing (Apr–Sep 2025): Plan to raise ₹ 8 lakh crore via dated securities (54 % of FY 2025–26 gross market borrowing of ₹ 14.82 lakh cr), including ₹ 10,000 cr through Sovereign Green Bonds.
- State Grants: Second instalment of 15th Finance Commission grants total ₹ 436 crore (Karnataka: ₹ 404.97 cr; Tripura: ₹ 31.13 cr).
- **GST Collections**: ₹ **1.96 lakh crore** in March 2025 (second-highest; April 2024 was ₹ 2.1 lakh cr).
- **Trade Data**: April–September 2024 trade growth of **5.67** % (NITI Aayog's Trade Watch Quarterly Q2 FY 2024–25).
- **GDP Projections** (various agencies for FY 25/FY 26):
  - o RBI: 6.6 % / 6.7 %
  - o EY Economy Watch: / 6.5 %
  - o Fitch, CRISIL: / 6.5 %
  - Moody's Analytics: 6.4 % /—
  - o Deloitte: 6.5–6.8 % / —
  - o FICCI: 6.4 % /—
  - o UN:—/—(CY 25 6.6 %; CY 26 6.7 %)
  - o SBI: 6.3 % / —
  - o NSO: 6.4 % / —

# IV. Payment Systems & Digital Transactions

- UPI Volumes & Value:
  - o Jul–Dec 2024: Volumes up **42** % to **93.23 bn**; value up **31** % to ₹ **130.19 trn**.
  - o March 2025: **19.78 bn** transactions; ₹ **24.77 trn** (first crossing ₹ 24 trn).
- FASTag: March 2025 volumes 379 mn; value ₹ 6,800 cr.
- Leading UPI Platforms: PhonePe, Google Pay, Paytm account for 93 % of volume & 92 % of value (Dec 2024).
- NPCI & BHIM:
  - o Launched **BHIM 3.0**, targeting low-internet areas, supporting cashless economy.
  - o Razorpay Turbo UPI Plugin on BHIM Vega enables in-app UPI without redirection.
  - o "Paison Ki Kadar" campaign to position BHIM as "Bharat Ka Apna Payments App."
  - o **UPI P2M Limits**: ₹ 1 lakh per txn for P2P & P2M; special cases up to ₹ 2 lakh/₹ 5 lakh; banks may set lower internal limits.
- **PhonePe**: Launched 2-wheeler insurance with own-damage cover starting at ₹ 1.

# V. Institutional Appointments & Leadership

- NPCI:
  - Executive Director (Growth): Sohini Rajola (first ED; formerly Western Union Asia-Pacific Head).
  - o Chairman: Ajay Kumar Choudhary; MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe; HQ: Mumbai; est. 2008.



- **RBI Deputy Governor**: Poonam Gupta (4th woman DG after ~14 years), succeeds Michael Patra.
- **PFRDA Chairperson**: Sivasubramanian Ramann (5-yr term), replaces Deepak Mohanty in May 2025; HQ: New Delhi.
- Commonwealth Secretary-General: Shirley Botchwey (first African woman), succeeds Patricia Scotland.
- **SEBI**: Formed high-level committee on conflict-of-interest chaired by Pratyush Sinha; HQ: Mumbai; est. 1992; Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey.
- **IRDAI**: Fines Flipkart ₹ 1.06 crore for insurance norms violations; HQ: Hyderabad; Chairman: Debasish Panda.
- Securis Finance: Approved as NBFC; plans ₹ 100 cr education loans in Year 1; product 'Junio' digital pocket money card.
- MobiKwik Securities Broking: MCA approval for wholly owned broking subsidiary.
- HDFC Bank & IDFC First Bank IFSC Unit: Designated first corporate agents in GIFT IFSC.
- **KVGB**: First RRB to launch e-Bank Guarantee services (partner NESL).
- **EPFO**: Removed requirement for cheque leaf/bank passbook upload and employer approval for UAN seeding; HQ: New Delhi; CEO: Neelam Shami Rao.
- One State One RRB Plan: Merge 43 RRBs into 28; GOI shareholding 50 %; sponsor banks 35 %; state govt 15 %; ₹ 5,445 cr allocated.
- **RBI's "1600" Call Series Mandate**: All SEBI-regulated entities to use "1600" for service/transactional voice calls.

# VI. Corporate Deals & Partnerships

- Inter-Bank Participation Certificate (IBPC): IndusInd Bank transfers ₹ 10,000 cr of corporate loans to ICICI Bank & Federal Bank.
- NABARD-SBI MoU: Boost rural growth in Assam with ₹ 500 cr in FY 2025-26 and ₹ 1,000 cr annually thereafter.
- **BEL & Safran (France)**: MoU to manufacture "**HAMMER**" precision-guided munitions; BEL HQ: Bengaluru; CMD: Manoj Jain.
- LIC-ManipalCigna: LIC to acquire 40-49 % stake (₹ 3,500 cr deal).
- Axis Bank & JPMorgan: 24×7 USD payment capabilities via Kinexys blockchain from GIFT City.
- ICICI Bank: To sell entire 19 % stake in ICICI Merchant Services via share purchase.
- Zaggle Prepaid Ocean Services Ltd: Acquired 51 % stake in EffiaSoft Pvt Ltd (Hyderabad).
- **BOI & NIACL**: Partnership for general insurance solutions.
- PLI Scheme: Union Cabinet approved ₹ 22,919 cr scheme for key electronics components.
- Ultra Tech Cement: Acquired Wonder WallCare for ₹ 235 cr.
- GAIL (India) Ltd: Signed 5-year LNG supply deal with Qatar Energy Trading.
- Odisha Exports: Drumsticks & Parwal to Dubai for the first time.
- **SBI Tokyo**: Granted JPY 26 billion (~₹ 1,476 cr) loan to IREDA (5-yr tenure; < 7 % cost; green shoe JPY 10 bn).
- **Poona walla Fincorp**: Launched Shopkeeper Loan Business (44 locations) & CV Secured Loan Business; HQ: Pune; MD & CEO: Arvind Kapil.
- **IFCI**: ₹ 500 cr capital infusion; govt holding rises above 71.72 %; HQ: New Delhi; MD & CEO: Rahul Bhave.
- **Jio Finance**: Loan Against Securities up to ₹ 1 cr at 9.99 % p.a.; tenure up to 3 years; no foreclosure.
- GAIL Global IFSC Ltd: 100 % subsidiary in GIFT City; authorized capital ₹ 17 cr; paid-up ₹ 8.5 cr.
- MUFG Bank: Acquiring SBI's 23.98 % stake in Yes Bank, aiming for majority ownership.



- Federal Bank "Fed StarBiz" Credit Card: For SMEs, co-created with NPCI & Visa; limit up to ₹ 50 lakh; daily txn limit ₹ 3 lakh; HQ: Aluva; MD & CEO: Krishnan Venkat Subramanian.
- **bob Square Drive Deposit Scheme** (BoB): Launched April 7, 2025; tenure 444 days; interest: 7.15 % general, 7.65 % senior, 7.75 % super-senior; HQ: Vadodara; MD & CEO: Debadatta Chand.
- **SBI Amrit Kalash FD**: Discontinued April 1, 2025; 400-day FD at 7.10 % (regular), 7.60 % (senior); replaced by **Amrit Vrishti FD**.

#### VII. Financial Market Instruments & Products

- Certificates of Deposit (CDs):
  - o March 2025 issuances: ₹ 2.06 lakh cr (↑ 62 % YoY).
  - o FY 2024–25 total: ₹ 13.05 lakh cr (↑ 37 %).
  - o Top issuers: PNB (₹ 2.16 lakh cr), BoB (₹ 1.55 lakh cr), BOI (₹ 1.46 lakh cr).
  - o CD features: negotiable, unsecured; tenor 7 days-1 year; min. denomination ₹ 5 lakh; buyback after 7 days; banks prohibited from lending against CDs unless RBI permits.
- Government Floating Rate Bond 2028: 7.11 % p.a. coupon (04 Apr-03 Oct 2025), structured as avg. yield of last three 182-day T-Bill auctions + 0.64 % spread.
- Kotak Mutual Fund "Energy Opportunities Fund": Open-ended thematic equity scheme investing in power, oil & gas, renewables, EV infrastructure.
- SEBI PaRRVA Frame work:
  - Agency: Past Risk and Return Verification Agency verifies performance claims of analysts/advisors.
  - Eligibility: 15 yrs existence; net worth ≥ ₹ 100 cr; 250+ issuers rated; investor grievance redressal including ODR.
  - o PaRRVA Data Centre: net worth ≥ ₹ 200 cr; nationwide terminals; same grievance mechanism.
  - o Responsibilities: define methodologies; manage disputes; maintain 5-year verified data.

#### VIII. Government Schemes & Infrastructure Financing

- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY): ₹ 1,600 cr outlay for 2025–26.
- "Niveshak Didi" Initiative Phase 2 (IEPFA & India Post Payments Bank): 4,000+ camps led by 40,000 trained "Didis" for women's financial literacy; Phase 1 reached 55,000+ beneficiaries (60 % female).
- Trade Watch Quarterly (NITI Aayog): Q2 FY 2024–25 trade grew 5.67 %.
- **SLCC Meeting**: 8th State Level Coordination Committee (Gangtok) to combat unregulated deposit schemes & promote investor awareness.

# IX. External Sector Statistics

- External Debt (Dec 2024): \$717.9 billion († 10.7 % YoY; from \$648.7 bn in Dec 2023); Debt-to-GDP ratio 19.1 %.
  - o Composition: USD 54.8 %; INR 30.6 %; JPY 6.1 %; SDR 4.7 %; EUR 3 %.
  - Liabilities: loans 33.6 %; currency & deposits 23.1 %; trade credit & advances 18.8 %; debt securities 16.8 %.

- International Investment Position (IIP) Q3 FY 2024–25: Net foreign liabilities \$364.5 bn (†\$11 bn QoQ); assets/liabilities ratio improved from 73.1 % (Dec 2023) to 74.7 % (Dec 2024).
- **Trade Partnership**: US is India's largest trading partner (18 % of exports; 6.22 % of imports; 10.73 % bilateral trade in 2023–24).

#### X. Technology & Financial Innovation

- **Nvidia**: Overtook Intel as #1 semiconductor revenue generator.
- Meta "Llama 4": Released large-language-model suite.
- **Juspay**: Achieved unicorn status; HQ Bengaluru; founders Vimal Kumar & Sheetal Lalwani; developed NPCI's BHIM app.
- Paytm "Mahakumbh Soundbox": Launched by Vijay Shekhar Sharma; features display screen, 4G, 11-language support, solar-powered; HQ Noida.

7. Defence Affairs

#### **Defence Exports & Targets**

- **Record Exports**: ₹ 23,622 crore in FY 2024–25 (↑ 12.04 % YoY)
  - o FY 2023–24: ₹ 21,083 crore (↑ 32.4 % YoY)
  - o FY 2024–25 was **21.26** % below the ₹ 30,000 crore target
- Export Goal: Achieve ₹ 50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029

#### II. Indigenous Shipbuilding

- Frigate 'Tavasya' launched (second follow-on under Project 1135.6) at Goa Shipyard Limited
  - o Capabilities: Surface, sub-surface & air combat
  - o First Ship: 'Triput', launched on 23 July 2024
  - o Alignment: Project supports MoD's ₹ 50,000 crore export target by 2029

# III. Major Procurement & Deals

- Rafale Marine Fighter Jets Deal (CCS-approved): ₹ 63,887 crore (€ 6.6 billion)
  - o Aircraft: 26 Rafale M jets (22 single-seat, 4 twin-seat trainers)
  - Scope: Weapons, simulators, crew training, 5-year performance-based logistics, spares for 36 IAF Rafales

# IV. International Exercises

- Indra 2025 (14th India–Russia Naval Exercise)
  - o When & Where: 28 Mar–2 Apr 2025, off Chennai
  - o **Russian Fleet**: Pechenga; Rezkiy; Aldar Tsydenzhapov
  - Indian Fleet: INS Rana; INS Kuthar; P-8I maritime patrol aircraft
- **INIOCHOS-25**: IAF participation in multinational air exercise hosted by Greece's Hellenic Air Force
- Yudh Kaushal: Joint Army–IAF drill by Red Horns Division & IAF at Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya

# V. Geopolitical & Technological Developments

• Russia's 'Zircon' Hypersonic Missile unveiled

Speed: Mach 9 (~10,000 kph)

o **Range**: 1,500 km

o Platform: Test-fired from frigate Admiral Gorshkov

# VI. Special Missions & Expeditions

"Samudra Pradakshina" All-Women Sailing Expedition

o Flag-Off: Lt Gen A.K. Ramesh (CME, Mumbai)

o **Vessel**: IASV Triveni

o **Route**: Mumbai → Seychelles → Mumbai (4,000 nm)

o **Crew**: 12 women officers (Army, Navy, Air Force)

Duration: 55 days; flagged in on 30 May 2025

8. International Affairs

# I. Hungary Exits the International Criminal Court

- First European nation to leave the ICC since its formation in 2002
- Reason: To avoid the legal obligation under an ICC warrant to arrest Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu for alleged war crimes in Gaza
- ICC Warrant: Issued against PM Benjamin Netanyahu
- **ICC Headquarters:** The Hague, Netherlands

#### II. Mauritius Signs ISA Country Partnership Framework

- **Milestone:** First African country—and fourth globally—to sign the ISA Country Partnership Framework (after Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Cuba)
- ISA Profile:



o **Treaty Body Launched:** 2015 by India & France

o Goal: Mobilize \$ 1 trillion in solar investments by 2030

• **Headquarters:** Gurugram

o **Director General:** Ashish Khanna

o **President:** R.K. Singh

**Members:** 104

Signatory Countries: 17

# 9. Meetings, Conferences, and Summits

#### **About BIMSTEC**

- Full Name: Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation
- **Founded:** 1997 (via Bangkok Declaration)
- Members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand
- **Secretary General:** Shri Indramani Pandey

# **Key Events**

- 1. 3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministerial Meeting (BAMM)
  - o **Venue:** Kathmandu
- 2. 6th BIMSTEC Summit
  - **Venue:** Bangkok
  - **Chair:** Bangladesh
- 3. 11th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting
  - o **Venue:** Brasília, Brazil
- 4. 37th Kathak Mahotsav 2025
  - Venue: New Delhi
- 5. 3rd Edition of SourceX India 2025
  - o Venue: Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi
  - Participants: Over 150 buyers from 45+ countries
  - Inaugurated by: Santosh Kumar Sarangi (DGFT Director General of Foreign Trade),
     Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry

10. Miscellaneous

#### 1. Important Dates & Observances (April 1–14)

- April 1
  - Odisha Foundation Day (Utkal Diwas)
  - o **90th Anniversary of the Reserve Bank of India** (RBI commenced operations on April 1, 1935)

- April 1–7
  - Blindness Prevention Week
- April 2
  - o 18th UN World Autism Awareness Day
    - Theme: "Advancing Neurodiversity and the UN Sustainable Development Goals"
  - o International Children's Book Day
    - Official Sponsor (2025): Netherlands
    - *Theme:* "The Freedom of Imagination"
    - Celebrates the birth anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen (the "Father of Modern Fantasy")
  - o International Fact-Checking Day
- April 3
  - o 261st Raising Day of the Army Medical Corps
- April 4
  - o International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
    - Theme: "Safe Futures Start Here"
- April 5
  - National Maritime Day
    - Commemorates SS Loyalty's maiden voyage (1919)
- April 9
  - 60th CRPF Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas)
    - Marks: 1965 Sardar Post action, Gujarat
- April 10
  - World Homeopathy Day
    - 270th birth anniversary of Dr Samuel Hahnemann
- April 11
  - National Safe Motherhood Day
    - Birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi
  - World Parkinson's Day
    - Birth anniversary of Dr James Parkinson
- April 12
  - o International Day of Human Space Flight (since 2011)
  - o International Day for Street Children
    - Theme: "Participation"
- April 13
  - Siachen Day
    - *Marks:* Operation Meghdoot, 1984 (world's longest military operation)
  - 106th Anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre (1919)
- April 14
  - o Tamil New Year (Puthandu) in Tamil Nadu
  - o Dr B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti (135th)
  - World Chagas Disease Day
    - Theme: "Prevent, Control, Care: Everyone's Role" (caused by Trypanosoma cruzi)
  - National Fire Service Day
    - *Theme:* "Unite to Ignite..." (tribute to firefighters of the 1944 Bombay Dock Explosion)
  - o 4th World Quantum Day (UN's IYQ 2025)

#### 2. Festivals & Cultural Celebrations

- Rongali Bihu (Bohag Bihu) Major festival of Assam
- **Vishu Festival** Kerala celebration

#### 3. Discoveries & Wildlife

- "Channa nachi" New snakehead fish species discovered in Meghalaya
- **Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary** Odisha (known for its "Indian Bison Fest")
- **Similipal Tiger Reserve** Odisha (first reserve where TrailGuard AI, developed by Nightjar Technologies, has shown success)
- Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park Darjeeling, West Bengal (India's first frozen zoo)

# 4. Infrastructure & Major Projects

- India's largest Chlorotoluene Plant Dahej, Gujarat by GACL (₹350 Cr)
- 19.2 km 6-Lane Zirakpur Bypass Punjab & Haryana
- World's 2nd Himalayan High Altitude Atmospheric & Climate Research Centre 2,250 m, Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir
- India's 1st & World's 2nd Climate Change Station Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir
- Namchik West Coal Mine Arunachal Pradesh
- Marwatola II Coal Mine Madhya Pradesh
- Saryngkham Scientific Coal Mine Meghalaya
- Adilabad Airport Telangana (inaugurated)
- India's 1st Battery-Grade Lithium Refinery Greater Noida by Lohum Corp (capacity 1,000 MT)
- India's 1st Nano Electronics Roadshow MeitY & IISc Bengaluru
- Payodhi Human milk bank launched at AIIMS New Delhi
- Aaple Sarkar Whats App-based citizen services platform in Maharashtra (in collaboration with Meta)
- Amrut Biodiversity Park Yamuna floodplain restoration, Delhi

#### 5. Key Events & Forums

- **9th Global Technology Summit** MEA & Carnegie India, New Delhi (*Theme*: "Sambhavna")
- 2nd India–Russia Investment Forum New Delhi (by Invest India under DPIIT & ICC)
- **Bodhipath Film Festival** New Delhi (IBC)
- 2nd Asian Yogasana Sports Championship New Delhi
- 3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers' Meeting Kathmandu

#### 6. Institutions & Appointments

- Krishnamachari Srikkanth Goodwill Ambassador for 'VISION 2020 India'
- **Indian Institute of Creative Technologies** Mumbai, Maharashtra (India's first dedicated institute for animation, visual effects & gaming talent)

# 7. Business & Acquisitions

- Mintoak (fintech startup backed by PayPal & HDFC Bank) acquired Digiledge for ~ \$3.5 million
  - o Marks India's first CBDC/e-Rupee-space acquisition
  - o Partner Banks: HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, SBI

#### 8. Publications & Books

- The Public Sector and Privatisation in India by Sheela Dubey
- Shooting Straight: A Military Biography of Lt Gen Rostum K Nanavatty by Arjun Subramaniam
- Rohtang: Aar Paar by Ajey
- The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India by Sanjeev Chopra
- Confession of Stock Market Wizards by Safir Anand

#### 9. Obituaries

- Venugopala Panikkar Malayalam linguist; Sahitya Akademi awardee (2005)
- Manoj Kumar Actor-director; Padma Shri (1992), Dadasaheb Phalke awardee (2015)
- Ram Sahay Panday Folk dance artist; Padma Shri (2022)
- **Dadi Ratan Mohini** Brahma Kumaris administrator; centenarian
- General Khamtay Siphandone Former President of Laos (PDR)
- Kathak dancer Kumudini Lakhia Padma Vibhushan (2025), Padma Bhushan (2010); Sahitya & Kala awards
- **Daripalli Ramaiah** "Tree Man of India"; Padma Shri (2017); Vanaseva (1995); Vanamitra (2005); Traditional Knowledge (2015)

#### 10. Miscellaneous

- Lake Tanganyika Borders Tanzania, DR Congo, Burundi & Zambia
- **Anthurium Flowers** Mizoram's export to Singapore

11. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

# **MoUs & Collaborations**

REC Ltd & Energy Management Centre (EMC), Kerala

• **Parties:** REC Ltd (Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power) and Energy Management Centre (EMC), Kerala



- Scope: Collaboration and financing of pumped storage projects (PSP) in Kerala
- Financing Commitment: ₹18,360 crore over the next five years
- **Kerala Leadership:** Capital Thiruvananthapuram | CM Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

# Government of Telangana & Government of Himachal Pradesh

- Parties: Telangana Government and Himachal Pradesh Government
- Projects: 400 MW Seli and 120 MW Miar hydropower projects on the Chenab River in Lahaul-Spiti district
- Estimated Cost: ₹6,200 crore

# Chhattisgarh Government & NASSCOM, IESA & TiE Bangalore

#### Parties:

- o Chhattisgarh Government
- NASSCOM (HQ Noida, UP | President Debjani Ghosh | Chairperson Sindhu Gangadharan)
- IESA (HQ Bengaluru, Karnataka | Chairperson Dr Veerappan | President Ashok Chandak)
- TiE Bangalore
- **Objective:** Boost the state's IT, semiconductor, and startup ecosystem; attract major investments
- Chhattisgarh Leadership: Capital Raipur | CM Vishnu Deo Sai | Governor Ramen Deka

# NSDC & PayPal

- Parties: National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and PayPal
- Initiative: Comprehensive skill-development programme for the Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI) sector
- NSDC Details: HQ New Delhi | CEO Ved Mani Tiwari | Chairman A. M. Naik
- PayPal Details: HQ California, US | CEO Alex Chriss

#### NaBFID & New Development Bank (NDB)

- Parties:
  - National Bank for Financing Infrastructure & Development (NaBFID)
  - New Development Bank (BRICS bank; HQ Shanghai)
- Focus: Infrastructure financing collaboration

# **Agreements & Partnerships**

#### Nokia & Bharti Airtel

- Parties: Nokia and Bharti Airtel
- Deployments:
  - o Nokia's Packet Core appliance-based solution
  - o Nokia's Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) solutions

• **Objective:** Enhance 4G/5G network experience and integrate both on a single server set

# Samsung & Google

- Parties: Samsung and Google
- Product: Samsung's AI-enabled home companion robot, Ballie
- Integration: Google Cloud's Gemini generative AI model

# **Acquisitions & Investments**

#### Temasek & Haldirams Snacks

- **Investor:** Singapore-based private equity firm Temasek
- **Transaction:** Acquired a **10% stake** in Haldirams Snacks
- **Value:** ₹8,600 **crore** (~ \$1 billion)

#### UltraTech Cement & Wonder WallCare

- Acquirer: UltraTech Cement (Aditya Birla Group)
- Target: Wonder WallCare
- Value: ₹235 crore

# **Financing Deals**

# IRFC & NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL)

- Parties: Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) and NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (subsidiary of NTPC Green Energy Limited)
- **Deal:** Rupee Term Loan (RTL) worth ₹5,000 crore

# 12. National & States Affairs

# 1. Education and Culture

Madhya Pradesh Launches 'School Chale Hum', 'Education Portal 3.0', 'Bhavishya Se Bhet' and Renames CM RISE Schools

- Launch & Purpose: "School Chale Hum" aims to increase enrollment, ensure timely textbook distribution, and motivate students.
- Education Portal 3.0: Digitizes school processes and provides easy access to School Education Department information.



- **Bhavishya Se Bhet:** Held on 2 April in schools; invites sports, literature, arts, media, police and government personalities to motivate students.
- **Renaming:** All CM RISE Schools → 'Maharishi Sandipani Vidyalaya'.
- **State Details:** Madhya Pradesh | Capital: Bhopal | CM: Mohan Yadav | Governor: Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel.

# The Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum Project

- Location: New Delhi, as part of Central Vista Redevelopment.
- **Significance:** Major museum showcasing India's cultural heritage.

## IIM Ahmedabad to Establish First International Campus in Dubai

- **Commence ment:** September 2024.
- **Significance:** First IIM presence abroad; announced at 60th convocation by Director Bharat Bhasker.

# Techkriti 2025 – Asia's Largest Intercollegiate Technical & Entrepreneurial Festival

- **Host:** IIT Kanpur.
- **Theme:** "Panta Rhei" ("Everything Flows").
- Inauguration: By CDS General Anil Chauhan.

#### Himachal Pradesh Partners with UNESCO to Modernize Education

• **Objective:** Integrate digital learning and advance teacher training in HP schools.

# Hindi Language Course at University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka

• Offer: Hindi course to strengthen cultural and linguistic ties.

# Spotlight on Indian Literature: "Heart Lamp" by Banu Mushtaq

- **Achievement:** Shortlisted for International Booker Prize 2024.
- Original Language: Kannada; Translator: Deepa Bhasthi.
- Content: 12 short stories (1990–2023) now in English.

# Launch of "India Skills Accelerator" by MoSDE & WEF

• **Purpose:** Public–private platform to unlock innovative skilling ideas.

# **Coventry University Campus in GIFT City**

- First English University licensed in GIFT City (Gujarat).
- Commencement: 2026.
- Courses: BSc (Hons) International Business Management; BSc (Hons) Business & Finance.
- Peers: Deakin Univ, Wollongong Univ (Australia); Queen's Univ Belfast (UK).

# 2. Health and Social Welfare

### Digital Platform "ZooWIN" for Real-Time Monitoring of Vaccine Stocks

- Monitoring: Anti-rabies vaccine & anti-snake venom stocks; administration to beneficiaries.
- **Objective:** Centralize data and enable collaboration among healthcare, municipal, and veterinary services.
- **Pilot Launch:** Delhi, MP, Assam, Puducherry & Andhra Pradesh.
- **Developed by:** NCDC's Centre for One Health & UNDP.
- **Helpline:** 15400 (launched 2024).
- NAPSE 2024: Aims to reduce snakebite deaths by 50% by 2030 via One Health approach.

# Kerala's "nPROUD" for Safe Disposal of Unused Drugs

- **Programme:** New Programme for Removal of Unused Drugs.
- Location: Kozhikode.
- **Processing:** Scientific waste handling at KEIL.
- State Details: Kerala | Capital: Thiruvananthapuram | CM: Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

#### Kerala Passes Law Creating Dedicated Senior Citizens Commission

- Elderly (60+) Population: 16.5% (2021)  $\rightarrow$  22.8% (projected 2036).
- **Pension Scheme:** ₹1,600/month under Indira Gandhi Old Age Pension (income ≤ ₹1 Lakh annually).

# Operation Brahma - Earthquake Relief for Myanmar

• **Purpose:** Rescue and relief assistance to Myanmar earthquake victims.

#### Madhya Pradesh's Maternal & Child Sanjeevan Mission & ANMOL 2.0

- Launch: World Health Day, 7 April 2025.
- Components:
  - o Mission Strategy Document for maternal & child health.
  - ANMOL 2.0: Online training platform for Auxiliary Nurse Midwives.

#### "RISE" App for Child Vaccination in Uttar Pradesh

- Name: Rapid Immunisation Skill Enhancement.
- Purpose: Digital monitoring of vaccinations & rapid training updates for health workers.

# 3. Infrastructure and Transportation

### Indian Railways Installs 209 MW Solar Plants at 2,249 Stations

- **Objective:** Promote renewables & ensure financial savings.
- **Timeline:** Up to Feb 2025; 1,489 installations in last 5 years.
- **Top States:** Rajasthan (275), Maharashtra (270), West Bengal (237), Uttar Pradesh (204), Andhra Pradesh (198).
- **HQ:** New Delhi; Chairman & CEO: Satish Kumar.

# Sagarmala Programme Completes 10 Years; Launch of Sagarmala 2.0 & S2I2

- Launch: March 2015 by MoPSW.
- Sagarmala 2.0: ₹40,000 Cr to leverage ₹12 lakh Cr over next decade.
- S2I2: Sagarmala Startup Innovation Initiative (19 March 2025) under RISE.

#### **Locomotive Production in FY 2024-25**

- Output: 1,681 locomotives († 209 or 19% vs. FY 2023-24).
- Minister of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw; MoS: V. Somanna & Ravneet Singh.

# Patna-Arrah-Sasaram Corridor Project Approved

- **Approval:** CCEA at ₹3,712.40 Cr under HAM.
- **Length:** 120.10 km (greenfield + 10.6 km brownfield).

# **Cabinet Approves ₹18,658 Cr Multi-Tracking Rail Projects**

• **Scope:** Four projects adding ~1,247 km of lines.

# Inauguration of New Pamban Bridge

- Event: PM Modi inaugurated on 6 April 2025.
- Length: 2.08 km; replaces 1914 sea bridge.
- Construction: Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd.
- Cost: ₹531 Cr.

#### Vibrant Villages Programme – Phase II Approval

• Outlay: ₹6,839 Cr until FY 2028–29 (Phase I: ₹4,800 Cr during 2022–26).

#### **IGI Airport Connects to 150 Destinations**

- Operator: DIAL.
- **Destinations:** 80 domestic, 70 international; 150th link Don Mueang (DMK), Bangkok via Thai AirAsia X.
- **OAG Ranking:** IGI 24th globally; Mumbai 44th.

# 4. Energy and Environment

# India Adds 25 GW Renewable Energy Capacity in 2024–25

- **Growth:** 35% ↑ vs. 18.57 GW in 2023–24.
- Milestone: Crossed 100 GW of solar capacity.
- Agency: MNRE.

# Waaree Energies Inaugurates India's Largest Solar Cell Factory

• Location: Chikhli, Gujarat.

#### **IUCN Green Status: Lions Classified as Vulnerable**

- **Species:** Panthera leo.
- **Recovery Status:** Largely depleted.
- **Population:** ~23,000 in Africa; ~670 in India (Gir NP & Gujarat).

# NTPC Raises Capacity Addition Target to 30,000 MW by FY '32

• **Target:** 30,000 MW of new capacity.

#### Reservoir Storage Monitoring System (RSMS) Portal Launched

• **By:** Union Minister of Jal Shakti C.R. Patil.

# Ethanol Blending Target Raised to 30% by 2030

- **Context:** E20 achieved by Mar 2025—five years ahead.
- Implementation: From 1 Apr 2025, all stations must retail E20 petrol.

# 5. Finance and Economic Development

#### Union Minister Announces 'Sahkar' Cooperative Taxi Service

- Model: App-based taxi (like Ola/Uber) under cooperative ownership.
- **Feature:** Drivers as stakeholders.
- Context: Announced during Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2023 debate.
- **Initiative:** Part of 'Sahkar se Samriddhi' (Prosperity through Cooperation).

# 'Tribhuvan Sahkari University Bill 2025' Cleared by Parliament

- **Purpose:** Establish cooperative university in Anand (Gujarat).
- Namesake: Tribhuvandas K. Patel, Father of India's Cooperative Movement & Amul founder.

# 11th International Yoga Day 2025 Theme & Yogamahotsav Launched

- **Theme:** "Yoga for One Earth One Health".
- Event: Yogamahotsav at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi (100-day countdown to IDY).
- **Background:** First IDY on 21 June 2015; UN recognition in 2014.

#### 'NITI NCAER States Economic Forum' Portal Launched

- **Developers:** NITI Aayog + NCAER.
- Coverage: State-level data (1990-91 to 2022-23) on social, economic & fiscal metrics; research reports.
- NITI Aayog HQ: New Delhi; CEO: BVR Subrahmanyam; Chair: PM Modi; VC: Suman K. Bery.
- NCAER HQ: New Delhi; DG: Poonam Gupta.

#### PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana Benefits Over 11.01 Lakh Households

• Assistance: ₹5,437.20 Cr disbursed to 6.98 Lakh beneficiaries by 31 Mar 2025.

#### ₹22,919 Cr PLI Scheme Objective

• **Objective:** Promote domestic production of electronic components.

# Punjab Budget Allocates ₹10 Cr for Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary

• **Purpose:** Develop leopard safari destination.

#### **India Achieves Record Milk Production of 239 MMT**

- **Rank:** World's largest.
- Goal: Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh aims for 300 MMT in five years.
- **Mission:** Rashtriya Gokul Mission (launched 2014).
- Global Share: > 24%; per capita consumption 471 g/day.

# India Exports 254 Mkg of Tea in 2024

- Rank: Second-largest exporter (Kenya leads > 500 Mkg).
- **Surpassed:** Sri Lanka.

# 6. Legal and Regulatory Measures

# Madhya Pradesh Enforces Liquor Ban in 19 Religious Cities & Panchayats

• Locations: Ujjain, Omkareshwar, Maheshwar, Orchha, etc.; panchayats like Salkanpur, Kundalpur.

#### **Uttarakhand Renames 18 Places Across 4 Districts**

• **Key Renamings:** Aurangzebpur→Shivaji Nagar; Ghaziwali→Arya Nagar; Chandpur (Bahadrabad)→Jyotiba Phule Nagar; Mohammadpur Jaat→Mohanpur Jaat; Khanpur Kursali→Ambedkar Nagar; Miyawala→Ramjiwala; Peerwala→Kesri Nagar; Chandpur Khurd→Prithviraj Nagar; Sultanpur Patti→Kaushalyapuri.

#### Waqf (Amendment) Bill - UMEED Bill Passed by Lok Sabha

- Votes: 288 in favor; 232 against.
- Aim: Unified Waqf Management, Efficiency & Development.

#### **Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet Decisions**

- Class XI DBT Grant: Additional ₹20 K per beneficiary.

# Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 Enacted

• Assent: President Droupadi Murmu.



- **Repeals:** Passport (Entry) Act 1920; Registration of Foreigners Act 1939; Foreigners Act 1946; Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act 2000.
- Provisions:
  - o Forged passport/visa  $\rightarrow$  ≤ 7 yrs imprisonment + ₹10 L fine.
  - o Entry w/o valid docs  $\rightarrow$  ≤ 5 yrs imprisonment or ₹5 L fine or both.
  - o Mandatory reporting of foreigners by hotels, hospitals, educational institutions.
  - o Carriers must submit passenger/crew manifests to immigration authorities.

# Maharashtra Renames Khultabad to Ratnapur

• **Context:** Follows Aurangabad—Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar; Osmanabad—Dharashiv.

# CPSE Classification & Downgrade Provisions Revised

- Categories: Maharatna, Navaratna, Miniratna I & II (with downgrading for performance).
- Maharatna Criteria: Navaratna; ₹25,000 Cr turnover; ₹15,000 Cr net worth; ₹5,000 Cr PAT; global operations; SEBI-compliant.
- Navaratna Criteria: Miniratna I; "Excellent/Very Good" MoU in 3/5 yrs; composite ≥ 60; invest up to ₹1,000 Cr/15% net worth.
- Miniratna I: Profitable 3 yrs; positive net worth; PAT  $\geq ₹30$  Cr in one of last 3 yrs.
- **Miniratna II:** Profitable 3 yrs; positive net worth.
- As of Apr 2025: 14 Maharatnas; 26 Navaratnas (IRCTC & IRFC are 25th & 26th).

# **CPCB Introduces "Blue Category" Industries**

- **Frame work:** Essential Environmental Services under 2016 Pollution Index (0–100).
- Categories: White (0–20), Green (21–40), Orange (41–59), Blue (circular economy, non-hazardous), Red (60–100).
- **Benefit:** Extra 2-year validity for consent to operate.

#### Kerala's Online Permanent Lok Adalats

- First in India: Online filing & hearing for PLAs.
- **Body:** Kerala State Legal Services Authority (KELSA).
- Locations: Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Kozhikode.

# 7. Digital Initiatives and Technology

# Karnataka Launches "Digital Detox Initiative (DDI) - Beyond Screens"

- Objective: Tackle digital addiction via short-, medium- & long-term solutions.
- Partners: Karnataka govt & All India Gaming Federation; powered by Kahamind Healthcare.
- **Integration:** Mainstream healthcare support for digital addiction.
- State Details: Karnataka | Capital: Bengaluru | CM: Siddaramaiah | Governor: Thaawarchand Gehlot.

#### Haryana Launches AI Chatbot "Sarathi"

- **Purpose:** Quick access to government directives, notices & circulars.
- **Developer:** HARTRON.

#### "Kavach 5.0" to Boost Mumbai Suburban Services

- Announced by: Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- Function: Automatic Train Protection to reduce headway from 180 sec → enable 30% more trains.

#### Telangana's "Quantum Frontier Tech Charter"

- Occasion: World Quantum Day (14 Apr 2025).
- Partners: Telangana govt + NITI Aayog Frontier Tech Hub.
- Aim: Establish Telangana as a "Quantum State".

#### 8. Agriculture and Geographical Indications

#### "Kumbakonam Vetrilai" & "Thovalai Maanikka Maalai" Awarded GI Tags

- **GI Registry:** Chennai under DPIIT; valid 10 years.
- Region for Betel Leaf: Cauvery Delta.

#### "Amalsad Chikoo" GI Tag

- Location: Amalsad village, Navsari district, Gujarat.
- Context: Third Gujarat fruit after Gir Kesar Mango & Kutchhi Kharek.

#### GI Tags for Tamil Nadu & J&K Products

- New TN Products (69): Panruti Palappazham, Panruti Cashew, Puliyankudi Acid Lime, Virudhunagar Samba Vathal, Chettikulam Small Onion, Ramanadu Chithiraikar Rice; Panruti "Cashew Capital"; Puliyankudi "Lemon City".
- New J&K Crafts (15): Kashmiri Namda, Kashmir Gabba, Willow Bat, Tweed, Crewel, Chain Stitch, Shikara, Wagguv, etc.

#### "Chapata" Chilli of Warangal, Telangana GI-Tagged

• Product: Chapata (Tomato) chilli.

#### **New GI Tags for West Bengal Products**

- Awarded (7): Nolen Gur er Sandesh; Guavas of Baruipur; Kamarpukur White Bonde; Murshidabad Chhanabora; Bishnupur Motichur Laddoo; Radhunipagal Rice; Malda Nistari Silk Yarn.
- State Total: 32 GI-tagged items.

#### "Ryndia" of Meghalaya Secures GI Tag

• State Details: Capital: Shillong | CM: Conrad K. Sangma | Governor: CH Vijayashankar.

#### India's Raw Silk Production & Consumption

- Rank: 2nd largest producer; largest consumer globally.
- Mulberry Silk: 92% (Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, J&K, West Bengal).

#### 9. Defense and Security

#### India-U.S. Tri-Service Exercise 'Tiger Triumph'

• **Dates:** 1–13 April 2025.

#### Gujarat Police GP DRASTI Project

- Name: Drone Response & Aerial Surveillance Tactical Intervention.
- Phase I: Deployed in 33 stations across Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara & Rajkot.
- Programme: Under "SHASTRA" (Sharir Sambandhi Tras Rokva Abhiyan) launched Feb 2025.

### 13. Persons in News

#### 1. India's First High-Tech Solar-Powered Car "RAY"

- Inventor & Brand: Bilal Ahmad Mir (Kashmir) | Brand: Bilal Innovative Solar Automobile (BISA)
- Key Features:
  - o Solar-powered gull-wing doors with integrated solar panels
  - Sleek aerodynamic design
  - Advanced onboard technology
- Launch Venue: Srinagar

#### 2. National Task Force on Student Suicides

- Chairperson: Former Supreme Court judge Justice S. Ravindra Bhat
- Mandate:
  - Investigate root causes of student suicides
  - Recommend measures for a more inclusive academic environment
- Statistics (NCRB 2022):
  - Student suicides = 7.6% of total suicides
  - Rise from **6,654** in 2012 to **13,044** in 2022
- Top Five States by Count:
  - 1. Maharashtra
  - 2. Madhya Pradesh
  - 3. Tamil Nadu
  - 4. Karnataka
  - 5. Odisha

### 14. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

#### 1. Billionaire Wealth Reports

#### 1.1 Forbes "World's Billionaires List 2025"

- Top hubs by billionaire count: USA (1st), China (2nd), India (3rd) with 205 billionaires.
- Overall: >3,000 billionaires globally, with combined net worth of \$16.1 Trillion.
- Top 5 individuals:
  - 1. Elon Musk \$342 B
  - 2. Mark Zuckerberg \$216 B
  - 3. **Jeff Bezos \$215 B**
  - 4. Larry Ellison \$192 B
  - 5. Bernard Arnault \$192 B
- Youngest billionaire: Johannes von Baumbach (19 years, Germany)
- Women in top 50: 6, including Savitri Jindal & family (\$35.5 B, rank 48)
- Richest woman: Alice Walton \$101 B, rank 15
- India's richest:
  - o **Mukesh Ambani \$92.5 B**, rank 18
  - o **Gautam Adani \$56.3 B**, rank 28

#### 1.2 Hurun Global Rich List 2025 (14th edition)

- Total billionaires: 3,442 from 71 countries (up from 3,278)
- Women billionaires: 561, of which 224 are self-made
- India's richest: Mukesh Ambani \$100 B (Reliance Industries)
- Top 5 worldwide:
  - 1. **Elon Musk** (Tesla) \$420 B
  - 2. **Jeff Bezos** (Amazon) \$266 B
  - 3. Mark Zuckerberg (Meta) \$242 B
  - 4. Larry Ellison (Oracle) \$203 B
  - 5. Warren Buffett (Berkshire Hathaway) \$167 B
- Top 5 women:
  - 1. Alice Walton (Walmart, USA) \$102 B
  - 2. Francoise Bettencourt (L'Oréal, France) \$67 B
  - 3. Julia Koch & Family (Koch Industries, USA) \$60 B
  - 4. **Jacqueline Mars** (Mars Inc., USA) \$53 B
  - 5. Roshni Nadar Family (HCL, India) \$40 B
- Top 5 in India:
  - 1. Mukesh Ambani & Family (Reliance Industries, Mumbai)
  - 2. Gautam Adani & Family (Adani Group, Ahmedabad)
  - 3. **Roshni Nadar & Family** (HCL Technologies, Noida)
    - 4. Dilip Shanghvi & Family (Sun Pharma, Mumbai)
    - 5. Azim Premji & Family (Wipro, Bengaluru)
- Leading countries by billionaire count:
  - 1. USA 870
  - 2. China 823

- 3. India 284
- 4. UK 150
- 5. **Germany 141**

#### 2. Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) Rankings

- Launch: 2016, by Ministry of Rural Development to develop 300 village clusters and bridge rural-urban gaps while preserving rural life.
- Top 4 states:
  - 1. **Tamil Nadu 96.32**
  - 2. Mizoram 93.96
  - 3. **Uttar Pradesh 92.37**
  - 4. **Telangana 91.87**

#### 3. Forest Encroachment (MoEFCC Data)

- Encroached area: 1,305,668.1 ha (13,056.68 sq km) across 25 States & UTs (up from 750,648 ha last year)
- Top 5 states:
  - o Madhya Pradesh: 5,460.9 sq km
  - o Assam: 3,620.9 sq km
  - o Karnataka: 863.08 sq km
  - o Maharashtra: 575.54 sq km
  - o Arunachal Pradesh: 534.9 sq km
- States yet to submit data: Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, West Bengal, Nagaland, Delhi, J&K, Ladakh
- Minister (MoEFCC): Bhupender Yadav (Alwar, Rajasthan)
- MoS: Kirtivardhan Singh

#### 4. Technology & Innovation Report 2025 (UNCTAD)

- Private AI investment (2023): India ranked 10th at USD 1.4 B (only developing country alongside China)
- Frontier Tech Readiness Index 2024: 36th/170 (↑ from 48th in 2022)
- Component ranks:
  - R&D: 3rd
  - o Industrial Capacity: 10th
  - Finance: 70thICT: 99th
  - CD 20 4424
  - o Skills: 113th
- UNCTAD HQ: Geneva

#### 5. Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2022–23



- Conducted by: Ministry of Panchayati Raj to assess 250,000 Gram Panchayats
- Performance bands:
  - $\circ$  Achiever (A+; ≥ 90): None
  - o Front Runner (A; 75–< 90): 699 GPs (0.3%)
  - o **Performer (B; 60–< 75): 77,298** GPs (35.8%)
  - o Aspirant (C; 40-< 60): 132,392 GPs (61.2%)
  - $\circ$  **Beginner (D; < 40): 5,896** GPs (2.7%)
- Top Front Runner states:
  - o Gujarat 346 GPs
  - Telangana 270 GPs

#### 6. Worldwide Semiconductor Revenue 2024 (Gartner)

- **Total revenue**: **USD 655.9 B** (↑ 21% YoY from USD 542.1 B in 2023)
- Top 3 companies:
  - 1. **NVIDIA USD 76.692 B** (11% market share)
  - 2. Samsung Electronics USD 65.697 B (10%)
  - 3. **Intel USD 49.804 B** (7.6%)
- Note: First time NVIDIA topped the global semiconductor revenue rankings.

### 15. Schemes & Initiatives

#### 1. Telangana launches "Rajiv Yuva Vikasam Scheme" (₹6,000 Crore)

- **Objective:** Provide up to ₹4 Lakh for youth self-employment among SC, ST, BC, Minority & EBC/EWS.
- Subsidy Structure:
  - o **100% subsidy**: up to ₹50,000 (or minor irrigation)
  - $\circ$  90% subsidy + 10% bank loan: ₹50,001-₹1,00,000
  - $\circ$  80% subsidy + 20% bank loan: ₹1,00,001–₹2,00,000
  - $\circ$  70% subsidy + 30% bank loan: ₹2,00,001–₹4,00,000
- **Income Limit:** ₹1.5 Lakh/yr (rural), ₹2 Lakh/yr (urban)
- Age Limit: 21–55 years (non-agri); 21–60 years (agri)
- State Details: Capital Hyderabad | CM A. Revanth Reddy | Governor Jishnu Dev Varma

#### 2. Assam launches "Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan"

- Seed Capital: ₹10,000 per applicant
- Target: Approximately 30 Lakh women entrepreneurs
- **State Details:** Capital Dispur | CM Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya

- 3. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)
  - Launch & Budget: Launched in 2015–16, extended until 2026 with a total budget of ₹93,068.56 Crore (including ₹37,454 Crore central support).

#### A. Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project (under AIBP)

- o **Estimated Cost:** ₹6,282.32 Crore
- o **Central Contribution:** ₹3,652.56 Crore
- Scheme: Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) under PMKSY

#### B. Modernisation of Command Area Development & Water Management (M CADWM)

- o Cabinet Approval for 2025–26: ₹1,600 Crore outlay
- o **Aim:** Modernise irrigation supply networks to farm clusters via existing canals/sources

#### 4. Investor Education: "Niveshak Didi" - Phase 2

- Launched by: Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), Ministry of Corporate Affairs & India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- **Purpose:** Enhance financial literacy among rural and semi-urban women
- Key Features:
  - o Training of women postal workers & community leaders as financial educators
  - Focus on underserved regions
- Impact of Phase 1:
  - o Over **55,000** beneficiaries
  - o 60% female participants, mostly from deep rural areas

#### 5. "Poshan Pakhwada" (7th Edition: 8-22 April 2025)

- Organised by: Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD)
- Umbrella Programme: Poshan Abhiyaan (launched 8 March 2018, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan)
- **Objective:** Improve nutrition of pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent girls & children < 6 years
- Four Themes:
  - 1. First 1,000 Days of Life (pregnancy  $\rightarrow$  age 2)
  - 2. Beneficiary/Citizen Module of Poshan Tracker
  - 3. Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM)
  - 4. **Healthy Lifestyle** to curb childhood obesity

#### 6. Stand Up India Scheme - 9th Anniversary

- Launch Date: 5 April 2016
- Objective: Bank loans of ₹10 Lakh–₹1 Crore for SC/ST & women entrepreneurs (greenfield)
- Growth:
  - o **2018:** ₹14,431 Crore sanctioned

March 2025: ₹61,020 Crore sanctioned

#### 7. PMSG: Muft Bijli Yojana (from Feb 2024)

• Top Module Supplier: Adani Solar (54% of DCR modules; 1.78 GW)

#### 8. Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) – 10 Years

- **Launch:** 8 April 2015
- Cumulative Lending: ₹33.65 Lakh Crore across **52.37 Crore** loans
- **Beneficiary Segments:** 70% women; 50% SC/ST/OBC; 31% first-time entrepreneurs
- Loan Categories:
  - o **Shishu:** ≤ ₹50,000
  - Kishor: ₹50,001 ₹5 Lakh
     Tarun: ₹5,00,001 ₹10 Lakh
  - o **Tarun Plus:** ₹10,00,001 ₹20 Lakh (for repeat borrowers)
- Support Measures:
  - o CGFMU credit guarantee (from 2016)
  - o 2% interest subvention on Shishu loans (FY 2020–21)

#### 9. Delhi implements Ayushman Bharat – PM Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM JAY)

- MoU Effective: 10 April 2025 (between NHA, MoHFW & Delhi Government)
- Coverage: ₹10 Lakh per family per annum (₹5 Lakh by Centre + ₹5 Lakh by Delhi)
- Extension (2024): Inclusion of all citizens ≥ 70 years; ASHAs & Anganwadi workers & their families

#### 10. Karnataka's "Pragathi Patha" & Related Rural Road Programs

- Scheme: Rural road development under "Pragathi Patha"
- Outlay: ₹5,190 Crore
- Coverage: 7,110 km of rural network roads

#### 11. Uttarakhand's "Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Swarozgar Yojana"

- Aim: Empower unmarried, divorced, abandoned, destitute & differently-abled single women
- Benefit: Up to ₹2 Lakh per beneficiary (75% grant, 25% beneficiary contribution)
- **Phase I Target:** 2,000 women (scale-up based on progress)
- State Details: Capitals Dehradun & Gairsain | CM Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor Gurmit Singh

#### 12. PM POSHAN Material Cost Hike

- Scheme: Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN)
- Budget for FY 2025–26: ₹12,500 Crore (Centre bears food grain & transport subsidy of ~₹9,000 Crore)
- Material Cost Increase: +9.5% → additional ₹954 Crore
  - o **Balvatika & Primary:** ₹6.78/day (↑ from ₹6.19)
  - o **Upper Primary:** ₹10.17/day ( $\uparrow$  from ₹9.29)



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16. Science & Technology

#### 1. SpaceX "Fram2" Mission

- Launch Vehicle: Falcon 9
- **Significance**: First human spaceflight over Earth's polar regions
- Name Origin: "Fram2" is named after the 19th-century Norwegian polar exploration ship Fram

#### 2. NASA & Nokia Lunar Network (Intuitive Machines' IM-2 Mission)

• **Mission:** Intuitive Machines' **IM-2** 

- Payloads:
  - o Lunar Surface Communication System (LSCS) developed by Nokia
  - o Polar Resources Ice Mining Experiment 1 (PRIME-1) to mine and study lunar regolith

#### 3. Nvidia "Dynamo" Inference Framework

- **Product: Dynamo**, an open-source inference framework
- Purpose: Enhance GenAI and reasoning models at large scale in distributed environments

#### 4. Soyuz MS-27 Crew Launch to ISS

- Crew: Jonny Kim (NASA), Sergey Ryzhikov & Alexey Zubritskiy (Roscosmos)
- Launch Vehicle: Soyuz MS-27 from Baikonur, Kazakhstan
- Mission Duration: ~ 8 months, joining 8 existing ISS crew members
- Objectives: Scientific investigations and technology demonstrations for future spaceflight

#### **Key Organisations**

- NASA: HQ Washington, D.C. | Acting Administrator Janet Petro | Founded 1958
- Nokia: HQ Espoo, Finland | CEO Justin Hotard | Founded 1865
- Nvidia: HQ California, US | CEO Jensen Huang

17. Sports & Games

#### Chess

• Nihal Sarin (India) won the classical Tashkent Open Agzamov Memorial 2025, finishing unbeaten with 8/10 points.

#### Hockey

- Vandana Katariya (India's most-capped women's hockey player and first Indian woman to score an Olympic hat-trick) has retired after a 15-year career (2009–2024) with 320 matches and 158 goals.
  - o **Awards:** Arjuna Award (2021), Padma Shri (2022)
- Rajgir Hockey Stadium (Bihar) will host the 12th edition of the Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025.

#### Football

- The Argentine Football Association (AFA) and HSBC signed a 1-year partnership for India & Singapore, including an exhibition match in Kerala on October 14, 2025, featuring Lionel Messi.
  - Messi's first India visit: September 2011, vs. Venezuela in Kolkata (Argentina won 1– 0)
  - **HSBC HQ:** Hong Kong | **CEO:** Georges Elhedery
  - o **Argentina:** Capital Buenos Aires | President Javier Milei

#### **Tennis**

- Aryna Sabalenka defeated Jessica Pegula 7-5, 6-2 to claim her first-ever Miami Open title.
- Jakub Mensik (Czech Republic) beat Novak Djokovic (Serbia) to win the Miami Open 2025 title.

#### **Table Tennis**

 Manay Thakkar became the first Indian to reach the quarterfinals of a WTT Star Contender event.

#### Squash

- Kareem El Torkey (Egypt) won the men's singles title at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event.
- Anahat Singh (India's No. 1 women's squash player) claimed the women's singles title.

#### Wrestling

- India secured 10 medals at the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan:
  - o 1 Gold, 3 Silver, 6 Bronze
  - o **Deepak Punia:** Silver (Men's Freestyle 92 kg)
  - o **Udit:** Silver (61 kg)
  - o **Dinesh:** Bronze (125 kg)

#### **Shooting**

- ISSF World Cup 2025 Buenos Aires
  - o **India's rank:** 2nd with **8 medals** (4 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze)
  - Gold medallists:
    - Sift Kaur Samra (Women's 50 m Rifle 3 Positions)
    - Rudrankksh Patil (Men's 10 m Air Rifle)
    - Suruchi Singh (Women's 10 m Air Pistol)
    - Vijayveer Sidhu (Men's 25 m Rapid Fire Pistol)
  - Other Medals:
    - Silver: Esha Singh; Arya Borse & Rudrankksh Patil
    - Bronze: Saurabh Chaudhary & Suruchi Singh (Mixed); Chain Singh
  - Next stage: Lima, Peru from 13 April 2025.

#### **Multi-Sport Event**

- **Khelo India Youth Games 2025 (KIYG)** in Bihar (first time in the state):
  - o **Dates:** 4–15 May 2025
  - o Unveiled by: CM Nitish Kumar & Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in Patna
  - Mascot: "Gajsimha" (elephant-lion) drawn from Pala-period sculptures at Nalanda/Bodh Gaya
  - o **Theme/Logo:** Orange-green motif; theme song "Khel ke Rang Bihar Ke Sang"
  - o Venues: Patna, Nalanda (Rajgir), Gaya, Bhagalpur, Begusarai
  - o **Events:** 28 sports (including Malkhamb, Athletics, Sepak Takraw)
  - **Participants:** ~8,500 athletes and 1,500 staff
  - o Torch Relay: 38 districts from 15 April to 2 May

#### **Cricket Governance & Records**

- ICC Men's Cricket Committee:
  - o **Chair:** Sourav Ganguly (reappointed; first appointed in 2021)
  - Members: VVS Laxman (reappointed), Temba Bavuma, Jonathan Trott, Hamid Hassan, Desmond Haynes
- ICC Women's Cricket Committee:
  - o **Appointed:** Avril Fahey, Pholetsi Moseki
  - o **Reappointed:** Catherine Campbell
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai | Chairman: Jay Shah | CEO: Geoff Allardice | Member Countries: 108
- Record: Virat Kohli is the first Indian with 100 T20 half-centuries, has 9 hundreds in 405 T20s, and ranks 2nd globally behind David Warner (108 in 400 matches).

#### ICC Player of the Month - March 2025

- Men's Award: Shreyas Iyer (India) second successive Indian winner (after Shubman Gill in February)
- Women's Award: Georgia Voll (Australia) fourth consecutive Australian winner

#### FIFA Women's World Cup Hosts

- Declared at UEFA Congress (Belgrade):
  - o **2031 (11th):** USA (+ potential CONCACAF partners)
  - o 2035 (12th): UK (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)
- Context:
  - o **2027:** Brazil (first in South America; last as 32-team event)
  - Expansion to 48 teams from 2031
  - Other mega-events: 2026 Men's WC (USA/Canada/Mexico), 2028 Olympics (USA), 2034 Winter Olympics (USA), 2028 Euros (England/Ireland/Scotland/Wales)

#### **Advisory Appointment**

- Steve Waugh joins the Centre for Australia India Relations Advisory Board.
  - Notable Work: Author of *The Spirit of Cricket: India*, celebrating Indian cricket culture.

**Boxing** 

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- World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025 (Foz do Iguaçu) India finished 2nd in men's with 6 medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver, 4 Bronze), behind Uzbekistan (7 medals):
  - o **Gold:** Hitesh Gulia (70 kg; defeated Odel Kamara, ENG)
  - o **Silver:** Abhinash Jamwal (65 kg)
  - Bronze: Jadumani Singh Mandengbam (50 kg), Manish Rathore (55 kg), Sachin (60 kg), Vishal (90 kg)

18. Multiple Choice Questions

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

- 1. Which state ranked highest in the Fiscal Health Index 2025, as per NITI Aayog's analysis? (1)Odisha (2)Kerala (3)Rajasthan (4)Gujarat
- 2. According to government data up to 2023-24, which skill development scheme received the highest budgetary allocation over the last five years?
  - (1) National Apprenticeship Scheme (2) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
  - (3)National Skill Development Mission (4)Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)
- 3. What is the total budgetary outlay for PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) launched on 15 November 2023, including both central and state shares? (1)₹18,500 crore (2)₹24,104 crore (3)₹19,000 crore (4)₹21,500 crore
- 4. What is the total financial outlay of the Vibrant Villages Programme II (VVP-II) up to the year 2028–
  - (1)₹5,500 crore (2)₹7,200 crore (3)₹6,839 crore (4)₹8,000 crore
- 5. What is the primary objective of the Stand-Up India Scheme launched on 5 April 2016? (1)To provide loans to SC, ST, and women entrepreneurs to start new businesses (2)To offer subsidies for agricultural equipment (3)To promote digital payments in rural areas (4)To grant educational scholarships
- 6. As of 17 March 2025, what is the total amount of loans sanctioned under the Stand-Up India Scheme since its launch?
  - (1)₹55,000 crore (2)₹61,020.41 crore (3)₹65,000 crore (4)₹59,500 crore
- 7. Which category of entrepreneurs saw the largest increase in the number of loan accounts between November 2018 and November 2024 under the Stand-Up India Scheme?
  - (1)SC entrepreneurs (2)ST entrepreneurs (3)Women entrepreneurs (4)Minority entrepreneurs
- 8. Which Union Territory recently became the 35th State/UT to implement the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY scheme?
  - (1) Puducherry (2) Andaman & Nicobar Islands (3) Delhi (4) Chandigarh
- 9. What was the share of coal in India's total energy generation in 2023–24 according to the "Energy Statistics in India 2025" report?
  - (1)75% (2)82% (3)79% (4)70%
- 10. When was the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) launched?
  - (1)8 April 2015 (2)1 April 2016 (3)15 March 2014 (4)10 May 2015
- 11. What is the total value of loans sanctioned under PMMY as of April 2025?

- (1)₹30.50 lakh crore (2)₹32.61 lakh crore (3)₹29.75 lakh crore (4)₹33.10 lakh crore
- 12. What percentage of PMMY beneficiaries are women as of FY25?
  - (1)65% (2)70% (3)68% (4)75%
- 13. Which state has the highest total loan disbursal under PMMY as of February 2025?
  - (1)Maharashtra (2)Tamil Nadu (3)Uttar Pradesh (4)Gujarat
- 14. What was the average Mudra loan ticket size in FY25?
  - (1)₹1.00 lakh (2)₹1.05 lakh (3)₹1.02 lakh (4)₹0.95 lakh
- 15. According to the SBI report, what was the projected MSME lending in FY25?
  - (1)₹25 lakh crore (2)₹30 lakh crore (3)₹28 lakh crore (4)₹32 lakh crore
- 16. What share of PMMY accounts are held by SC, ST, and OBC entrepreneurs combined? (1)45% (2)50% (3)55% (4)60%
- 17. What is the name of the unique sensory dark room inaugurated on 7 April 2025 for the visually impaired?
  - (1)Divya Drishti (2)Antar Drishti (3)Netradaan Room (4)Sparsh Chamber
- 18. When is the 7th edition of Poshan Pakhwada being celebrated in 2025?
  - (1)1st–15th April (2)8th–22nd April (3)10th–24th April (4)5th–19th April
- 19. Where was the 6th BIMSTEC Summit held in 2025?
  - (1)Colombo (2)Kathmandu (3)Dhaka (4)Bangkok
- 20. What was a major economic proposal made by PM Modi during the 6th BIMSTEC Summit?
  - (1)Establishing a free trade area (2)Linking India's UPI with member nations (3)Launching a BIMSTEC development fund (4)Initiating a maritime security pact
- 21. What is the name of the vision document adopted during the 6th BIMSTEC Summit?
  - (1)Delhi Declaration (2)Bangkok Vision 2030 (3)BIMSTEC Charter 2025 (4)Maritime Cooperation Blueprint
- 22. Which country assumed the BIMSTEC chairmanship on 4 April 2025?
  - (1)Sri Lanka (2)Bangladesh (3)Myanmar (4)Thailand
- 23. How many child adoptions were recorded in India in FY 2024–25, the highest since 2015–16? (1)3,980 (2)4,150 (3)4,515 (4)5,000
- 24. Which state topped the national rankings under SPMRM (Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission) in 2025?
  - (1)Mizoram (2)Uttar Pradesh (3)Tamil Nadu (4)Karnataka
- 25. What is the title of the report released by UNESCO in March 2025 on school meals and nutrition? (1)Nutrition for Growth (2)Feed to Learn (3)Education and Nutrition: Learn to Eat Well (4)School Health and Nutrition Report
- 26. What is the initial seed capital provided under Assam's "Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan"? (1)₹5,000 (2)₹10,000 (3)₹15,000 (4)₹20,000
- 27. What is the maximum financial assistance a youth can receive under the "Rajiv Yuva Vikasam Scheme" in Telangana?
  - (1)₹2 lakh (2)₹3 lakh (3)₹4 lakh (4)₹5 lakh
- 28. What is the name of the Karnataka government's initiative to reduce digital addiction?
  - (1)Screen-Free Karnataka (2)Digital Detox Initiative Beyond Screens (3)Mindful Media Movement (4)Tech Wellness Program
- 29. According to IRDAI's Master Circular on Health Insurance Products, within how much time must insurers settle cashless claims after receiving the discharge request?
  - (1)1 hour (2)2 hours (3)3 hours (4)4 hours
- 30. In emergency cases, how soon should the insurer decide on the request for cashless authorisation? (1)30 minutes (2)Within 1 hour (3)2 hours (4)4 hours
- 31. How many hours of training will be provided under the NSDC-PayPal skill development initiative? (1)200–300 hours (2)300–400 hours (3)420–480 hours (4)500–600 hours
- 32. What was the total dividend declared by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in FY 2023–24?
  - (1)₹25,000 crore (2)₹27,830 crore (3)₹30,000 crore (4)₹22,500 crore
- 33. What amount did the government receive from PSBs as dividend in FY 2023-24?

(1)₹15,000 crore (2)₹18,013 crore (3)₹20,000 crore (4)₹16,500 crore

- 34. What was the aggregate net profit of 12 PSBs in FY 2023-24?
  - (1)₹1.20 lakh crore (2)₹1.30 lakh crore (3)₹1.41 lakh crore (4)₹1.50 lakh crore
- 35. Which public sector bank recorded the highest share of PSB profits in FY 2023–24?
  - (1)Punjab National Bank (2)Bank of Baroda (3)Canara Bank (4)State Bank of India
- 36. Which bank reported the highest percentage increase in net profit in FY 2023–24? (1)Union Bank of India (2)Punjab National Bank (3)Indian Bank (4)Bank of India
- 37. What financial turnaround did PSBs achieve from FY 2017–18 to FY 2023–24?
- (1)From ₹60,000 crore loss to ₹1.20 lakh crore profit (2)From ₹85,390 crore loss to ₹1.41 lakh crore profit (3)From ₹90,000 crore loss to ₹1.50 lakh crore profit (4)From ₹75,000 crore loss to ₹1.30 lakh crore profit
- 38. As per NPCI data, what was the total value of UPI transactions recorded in India in March 2025? (1)₹22.00 lakh crore (2)₹24.77 lakh crore (3)₹26.50 lakh crore (4)₹23.30 lakh crore
- 39. What was the total number of UPI transactions in March 2025?
  - (1)16.5 billion (2)17.9 billion (3)18.3 billion (4)19.1 billion
- 40. What was the FASTag transaction amount recorded in March 2025?
  - (1)₹6,500 crore (2)₹6,800 crore (3)₹7,200 crore (4)₹6,200 crore
- 41. Which mutual fund house launched the "Energy Opportunities Fund" in April 2025?
  - (1)HDFC Mutual Fund (2)ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund (3)Kotak Mutual Fund (4)SBI Mutual Fund
- 42. What is the minimum investment amount required for the Kotak Energy Opportunities Fund? (1)₹50 (2)₹100 (3)₹200 (4)₹500
- 43. Where was the ₹5 special commemorative stamp for RBI's 90th anniversary released?
  - (1) National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA), Mumbai (2) National Museum, New Delhi
  - (3)Reserve Bank of India Museum, Kolkata (4)India International Centre, New Delhi
- 44. What is the tagline featured on the logo of RBI's 90th Anniversary commemorative stamp?
  - (1) "Trust. Stability. Progress." (2) "Stability. Trust. Growth." (3) "Growth. Stability. Trust." (4) "Reliability. Trust. Growth."
- 45. Who has been appointed as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in 2025? (1)Swaminathan J (2)Michael Patra (3)Poonam Gupta (4)M. Rajeshwar Rao
- 46. Poonam Gupta is the \_\_\_\_\_ female Deputy Governor appointed at the RBI since its inception. (1)2nd (2)3rd (3)4th (4)5th
- 47. Prior to her appointment as RBI Deputy Governor, Poonam Gupta served as the Director General of which economic think tank?
  - (1)National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) (2)Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) (3)National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) (4)Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)
- 48. Which former RBI Deputy Governor did Poonam Gupta succeed in 2025?
  - (1)Urjit Patel (2)Viral Acharya (3)Michael Patra (4)R. Gandhi
- 49. Poonam Gupta also served as the RBI Chair Professor at which institution?
  - (1)IIM Bangalore (2)National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) (3)Jawaharlal Nehru University (4)National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)
- 50. How many Deputy Governors are currently serving at the RBI, including Poonam Gupta? (1)3 (2)4 (3)5 (4)6
- 51. As per revised U.S. policy in April 2025, what is the new import duty rate that the U.S. will impose on goods imported from India?
  - (1)22% (2)26% (3)28% (4)30%
- 52. What was India's trade surplus with the U.S. in goods during FY 2023–24? (1)\$30.12 billion (2)\$35.32 billion (3)\$40.00 billion (4)\$25.50 billion
- 53. As per the RBI's Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India (December 2024), which mechanism accounted for the highest percentage of recoveries made by banks in FY 2023–24? (1)SARFAESI (2)Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) (3)Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) (4)Lok Adalats

- 54. How many total corporate debtors were rescued under the IBC (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code) till December 2024?
  - (1)2,750 (2)3,000 (3)3,485 (4)4,000
- 55. How many amendments and regulatory reforms have been made to the IBC since its inception? (1)27 (2)31 (3)34 (4)29
- 56. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for FY26? (1)Arundhati Bhattacharya (2)Chanda Kochhar (3)CS Setty (4)Rajnish Kumar
- 57. What is the GST collection reported for March 2025, making it the 2nd-highest ever? (1)₹1.96 lakh crore (2)₹2.10 lakh crore (3)₹1.85 lakh crore (4)₹2.00 lakh crore
- 58. What is the maximum daily transaction limit allowed on Federal Bank's newly launched "Fed StarBiz" credit card?
  - (1)₹2.5 lakh (2)₹3 lakh (3)₹3.5 lakh (4)₹4 lakh
- 59. What is the maximum credit limit available on the Fed StarBiz card?
  - (1)₹25 lakh (2)₹50 lakh (3)₹75 lakh (4)₹100 lakh
- 60. What is the annual premium for the newly launched Group Protection Insurance (GPI) scheme in the UAE?
  - (1)AED 30 (2)AED 32 (3)AED 35 (4)AED 40
- 61. What is the sum assured under the Group Protection Insurance (GPI) scheme launched in the UAE for blue-collar workers?
  - (1)AED 25,000 (2)AED 35,000 (3)AED 30,000 (4)AED 40,000
- 62. What is the name of the digital initiative launched for Indian workers in Dubai to enhance digital literacy?
  - (1)Smart Skills Programme (2)Tech Empowerment Drive (3)Digital Literacy Programme (4)e-Worker Initiative
- 63. What is the name of the women's health initiative launched by Star Health Insurance on International Women's Day?
  - (1)SheTARA (2)Women's Wellness Plus (3)HealthHer (4)StarWELL
- 64. Where is Tamil Nadu's first all-women operated "Pink Branch" of Star Health Insurance located? (1)T. Nagar, Chennai (2)Adyar, Chennai (3)Velachery, Chennai (4)Anna Nagar, Chennai
- 65. What is the new auto-settlement limit set by EPFO under its ASAC system?
  - (1)₹3 lakh (2)₹4 lakh (3)₹5 lakh (4)₹6 lakh
- 66. Which two institutions have signed an MoU to promote rural growth in Assam? (1)NABARD and RBI (2)NABARD and State Bank of India (3)SIDBI and State Bank of India (4)RBI and SIDBI
- 67. As per the India Digital Payments Report for H2 2024, what was the year-on-year growth in UPI transaction volume during July-December 2024?
  - (1)42% (2)35% (3)50% (4)38%
- 68. What was the total value of UPI transactions during July–December 2024? (1)₹120.00 trillion (2)₹125.50 trillion (3)₹135.00 trillion (4)₹130.19 trillion
- 69. As of December 2024, which three UPI platforms collectively accounted for 93% of transaction volume?
  - (1)PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm (2)PhonePe, Amazon Pay, and Paytm (3)Google Pay, Paytm, and BHIM (4)PhonePe, BHIM, and Google Pay
- 70. As of December 2024, what is India's total external debt?
  - (1)\$650.0 billion (2)\$700.5 billion (3)\$717.9 billion (4)\$730.2 billion
- 71. Who has been appointed as the first Executive Director (Growth) of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?
  - (1)Samar Singh (2)Sohini Rajola (3)Rakesh Mehta (4)Shweta Rao
- 72. Which RBI-approved NBFC aims to disburse ₹100 crore in education loans in its first year? (1)InEdu Finance (2)EduFund India (3)Securis Finance (4)ScholarLend
- 73. What is the name of the digital smart card product for teenagers operated by Securis Finance? (1)TechoCard (2)Junio (3)YouthCard (4)StudyPass



- 74. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)?
  - (1) Amitabh Kant (2) Urjit Patel (3) Raghuram Rajan (4) Sivasubramanian Ramann
- 75. Which alternative overnight benchmark rate was suggested by RBI in December 2024 to replace the weighted average call rate (WACR)?
  - (1)Secured Overnight Rupee Rate (SORR) (2)National Overnight Rate (NOR) (3)Indian Overnight Lending Rate (INLR) (4)Repo Linked Overnight Rate (RLOR)
- 76. Who was appointed as the head of the committee formed by the RBI to review rupee interest rate benchmarks?
  - (1)Urjit Patel (2)Viral Acharya (3)Ramanathan Subramanian (4)Michael Patra
- 77. What is the name of the framework that requires identified Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) to initiate timely remedial actions?
  - (1)Recovery and Resolution Plan (RRP) Framework (2)Cooperative Bank Remedial Protocol (CBRP)
  - (3)Banking Stability Framework (BSF) (4)Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework
- 78. The deposit insurance provided by DICGC covers account holders in which institutions? (1)Only Commercial Banks (2)Both Commercial and Co-operative Banks (3)Only Co-operative Banks (4)Commercial Banks and NBFCs
- 79. As per revised RBI guidelines, what is the maximum charge a bank can levy per ATM transaction beyond the free transaction limit?
  - (1)₹21 (2)₹22 (3)₹23 (4)₹25
- 80. How many free ATM transactions are customers allowed per month from their own bank's ATMs? (1)5 (2)4 (3)3 (4)6
- 81. In metro centres, how many free ATM transactions are allowed per month from other bank ATMs? (1)2 (2)3 (3)4 (4)5
- 82. As of January 2025, how many total ATMs were operational across India, according to RBI data? (1)2.45 lakh (2)2.57 lakh (3)2.60 lakh (4)2.50 lakh
- 83. Out of the total ATMs reported in January 2025, how many were White Label ATMs? (1)30,000 (2)36,000 (3)40,000 (4)32,500
- 84. What is the maximum limit set by the RBI for foreign portfolio investment (FPI) in government securities for FY 2025–26?
  - (1)5% (2)6% (3)7% (4)8%
- 85. How much total liquidity support is the RBI providing via Open Market Operations (OMOs) in April 2025?
  - (1)₹60,000 crore (2)₹80,000 crore (3)₹100,000 crore (4)₹50,000 crore
- 86. What was India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) as a percentage of GDP in Q3 FY25? (1)0.9% (2)1.0% (3)1.1% (4)1.2%
- 87. What was the value of the merchandise trade deficit in Q3 FY25?
  - (1)\$75.8 billion (2)\$79.2 billion (3)\$82.0 billion (4)\$77.5 billion
- 88. According to RBI's IIP data, what was the value of India's net foreign liabilities (net claims of non-residents) in December 2024?
  - (1)\$350.0 billion (2)\$364.5 billion (3)\$370.2 billion (4)\$360.8 billion
- 89. As of March 2024, how much forest area was reported under encroachment in India according to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change?
  - (1)12,500 sq km (2)13,056 sq km (3)13,500 sq km (4)14,000 sq km
- 90. Which state has reported the highest forest encroachment in India?
  - (1)Odisha (2)Madhya Pradesh (3)Chhattisgarh (4)Jharkhand
- 91. How much forest encroachment was removed as per the latest government report?
  - (1)400.00 sq km (2)409.77 sq km (3)415.50 sq km (4)420.25 sq km
- 92. According to the Tea Board of India, what was India's total tea export volume in 2024?
  - (1)250 Mkg (2)254 Mkg (3)260 Mkg (4)248 Mkg
- 93. In 2024, India became the world's -largest tea exporter.
  - (1)First (2)Second (3)Third (4)Fourth

- 94. What is India's tea export target by the year 2030?
  - (1)280 Mkg (2)290 Mkg (3)300 Mkg (4)310 Mkg
- 95. What is the name of the mobile application launched under Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan 2025 in Uttarak hand?
  - (1)RiverWatch (2)Bhagirath (3)WaterGuard (4)JalTracker
- 96. What is the theme of Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan 2025?
  - (1) "Gaon Mera, Pani Mera, Prayas Mera" (2) "Dhara Mera, Naula Mera, Gaon Mera, Prayas Mera"
  - (3) "Pani Rakho, Desh Bachao" (4) "Jal Hi Jeevan"
- 97. Which institutions are assisting with the river treatment plans under the Spring and River Rejuvenation Authority (SARA) in Uttarakhand?
  - (1)IIT Roorkee and NIH Roorkee (2)IIT Delhi and NIH Mumbai (3)IIM Ahmedabad and NIT Rourkela (4)IIT Bombay and NIH Kolkata
- 98. How much renewable energy capacity did India add in the financial year 2024–25? (1)20 GW (2)25 GW (3)30 GW (4)35 GW
- 99. What was the percentage increase in renewable energy addition in FY25 compared to the previous year?
  - (1)30% (2)32% (3)35% (4)38%
- 100. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the inclusion of which project under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP)?
  - (1)Ken-Betwa Interlink Project (2)Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project (3)Polavaram Irrigation Project (4)Sardar Sarovar Project
- 101. What is the total estimated cost of the Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project as approved by the CCEA?
  - (1)₹6,000.00 crore (2)₹6,282.32 crore (3)₹6,500.50 crore (4)₹7,000.00 crore
- 102. The Kosi Mechi Project will divert surplus water from which river?
  - (1)Ganges (2)Kosi (3)Mahanadi (4)Yamuna
- 103. The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) was launched in which year? (1)2014–15 (2)2015–16 (3)2016–17 (4)2017–18
- 104. Which districts in Bihar will benefit directly from the Kosi Mechi Link Project?
  - (1)Araria, Purnea, Kishanganj, Katihar (2)Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Sitamarhi, Samastipur (3)Patna, Gaya, Nalanda, Bhojpur (4)Bhagalpur, Munger, Jamui, Banka
- 105. Which new portal has been launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti for real-time monitoring of reservoir storage?
  - (1)WaterWatch Portal (2)Reservoir Storage Monitoring System (RSMS) (3)Dam Data Dashboard (4)HydroTrack System
- 106. Who launched the Reservoir Storage Monitoring System (RSMS) Portal?
  - (1)Prime Minister (2)Union Minister of Jal Shakti, C.R. Patil (3)Minister of State for Water Resources (4)Chairman, Central Water Commission
- 107. How many reservoirs' live storage capacities are monitored by the Central Water Commission (CWC)?
  - (1)150 (2)161 (3)175 (4)180
- 108. How many pests and crops are currently supported under the National Pest Surveillance System? (1)50 crops and 350 pests (2)61 crops and 400 pests (3)70 crops and 450 pests (4)80 crops and 500 pests
- 109. By when does the Government aim to generate Farmer IDs for 11 crore farmers? (1)2025 (2)2026 (3)2027 (4)2028
- 110. What is the total outlay of the Digital Agriculture Mission?
  - (1)₹2,500 crore (2)₹2,817 crore (3)₹3,000 crore (4)₹3,200 crore
- 111. What was India's total coal production in FY 2024–25?
  - (1)1,000.00 MT (2)1,047.57 MT (3)1,050.25 MT (4)1,100.00 MT

- 112. Which city will host the AI Centre for Geospatial Analytics under Maharashtra's MoU with Microsoft?
  - (1)Pune (2)Nagpur (3)Mumbai (4)Nashik
- 113. The Centre of Excellence in Pune under the Maharashtra–Microsoft AI partnership will focus on enhancing what?
  - (1) Agricultural productivity (2) Healthcare delivery (3) Criminal investigations (4) Financial services
- 114. The joint venture between BEL and Safran Electronics & Defense aims to manufacture which weapon system in India?
  - (1)BrahMos missile (2)HAMMER (Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range) (3)Astra airto-air missile (4)Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher
- 115. The HANSA-3 (Next Gen) aircraft is intended primarily for which purpose?
  - (1) Agricultural spraying (2) Passenger transport (3) Pilot training (4) Aerial surveying
- 116. Which organisation developed the HANSA-3 aircraft initially in the year 2000?
  - (1)HAL (2)National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) (3)DRDO (4)ISRO
- 117. Who has been appointed as the new President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) in 2025? (1)Sourav Ganguly (2)Jay Shah (3)Mohsin Naqvi (4)Greg Barclay
- 118. The Ugadi Award presented by the Karnataka Government in 2025 was conferred upon whom? (1)Historian MyNaa Swamy (2)Actor Upendra (3)Poet Kuvempu (4)Writer U.R. Ananthamurthy
- 119. Which state government signed an MoU with NASSCOM, IESA, and TiE Bangalore to explore opportunities in IT, startups, and the semiconductor industry?
  - (1)Karnataka (2)Maharashtra (3)Chhattisgarh (4)Gujarat
- 120. Under the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), the Department of Telecommunications has signed an MoU with which institution to provide broadband connectivity to rural institutions and enterprises?

  (1)ISRO (2)NASSCOM (3)NABARD (4)UIDAI
- 121. Who recently became India's fastest man after setting a national record of 10.20 seconds in the 100m sprint at the Indian Grand Prix 1, 2025?
  - (1)Muhammed Anas (2)Dutee Chand (3)Hima Das (4)Gurindevir Singh
- 122. What is the total length of the Indian Railways expansion projects recently approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs?
  - (1)1,247 km (2)1,150 km (3)1,300 km (4)1,200 km
- 123. What was the total value of India's defence exports in the financial year 2024–25?
  - (1)₹20,000 crore (2)₹23,622 crore (3)₹25,000 crore (4)₹22,500 crore
- 124. What is the name of the poverty eradication initiative launched by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu under the 'Swarnandhra 2047' vision?
  - (1)Loha Lakshmi (2)Zero Poverty P4 (3)Arjuna Abhiyan (4)Yuva Udyog
- 125. What is the name of the open-source inference framework launched by N vidia to improve AI deployment across distributed environments?
  - (1)Gemini (2)Triton (3)Dynamo (4)TensorRT
- 126. Who has been given additional charge as Chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) from 1 April 2025?
  - (1)Poonam Gupta (2)Ravneet Kaur (3)Ajay Bhushan Pandey (4)Michael Patra
- 127. Under which section of the Companies Act, 2013 was the NFRA constituted?
  - (1)Section 124(2) (2)Section 132(1) (3)Section 140(4) (4)Section 150(5)
- 128. Who has been appointed as the new President of the India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA)? (1)Piyush Goyal (2)Debmalya Sen (3)R.K. Singh (4)Ajay Kumar
- 129. Where will the Argentina national football team play an exhibition match in India in October 2025? (1)Mumbai (2)Delhi (3)Kolkata (4)Kerala
- 130. When did Lionel Messi first play a football match in India? (1)2010 (2)2011 (3)2012 (4)2009
- 131. Who is Argentina's commercial partner for India and Singapore for the 2025 football season? (1)Coca-Cola (2)Toyota (3)HSBC (4)Pepsi



- 132. Who has been awarded the 2025 Abel Prize for contributions to algebraic analysis and representation theory?
  - (1) Jean-Pierre Serre (2) Pierre Deligne (3) Masaki Kashiwara (4) John Milnor
- 133. Which prestigious mathematics award is often referred to as the "Nobel Prize for Mathematics"? (1)Fields Medal (2)Abel Prize (3)Wolf Prize (4)Chern Medal
- 134. What is the monetary value of the 2025 Abel Prize awarded to Masaki Kashiwara?
  - (1)7 million Norwegian kroner (2)7.5 million Norwegian kroner (3)8 million Norwegian kroner (4)6.5 million Norwegian kroner
- 135. Where is the 2025 Abel Prize ceremony scheduled to be held?
  - (1)Stockholm (2)Oslo (3)Copenhagen (4)Helsinki
- 136. Who has been appointed as the new Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi? (1)Nidhi Tewari (2)Rajiv Sharma (3)Kavita Desai (4)Anjali Menon
- 137. What was Nidhi Tewari's designation before becoming the Private Secretary to the Prime Minister? (1)Under Secretary, Finance Ministry (2)Deputy Secretary, PMO (3)Director, Cabinet Secretariat (4)Joint Secretary, Home Ministry
- 138. The Abel Prize is named after which renowned Norwegian mathematician?

  (1) Niels Henrik Abel (2) Sophus Lie (3) Jørgen Pedersen Gram (4) Atle Selberg
- 139. Who was awarded the "Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Sustainability" in 2025?
  - (1)Malala Yousafzai (2)Dalai Lama (3)Angela Merkel (4)Ban Ki-moon
- 140. Where was the Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Sustainability originally established? (1)France (2)United Kingdom (3)Italy (4)Germany
- 141. What is the total financial outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the new PLI scheme for electronics components?
  - (1)₹20,500 crore (2)₹22,919 crore (3)₹24,000 crore (4)₹21,750 crore
- 142. What is the name of the first-of-its-kind drug disposal programme launched by Kerala in 2025? (1)ReDrug (2)nPROUD (3)SafeDispose (4)MedClean
- 143. Which district in Kerala is the pilot area for the nPROUD initiative?
  - (1)Thrissur (2)Kozhikode (3)Ernakulam (4)Thiruvananthapuram
- 144. Who won the classical "Tashkent Open Agzamov Memorial 2025" chess tournament with an unbeaten performance?
  - (1) Viswanathan Anand (2) Praggnanandhaa R (3) Nihal Sarin (4) Pentala Harikrishna
- 145. What is the name of the mobile network system that NASA is deploying on the Moon as part of the IM-2 mission?
  - (1)Lunar Comm Network (LCN) (2)MoonLink System (3)Lunar Surface Communication System (LSCS) (4)AstroNet
- 146. Who received the "Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Public Service through Cultural Leadership" from Bridge India at the UK Parliament in 2025?
  - (1) Amitabh Bachchan (2) Chiranjeevi (3) Aamir Khan (4) Shah Rukh Khan
- 147. Nokia signed a multi-year deal with which Indian telecom company to deploy its Packet Core and Fixed Wireless Access solutions for 4G/5G networks?
  - (1) Vodafone Idea (2) Jio (3) Bharti Airtel (4) BSNL
- 148. What is the theme of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 announced by PM Narendra Modi? (1)Yoga for One Earth One Health (2)Harmony in Yoga, Harmony in Life (3)Yoga and Wellness for All (4)Yoga: Path to Peace
- 149. How many locomotives did India produce in FY 2024–25, according to the Ministry of Railways? (1)1,500 (2)1,681 (3)1,750 (4)1,620
- 150. Which two products from Tamil Nadu were recently granted Geographical Indications (GI) tags? (1)Salem mango & Madurai jasmine (2)Kumbakonam vetrilai & Thovalai maanikka maalai (3)Coimbatore khadi & Kancheepuram silk (4)Tirunelveli halwa & Tanjore painting
- 151. Which infrastructure project won the SKOCH 2025 Award for improving connectivity and development across Maharashtra?

- (1)Navi Mumbai Metro (2)Samruddhi Mahamarg (3)Mumbai—Ahmedabad Bullet Train Corridor (4)Pune Ring Road
- 152. Who won the women's title at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper squash event? (1)Joshna Chinappa (2)Dipika Pallikal (3)Anahat Singh (4)Tanvi Khanna
- 153. Who won the men's singles title at the Miami Open 2025 by defeating Novak Djokovic? (1)Carlos Alcaraz (2)Félix Auger-Aliassime (3)Jakub Mensik (4)Holger Rune
- 154. Which country topped the medal tally at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2025? (1)Japan (2)Iran (3)Kazakhstan (4)India
- 155. Which state has the second-highest number of GI-tagged products in India as of 2025? (1)Maharashtra (2)Tamil Nadu (3)Kerala (4)Rajasthan
- 156. Who became the first Indian to manufacture a high-tech solar-powered car? (1)Rohit Sharma (2)Bilal Ahmad Mir (3)Anurag Singh (4)Suresh Patel
- 157. Which women's hockey player recently announced her retirement after a record 320 international matches?
  - (1)Rani Rampal (2)Vandana Katariya (3)Deepika Thakur (4)Nikki Pradhan
- 158. Which organisation released the India Philanthropy Report (IPR) 2025?
  (1)Oxfam India (2)Dasra and Bain & Company (3)GiveIndia Foundation (4)India Development Centre
- 159. As per the India Philanthropy Report 2025, what percentage of India's total social sector funding in FY24 came from public spending? (1)90% (2)92% (3)95% (4)98%
- 160. What is the net worth threshold to be classified as an Ultra High Net-Worth Individual (UHNWI) as per IPR 2025?
  - (1)₹500 crore and above (2)₹750 crore and above (3)₹1,000 crore and above (4)₹1,500 crore and above
- 161. What is the total number of GI-registered crafts from Jammu and Kashmir as of 2025? (1)12 (2)10 (3)18 (4)15
- 162. Who has been appointed as the new President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) for FY26?
  - (1)SC Ralhan (2)Tribhuvandas Kishibhai Patel (3)Debmalya Sen (4)Ravi Kant
- 163. What is the name of Bilal Ahmad Mir's solar car brand?
  - (1)SunCar Innovations (2)Mechi Solar Motors (3)Bilal Innovative Solar Automobile (BISA) (4)SolarRide Technologies
- 164. Which Indian female wrestler won the only gold for India at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2025?
  - (1)Vinesh Phogat (2)Manisha Bhanwala (3)Babita Phogat (4)Sakshi Malik
- 165. What total capacity of solar power plants had Indian Railways installed across stations till February 2025?
  - (1)180 MW (2)200 MW (3)220 MW (4)209 MW
- 166. Who has been awarded the 2025 Windham-Campbell Prize in the non-fiction category for the book Capital: A Portrait of Twenty-First-Century Delhi?
  - (1)Rana Dasgupta (2)Amitav Ghosh (3)Pankaj Mishra (4)Arundhati Roy
- 167. How much prize money does each Windham-Campbell Prize recipient receive? (1)\$150,000 (2)\$200,000 (3)\$175,000 (4)\$125,000
- 168. Which US-based billionaire tops the Forbes World's Billionaires List 2025 with a net worth of \$342 billion?
  - (1)Jeff Bezos (2)Elon Musk (3)Mark Zuckerberg (4)Warren Buffett
- 169. What is India's rank in terms of number of billionaires in the Forbes World's Billionaires List 2025? (1)1st (2)2nd (3)4th (4)3rd
- 170. Who is the world's youngest billionaire according to Forbes World's Billionaires List 2025?
  (1)Johannes von Baumbach (2)Mark Zuckerberg (3)Kevin David Lehmann (4)Gustav Magnar Witzoe

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- 171. Which Indian woman billionaire ranked 48th globally in Forbes 2025 with a net worth of \$35.5 billion?
  - (1)Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (2)Shobana Bhartia (3)Savitri Jindal (4)Nita Ambani
- 172. What is the name of the proposed cooperative university in Gujarat approved by Parliament in 2025? (1) Ahmedabad Cooperative University (2) Tribhuvan Sahkari University (3) Gujarat Sahkari Vidyapeeth (4)Sardar Cooperative University
- 173. The newly approved Tribhuvan Sahkari University has been named after which key figure in India's cooperative movement?
  - (1)K. K. Birla (2)V. T. Dehejia (3)Dr. Verghese Kurien (4)Tribhuvandas Kishibhai Patel
- 174. As per Forbes 2025, what is the combined net worth of all the billionaires globally? (1)\$16.1 trillion (2)\$15.0 trillion (3)\$17.5 trillion (4)\$18.0 trillion
- 175. Tiger TRIUMPH 2025 is the 4th edition of the bilateral amphibious exercise focused on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) between India and which country? (1)Japan (2)United States (3)United Kingdom (4)Australia
- 176. According to the Ministry of Defence, what was the total value of India's defence exports in FY 2024–25?
  - (1)₹20,000 crore (2)₹22,500 crore (3)₹25,000 crore (4)₹23,622 crore
- 177. Which Indian naval ship hosted the opening ceremony of the Tiger TRIUMPH 2025 exercise? (1)INS Jalashwa (2)INS Shivalik (3)INS Kolkata (4)INS Vikrant
- 178. Which country received a major BrahMos missile export from India in April 2024? (1) Vietnam (2) Indonesia (3) Philippines (4) Thailand
- 179. Which state is set to receive ₹18,360 crore in pumped storage project financing from REC Ltd under a new MoU signed during the Global Green Hydrogen & Renewable Energy Summit 2025? (1)Karnataka (2)Kerala (3)Tamil Nadu (4)Andhra Pradesh
- 180. What is the name of the AI-powered railway track inspection system launched by L&T Technology Services (LTTS)?
  - (1)TrackVision (2)TrackSense (3)TrackInsight (4)TrackEi
- 181. By how much did India's installed solar module manufacturing capacity increase between March 2024 and March 2025?
  - (1)From 38 GW to 74 GW (2)From 35 GW to 70 GW (3)From 40 GW to 80 GW (4)From 36 GW to 72 GW
- 182. Who has been appointed as the Whole-time Member (Life) of IRDAI, becoming the first private sector professional to hold this post?
  - (1)M. G. Subramaniam (2)Subhash Chandra Khuntia (3)Swaminathan S Iyer (4)H. R. Khan
- 183. Who was recently appointed as the new CEO of Intel, succeeding Pat Gelsinger?
  - (1)Lisa Su (2)Lip-Bu Tan (3)Jensen Huang (4)Sundar Pichai
- 184. In March 2025, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways launched the 'Sagarmala 2.0' initiative with what budgetary support?
  - (1)₹30,000 crore (2)₹35,000 crore (3)₹45,000 crore (4)₹40,000 crore
- 185. Which scheme provides interest-free loans to Waqf Boards for developing commercial projects on Wagf properties?
  - (1)Shahari Waqf Sampatti Vikas Yojana (SWSVY) (2)Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (3)National Urban Livelihoods Mission (4)Prime Minister's Agricultural Infrastructure Fund
- 186. The 14th edition of the INDRA Naval Exercise (INDRA 2025) was held from 28 March to 2 April 2025 between the Indian and navies?
  - (1)Chinese (2)Japanese (3)Russian (4)French

Answers

Answers (MCQs G V Satish picks April 1-15)

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| 107 | 2 | 127 | 2 | 147 | 3 | 167 | 3 | 187 |   |
| 108 | 2 | 128 | 2 | 148 | 1 | 168 | 2 | 188 |   |
| 109 | 3 | 129 | 4 | 149 | 2 | 169 | 4 | 189 |   |
| 110 | 2 | 130 | 2 | 150 | 2 | 170 | 1 | 190 |   |
| 111 | 2 | 131 | 3 | 151 | 2 | 171 | 3 | 191 |   |
| 112 | 3 | 132 | 3 | 152 | 3 | 172 | 2 | 192 |   |
| 113 | 3 | 133 | 2 | 153 | 3 | 173 | 4 | 193 |   |
| 114 | 2 | 134 | 2 | 154 | 2 | 174 | 1 | 194 |   |
| 115 | 3 | 135 | 2 | 155 | 2 | 175 | 2 | 195 |   |
| 116 | 2 | 136 | 1 | 156 | 2 | 176 | 4 | 196 |   |
| 117 | 3 | 137 | 2 | 157 | 2 | 177 | 1 | 197 |   |
| 118 | 1 | 138 | 1 | 158 | 2 | 178 | 3 | 198 |   |
| 119 | 3 | 139 | 2 | 159 | 3 | 179 | 2 | 199 |   |
| 120 | 3 | 140 | 3 | 160 | 3 | 180 | 4 | 200 |   |
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### తల్లిదండ్రులకు మరియు విద్యార్థులకు ముఖ్య గమనిక

ఇటీవల కొందరు విద్యార్థులు సరియైన విచారణ చెయ్యకుండా ఎదో ఒక Coaching Institute లో Join అయ్య, అక్కడ కూర్పోవడానికి కనీసం Benches కూడా లేవని, ఏ ఒక్క Subject కూడా సరిగ్గా Explain చెయ్యరని, Teachers వారి వద్దనున్న Answers Screen పై చూపించి చదువుతున్నారని, ఏడైనా ఒక సందేహం వస్తే Class లో అడిగె అవకాశమే లేదని, teacher ఒక Shed లో వుండి విద్యార్థులు మరొక shed లో కూర్పొని 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 Coching Institute లో సైన 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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## ತಂದೆ - ತಾಯಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಸೂಚನೆ

ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಕೆಲವು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಸರಿಯಾದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡದೆ ಯಾವದೋ ಒಂದು Coaching Institute ನಲ್ಲಿ join ಆಗಿ, ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ Bench ಗಳೂ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ,ಯಾವುದೇ ಒಂದು Subject ಅನ್ನೂ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ explain ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು,ಅಲ್ಲಿ Teachers ಅವರ ಕಡೆ ಇರುವ Answers ಅನ್ನೂ screen ಮೇಲೆ ತೋರಿಸಿ ಸುಮ್ಮನೆ ಓದುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದು, ಯಾವುದೇ ಒಂದು ಸಂದೇಹ ಬಂದರೆ class ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವೇ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು, Teacher ಒಂದು shed ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಇನ್ನೊಂದು shed ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡು ಒಂದು Radio ದಲ್ಲಿ Answers ಕೇಳಿದ ಹಾಗೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು, Teachers ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಮುಖವನ್ನೂ ನೋಡದೆ Answers ಓದುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದು,ಅಲ್ಲಿ Coaching ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು, ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವುದಾದರು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ Coaching Institute ನಲ್ಲಿ join ಆಗಬೇಕೆಂದು NBCC ಕಡೆಗೆ ಬಂದು Fees ನಲ್ಲಿ ರಿಯಾಯಿತಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ನಮಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಭಾರವೆನಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ತಂದೆ-ತಾಯಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ Coaching Institute ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಸುವ ಮುನ್ನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು (Digital Class, Benches, Faculty Qualification, Class ನಲ್ಲಿ doubt ಕೇಳುವ ಅವಕಾಶ......) ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿ ಸರಿಯಾದ Coaching Institute ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

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- 1. Which of the following was the revised Policy Repo Rate set by the RBI effective April 9, 2025? (1)5.75% (2)6.25% (3)6.00% (4)6.50%
- 2. What was the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate announced by the RBI? (1)6.00% (2)5.75% (3)6.25% (4)5.50%
- 3. The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate were both set at what level? (1)6.00% (2)5.75% (3)6.25% (4)6.50%
- 4. To what amount was the SLF limit for Scheduled Primary Dealers raised effective April 2, 2025? (1)₹10,000 crore (2)₹15,000 crore (3)₹20,000 crore (4)₹25,000 crore
- 5. What was the total amount of Open Market Operations (OMO) purchases announced in April 2025, and how were they structured?
  - (1)₹80,000 crore in four tranches of ₹20,000 crore each (2)₹1,00,000 crore in five tranches of ₹20,000 crore each (3)₹75,000 crore in three tranches of ₹25,000 crore each (4)₹80,000 crore in two tranches of ₹40,000 crore each
- 6. What were the unchanged FPI caps for FY 2025–26 on government securities, state government securities, and corporate bonds respectively? (1)6%, 2%, 15% (2)5%, 3%, 20% (3)6%, 3%, 10% (4)7%, 2%, 15%
- 7. Which proposal was under final discussion involving the RBI, Government, and SEBI concerning foreign investor limits in listed Indian companies?

  (1)Raise individual cap from 2% to 5% (2)Double individual cap from 5% to 10% and raise total cap from 10% to 24% (3)Reduce total cap from 15% to 10% (4)Remove individual caps entirely
- 8. During the RBI's 90th Anniversary celebration, what commemorative item was released by President Murmu, and what motto did it bear?
  - (1)₹10 coin with "Trust. Growth. Stability." (2)₹5 postage stamp with "Stability. Trust. Growth." (3)Commemorative bond with "Stability. Growth. Prosperity." (4)₹5 coin with "Growth. Stability. Trust."
- 9. Who is the current (26th) Governor of the RBI, and where is its headquarters located? (1)Shaktikanta Das; Kolkata (2)Sanjay Malhotra; Mumbai (3)Urjit Patel; New Delhi (4)Sanjay Malhotra; Kolkata
- 10. Which of the following is NOT one of the Deputy Governors of the RBI? (1)Swaminathan Janakiraman (2)Viral Acharya (3)T. Rabi Sankar (4)Poonam Gupta
- 11. Which of these was NOT an RBI initiative highlighted recently?
  (1) "RBI Kehta Hai" campaign on Whats App (2) Regulatory Sandbox "On Tap" moved to Theme
  - Neutral cohort (3)Launch of UPI 3.0 platform (4)69th OBICUS Survey for Jan–Mar 2025
- 12. Which of the following was removed regarding the weaker sections category under the revised PSL guidelines effective April 1, 2025?
  - (1)Cap on micro-enterprise loans (2)Cap on cooperative bank loans to individual women beneficiaries (3)Cap on education loans up to  $\ref{25}$  lakh (4)Cap on renewable energy loans
- 13. What is the maximum loan limit for education loans per individual under the revised PSL guidelines? (1)₹10 lakh (2)₹15 lakh (3)₹25 lakh (4)₹35 lakh
- 14. Under the PSL guidelines, what is the loan limit for social infrastructure projects in Tier 2–6 cities? (1)₹5 crore (2)₹8 crore (3)₹10 crore (4)₹12 crore
- 15. What change was made to the loan limit for artisans, village & cottage industries?
  - (1)Increased from ₹1 lakh to ₹2 lakh (2)Increased from ₹2 lakh to ₹3 lakh (3)Decreased from ₹2 lakh to ₹1 lakh (4)Remained unchanged at ₹1 lakh
- 16. What is the revised loan limit for individual women beneficiaries (excluding UCBs) under the PSL guidelines?
  - (1)₹1 lakh (2)₹1.5 lakh (3)₹2 lakh (4)₹2.5 lakh
- 17. What is the revised limit for negotiable warehouse receipts for farmers?
  - (1)₹60 lakh (2)₹75 lakh (3)₹90 lakh (4)₹100 lakh
- 18. What is the maximum limit for other (non-negotiable) warehouse receipts for farmers under PSL? (1)₹50 lakh (2)₹60 lakh (3)₹75 lakh (4)₹90 lakh
- 19. Under the revised PSL guidelines, what is the export credit limit for Indian banks?

- (1)Up to 2% of ANBC or ₹25 crore (2)Up to 2% of ANBC or ₹50 crore (3)Up to 3% of ANBC or ₹60 crore (4)Up to 5% of ANBC or ₹75 crore
- 20. What is the export credit limit for foreign banks with fewer than 20 branches? (1)2% of ANBC (2)32% of ANBC (3)10% of ANBC (4)20% of ANBC
- 21. What is the loan ceiling for renewable energy loans to power generators & public utilities? (1)₹10 crore (2)₹20 crore (3)₹35 crore (4)₹50 crore
- 22. Under PSL guidelines, what is the renewable energy loan limit for individual households? (1)₹5 lakh (2)₹10 lakh (3)₹15 lakh (4)₹20 lakh
- 23. Which of the following correctly matches population category with housing loan limit under PSL? (1)≥50 lakh: ₹45 lakh; 10–50 lakh: ₹50 lakh; <10 lakh: ₹35 lakh (2)≥50 lakh: ₹50 lakh; 10–50 lakh: ₹45 lakh; <10 lakh: ₹35 lakh (3)≥50 lakh: ₹50 lakh; 10–50 lakh: ₹40 lakh; <10 lakh: ₹30 lakh (4)≥50 lakh: ₹55 lakh; 10–50 lakh: ₹45 lakh; <10 lakh: ₹40 lakh
- 24. What is the revised target for total PSL for urban cooperative banks (UCBs)? (1)50% of ANBC (2)55% of ANBC (3)60% of ANBC (4)65% of ANBC
- 25. What percentage of ANBC is earmarked for micro enterprises under the revised PSL targets for UCBs?
  - (1)5% (2)7.5% (3)10% (4)12.5%
- 26. Under the revised PSL targets for UCBs, what is the target for lending to weaker sections? (1)10% of ANBC (2)11% of ANBC (3)12% of ANBC (4)15% of ANBC
- 27. What was the Real GDP growth estimate for 2024–25 by the NSO? (1)5.8% (2)6.5% (3)6.8% (4)7.0%
- 28. What is the projected average CPI inflation for FY 2025–26 according to the MPC? (1)3.6% (2)3.8% (3)4.0% (4)4.2%
- 29. What fiscal deficit is estimated for FY 2025–26 as a percentage of GDP? (1)4.2% (2)4.4% (3)4.6% (4)4.8%
- 30. How much does the government plan to raise through dated securities between April and September 2025?
  - (1)₹6 lakh crore (2)₹7 lakh crore (3)₹8 lakh crore (4)₹9 lakh crore
- 31. What were GST collections in March 2025?
  - (1)₹1.80 lakh crore (2)₹1.96 lakh crore (3)₹2.10 lakh crore (4)₹2.25 lakh crore
- 32. What was the trade growth rate for April–September 2024 according to NITI Aayog's Trade Watch Ouarterly?
  - (1)4.67% (2)5.67% (3)6.67% (4)7.67%
- 33. Which agency projected a 6.7% GDP growth for FY 2025–26?
  - (1) EY Economy Watch (2) Fitch (3) RBI (4) Moody's Analytics
- 34. By what percentage did UPI volumes grow in July-December 2024?
  - (1)31% (2)42% (3)50% (4)60%
- 35. What was the value of UPI transactions in March 2025?
  - (1)₹22.55 trn (2)₹23.66 trn (3)₹24.77 trn (4)₹25.88 trn
- 36. How many FASTag transactions occurred in March 2025?
  - (1)350 million (2)379 million (3)400 million (4)420 million
- 37. Which three UPI platforms accounted for about 93% of volume and 92% of value by December 2024?
  - (1)PhonePe, Paytm, Amazon Pay (2)Google Pay, Paytm, MobiKwik (3)PhonePe, Google Pay, Paytm (4)BHIM, PhonePe, Google Pay
- 38. Which feature is associated with BHIM 3.0?
  - (1)Offline payments (2)Targeting low internet areas (3)Cryptocurrency integration (4)Merchant cashback offers
- 39. What does the Razorpay Turbo UPI Plugin on BHIM Vega enable?
  - (1)Instant cashback (2)In-app UPI payments without redirection (3)Biometric authentication (4)Card-based UPI transactions
- 40. What is the standard UPI P2M transaction limit?

- (1)₹50,000 (2)₹75,000 (3)₹1 lakh (4)₹2 lakh
- 41. Which company launched 2-wheeler insurance with own damage cover starting at ₹1?
  - (1)Paytm (2)PhonePe (3)Google Pay (4)Amazon Pay
- 42. Who is the Executive Director (Growth) of NPCI?
  - (1) Ajay Kumar Choudhary (2) Sohini Rajola (3) Dilip Asbe (4) Pratyush Sinha
- 43. Who among the following is NOT a leadership role at NPCI?
  - (1)MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe (2)Chairman: Ajay Kumar Choudhary (3)Executive Director (Growth): Sohini Rajola (4)Director of Foreign Exchange: Shaktikanta Das
- 44. Which position did Poonam Gupta assume recently at the RBI?
  - (1) Governor (2) Deputy Governor (3) Chief Economic Adviser (4) Chairman of MPC
- 45. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of PFRDA for a 5-year term?
  - (1) Deepak Mohanty (2) Sivasubramanian Ramann (3) Shaktikanta Das (4) Michael Patra
- 46. Who is the first African woman to become Commonwealth Secretary General?
  - (1)Patricia Scotland (2)Shirley Botchwey (3)Amina J. Mohammed (4)Ngozi Okonjo Iweala
- 47. Which committee was formed by SEBI on conflict of interest, and who chairs it?
  - (1) High Level Committee; Pratyush Sinha (2) Expert Committee; Tuhin Kanta Pandey (3) Advisory Committee; Dilip Asbe (4) Regulatory Committee; Poonam Gupta
- 48. Which insurer was fined by IRDAI for insurance norms violations?
  - (1)Policybazaar (2)Flipkart (3)Paytm Insurance (4)Amazon Insurance
- 49. Which bank transferred ₹10,000 crore of corporate loans under the IBPC to ICICI Bank & Federal Bank?
  - (1)Axis Bank (2)IndusInd Bank (3)HDFC Bank (4)Yes Bank
- 50. What is the annual funding under the NABARD-SBI MoU for rural growth in Assam after FY 2025–26?
  - (1)₹250 crore (2)₹500 crore (3)₹750 crore (4)₹1,000 crore
- 51. Which French company partnered with BEL to manufacture "HAMMER" precision guided munitions?
  - (1)Dassault (2)Thales (3)Safran (4)Airbus
- 52. What is the stake acquisition deal amount between LIC and ManipalCigna?
  - (1)₹2,500 crore (2)₹3,500 crore (3)₹4,000 crore (4)₹5,000 crore
- 53. Which bank collaborated with JPMorgan to enable 24×7 USD payments via Kinexys blockchain?
  - (1)ICICI Bank (2)Axis Bank (3)HDFC Bank (4)State Bank of India
- 54. Which company acquired a 51% stake in EffiaSoft Pvt Ltd?
  - (1)Paytm (2)Zaggle Prepaid Ocean Services Ltd (3)MobiKwik (4)Policybazaar
- 55. Which product did Securis Finance plan to launch as part of its NBFC approval?
  - (1)Luna digital card (2)Junio pocket money card (3)Mercury savings app (4)Stellar credit card
- 56. Which RRB was the first to launch e-Bank Guarantee services?
  - (1)Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) (2)Punjab Gramin Bank (3)Uttar Bihar Gramin Bank (4)Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- 57. Under the "One State One RRB" plan, how many RRBs will be merged and how much allocation was made?
  - (1)43 into 28; ₹5,445 crore (2)40 into 30; ₹5,000 crore (3)50 into 25; ₹6,000 crore (4)45 into 29; ₹5,500 crore
- 58. What was the total issuance of Certificates of Deposit (CDs) in March 2025?
  - (1)₹1.80 lakh crore (2)₹2.06 lakh crore (3)₹2.50 lakh crore (4)₹3.00 lakh crore
- 59. Which bank was the top issuer of CDs in FY 2024–25?
  - (1)Bank of Baroda (2)Bank of India (3)Punjab National Bank (4)ICICI Bank
- 60. Which feature does NOT apply to Certificates of Deposit?
  - (1) They are negotiable (2) Tenor ranges from 7 days to 1 year (3) Minimum denomination is ₹5 lakh (4) Issuers can lend against CDs without RBI permission
- 61. What is the coupon rate of the Government Floating Rate Bond 2028?
  - (1)6.75% (2)7.11% (3)7.25% (4)7.50%



- 62. Which mutual fund scheme is an open-ended thematic equity scheme by Kotak investing in energy sectors?
  - (1)Kotak Green Energy Fund (2)Kotak Energy Opportunities Fund (3)Kotak Infrastructure Fund (4)Kotak Renewable Fund
- 63. What is the outlay for Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for 2025–26? (1)₹1,000 crore (2)₹1,600 crore (3)₹2,000 crore (4)₹2,500 crore
- 63. How many camps were planned under Phase 2 of the "Niveshak Didi" initiative? (1)2,000+ (2)3,000+ (3)4,000+ (4)5,000+
- 64. What percentage of beneficiaries in Phase 1 of the "Niveshak Didi" initiative were female? (1)50% (2)55% (3)60% (4)65%
- 65. What was the trade growth rate reported in NITI Aayog's Trade Watch Quarterly for Q2 FY 2024–25?
  - (1)4.67% (2)5.67% (3)6.67% (4)7.67%
- 66. What was India's external debt at end-December 2024?
  - (1)\$648.7 bn (2)\$700.0 bn (3)\$717.9 bn (4)\$730.2 bn
- 67. Which currency formed the highest share in India's external debt composition?
  - (1)Euro (2)Japanese Yen (3)Indian Rupee (4)US Dollar
- 68. Which component contributed 23.1% to India's external debt liabilities?
  - (1)Loans (2)Currency & deposits (3)Trade credit & advances (4)Debt securities
- 69. What was India's net foreign liabilities in the IIP for Q3 FY 2024–25? (1)\$350.0 bn (2)\$360.5 bn (3)\$364.5 bn (4)\$370.0 bn
- 70. Which country is India's largest trading partner by export percentage?
  - (1)China (2)USA (3)UAE (4)Germany
- 71. Which company overtook Intel as the top semiconductor revenue generator?
  - (1)AMD (2)Nvidia (3)Qualcomm (4)Broadcom
- 72. What is the name of Meta's large language model suite released recently?
  - (1)Llama 3 (2)Falcon (3)Llama 4 (4)Gemini
- 73. Which Bengaluru based payments startup achieved unicorn status and developed NPCI's BHIM app? (1)Razorpay (2)PhonePe (3)Juspay (4)Paytm
- 74. Which feature is NOT associated with the Paytm "Mahakumbh Soundbox"?
  - (1)4G connectivity (2)Solar power operation (3)Voice assisted payments (4)11 language support
- 75. Which Madhya Pradesh initiative aims to increase enrollment, ensure timely textbook distribution, and motivate students?
  - (1)School Chale Hum (2)Education Portal 3.0 (3)Bhavishya Se Bhet (4)Maharishi Sandipani Vidyalaya
- 76. What is the primary function of Education Portal 3.0 launched in Madhya Pradesh?
  - (1)Increase student enrollment (2)Digitize school processes and provide easy access to Education Department information (3)Monitor vaccine stocks in real time (4)Offer online courses in Hindi
- 77. All CM RISE Schools in Madhya Pradesh have been renamed as:
  - (1)CM RISE Vidyalaya (2)National Education Academy (3)Maharishi Sandipani Vidyalaya (4)School Chale Hum Academy
- 78. Where is the Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum Project located?
  - (1)New Delhi (2)Bhopal (3)Ahmedabad (4)GIFT City
- 79. When will IIM Ahmedabad establish its first international campus in Dubai?
  - (1)January 2026 (2)September 2024 (3)April 2025 (4)March 2015
- 80. Which institution hosts Techkriti 2025?
  - (1)IIT Kanpur (2)IIM Ahmedabad (3)University of Vavuniya (4)Coventry University
- 81. What is the theme of Techkriti 2025?
  - (1) Everything Flows (2) Quantum Frontier (3) Digital Detox (4) Panta Rhei
- 82. Who inaugurated Techkriti 2025?
  - (1)Mohan Yadav (2)Ashwini Vaishnaw (3)CDS General Anil Chauhan (4)C.R. Patil
- 83. Which course is being offered at the University of Vavuniya in Sri Lanka?



- (1) Hindi Language (2) Kannada Literature (3) Solar Energy Management (4) International Business
- 84. Which work by Banu Mushtaq was shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2024?
  - (1) Heart of the World (2) Heart Lamp (3) School Chale Hum (4) Sahkar Taxi Service
- 85. In which language was "Heart Lamp" originally written?
  - (1)Hindi (2)English (3)Telugu (4)Kannada
- 86. Who translated "Heart Lamp" into English?
  - (1)Bharat Bhasker (2)Poonam Gupta (3)Deepa Bhasthi (4)Conrad K. Sangma
- 87. How many short stories (from 1990–2023) are included in "Heart Lamp"?
  - (1)12 (2)60 (3)7 (4)19
- 88. Who launched the "India Skills Accelerator"?
  - (1)UNESCO and MoSDE (2)Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and World Economic Forum (3)NCDC and UNDP (4)MNRE and CCIL
- 89. Which university will open its first English campus in GIFT City (Gujarat)?
  - (1)IIT Kanpur (2)IIM Ahmedabad (3)University of Vavuniya (4)Coventry University
- 90. In which year will Coventry University commence operations in GIFT City? (1)2025 (2)2024 (3)2026 (4)2030
- 91. Which of the following courses will be offered at Coventry University's GIFT City campus? (1)BSc (Hons) International Business Management (2)MSc in Computer Science (3)MBA in Public Policy (4)BA in Literature
- 92. What does the digital platform "ZooWIN" monitor?
  - (1)Solar panel installations (2)Anti-rabies and anti-snake venom vaccine stocks and administration (3)Cooperative taxi operations (4)Renewable energy growth
- 93. Which organizations developed the ZooWIN platform?
  - (1)MNRE & UNESCO (2)NITI Aayog & NCAER (3)NCDC's Centre for One Health & UNDP (4)CCIL & HARTRON
- 94. What is the helpline number for the ZooWIN platform launched in 2024?
  - (1)15400 (2)108 (3)112 (4)1122
- 95. What is Kerala's "nPROUD" programme focused on?
  - (1)Monitoring solar capacity (2)Safe disposal of unused drugs (3)Digital detox for students (4)Vaccination tracking
- 96. In which city is the "nPROUD" programme located?
  - (1)Thiruvananthapuram (2)Kozhikode (3)Bhopal (4)Bengaluru
- 97. Which state passed a law creating a dedicated Senior Citizens Commission with projected 22.8% elderly population by 2036?
  - (1)Madhya Pradesh (2)Uttarakhand (3)Kerala (4)Arunachal Pradesh
- 98. Under the Indira Gandhi Old Age Pension scheme, eligible citizens receive how much per month? (1)₹1,600 (2)₹2,000 (3)₹1,000 (4)₹500
- 99. What is the purpose of Operation Brahma?
  - (1)Digital education modernization (2)Vaccine stock monitoring (3)Renewable energy promotions (4)Rescue and relief assistance to Myanmar earthquake victims
- 100. What is ANMOL 2.0 in Madhya Pradesh's health mission?
  - (1)A solar power monitoring tool (2)A digital detox platform (3)An online training platform for Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (4)A cooperative taxi service
- 101. In Uttar Pradesh, the "RISE" app stands for:
  - (1)Renewable Infrastructure & Sustainable Energy (2)Rural Innovation & Social Empowerment
  - (3) Rapid Indian Skills Enterprise (4) Rapid Immunisation Skill Enhancement
- 102. How much solar capacity (in MW) did Indian Railways install at 2,249 stations by February 2025? (1)1489 (2)275 (3)209 (4)531
- 103. Which state recorded the highest number of solar installations under the Indian Railways scheme? (1)Maharashtra (2)Rajasthan (3)West Bengal (4)Uttar Pradesh
- 104. When was the Sagarmala Programme originally launched?
  - (1)March 2025 (2)September 2024 (3)April 2025 (4)March 2015

- 105. What is the allocation for Sagarmala 2.0 to leverage ₹12 lakh Cr over the next decade?
  - (1)₹40,000 Cr (2)₹12 lakh Cr (3)₹531 Cr (4)₹3,712.40 Cr
- 106. How many locomotives did Indian Railways produce in FY 2024-25?
  - (1)209 (2)1,247 (3)1,681 (4)2,249
- 107. What is the total length of the approved Patna-Arrah-Sasaram Corridor Project?
  - (1)120.10 km (2)10.6 km (3)1,247 km (4)2.08 km
- 108. The new Pamban Bridge inaugurated on 6 April 2025 replaces a sea bridge built in which year? (1)1939 (2)1925 (3)1950 (4)1914
- 109. What was the cost of constructing the new Pamban Bridge?
  - (1)₹3,712.40 Cr (2)₹531 Cr (3)₹18,658 Cr (4)₹6,839 Cr
- 110. How many multi-tracking rail projects adding ~1,247 km of lines were approved by the Cabinet? (1)3 (2)2 (3)4 (4)5
- 111. Phase II of the Vibrant Villages Programme has an outlay of how much until FY 2028–29? (1)₹6,839 Cr (2)₹4,800 Cr (3)₹18,658 Cr (4)₹531 Cr
- 112. After its latest expansion, IGI Airport connects to how many destinations? (1)80 (2)70 (3)24 (4)150
- 113. By what percentage did India's renewable energy capacity grow in 2024–25 compared to 2023–24? (1)19% (2)35% (3)24% (4)50%
- 114. Which ministry oversees India's renewable energy additions?
  - (1)MNRE (2)NITI Aayog (3)CCIL (4)NCDC
- 115. Where is Waaree Energies' largest solar cell factory located?
  - (1)New Delhi (2)Shivamogga (3)Chikhli, Gujarat (4)Kozhikode
- 116. According to the IUCN Green Status, lions (Panthera leo) are classified as:
  - (1)Endangered (2)Near Threatened (3)Least Concern (4)Vulnerable
- 117. Approximately how many lions are estimated to be in India?
  - (1)670 (2)23,000 (3)1,681 (4)504
- 118. By which fiscal year does NTPC aim to add 30,000 MW of new capacity?
  - (1)FY '29 (2)FY '30 (3)FY '32 (4)FY '25
- 119. From which date must all petrol stations retail E20 petrol under the new ethanol blending target? (1)31 March 2025 (2)1 April 2025 (3)7 April 2025 (4)21 June 2015
- 120. What is the name of the cooperative taxi service announced under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Amendment Bill, 2023?
  - (1)Ola Co-op (2)Uber Co-op (3)Sahkar (4)DigiTaxi
- 121. Which bill cleared by Parliament in 2025 will establish a cooperative university in Anand, Gujarat? (1)Tribhuvan Sahkari University Bill 2025 (2)Cooperative Education Bill (3)Sahkar se Samriddhi Bill (4)Multi-State Societies Bill
- 122. What is the theme of the 11th International Yoga Day 2025?
  - (1)Panta Rhei (2)One Earth One Yoga (3)Quantum for Health (4)Yoga for One Earth One Health
- 123. Who developed the 'NITI NCAER States Economic Forum' portal?
  - (1)RBI & SEBI (2)NITI Aavog & NCAER (3)MoSDE & WEF (4)MNRE & CCIL
- 124. By 31 March 2025, how many households benefited under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana? (1)6.98 Lakh (2)239 MMT (3)11.01 Lakh (4)254 Mkg
- 125. The ₹22,919 Cr PLI scheme aims to promote which sector?
  - (1) Vaccine manufacturing (2) Solar cell production (3) Railway infrastructure (4) Domestic production of electronic components
- 126. Which state's budget allocated ₹10 Cr for the Jhajjar Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary?
  - (1)Punjab (2)Kerala (3)Madhya Pradesh (4)Maharashtra
- 127. Under which mission did India achieve a record milk production of 239 MMT?
  - (1)Operation Brahma (2)Rashtriya Gokul Mission (3)India Skills Accelerator (4)Udder Suraksha Mission
- 128. In 2024, India exported 254 Mkg of tea, making it the world's:
  - (1)Largest exporter (2)Third largest exporter (3)Second largest exporter (4)Fourth largest exporter

- 129. Madhya Pradesh enforced a liquor ban in how many religious cities and panchayats? (1)18 (2)15 (3)33 (4)19
- 130. Which state renamed Aurangzebpur to Shivaji Nagar among other places? (1)Uttarakhand (2)Kerala (3)Madhya Pradesh (4)Arunachal Pradesh
- 131. The UMEED Bill (Waqf Amendment) passed in Lok Sabha with how many votes in favor? (1)232 (2)288 (3)180 (4)270
- 132. Under the Arunachal Pradesh Dulari Kanya Scheme, the girl child's fixed deposit maturity amount was increased to:
  - (1)₹20 K (2)₹10 K (3)₹30 K (4)₹40 K
- 133. Which Act enacted in 2025 repealed earlier laws including the Passport (Entry) Act, 1920? (1)Multi-State Societies Act (2)Waqf Amendment Act (3)Cooperative Societies Act (4)Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025
- 134. Under the Immigration and Foreigners Act, the penalty for forged passport or visa includes up to: (1)7 years imprisonment and ₹10 Lakh fine (2)3 years imprisonment (3)₹5 Lakh fine only (4)5 years imprisonment only
- 135. As of April 2025, how many Navaratna CPSEs are there?
  - (1)14 (2)10 (3)26 (4)32
- 136. Which new category did the CPCB introduce under its Pollution Index?
  (1)Green Category Industries (2)Blue Category Industries (3)Orange Category Industries (4)White Category Industries
- 137. Which state's Legal Services Authority launched the first Online Permanent Lok Adalats in India? (1)Rajasthan (2)Gujarat (3)Uttarakhand (4)Kerala
- 138. What is the aim of Karnataka's "Digital Detox Initiative Beyond Screens"?

  (1) Tackle digital addiction via short, medium & long-term solutions (2) Promote renewable energy adoption (3) Monitor cooperative taxi services (4) Enhance vaccine delivery systems
- 139. What is the name of the AI chatbot launched by Haryana for government directives?
  - (1)Kavach (2)ZooWIN (3)ANMOL (4)Sarathi
- 140. The "Kavach 5.0" system is designed to:
  - (1)Monitor vaccine stocks (2)Boost Mumbai suburban rail services by automatic train protection (3)Provide digital education resources (4)Conduct GI tag registrations
- 141. Telangana's "Quantum Frontier Tech Charter" was launched on the occasion of:(1)World Health Day (2)International Yoga Day (3)World Quantum Day (14 April 2025) (4)60th IIM convocation
- 142. "K umbakonam Vetrilai" and "Thovalai Maanikka Maalai" received GI tags under which registry? (1)New Delhi under MNRE (2)Bengaluru under UNESCO (3)Mumbai under SEBI (4)Chennai under DPIIT
- 143. Which fruit became the third from Gujarat to receive a GI tag?
  - (1) Amalsad Chikoo (2) Gir Kesar Mango (3) Kutchhi Kharek (4) Chapata chilli
- 144. How many new Tamil Nadu products were awarded GI tags in this update? (1)15 (2)69 (3)7 (4)32
- 145. Which chilli variety from Warangal, Telangana, received a GI tag?
  - (1)Kumbakonam Vetrilai (2)Chapata chilli (3)Ryndia (4)Palappazham
- 146. Among the seven new West Bengal products GI tagged, which is a sweet?
  - (1)Nolen Gur er Sandesh (2)Guavas of Baruipur (3)Murshidabad Chhanabora (4)Kamarpukur White Bonde
- 147. Which product from Meghalaya secured a GI tag?
  - (1) Chapata chilli (2) Ryndia (3) Amalsad Chikoo (4) Nolen Sandesh
- 148. India ranks second largest producer and largest consumer globally of:
  - (1)Tea (2)Milk (3)Solar power (4)Raw Silk
- 149. The India–U.S. Tri Service Exercise "Tiger Triumph" was conducted on:
  - (1)14–28 April 2025 (2)21 June 2015 (3)1–13 April 2025 (4)7 April 2025
- 150. The Gujarat Police GP DRASTI Project involves:

- (1)Solar plant installations (2)Drone Response & Aerial Surveillance Tactical Intervention
- (3) Vaccine stock monitoring (4) Online permanent Lok Adalats
- 151. Who was named CEO of Intel, succeeding Pat Gelsinger?
  - (1)Jensen Huang (2)Satya Nadella (3)Lip Bu Tan (4)Sundar Pichai
- 152. Lip Bu Tan, the new Intel CEO, was formerly CEO of which company?
  - (1)Cadence (2)Qualcomm (3)Broadcom (4)ARM
- 153. From 1 April 2025, which company's leadership change involved reappointing Ajay Kapur as Managing Director for two years, appointing Vinod Bahety as Whole Time Director & CEO, and naming Rakesh Tiwary as CFO?
  - (1) Ambuja Cement (2) Ultra Tech Cement (3) Shree Cement (4) ACC Ltd
- 154. Shyam Srinivasan, former MD & CEO of Federal Bank, was appointed to which position at TVS Capital?
  - (1) Managing Director (2) Chief Financial Officer (3) Chairman (4) Senior Advisor
- 155. Who was named Brand Ambassador for Thomas Cook India's Forex Business?
  - (1) Amitabh Bachchan (2) Priyanka Chopra (3) Kartik Aaryan (4) Ranveer Singh
- 156. Who was appointed as Executive Director Technology & Operations at Equitas Small Finance Bank?
  - (1) Ajay Kapur (2) Balaji Nuthalapadi (3) Vasudevan P N (4) Rakesh Tiwary
- 157. In which year was Equitas Small Finance Bank established?
  - (1)2018 (2)2016 (3)2010 (4)2020
- 158. Where is the headquarters of Equitas Small Finance Bank located?
  - (1)Mumbai (2)Bangalore (3)Hyderabad (4)Chennai
- 159. Who serves as MD & CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank?
  - (1) Vasude van P N (2) Vinod Bahety (3) Ajay Kapur (4) Rakesh Tiwary
- 160. Ambuj Chandna was appointed as Managing Director & Head of which group at DBS Bank India?
  - (1)Corporate Banking Group (2)Investment Banking Group (3)Consumer Banking Group
  - (4)Treasury and Markets Group
- 161. Before joining DBS Bank India, Ambuj Chandna served as President & Head of Consumer Bank Products at which bank?
  - (1)ICICI Bank (2)Kotak Mahindra Bank (3)HDFC Bank (4)Axis Bank
- 162. Who succeeded Surojit Shome as CEO of DBS Bank India from 1 March 2025?
  - (1)Rajat Verma (2)Poonam Gupta (3)Rakesh Tiwary (4)Shyam Srinivasan
- 163. Who is the current Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?
  - (1)Atul Kumar Goel (2)CS Setty (3)Poonam Gupta (4)Vinod Bahety
- 164. CS Setty, Chairman of IBA, is also the Chairman of which bank?
  - (1) State Bank of India (2) Punjab National Bank (3) Union Bank of India (4) Karur Vysya Bank
- 165. Who holds the position of Honorary Secretary at the Indian Banks' Association?
  - (1)B. Ramesh Babu (2)Swarup Kumar Saha (3)Madhav Nair (4)Atul Kumar Goel
- 166. Who is the Executive Director Growth at National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?
  - (1)Sohini Rajola (2)Poonam Gupta (3)Ajay Kapur (4)Swaminathan J
- 167. Poonam Gupta's appointment as Deputy Governor of RBI marked the first woman in how many years?
  - (1)10 years (2)12 years (3)14 years (4)16 years
- 168. Which of the following roles has Poonam Gupta NOT held?
  - (1)Director General of NCAER (2)Member, Economic Advisory Council to the PM (3)Convener, Advisory Council to the 16th Finance Commission (4)Chairman of NPCI
- 169. Who was appointed as Chairman of PFRDA, replacing Deepak Mohanty?
  - (1)Poonam Gupta (2)Sivasubramanian Ramann (3)CS Setty (4)Sohini Rajola
- 170. Who serves as the Whole Time Member (Life) at IRDAI?
  - (1)Swaminathan S. Iyer (2)Rakesh Tiwary (3)Sohini Rajola (4)A. Manimekhalai
- 171. Who is the President of FIEO (Federation of Indian Export Organisation) and whom did he succeed?



- (1)SC Ralhan, succeeding Ashwani Kumar (2)Ravikant Kapur, succeeding Deepak Mohanty
- (3) Ajay Sahai, succeeding Pat Gelsinger (4) B. Ramesh Babu, succeeding CS Setty
- 172. Where is FIEO(Federation of Indian Export Organisation) headquartered and who is its DG & CEO? (1)New Delhi, Ajay Sahai (2)Mumbai, Vinod Bahety (3)Kolkata, Rakesh Tiwary (4)Chennai, Balaji Nuthalapadi
- 173. In which year was FIEO(Federation of Indian Export Organisation) established? (1)1960 (2)1965 (3)1970 (4)1975
- 174. FIEO(Federation of Indian Export Organisation) functions under which ministry?
  (1)Ministry of Finance (2)Ministry of Commerce & Industries (3)Ministry of External Affairs (4)Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 175. Ravneet Kaur holds additional charge as NFRA (National Financial Reporting Authority) Chairperson for how many months from 1 April 2025?
  - (1)One month (2)Two months (3)Three months (4)Six months
- 176. Under which section of the Companies Act, 2013 was NFRA (National Financial Reporting Authority) established?
  - (1)Section 128(1) (2)Section 132(1) (3)Section 140(1) (4)Section 150(1)
- 177. Who is the Chairman of GSMA until 2026, succeeding José Maria Álvares Pallete? (1)Gopal Vittal (2)Marcos Troyjo (3)Mohsin Naqvi (4)Poonam Gupta
- 178. Gopal Vittal serves as Vice Chairman & MD of which company?
  - (1)Bharti Airtel (2)Vodafone Idea (3)Reliance Jio (4)Tata Communications
- 179. Who is the President of the New Development Bank, first appointed in March 2023, with tenure extended to 2030?
  - (1) Marcos Troyjo (2) José Maria Álvares Pallete (3) Dilma Vana Rousseff (4) Gopal Vittal
- 180. Where is the headquarters of the New Development Bank located?
  - (1)Beijing (2)Shanghai (3)Mumbai (4)Dubai
- 181. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the New Development Bank? (1)Turkey (2)India (3)Brazil (4)South Africa
- 182. Who was elected President of the Asian Cricket Council, succeeding Shammi Silva? (1)Shammi Silva (2)Mohsin Naqvi (3)Kartik Aaryan (4)Balaji Nuthalapadi
- 183. Where are the headquarters of the Asian Cricket Council located?
  - (1)Dubai (2)Kuala Lumpur (3)Singapore (4)Mumbai
- 184. Who was appointed as Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, from the 2014 batch IFS? (1)Nidhi Tewari (2)Mariam Alexander Baby (3)Ravneet Kaur (4)Sohini Rajola
- 185. Prior to her PS appointment, Nidhi Tewari served in which role at the PMO?
  - (1)Under Secretary (2)Deputy Secretary (3)Joint Secretary (4)Section Officer
- 186. Nidhi Tewari hails from which city, the Prime Minister's constituency?
  - (1)Mumbai (2)Varanasi (3)Lucknow (4)Delhi
- 187. Who was elected General Secretary of the CPI(M) at the Madurai Congress in April 2025? (1)Sitaram Yechury (2)Mariam Alexander Baby (3)Prakash Karat (4)Atul Kumar Goel
- 188. Who did Mariam Alexander Baby succeed as General Secretary of CPI(M)? (1)Prakash Karat (2)Sitaram Yechury (3)A. Manimekhalai (4)Deepak Mohanty
- 189. Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema was elected President of Gabon with 90.35% of the vote for a term of how many years?
  - (1) Five years (2) Six years (3) Seven years (4) Eight years
- 190. Who was re-elected as President of Ecuador in November 2023 at the age of 35?
  - (1)Daniel Noboa (2)Lenín Moreno (3)Rafael Correa (4)Guillermo Lasso
- 191. Who was the recipient of the Bridge India Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Public Service through Cultural Leadership?
  - (1) Akshay Kumar (2) Chiranjeevi (3) Amitabh Bachchan (4) Shah Rukh Khan
- 192. Who presented the National Intellectual Property Awards 2024?
  - (1) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman (2) Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal
  - (3) Science & Technology Minister Jitendra Singh (4) Law Minister Kiren Rijiju



- 193. How many categories were there in the National IP(Intellectual Property) Awards 2024? (1)10 (2)12 (3)13 (4)15
- 194. Who was the Top Indian Individual (Male) winner for Patents at the National IP Awards 2024? (1)Sidramappa Shivashankar Dharane (2)Dr. Swagatika Panda (3)Dr. Anusha P. (4)Rajesh Unni
- 195. Who was the Top Indian Individual (Female) winner for Patents at the National IP Awards 2024? (1)Dr. Anusha P. (2)Marina Silva (3)Dr. Swagatika Panda (4)Jio Platforms
- 196. Who won the Top Indian Individual (Female) award for Designs at the National IP Awards 2024? (1)Dr. Swagatika Panda (2)Sidramappa Shivashankar Dharane (3)Dr. Anusha P. (4)AIC–Nalanda Institute of Technology Foundation
- 197. Which institution won the Top Indian Academic Institution award for Patents?

  (1)IIT Bombay (2)IIT Kanpur (3)Anna University (4)West Bengal Chemical Industries Limited
- 198. Which institution won the Top R&D Institution award for Patents Filing & Commercialization? (1)Jio Platforms (2)Anna University (3)IIT Kanpur (4)Biocon Biologics
- 199. Which organisation won the Manufacturing Sector (Patents) award?(1)Tata Steel (2)Biocon Biologics (3)West Bengal Chemical Industries Limited (4)Numeros Motors Private Limited
- 200. Which entity won the Services Sector award at the National IP Awards 2024?
  (1)Jio Platforms (2)Tata Steel (3)AIC-Nalanda Institute (4)West Bengal Chemical Industries Limited
- 201. Which MSME won the Top Indian MSME award at the National IP Awards 2024? (1)West Bengal Chemical Industries Limited (2)Numeros Motors Private Limited (3)Biocon Biologics (4)UP Police Technical Services Unit
- 202. Which startup won the Top Startup award at the National IP Awards 2024?
  (1)Numeros Motors Private Limited (2)West Bengal Chemical Industries Limited (3)Biocon Biologics (4)AIC–Nalanda Institute of Technology Foundation
- 203. Which institution won the Top Indian Company (Designs) award at the National IP Awards 2024? (1)IIT Bombay (2)Biocon Biologics (3)Numeric Motors (4)Anna University
- 204. Which company won the Top Company Creating Brand in India & Abroad at the National IP Awards 2024?
  - (1) Jio Platforms (2) Tata Steel (3) Biocon Biologics (4) West Bengal Chemical Industries Limited
- 205. Which organisation received the Best Incubator for IP Development award?
  (1)AIC-Nalanda Institute of Technology Foundation (2)IIT Bombay (3)West Bengal Chemical Industries Limited (4)Biocon Biologics
- 206. Who was awarded the 28th Abel Prize for Mathematics in 2025? (1)John Nash (2)Masaki Kashiwara (3)Terence Tao (4)Grigori Perelman
- 207. What is the prize money for the Abel Prize (2025) in Norwegian Krone? (1)5.5 million NOK (2)6.5 million NOK (3)7.5 million NOK (4)8.5 million NOK
- 208. Which organisation received the SKOCH 2025 Award? (1)MSRTC (2)MSRDC (3)NHAI (4)IRCON
- 209. For which project was MSRDC honoured with the SKOCH 2025 Award?
  (1)Mumbai-Pune Expressway (2)Delhi-Mumbai Expressway (3)Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg Expressway (4)Chennai-Bengaluru Highway Project
- 210. What is the cash prize amount for each winner in the Prime Minister's Yoga Awards 2025? (1)₹ 10 Lakh (2)₹ 15 Lakh (3)₹ 20 Lakh (4)₹ 25 Lakh
- 211. What is the minimum age eligibility for individuals applying for the Prime Minister's Yoga Awards 2025?
  - (1)30 years (2)35 years (3)40 years (4)45 years
- 212. Who is the Minister of State (Ayush) associated with the Prime Minister's Yoga Awards 2025? (1)Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao (2)Anura Kumara Dissanayake (3)Piyush Goyal (4)Mangubhai Chhaganbhai
- 213. Mithra Vibhushana is the highest civilian honour of which country? (1)India (2)Nepal (3)Sri Lanka (4)Bangladesh

- 214. Who conferred the Mithra Vibhushana on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
  - (1)Sri Lanka President Gotabaya Rajapaksa (2)Sri Lanka President Maithripala Sirisena (3)Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe (4)Sri Lanka President Anura Kumara Dissanayake
- 215. Who received the City Key of Honour in Lisbon?
  - (1)Prime Minister Narendra Modi (2)President Droupadi Murmu (3)President Ram Nath Kovind (4)Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar
- 216. Who presented the City Key of Honour to President Droupadi Murmu?
  - (1)Prime Minister of Portugal (2)President of Portugal (3)Mayor of Lisbon (4)Council President of Lisbon
- 217. The City Key of Honour marked which anniversary of India-Portugal relations?
  - (1)25 years (since 2000) (2)40 years (since 1985) (3)50 years (since 1975) (4)60 years (since 1965)
- 218. Who was the recipient of the Sand Master Award 2025?
  - (1)AIC-Nalanda Institute of Technology (2)Sudarsan Pattnaik (3)Marina Silva (4)Rajesh Unni
- 219. What sculpture did Sudarsan Pattnaik create for Sandworld 2025?
  - (1)10 ft Shiva promoting "Spiritual Unity" (2)8 ft Buddha promoting "Inner Peace" (3)10 ft Lord Ganesha promoting "World Peace" (4)12 ft Saraswati promoting "Knowledge"
- 220. Who was the recipient of the National Maritime Varuna Award 2025?
  - (1)Rajesh Unni (2)Chiranjeevi (3)Sudarsan Pattnaik (4)Masaki Kashiwara
- 221. Which company was awarded the Steel Sustainability Champion 2025?
  - (1)ArcelorMittal (2)Tata Steel (3)JSW Steel (4)Nucor
- 222. Which organization awards the Steel Sustainability Champion title?
  - (1)United Nations Environment Programme (2)World Steel Association (Worldsteel)
  - (3)International Iron and Steel Institute (4)Global Steel Forum
- 223. Which airport won the Global World's Best Airport 2025 award?
  - (1) Hamad International Airport (2) Singapore Changi Airport (3) Tokyo International Airport (4) Incheon International Airport
- 224. How many times has Singapore Changi Airport won the World's Best Airport award as of 2025?
  - (1)10th time (2)11th time (3)12th time (4)13th time
- 225. Which airport ranked second in the 2025 top five?
  - (1)Narita (2)Tokyo International (3)Incheon (4)Doha Hamad
- 226. Which airport was ranked third in the 2025 top five?
  - (1)Singapore Changi (2)Doha Hamad (3)Tokyo International (4)Narita
- 227. Which airport was named the Best Airport in India & South Asia?
  - (1)Bengaluru (Kempegowda) (2)Hyderabad (3)Delhi IGI (4)Goa Manohar
- 228. Which was named the Best Regional Airport in India & South Asia?
  - (1)Delhi IGI (2)Goa Manohar (3)Hyderabad (4)Bengaluru (Kempegowda)
- 229. Which airport received the Best Staff Service award in India & South Asia?
  - (1)Delhi IGI (2)Hyderabad (3)Bengaluru (Kempegowda) (4)Goa Manohar
- 230. Which airport was designated the Cleanest Airport in India & South Asia?
  - (1) Hyderabad (2) Delhi IGI (3) Goa Manohar (4) Bengaluru (Kempegowda)
- 231. Who was one of the recipients of TERI's Sustainable Development Leadership Award 2025 from Guyana?
  - (1)Marina Silva (2)Dr Bharrat Jagdeo (3)Dr Swagatika Panda (4)Pema Khandu
- 232. Who was the Brazilian recipient of TERI's Sustainable Development Leadership Award 2025? (1)Marina Silva (2)Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao (3)Anura Kumara Dissanayake (4)Dr Bharrat Jagdeo
- 233. Where was TERI's Sustainable Development Leadership Award 2025 presented?
  - (1)Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (2)House of Commons, London (3)World Sustainable Development Summit, New Delhi (4)Sandworld 2025, Weymouth
- 234. Which project won the National SKOCH Award (Police & Safety category)?
  - (1) Mumbai Police Cybercrime Portal (2) UP Police's Investigation, Prosecution & Conviction Portal
  - (3)Delhi Police Traffic Management System (4)Bengaluru Police Patrol Project

- 235. What was the value of defence exports in FY 2024–25?
  - (1)₹ 21,000 crore (2)₹ 23,622 crore (3)₹ 25,500 crore (4)₹ 30,000 crore
- 236. What was the year-on-year growth percentage of defence exports in FY 2024–25?
  - (1)10.5% (2)11.2% (3)12.04% (4)13.6%
- 237. What is the defence export goal to be achieved by 2029?
  - (1)₹ 40,000 crore (2)₹ 45,000 crore (3)₹ 50,000 crore (4)₹ 60,000 crore
- 238. What is the name of the frigate launched under Project 1135.6 at Goa Shipyard Limited?
  - (1)Tavasya (2)Triput (3)Tarkash (4)Talwar
- 239. What is the name of the first ship launched under Project 1135.6?
  - (1)Tavasya (2)Triput (3)Tarkash (4)Talwar
- 240. What is the cost of the Rafale Marine Fighter Jets deal approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security, in rupees?
  - (1)₹ 50,000 crore (2)₹ 63,887 crore (3)₹ 70,000 crore (4)₹ 80,000 crore
- 241. The Rafale Marine deal is valued at how many billion euros?
  - (1)€ 6.6 billion (2)€ 5.5 billion (3)€ 7.2 billion (4)€ 8.0 billion
- 242. When and where was Indra 2025 conducted?
  - (1)1-5 April 2025, off Mumbai (2)20-25 March 2025, off Visakhapatnam (3)28 March-
  - 2 April 2025, off Chennai (4)5–10 April 2025, off Kochi
- 243. Which Indian naval assets participated in Indra 2025?
  - (1)INS Vikramaditya, P8I (2)INS Sindhudhvaj, INS Kuthar (3)INS Rana, INS Vishal (4)INS Rana, INS Kuthar, P8I
- 244. INIOCHOS 25 is hosted by which air force?
  - (1) Greece's Hellenic Air Force (2) Russia's VKS (3) USAF (4) PLAAF
- 245. Yudh Kaushal is a joint drill held at which location?
  - (1)Tezpur, Assam (2)Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya (3)Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar (4)Panagarh, West Bengal
- 246. What is the range of the Russia's Zircon hypersonic missile?
  - (1)1,000 km (2)2,000 km (3)1,200 km (4)1,500 km
- 247. What is the name of the all-women sailing expedition?
  - (1)Oceanic Pursuit (2)Samudra Pradakshina (3)Nari Shakti Yatra (4)Sagarmala Expedition
- 248. Who flagged off the "Samudra Pradakshina" expedition?
  - (1)Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari (2)Admiral R. Hari Kumar (3)Lt Gen A.K. Ramesh (CME, Mumbai) (4)Lt Gen P.M. Hariz
- 249. What vessel was used for the Samudra Pradakshina expedition?
  - (1)INS Tarini (2)MV Samudra (3)INS Sudarshini (4)IASV Triveni
- 250. What was the route and distance of the Samudra Pradakshina expedition?
  - (1)Mumbai → Seychelles → Mumbai (4,000 nm) (2)Mumbai → Colombo → Mumbai (2,500 nm)
  - (3)Mumbai → Maldives → Mumbai (3,000 nm) (4)Mumbai → Mauritius → Mumbai (3,800 nm)
- 251. How many women officers made up the crew of Samudra Pradakshina?
  - (1)10 (2)12 (3)14 (4)16
- 252. What was the duration of the Samudra Pradakshina expedition and when was it flagged in? (1)45 days; flagged in on 25 May 2025 (2)50 days; flagged in on 28 May 2025 (3)55 days; flagged in on 30 May 2025 (4)60 days; flagged in on 1 June 2025
- 253. Which country became the first European nation to leave the International Criminal Court since its formation in 2002?
  - (1)Germany (2)Italy (3)Poland (4)Hungary
- 254. Why did Hungary decide to exit the ICC?
  - (1)To avoid the legal obligation under an ICC warrant to arrest Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu (2)In protest of the ICC's climate change tribunal (3)Due to budgetary constraints within its judiciary (4)To form a new regional court
- 255. Where is the headquarters of the International Criminal Court located?
  - (1)Geneva, Switzerland (2)New York, USA (3)The Hague, Netherlands (4)Brussels, Belgium

- 256. Mauritius became the first African country and which number globally to sign the ISA Country Partnership Framework?
  - (1)First (2)Second (3)Third (4)Fourth
- 257. Which three countries had signed the ISA Country Partnership Framework before Mauritius? (1)Bangladesh, Cuba, Brazil (2)Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cuba (3)India, France, Germany (4)France, Bhutan, Cuba
- 258. In which year was the ISA treaty body launched?
  - (1)2010 (2)2018 (3)2015 (4)2020
- 259. Which pair of countries founded the ISA treaty body?
  - (1)USA & UK (2)Germany & Japan (3)China & Russia (4)India & France
- 260. What is the ISA's investment mobilization goal by 2030?
  - (1)\$500 billion (2)\$1 trillion (3)\$1.5 trillion (4)\$2 trillion
- 261. Where are the headquarters of the International Solar Alliance located?
  - (1)New Delhi (2)Mumbai (3)Bengaluru (4)Gurugram
- 262. Who serves as the Director General of the ISA?
  - (1)R.K. Singh (2)Pema Khandu (3)Ashish Khanna (4)Anura Kumara Dissanayake
- 263. Who holds the position of President of the ISA?
  - (1)R.K. Singh (2) Ashish Khanna (3) Narendra Modi (4) Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao
- 264. How many member countries does the ISA currently have?
  - (1)100 (2)104 (3)110 (4)120
- 265. How many signatory countries are part of the ISA Country Partnership Framework?
  - (1)15 (2)16 (3)18 (4)17
- 266. What is the full name of BIMSTEC?
  - (1)Bay of Bengal Intergovernmental Maritime & Economic Cooperation (2)Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation (3)Bay of Bengal International Military & Economic Coalition (4)Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multilateral Trade & Economic Cooperation
- 267. In which year was BIMSTEC founded via the Bangkok Declaration?
  - (1)1992 (2)2000 (3)2005 (4)1997
- 268. Which of the following is not a member of BIMSTEC?
  - (1)Malaysia (2)Nepal (3)Sri Lanka (4)Bhutan
- 269. Who is the current Secretary General of BIMSTEC?
  - (1)Dr. Jaya Ram Madhav (2)Ms. Amina J. Mohammed (3)Shri Indramani Pandey (4)Mr. K. Vijay Kumar
- 270. Where was the 3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministerial Meeting (BAMM) held?
  - (1)Kathmandu (2)Colombo (3)Dhaka (4)Yangon
- 271. The 6th BIMSTEC Summit took place in which city?
  - (1)New Delhi (2)Bangkok (3)Thimphu (4)Yangon
- 272. Which country chaired the 6th BIMSTEC Summit?
  - (1)Sri Lanka (2)India (3)Bangladesh (4)Thailand
- 273. The 11th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting was hosted at which venue?
  - (1) New Delhi, India (2) Moscow, Russia (3) Cape Town, South Africa (4) Brasília, Brazil
- 274. The 37th Kathak Mahotsav 2025 was organized in which city?
  - (1)Kolkata (2)New Delhi (3)Mumbai (4)Chennai
- 275. Where was the 3rd Edition of SourceX India 2025 held?
  - (1)Pragati Maidan, New Delhi (2)Bombay Convention & Exhibition Centre (3)Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi (4)Hyderabad International Convention Centre
- 276. Who inaugurated the 3rd Edition of SourceX India 2025?
  - (1) Piyush Goyal (2) Santosh Kumar Sarangi (DGFT Director General of Foreign Trade)
  - (3)Nirmala Sitharaman (4)Amitabh Kant
- 277. What is the name of India's first high-tech solar-powered car?
  - (1)TEJAS (2)VARUNA (3)RAY (4)SURYA
- 278. Who invented the solar car "RAY"?

- (1)Mohan Agarwal (2)Ankit Sharma (3)Ravi Kumar (4)Bilal Ahmad Mir
- 279. Under which brand is "RAY" marketed?
  - (1)Kashmir Solar Motors (2)Bharat Solar Tech (3)Indian Green Vehicles (4)Bilal Innovative Solar Automobile (BISA)
- 280. Which of the following is a key feature of "RAY"?
  - (1)Steam-powered auxiliary engine (2)Bulletproof chassis (3)Solar-powered gull wing doors with integrated solar panels (4)Manual hand-crank windows
- 281. Where was "RAY" officially launched?
  - (1)Srinagar (2)Shimla (3)Jaipur (4)Gangtok
- 282. Who chairs the National Task Force on Student Suicides?
  - (1)Justice D.Y. Chandrachud (2)Justice N.V. Ramana (3)Justice Arun Mishra (4)Justice S. Ravindra Bhat
- 283. According to NCRB 2022, student suicides made up what percentage of total suicides? (1)5.2% (2)7.6% (3)10.1% (4)12.3%
- 284. Student suicides rose from how many in 2012 to how many in 2022?
  - (1)5,432 to 11,876 (2)7,876 to 14,205 (3)6,654 to 13,044 (4)6,000 to 12,000
- 285. Which state had the highest count of student suicides in 2022?
  - (1)Odisha (2)Karnataka (3)Maharashtra (4)Tamil Nadu
- 286. Which state ranked third by studentsuicide count?
  - (1)Madhya Pradesh (2)Tamil Nadu (3)Maharashtra (4)Odisha
- 287. Which state held the second position by student suicide count?
  - (1)Madhya Pradesh (2)Tamil Nadu (3)Karnataka (4)Maharashtra
- 288. What is the total outlay of Telangana's "Rajiv Yuva Vikasam Scheme"?
  - (1)₹4,000 Crore (2)₹5,000 Crore (3)₹6,000 Crore (4)₹7,000 Crore
- 289. Under Telangana's "Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme, the maximum self-employment finance available to eligible youth is:
  - (1)₹2 Lakh (2)₹3 Lakh (3)₹4 Lakh (4)₹5 Lakh
- 290. Under the "Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan" in Assam, each applicant receives seed capital of:
  - $(1) \ge 5,000 \quad (2) \ge 10,000 \quad (3) \ge 15,000 \quad (4) \ge 20,000$
- 291. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) was originally launched in which financial year? (1)2014–15 (2)2015–16 (3)2016–17 (4)2013–14
- 292. PMKSY has been extended until which year with a total budget of ₹93,068.56 Crore? (1)2024 (2)2025 (3)2026 (4)2028
- 293. Out of the total PMKSY budget, how much is earmarked as central support?
  - (1)₹20,000 Crore (2)₹37,454 Crore (3)₹50,000 Crore (4)₹42,000 Crore
- 294. The estimated cost of the Kosi Mechi Intra State Link Project is:
  - (1)₹5,000 Crore (2)₹6,282.32 Crore (3)₹7,000 Crore (4)₹6,000 Crore
- 295. The Central contribution towards the Kosi Mechi Project is:
  - (1)₹3,000 Crore (2)₹3,652.56 Crore (3)₹4,000 Crore (4)₹2,500 Crore
- 296. For 2025–26, the Cabinet approved an outlay of ₹1,600 Crore for:
  - (1)Rural drinking water (2)Modernisation of Command Area Development & Water Management (3)Urban transport (4)National highway expansion
- 297. "Niveshak Didi" Phase 2 is a collaboration between IEPFA and:
  - (1)RBI (2)SBI (3)IPPB (4)IRDAI
- 298. The primary purpose of Niveshak Didi Phase 2 is to:
  - (1)Increase stock trading volumes (2)Enhance financial literacy among rural and semi urban women
  - (3)Provide loans to farmers (4)Digitise banking operations
- 299. "Poshan Pakhwada" 7th Edition ran from:
  - (1)8–22 March 2025 (2)1–15 April 2025 (3)8–22 April 2025 (4)15–30 April 2025
- 300. Which ministry organises Poshan Pakhwada?

- (1)Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (2)Ministry of Agriculture (3)Ministry of Women & Child Development (4)Ministry of Rural Development
- 301. The umbrella programme Poshan Abhiyaan was launched on:
  - (1)8 March 2018 (2)1 April 2019 (3)15 August 2020 (4)26 January 2017
- 302. Poshan Abhiyaan's launch venue was:
  - (1) Jaipur, Rajasthan (2) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (3) Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan (4) Udaipur, Rajasthan
- 303. The Stand Up India Scheme was launched on:
  - (1)26 January 2015 (2)5 April 2016 (3)15 August 2016 (4)10 October 2017
- 304. Under Stand Up India, the loan range for entrepreneurs is:
  - (1)₹5 Lakh–₹50 Lakh (2)₹10 Lakh–₹1 Crore (3)₹1 Lakh–₹10 Lakh (4)₹25 Lakh–₹2 Crore
- 305. By March 2025, cumulative sanctions under Stand Up India reached:
  - (1)₹50,000 Crore (2)₹55,000 Crore (3)₹61,020 Crore (4)₹65,000 Crore
- 306. The Muft Bijli Yojana's top module supplier is:
  - (1) Tata Power Solar (2) Adani Solar (3) Suzlon Energy (4) Waaree Energies
- 307. Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) was launched on:
  - (1)1 April 2014 (2)8 April 2015 (3)15 August 2015 (4)5 April 2016
- 308. The total cumulative lending under PMMY over 10 years is:
  - (1)₹25 Lakh Crore (2)₹30 Lakh Crore (3)₹33.65 Lakh Crore (4)₹40 Lakh Crore
- 309. How many loans were disbursed under PMMY cumulatively?
  - (1)40 Crore (2)45 Crore (3)50 Crore (4)52.37 Crore
- 310. What percentage of PMMY beneficiaries are women?
  - (1)60% (2)65% (3)70% (4)75%
- 311. Under PMMY, which segment accounts for 31% of beneficiaries?
  - (1)SC/ST entrepreneurs (2)First time entrepreneurs (3)Repeat borrowers (4)Women entrepreneurs
- 312. The "Kishor" loan category in PMMY covers:
  - (1) Up to ₹50,000 (2)₹50,001-₹5 Lakh (3)₹5,00,001-₹10 Lakh (4)₹10,00,001-₹20 Lakh
- 313. The "Tarun Plus" loan category is intended for:
  - (1)First time entrepreneurs (2)Micro-businesses only (3)Repeat borrowers requiring ₹10,00,001– ₹20 Lakh (4)Large industries
- 314. CGFMU credit guarantee under PMMY commenced in:
  - (1)2014 (2)2015 (3)2016 (4)2017
- 315. The Ayushman Bharat PM Jan Arogya Yojana MoU in Delhi became effective on:
  - (1)1 January 2025 (2)10 April 2025 (3)15 March 2025 (4)5 April 2025
- 316. Which group was newly included under the 2024 extension of AB PM JAY?
  - (1) Teachers (2) ASHAs & Anganwadi workers & their families (3) Police personnel (4) Military veterans
- 317. The "Pragathi Patha" scheme in Karnataka focuses on:
  - (1) Urban metro rail (2) Rural road development (3) Airport construction (4) River irrigation
- 318. The budget outlay for Karnataka's rural roads under Pragathi Patha is:
  - (1)₹4,500 Crore (2)₹5,190 Crore (3)₹6,000 Crore (4)₹5,000 Crore
- 319. How many kilometers of rural roads are covered under Pragathi Patha?
  - (1)5,000 km (2)6,500 km (3)7,110 km (4)8,000 km
- 320. Uttarakhand's "Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Swarozgar Yojana" benefits:
  - (1)All women entrepreneurs (2)Only married women (3)Unmarried, divorced, abandoned, destitute & differently abled single women (4)Only rural women
- 321. The twin capitals of Uttarakhand are:
  - (1)Dehradun & Nainital (2)Dehradun & Gairsain (3)Haridwar & Dehradun (4)Rishikesh & Gairsain
- 322. The budget for PM POSHAN in FY 2025–26 is:
  - (1)₹10,000 Crore (2)₹12,500 Crore (3)₹15,000 Crore (4)₹20,000 Crore
- 323. The per day cost for Balvatika & Primary under PM POSHAN after hike is:  $(1) \stackrel{?}{\underset{\sim}{\sim}} 6.50 \ (2) \stackrel{?}{\underset{\sim}{\sim}} 6.78 \ (3) \stackrel{?}{\underset{\sim}{\sim}} 7.00 \ (4) \stackrel{?}{\underset{\sim}{\sim}} 6.19$

- 324. Which country ranks third by billionaire count in Forbes "World's Billionaires List 2025"?
  - (1)China (2)USA (3)India (4)Germany
- 325. Approximately how many billionaires are listed globally in the Forbes 2025 report? (1)2,800 (2)>3,000 (3)2,500 (4)3,200
- 326. What is the combined net worth of all billionaires in the Forbes 2025 list? (1)\$15.5 Trillion (2)\$16.5 Trillion (3)\$16.1 Trillion (4)\$14.9 Trillion
- 327. Who is listed as the richest individual in the Forbes 2025 top five? (1)Jeff Bezos (2)Elon Musk (3)Mark Zuckerberg (4)Larry Ellison
- 328. Who is cited as the youngest billionaire in Forbes 2025?
  - (1)Roshni Nadar (2)Alice Walton (3)Johannes von Baumbach (4)Françoise Bettencourt
- 329. How many women feature in Forbes 2025 top 50? (1)4 (2)8 (3)6 (4)10
- 330. Who is named the richest woman in the Forbes 2025 list?
  - (1)Francoise Bettencourt (2)Alice Walton (3)Julia Koch (4)Jacqueline Mars
- 331. Which Indian is ranked 18th in Forbes 2025?
  - (1)Gautam Adani (2)Mukesh Ambani (3)Azim Premji (4)Roshni Nadar
- 332. On the Hurun Global Rich List 2025, how many total billionaires are listed? (1)3,278 (2)3,500 (3)3,442 (4)3,300
- 333. How many countries are represented in the Hurun 2025 list? (1)65 (2)80 (3)71 (4)71
- 334. How many women billionaires does Hurun 2025 report? (1)500 (2)561 (3)600 (4)524
- 335. According to Hurun 2025, who is India's richest billionaire and what is their net worth? (1)Gautam Adani \$56.3 B (2)Mukesh Ambani \$100 B (3)Roshni Nadar \$40 B (4)Azim Premii \$30 B
- 336. Who tops the Hurun Global Rich List 2025 and with what wealth?
  - (1)Jeff Bezos \$266 B (2)Mark Zuckerberg \$242 B (3)Elon Musk \$420 B (4)Larry Ellison \$203 B
- 337. Which woman ranks first among female billionaires in Hurun 2025?
  - (1)Roshni Nadar (2)Jacqueline Mars (3)Alice Walton (4)Julia Koch
- 338. Which family ranks fifth among Hurun 2025's top Indian billionaires?
  - (1)Adani & Family (2)Roshni Nadar & Family (3)Azim Premji & Family (4)Dilip Shanghvi & Family
- 339. According to Hurun 2025, which country has 284 billionaires?
  - (1)China (2)USA (3)India (4)UK
- 340. Which state tops the SPMRM (Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission) rankings with a score of 96.32?
  - (1)Uttar Pradesh (2)Tamil Nadu (3)Telangana (4)Mizoram
- 341. According to MoEFCC data, the total forest-encroached area is:
  - (1)1,200,000 ha (2)750,648 ha (3)1,305,668.1 ha (13,056.68 sq km) (4)1,400,000 ha
- 342. Which state has the highest encroached forest area at 5,460.9 sq km?
  - (1)Assam (2)Maharashtra (3)Madhya Pradesh (4)Karnataka
- 343. Who is the Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change?
  - (1) Harsh Vardhan (2) Bhupender Yadav (3) Jairam Ramesh (4) Anil Madhav Dave
- 344. In UNCTAD's 2025 report, India ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in private AI investment (2023). (1)8th (2)12th (3)10th (4)5th
- 345. On the Frontier Tech Readiness Index 2024, India is ranked:
  - (1)48th (2)36th (3)50th (4)40th
- 346. UNCTAD's headquarters are located in:
  - (1)New York (2)Geneva (3)Vienna (4)Paris
- 347. Which ministry conducts the Panchayat Advancement Index?
  - (1)Rural Development (2)Panchayati Raj (3)Home Affairs (4)Agriculture

- 348. How many GPs are classified as Front Runners (A; 75–<90)?
  - (1)500 (2)1,000 (3)699 (4)850
- 349. Which state leads in Front Runner GPs(Gram Panchayat) with 346?
  - (1)Gujarat (2)Telangana (3)Maharashtra (4)Karnataka
- 350. Worldwide semiconductor revenue in 2024 was:
  - (1)\$600 B (2)\$655.9 B (3)\$700 B (4)\$542.1 B
- 351. Which milestone is noted about NVIDIA in 2024?
  - (1)First to hit \$100 B revenue (2)First time topping global semiconductor revenue (3)First to break 12% market share (4)First to surpass Samsung
- 352. Who won the classical Tashkent Open Agzamov Memorial 2025 in chess?
  - (1) Viswanathan Anand (2) Nihal Sarin (3) Pentala Harikrishna (4) Vidit Gujrathi
- 353. Vandana Katariya, who retired in 2024, was India's most capped player in which sport?
  - (1)Cricket (2)Women's Hockey (3)Football (4)Badminton
- 354. Vandana Katariya was the first Indian woman to achieve what Olympic feat?
  - (1)Score a hat trick in field hockey (2)Score an Olympic hat trick (3)Win an Olympic gold medal (4)Captain at the Olympics
- 355. Which award did Vandana Katariya receive in 2021?
  - (1)Padma Shri (2)Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna (3)Dronacharya Award (4)Arjuna Award
- 356. In which year was Vandana Katariya conferred the Padma Shri?
  - (1)2020 (2)2022 (3)2023 (4)2021
- 357. The Rajgir Hockey Stadium, set to host the 12th Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025, is located in which state?
  - (1)Uttar Pradesh (2)Jharkhand (3)Bihar (4)West Bengal
- 358. The Argentine Football Association partnered with which bank for a 1-year deal covering India and Singapore?
  - (1)ICICI Bank (2)HSBC (3)Standard Chartered (4)Barclays
- 359. Which superstar is featured in the Kerala exhibition match under the AFA-HSBC deal?
  - (1) Cristiano Ronaldo (2) Neymar Jr. (3) Lionel Messi (4) Kylian Mbappé
- 360. Messi's first visit to India occurred in September 2011 against which team?
  - (1)Brazil (2)England (3)Venezuela (4)USA
- 361. Where in India did Messi play his first match in 2011?
  - (1)Mumbai (2)Delhi (3)Kolkata (4)Chennai
- 362. Aryna Sabalenka won her first Miami Open title by defeating whom?
  - (1)Naomi Osaka (2)Ashleigh Barty (3)Jessica Pegula (4)Simona Halep
- 363. Whom did Jakub Mensik defeat to claim the Miami Open 2025 title?
  - (1)Rafael Nadal (2)Roger Federer (3)Novak Djokovic (4)Carlos Alcaraz
- 364. Manay Thakkar became the first Indian to reach the quarterfinals of a \_\_\_\_\_ event.
  - (1)WTT (World Table Tennis) Star Contender (2)ITTF World Tour (3)Commonwealth Games
- (4)Asian Championships
- 365. Who won the men's singles title at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper squash event?
  - (1)Mohamed ElShorbagy (2)Kareem El Torkey (3)Paul Coll (4)Diego Elias
- 366. Who claimed the women's singles squash title at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event?
  - (1)Dipika Pallikal (2)Joshna Chinappa (3)Anahat Singh (4)Rachel Arnold
- 367. At the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championships, India won how many medals in total?
  - (1)8 (2)12 (3)9 (4)10
- 368. The 2025 Asian Wrestling Championships were held in which city?
  - (1)Doha (2)Tehran (3)Amman, Jordan (4)Bishkek
- 369. At the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Buenos Aires, India ranked which position?
  - (1)1st (2)3rd (3)2nd (4)4th
- 370. How many total medals did India win at that ISSF World Cup?
  - (1)6 (2)7 (3)8 (4)9
- 371. Which Indian shooter won gold in Women's 50 m Rifle 3 Positions?

- (1)Esha Singh (2)Suruchi Singh (3)Sift Kaur Samra (4)Chain Singh
- 372. Rudrankksh Patil captured gold in which event?
  - (1)Men's 25 m Rapid Fire Pistol (2)Women's 10 m Air Pistol (3)Men's 10 m Air Rifle (4)Men's Trap
- 373. Who was the Women's 10 m Air Pistol gold medallist?
  - (1)Esha Singh (2)Suruchi Singh (3)Chain Singh (4)Anjum Moudgil
- 374. The Khelo India Youth Games 2025 are being held in which state for the first time?
  - (1)Uttar Pradesh (2)Jharkhand (3)Bihar (4)Odisha
- 375. The mascot "Gajsimha" for KIYG (Khelo India Youth Games) 2025 is a combination of
  - (1)Elephant and tiger (2)Lion and horse (3)Elephant and lion (4)Tiger and lion
- 376. The "Gajsimha" design draws inspiration from sculptures of which period?
  - (1)Gupta period (2)Maurya period (3)Pala period (4)Chola period
- 377. The KIYG theme song is titled:
  - (1) "Sports for Unity" (2) "Bihar's Young Champions" (3) "Khelke Rang Bihar Ke Sang" (4) "Bihar Ki Shaan"
- 378. How many sports are contested at KIYG 2025?
  - (1)25 (2)30 (3)20 (4)28
- 379. Approximately how many athletes participate in KIYG 2025?
  - (1)5,000 (2)7,000 (3)8,500 (4)10,000
- 380. The Torch Relay for KIYG covered how many districts?
  - (1)25 (2)38 (3)50 (4)15
- 381. Sourav Ganguly chairs which ICC committee?
  - (1) Women's Cricket Committee (2) Umpires Committee (3) Men's Cricket Committee (4) Finance Committee
- 382. Where are the ICC headquarters located?
  - (1)London (2)Mumbai (3)Dubai (4)New York
- 383. Who is the ICC Chairman as of 2025?
  - (1) Greg Barclay (2) Sourav Ganguly (3) Jay Shah (4) Shashank Manohar
- 384. The ICC CEO is:
  - (1)Manu Sawhney (2)Haroon Lorgat (3)Geoff Allardice (4)David Richardson
- 385. How many member countries does the ICC comprise?
  - (1)90 (2)100 (3)108 (4)120
- 386. Virat Kohli is the first Indian to record how many T20 half-centuries?
  - (1)100 (2)90 (3)110 (4)95
- 387. Who won the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March 2025?
  - (1)Rohit Sharma (2)Shubman Gill (3)Shreyas Iyer (4)KL Rahul
- 388. The ICC Women's Player of the Month for March 2025 was:
  - (1)Smriti Mandhana (2)Meg Lanning (3)Georgia Voll (4)Ellyse Perry
- 389. The host for the 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup is:
  - (1)Brazil (2)USA (3)South Africa (4)Australia
- 390. The 2035 FIFA Women's World Cup will be held in the:
  - (1)USA alone (2)UK (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland) (3)Germany & France (4)Australia & New Zealand
- 391. Expansion to 48 teams in the FIFA Women's World Cup begins in:
  - (1)2027 (2)2031 (3)2035 (4)2039
- 392. Steve Waugh joined the Centre for Australia India Relations Advisory Board in what capacity?
  - (1)Consultant (2)Treasurer (3)Advisory Board Member (4)Chairperson
- 393. Steve Waugh is the author of which cricket-themed book?
  - (1) The Art of Captaincy (2) Cricket Fundamentals (3) The Spirit of Cricket: India (4) Batting Masterclass
- 394. Which nation topped the men's boxing medal table with 7 medals?
  - (1)India (2)Russia (3)Uzbekistan (4)Kazakhstan

- 395. Who won the gold medal in the 70 kg boxing category?
  - (1)Manish Rathore (2)Abhinash Jamwal (3)Hitesh Gulia (4)Jadumani Singh Mandengbam
- 396. Which launch vehicle is used for SpaceX's "Fram2" mission?
  - (1)Atlas V (2)Falcon 9 (3)Delta IV Heavy (4)Ariane 5
- 397. What is the primary significance of the "Fram2" mission?
  - (1) First crewed lunar orbit (2) Largest payload mass to orbit (3) First human spaceflight over Earth's polar regions (4) First reuse of Dragon capsule
- 398. The name "Fram2" is derived from a 19th-century Norwegian exploration ship named:
  - (1)Fram (2)Gjøa (3)Kon-Tiki (4)Endurance
- 399. What is the name of Nvidia's open-source inference framework?
  - (1)TensorStream (2)PyInfer (3)OpenTune (4)Dynamo
- 400. Who is the acting Administrator of NASA?
  - (1)Bill Nelson (2)Janet Petro (3)Jim Bridenstine (4)Charlie Bolden
- 401. Who leads Nokia as CEO?
  - (1)Satya Nadella (2)Pekka Lundmark (3)Justin Hotard (4)Rajeev Suri
- 402. Nokia was established in:
  - (1)1850 (2)1865 (3)1871 (4)1890
- 403. Nvidia's headquarters is based in:
  - (1)Texas, US (2)Washington, US (3)New York, US (4)California, US
- 404. The CEO of Nvidia is:
  - (1)Jensen Huang (2)Elon Musk (3)Mark Zuckerberg (4)Satya Nadella
- 405. Vishu, a harvest festival featuring the Vishukkani, is observed in:
  - (1)Tamil Nadu (2)Karnataka (3)Andhra Pradesh (4)Kerala
- 406. The 9th Global Technology Summit was held in which city?
  - (1)Mumbai (2)Bengaluru (3)Jaipur (4)New Delhi
- 407. What was the theme of the 9th Global Technology Summit?
  - (1) "Vikas" (2) "Sambhavna" (3) "Navachar" (4) "Pragati"
- 408. Which two organizations co-hosted the 9th Global Technology Summit?
  - (1)NITI Aayog & Carnegie India (2)CII & Carnegie India (3)MEA & NITI Aayog (4)MEA & Carnegie India
- 409. The Bodhipath Film Festival in New Delhi is organized by:
  - (1)NFDC (2)IBC(International Bodhipath Film Festival) (3)Doordarshan (4)FTII
- 410. The 2nd Asian Yogasana Sports Championship was hosted in:
  - (1)Pune (2)Chennai (3)Kochi (4)New Delhi
- 411. The venue for the 3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers' Meeting was:
  - (1)Dhaka (2)Kathmandu (3)Colombo (4)Thimphu
- 412. Krishnamachari Srikkanth was appointed as Goodwill Ambassador for which initiative?
  - (1) VISION 2020 India (2) Swachh Bharat Mission (3) Digital India (4) Skill India
- 413. The Indian Institute of Creative Technologies, India's first dedicated institute for animation, VFX & gaming, is located in:
  - (1)Delhi (2)Hyderabad (3)Bengaluru (4)Mumbai
- 414. Who authored The Public Sector and Privatisation in India?
  - (1) Arjun Subramaniam (2) Ajey (3) Sanjeev Chopra (4) Sheela Dubey
- 415. Shooting Straight is a military biography of which figure?
  - (1)General Bipin Rawat (2)Lt Gen Rostum K Nanavatty (3)Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw (4)Lt Gen Harbaksh Singh
- 416. The book Rohtang: Aar Paar was written by:
  - (1) Ajey (2) Safir Anand (3) Sheela Dubey (4) Arjun Subramaniam
- 417. The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India is authored by:
  - (1)Ajey (2)Sheela Dubey (3)Sanjeev Chopra (4)Safir Anand
- 418. Which publication is penned by Safir Anand?



- (1)The Public Sector and Privatisation in India (2)Confession of Stock Market Wizards (3)Shooting Straight (4)Rohtang: Aar Paar
- 419. Which flower is a major export from Mizoram to Singapore?
  - (1)Anthurium (2)Rose (3)Jasmine (4)Orchid
- 420. Venugopala Panikkar, who passed away recently, was a renowned:
  - (1) Historian (2) Malayalam linguist (3) Filmmaker (4) Poet
- 421. Ram Sahay Panday, who died this year, was awarded the Padma Shri in: (1)2019 (2)2020 (3)2021 (4)2022
- 422. Dadi Ratan Mohini was best known as a:
  - (1)Freedom fighter (2)Folk singer (3)Brahma Kumaris administrator (4)Classical dancer
- 423. Kathak dancer Kumudini Lakhia was conferred the Padma Vibhushan in: (1)2010 (2)2025 (3)2022 (4)2017
- 424. Daripalli Ramaiah, nicknamed the "Tree Man of India," received the Padma Shri in: (1)2015 (2)2005 (3)2017 (4)1995
- 425. Rongali Bihu, also called Bohag Bihu, is primarily celebrated in: (1)Assam (2)West Bengal (3)Tripura (4)Odisha

#### Answers

Answers (April 1 to 15)

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