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53. Notable changes include a **972% increase** in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs' allocation and a **61% cut** for the Ministry of Steel.
54. The Union Budget's "**Sabka Vikas**" theme was presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
55. The budget details new **TDS/TCS limit changes**: senior citizens now enjoy increased exemptions, and rental income thresholds have been raised.
56. Under the new tax regime, the income tax rebate limit is raised from **Rs 7 lakh to Rs 12 lakh** with revised tax slabs.
57. The **Gender Budget allocation** increased to 8.86%, with Rs 4.49 lakh crore allocated for women and girls.
58. The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis' tenure was extended until **March 2028**.
59. The budget proposes increasing the tax deduction limit on interest income for senior citizens from **Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh**.
60. **50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs** will be set up in government schools over the next 5 years.
61. The **Jal Jeevan Mission** has been extended till 2028 with an outlay of **Rs 67,000 crore**.
62. The proposed Maritime Development Fund Corpus stands at **Rs 25,000 crore**.
63. A digital public infrastructure for international trade, dubbed **BharatTradeNet**, is proposed.

64. A new **National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management** is proposed in Bihar.
65. A **Makhana Board** is to be established in Bihar to support the sector.
66. The Government approved the **Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs**, offering 60% guarantee coverage by NCGTC.
67. **ONGC** set a capital expenditure target of **₹36,920 crore** for FY26.
68. **IHCL** announced a **₹2,500 crore** investment to develop 'Taj Bandstand' in Mumbai.
69. The **Adani Group** partnered with the US-based Mayo Clinic to launch Adani Health City.
70. **Reliance** introduced the 'Spinner' Sports Drink, priced at **₹10**.
71. **UDAN 5.5** was launched to enhance regional air connectivity.
72. US-based **Lam Research** will invest **₹10,000 crore** in India's semiconductor services sector.
73. **GMR Airports Ltd** joined the United Nations Global Compact.
74. **GIC Re** approved the incorporation of its subsidiary "GIC Re, India Service Company" in the United Kingdom.
75. Australia-based fintech **Findi** received RBI approval to acquire a 100% stake in Tata Communications Payment Solutions Ltd.
76. **Sharan Hegde's** financial edtech platform, The 1% Club, secured a Registered Investment Advisor licence from SEBI.
77. **JioStar**, a joint venture between Viacom18 and Star India, launched the streaming platform "JioHotstar."
78. **Air India** entered a codeshare partnership with Kenya Airways.
79. Under the "**Data Innovation Lab**" initiative, MoSPI signed an MoU with IIIT-Delhi.
80. **SIDBI** and France's AFD entered a **USD 100 million** agreement.
81. **Maruti Suzuki** re-appointed Hisashi Takeuchi as MD & CEO.
82. **Rajesh Nirwan** was appointed Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security.
83. **Nakul Jain** resigned as MD & CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd.
84. **K Balasubramanian** was appointed as Citibank's India Head and CEO.
85. **Shivkumar Kalyanaraman** became CEO of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation.
86. **Nokia** appointed Justin Hotard as its new CEO.
87. **Charanjot Singh Nanda** was elected President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India for 2025-26.
88. **Justice Harsh Kumar** will head the Judicial Commission on the Maha Kumbh Stampede.
89. **Vikram Kasbekar** becomes the acting CEO of Hero MotoCorp from May 1, 2025.
90. International leadership updates: Ahmad al-Sharaa was named Interim President of Syria, and Bart Albert Liliane De Wever became Prime Minister of Belgium.
91. Indonesian President **Prabowo Subianto** visited India as the Chief Guest at the 76th Republic Day celebration.
92. The Indian short film "**Anuja**" was nominated for Best Live-Action Short Film at the 97th Academy Awards.
93. **Thaipusam** is celebrated prominently by Tamil communities in multiple countries.
94. The **Nagoba Jatara** in Telangana marks the second-largest Adivasi fair in India.
95. The **Modhweth Festival** is organized by the Toda tribe at Moonpo Temple in Tamil Nadu.
96. **Sevdalinka**, an ancient Bosnian love song, has been included in UNESCO's National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage.
97. **Gunotsav 2025** in Assam is themed "Ensuring Quality Education."
98. Christine Carla Kangaloo, President of Trinidad and Tobago, received the **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award**.
99. At the Republic Day Parade 2025, the UP Tableau won Best Tableau, with Tripura and Andhra Pradesh securing second and third places respectively.
100. At the 67th Grammy Awards, Indian-American Chandrika Tandon won the Best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album award.

2. Amounts & Agreements

1. Air India (a Tata Group-owned airline) has entered into a codeshare partnership with Kenya Airways.
2. Under the "Data Innovation (DI) Lab" initiative, the Data Informatics and Innovation Division (DIID) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has signed an MoU with Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-Delhi).
3. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Agence Française de Développement (AFD)(France) entered a USD 100 million agreement.

3. Appointments & Resignations

1. **Maruti Suzuki** re-appoints **Hisashi Takeuchi** as MD & CEO with **R C Bhargava** as Chairman.
2. **Rajesh Nirwan** is appointed as Director General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).
3. **Nakul Jain** resigns as MD & CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL).
4. **K Balasubramanian** is appointed as CEO/Citibank's India Head at Citi India.
5. **Shivkumar Kalyanaraman** is appointed as CEO of Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF).
6. **Nokia** appoints **Justin Hotard** as its new CEO.
7. **Charanjot Singh Nanda** is elected as the 73rd President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for 2025-26.
8. **Justice Harsh Kumar** will head the Judicial Commission on the Maha Kumbh Stampede in Prayagraj.
9. **Vikram Kasbekar** will become the acting CEO of Hero MotoCorp from May 1, 2025.
10. **Ahmad al-Sharaa** is appointed as the Interim President of Syria (Capital: Damascus; Currency: Syrian Pound).
11. **Bart Albert Liliane De Wever** is appointed as the Prime Minister of Belgium.

4. Arts & Cultural Affairs

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3. **Thaipusam (Thai Poosam)**, a Hindu festival honoring **Lord Murugan (Lord Kartikeya)**, is celebrated prominently by Tamil communities in Tamil Nadu, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, etc.
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5. Awards, Rewards, Recognition

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3. At the **67th Grammy Awards** at the Arena in Los Angeles, Indian-American **Chandrika Tandon** (sister of Indra Nooyi) won the **Best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album** award for "Triveni" (with Wouter Kellerman & Eru Matsumoto); major winners included Beyoncé's "COWBOY CARTER" (Album of the Year), Kendrick Lamar's "Not Like Us" (Song and Record of the Year), Chappell Roan (Best New Artist), and The Rolling Stones' "Hackney Diamonds" (Best Rock Album), with the event also raising funds for California wildfire relief and honoring first responders.
4. **Chaman Arora** was posthumously honored with the **Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 in Dogri** for his book "Ik Hor Ashwthama"; additional winners were **Gagan Gill** for her Hindi poetry collection "Main Jab Tak Aai Bahar" and **Easterine Kire** for her English novel "Spirit Nights".
5. **Coal India Limited (CIL)** won the **Golden Peacock CSR Award 2024** at the 19th International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility in Mumbai.
6. Senior NSG Officer **Deepak Kumar Kedia** received the '**CA in Public Service**' Award from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).
7. At the **BCCI Awards 2025**, **Priya Mishra** was named Best Woman Cricketer in Senior Domestic and **Mohit Jangra** was awarded Highest Wicket-Taker in Ranji Trophy (Elite Group).
8. **Noel Naval Tata** was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Sussex for his contribution to business leadership.
9. **Bank of Maharashtra** received the "**Best MSME Bank Award**" from the Chamber of Indian Micro Small & Medium Enterprises and was also the runner-up for the "**CSR Initiative & Business Responsibility Award**".
10. At **Mrs World 2025** in Las Vegas, **Tshego Gaelae** from South Africa became the first Black woman to win the 40th edition (crowned by Viktoria Horshkova, Mrs World 2024), with **Ishadi Amanda** (Sri Lanka) as 1st runner-up and **Ploy Panperm** (Thailand) as 2nd runner-up; she is the second South African winner after Candice Abrahams (2016).
11. **NTPC** won the "**Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025**" in the Water Resilience category.
12. 20th Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo & Citations 2024 (IBA Technology Awards):
 - (i) **City Union Bank (CUB)**:
 - Won awards in **all 7 categories** for the second consecutive year.
 - Recognized specifically for:
 - **Best Digital Sales, Payments & Engagement**
 - **Best IT Risk Management**
 - **Best Fintech & DPI Adoption**
 - **Best Financial Inclusion**
 - Additionally, received runner-up or special mentions in the remaining categories.
 - (ii) **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)**:
 - Also clinched **7 awards** across all categories.



- Key wins include:
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6. Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

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B. Regulatory, Market & Sector Initiatives

36. The RBI's **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) 2025** (7th February 2025) set rates as follows: Repo Rate at 6.25% (a 25-basis-point cut), Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate at 6.00%, and Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) & Bank Rate at 6.50%; it also projected GDP growth of 6.4% in FY 2024-25 and 6.7% in FY 2025-26, with inflation projections of 4.8% (FY 2024-25) and 4.2% (FY 2025-26).
37. **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** received an **₹8,000 crore** order from Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (Mahagenco).
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42. **Maaza** (the mango drink by Coca-Cola) crossed **\$1 billion** in sales in 2024.
43. **RBI** announced the setup of a **9-member working group** (chaired by Executive Director Radha Shyam Ratho) to review trading and settlement timings across regulated markets.
44. The RBI announced its **Gold Holdings in 2024**: Total gold reserves increased to **876.18 tonnes** (valued at \$66.2 billion) from 803.58 tonnes (\$48.3 billion) in 2023; net gold purchase was **+72.6 tonnes**; India ranks 9th globally, with top five holders being the US (81,336 tonnes), Germany (3,352 tonnes), IMF (2,814 tonnes), Italy (2,452 tonnes), and France (2,437 tonnes).
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C. Union Budget 2025-26 & Economic Reforms

48. The **Union Budget 2025-26** announced a total expenditure of **Rs 50.65 lakh crore** (7.4% higher than the revised 2024-25 estimate), with receipts (other than borrowings) of **Rs 34.96 lakh crore** (an 11.1% increase), and capital expenditure of **Rs 11.21 lakh crore** (3.1% of GDP).
49. Economic targets in the budget include a nominal GDP growth of **10.1% in FY 2025-26**, a revenue deficit of **1.5% of GDP**, and a fiscal deficit of **4.4% of GDP** (down from 4.8%).
50. The Centre aims to reduce outstanding liabilities to around **50% of GDP by March 2031** (estimated to be 56.1% in FY 2025-26).
51. The budget provides **Rs 1,50,000 crore** for special interest-free loans to states for capital expenditure.
52. Programs for women and children receive an allocation of **Rs 5,65,161 crore** in 2025-26 (an 18.5% increase over the revised 2024-25 estimate).
53. The FDI limit for the insurance sector is increased from **74% to 100%** for companies that invest their entire premium in India.
54. Highest allocation in the budget is for the Ministry of Defence at **Rs 6,81,210 crore** (13.4% of total expenditure), followed by Road Transport and Highways (**Rs 2,87,333 crore**), Railways (**Rs**

- 2,55,445 crore), Ministry of Home Affairs (Rs 2,33,211 crore), and Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Rs 2,15,767 crore).
55. Notable changes include a **972% rise** in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs' allocation (from Rs 1,078 crore to Rs 11,561 crore) and a **61% budget cut** for the Ministry of Steel (from Rs 8,561 crore to Rs 3,362 crore); among scheme allocations, **MGNREGS** received the highest funding.
56. The **Union Budget 2025-26** – “**Sabka Vikas**” theme was presented by Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, marking her 8th consecutive budget presentation (record overall: 10 times by Morarji Desai).
57. **Union Budget 2025-26** details changes in TDS and TCS limits: Senior citizens will be exempt from TDS for interest income up to **Rs 1 lakh** (raised from Rs 50,000); rental income TDS exemption increases from **Rs 2.4 lakh to Rs 6 lakh**; under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme, the TCS threshold is raised from **Rs 7 lakh to Rs 10 lakh**.
58. Under the New Tax Regime (NTR), the **income tax rebate limit** is raised from **Rs 7 lakh to Rs 12 lakh**, with new tax slabs defined (0% tax for income up to Rs 4 lakh, 5% for Rs 4–8 lakh, 10% for Rs 8–12 lakh, 15% for Rs 12–16 lakh, 20% for Rs 16–20 lakh, 25% for Rs 20–24 lakh, and 30% for income above Rs 24 lakh).
59. The **Gender Budget** allocation increased to **8.86%** from 6.8% in FY 2024-25; **Rs 4.49 lakh crore** is allocated for the welfare of women and girls—a 37.25% increase over the previous Rs 3.27 lakh crore.
60. The **Central Sector Scheme ‘Skill India Programme’** continues until 2026 with an overlay outlay of **Rs 8,800 crore** (covering 2022-23 to 2025-26).
61. The Union Cabinet approved an extension of the **National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)** tenure until **March 31, 2028**.
62. In the Union Budget 2025-26, the limit for tax deduction on interest for senior citizens is proposed to increase from **Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh**.
63. The budget sets up **50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs** in Government schools over the next 5 years.
64. Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** announced an extension of the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** till **2028** with an outlay of **Rs 67,000 crore**.
65. The proposed **Maritime Development Fund Corpus** in the budget is **Rs 25,000 crore**.
66. As per National Statistics Office estimates, the projected real GDP growth rate in FY 2024-25 is **6.4%**.
67. As per the Union Budget 2025-26, a digital public infrastructure for international trade is proposed to be called **BharatTradeNet (BTN)**.
68. The **National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management** is proposed to be established in **Bihar**.
69. The **Makhana Board** will be established in **Bihar** as per the Union Budget 2025-26.
70. The Government of India approved the introduction of the **Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME)**, providing **60% guarantee coverage** by NCGTC to Member Lending Institutions (MLIs).

D. Corporate, Investment & Infrastructure Announcements

71. **ONGC** set a capital expenditure (Capex) target of **₹36,920 crore** for FY26.
72. **IHCL** will invest **₹2,500 crore** to develop ‘**Taj Bandstand**’ in Mumbai.
73. **Adani Group** announced a partnership with US-based Mayo Clinic to launch **Adani Health City (AHC)** by building integrated healthcare campuses.
74. **Reliance** launched the ‘**Spinner**’ Sports Drink priced at ₹10.
75. **UDAN 5.5** is the new phase of the “Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik” scheme for regional air connectivity.
76. **ONGC** is not to be confused with infrastructure targets – see item 71.
77. **Lam Research**, a US-based semiconductor services company, will invest **₹10,000 crore** in India.
78. **GMR Airports Ltd** joined the **United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)**.

79. The **General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)** approved the incorporation of its wholly owned subsidiary “**GIC Re, India Service Company**” in the United Kingdom.
80. Australia-based fintech firm **Findi** received RBI approval to acquire a 100% stake in **Tata Communications Payment Solutions Ltd (TCPSL)** via its Indian subsidiary Transaction Solutions International (TSI).
81. **Sharan Hegde's financial edtech platform, The 1% Club**, secured a Registered Investment Advisor (RIA) licence from SEBI.
82. **Maaza** (mango drink by Coca-Cola) crossed **\$1 billion** in sales in 2024.
83. **JioStar**, a joint venture between Viacom18 and Star India, launched the streaming platform “**JioHotstar**” (combining JioCinema and Disney+ Hotstar); **Kiran Mani** was appointed as CEO (Digital) of JioStar.
84. **GIC Re's** wholly owned subsidiary (see item 79) is part of corporate restructuring.
85. **Australia-based fintech firm Findi's** acquisition (see item 80) is included above.

E. Union Budget–Related Regulatory and Policy Announcements

86. **Union Budget 2025-26** announces the “**Gyan Bharatam Mission**” for the survey, documentation, and conservation of India's manuscript heritage; allocation for the National Manuscripts Mission increased from **₹3.5 Cr to ₹60 Cr**, with the overall Ministry of Culture allocation raised by about **₹100 Cr to ₹3,360.96 Cr** (including allocations to ASI, National Libraries & Archives, and National Museum & National Gallery of Modern Art); note that NMM was set up in 2003.
87. (Duplicate of 86) As per Union Budget 2025-26, the initiative to preserve over one crore manuscripts is the **Gyan Bharatam Mission**.
88. **Elon Musk's X and Visa** collaborated on the “**X Money Account**” (with X headquartered in Texas, U.S. and CEO **Linda Yaccarino**).
89. The **Ministry of Finance** extended the moratorium for a special loan taken by the Ministry of Railways; total loan amount is **₹79,398 crore** (with **₹63,000 crore** as interest-free and **₹16,398 crore** bearing interest), extended by 2 years up to FY 2025-26.
90. **Union Budget 2025-26 – “Sabka Vikas” and Economic Reforms** were presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman (her 8th consecutive budget, record overall: 10 times by Morarji Desai).

F. Energy, Infrastructure & Technology Developments

91. **ONGC's Capex target** (see item 71) is part of the energy infrastructure focus.
92. **India set a new target** of **500 GW** non-fossil fuel-based energy capacity by 2030 (previous target: 175 GW renewable energy capacity by 2022, including 100 GW solar power).
93. **Switch Mobility Ltd** (a subsidiary of Ashok Leyland and part of the Hinduja Group) unveiled the electric bus platform “**SWITCH EiV12**”—India's first low-floor city bus with chassis-mounted batteries; the Indian electric city bus market is projected to grow at a CAGR of 21% by 2030 with an EV penetration of 70%.
94. **Shriram General Insurance (SGIC)** introduced its first indemnity health insurance plan, “**Shri Health Suraksha Insurance.**”

G. Taxation, Fiscal Measures & Budget Adjustments

95. The **Union Budget 2025-26** includes changes in TDS and TCS limits (see item 57) and an increase in the income tax rebate limit under the New Tax Regime from **Rs 7 lakh to Rs 12 lakh** (with new tax slab details provided).
96. The revised **TDS/TCS thresholds** and tax rebate adjustments are part of a broader fiscal reform.
97. **Union Budget 2025-26** targets a fiscal deficit of **4.4% of GDP** (down from 4.8%).
98. **Union Budget 2025-26** further specifies changes such as the exemption of senior citizens from TDS on interest income up to **Rs 1 lakh**.



H. Miscellaneous Announcements & Other Sector Developments

99. **IHCL** (see item 72 under Corporate) is investing in 'Taj Bandstand' (already noted in Corporate).
100. **Adani Group's** partnership for Adani Health City (see item 73) is noted above.
101. **Reliance's Spinner Sports Drink** (see item 74) is noted above.
102. The Government of India approved the introduction of the **Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME)**, providing **60% guarantee coverage** by NCGTC to MLIs (see item 70).



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7. Defence Affairs

1. Joint Military Exercises & Defence Training

- **India–Maldives Joint Military Exercise “Ekuverin”:**
The 13th edition of the joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) commenced on 2nd February 2025 in the Maldives. “Ekuverin” means “Friends” in Dhivehi.
 - **3rd Joint Military Exercise “Cyclone 2025” (India–Egypt):**
Conducted between India and Egypt at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.
 - **Exercise “Winged Raider”:**
A joint exercise conducted by the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force.
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2. Naval & Maritime Operations

- **TROPEX-25 Maritime Exercise:**
The Indian Navy launched its largest biennial maritime exercise, TROPEX-25, from January 30–31, 2025, off the West coast of India.
 - **INSV Tarini’s Historic Voyage – Crossing Point Nemo:**
INSV Tarini crossed Point Nemo—known as the “Oceanic Pole of Inaccessibility” located approximately 2,688 km from the nearest landmass.
 - **Samudrayaan Mission (2026):**
India’s first manned deep-ocean mission, scheduled for 2026, will send 3 scientists in a submersible to explore depths of 6,000 meters in the Indian Ocean.
 - **Matsya 6000 Submersible:**
A key asset for the Samudrayaan Mission, this manned deep-sea submersible was developed by NIOT in Chennai.
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3. Defence Contracts & Production

- **Defence Ministry Contract with BEL:**
The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth **Rs. 624 crore** with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the supply of EON-51 Systems for the Indian Navy.
 - **Defence Production Growth:**
India’s defence production is expected to reach **₹1.60 lakh crore** by 2025–26, up from the current **₹1.27 lakh crore**.
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4. Aviation & Aerospace Developments



- **HAL Renames HJT-36 Jet Trainer:**
Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has renamed its HJT-36 jet training aircraft as “**Yashas.**”
 - **GE Aerospace Contract with IAF:**
GE Aerospace signed a five-year maintenance contract with the Indian Air Force (IAF). Under this contract, the Apache AH-64E-I helicopter fleet is powered by **T700-GE-701D engines.**
 - **Indigenous Shakti-Based Semiconductor Chip:**
IIT Madras, in collaboration with ISRO, developed an indigenous Shakti-based semiconductor chip for aerospace applications.
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5. International Defence Cooperation

- **Defence MoUs at Aero India 2025:**
During Aero India 2025, India signed defence cooperation Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with five countries—**Yemen, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Gambia, and Gabon**—focusing on military training, capacity building, and institutional engagement.
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6. Corporate & Infrastructure Announcements

- **Garuda Aerospace “Drone City”:**
Garuda Aerospace announced India’s first “**Drone City**” in Orvakal village, Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh.
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7. Missile & Weapon Systems

- **New Missile “Etemad”:**
A new missile named “**Ete mad**” with a range of **1,700 km** was revealed by **Iran.**
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8. DRDO Flight Trials

- **VSHORAD System Trials by DRDO:**
The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted 3 successive flight trials of its Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) system from Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
 - **DRDO Details:**
 - Headquarters: New Delhi
 - Chairman: Samir V. Kamat
 - Established: 1958

8. International Affairs

I. Global Health & Disease Elimination

- **Georgia Declared Malaria-Free:**
 - Georgia became the 45th country globally and the first in the WHO European Region to be officially declared malaria-free by the World Health Organization (WHO).
 - **Capital:** Tbilisi
 - **Currency:** Georgian lari
- **Niger Eliminates Onchocerciasis (River Blindness):**
 - Niger becomes the first African country and the 5th globally to eliminate onchocerciasis, a disease transmitted by infective black flies found mainly in riverine areas.
 - **Additional WHO Details:** WHO Headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland; Director-General: Tedros Adhanom.
- **Guinea Eliminates Human African Trypanosomiasis (Sleeping Sickness):**
 - The WHO announced that Guinea has eliminated Human African trypanosomiasis as a public health problem.
 - *Note:* HAT is a parasitic disease transmitted by infected tsetse flies and is endemic in sub-Saharan Africa. Additionally, Rwanda became the first country to eliminate the 'rhodesiense' form in 2022.

II. International Alliances, Policies & Declarations

- **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Officially Comes into Force:**
 - A total of 27 countries (including India) have agreed to join IBCA.
 - **Objective:** Conserve seven big cat species – Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.
 - **Launch Details:** Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 9, 2023, during the "50 Years of Project Tiger" celebrations.
 - **Headquarters:** India
 - **Official Inception Date:** January 23, 2025
- **UAE Declares 2025 as 'Year of Community':**
 - The UAE has declared 2025 as the Year of Community to promote unity and inclusion.
- **Withdrawal & Realignment in West Africa:**
 - **Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso** have withdrawn from ECOWAS and, with military support from Russia, formed the Alliance of Sahel States.
- **Panama Exits China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI):**
 - Panama has become the first Latin American nation to exit Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative.

III. International Relations & Trade Developments

- **PM Modi's Visit to France – AI Summit & Civil Nuclear Cooperation:**

- At the Artificial Intelligence Action Summit in Paris, PM Modi is set to co-chair the summit with French President Emmanuel Macron.
- **Additional Detail:** 2026 is declared as the India-France Innovation Year.
- **US Tariff Announcement:**
 - US President Donald Trump announced 25% tariffs on steel and aluminium imports.
- **Bangladesh Launches 'Operation Devil Hunt':**
 - In response to four days of unrest and violence in Gazipur, the interim government of Bangladesh launched 'Operation Devil Hunt'.
 - **Leadership:** Led by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus.
- **Singapore to Set Up a Data Embassy:**
 - Singapore plans to establish a "Data Embassy" in Gujarat's GIFT City.

IV. Energy, Infrastructure & Connectivity

- **Integration of Baltic States with EU Electricity Grid:**
 - Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania officially disconnected from Russia's grid to integrate their electricity system with the European Union network.
- **Meta's Undersea Cable Project:**
 - Meta announced the construction of a 50,000 km undersea cable spanning 5 continents, connecting India to the US.

V. Technology & Regulatory Innovations

- **OpenAI Unveils a New AI Tool for US Government Agencies:**
 - The new tool is named **ChatGPT Gov**.
- **AI Regulation – CSAM Laws:**
 - The United Kingdom is set to become the first country to introduce laws making it illegal to use AI tools to create Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).

VI. Unique Legal & Cultural Milestones

- **New Zealand Grants Rights to a Mountain:**
 - New Zealand granted **Mount Taranaki** the same legal rights as a human being.

9. Meetings, Conferences, and Summits

Events Hosted by India

- **BRICS Youth Entrepreneurship Meet 2025**
 - **When:** March 2025
 - **Theme:** "Youth Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Growth"
- **Inaugural WAVES (World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit) 2025**
 - **Where:** Mumbai



- **When:** May 1–4, 2025
- **4-day International Conference on Governance**
 - **Theme:** “Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Reaching the Last Mile”
 - **Hosted By:** India (for the first time) in collaboration with the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), founded in 1930 with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium
- **Indian Navy Chiefs’ Conclave 2025**
 - **Where:** Naval Headquarters, New Delhi

Other International Summits & Youth Forums

- **First-Ever BIMSTEC Youth Summit**
 - **Where:** Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- **12th Edition of World Government Summit 2025**
 - **Where:** Dubai
 - **Theme:** “Shaping Future Governments”

10. Miscellaneous

I. Important Days & Observances

- **1 February**
 - Marks the **49th Raising Day** of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
 - **World Interfaith Harmony Week** is observed from February 1–7.
- **2 February**
 - **World Wetlands Day** (Theme: “Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future”).
 - **Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day.**
- **4 February**
 - **World Cancer Day 2025** (Theme for 2025–2027: "United by Unique" – emphasizing personalized care and collective commitment).
 - **Sri Lanka’s National Day** (Theme: "Let's stand together").
- **6 February**
 - **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation.**
 - **Safer Internet Day.**
- **10 February**
 - **National Deworming Day.**
 - **World Pulses Day** (Noting that India is the largest producer of pulses, contributing 25% of global production).
 - **International Epilepsy Day** (observed on the second Monday of February).
- **11 February**
 - **Unani Day:**
 - Commemorates the birth anniversary of **Hakim Ajmal Khan** (Unani physician, educator, freedom fighter).
 - *Note:* Unani Medicine is an ancient Greek system based on Hippocrates’ teachings (460 BC).
 - The **Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM)** under the Ministry of Ayush hosted an International Conference on “Innovations in Unani



Medicine for Integrative Health Solutions” on 11–12 February 2025 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu.

- **International Day of Women & Girls in Science (IDWGS).**
- **13 February**
 - **National Women's Day (India)**, to honor the birth anniversary of **Sarojini Naidu** (the Nightingale of India; notable works include “The Golden Threshold,” “The Bird of Time,” “The Broken Wing,” and “The Feather of the Dawn”).
 - **World Radio Day 2025** (Theme: “Radio and Climate Change”).

II. Books

1. **"Soumitra Chatterjee and His World"** – Authored by Sanghamitra Chakraborty (journalist).
2. **"Hearts and Heroes: Lives that Shaped Us"** – Authored by Kulbhushan Kumar.
3. **"Kitchen Poems"** – A poetry collection by Nithya Mariam John.
4. **"Source Code: My Beginnings"** – Authored by Bill Gates (Published by Diversified Publishing).
5. **"Tested: The Remarkable Power of Resolve"** – Authored by Pat Cummins (Published by HarperCollins India).
6. **"The Mahatma's Manifesto"** – Authored by Rajesh Talwar.

III. Places & Events

A. Festivals, Conferences & Summits

- **International Saraswati Mahotsav 2025**
 - Held in **Yamunagar district, Haryana**.
- **10th Sci-Fi (Science Film Festival of India) 2025**
 - Held in **Goa**.
 - **Theme:** Green Revolution – a tribute to Dr. M. S. Swaminathan.
- **World Government Summit 2025 (12th Edition)**
 - Held in **Dubai, UAE**.
 - **Theme:** “Shaping Future Governments.”
- **1st Raisina Middle East Conference**
 - Held in **Abu Dhabi, UAE**.
- **BIMSTEC Youth Summit**
 - Organized by the Department of Youth Affairs in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.

B. Scientific, Environmental & Infrastructure Announcements

- **Georgia Declared Malaria-Free**
 - Georgia became the **45th country globally** and the first in the WHO European Region to be declared malaria-free by the World Health Organization (WHO).
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- **Semeru Volcano & Mount Ibu (Volcanoes)**
 - **Semeru Volcano** – located in **Indonesia**.
 - **Mount Ibu** – also located in **Indonesia**.
- **New Cardamom Species Discovered**
 - “Elettaria facifera” and “Elettaria tulipifera” discovered in the **Western Ghats, Kerala**.
- **Kandla Port (Deendayal Port)**
 - Located in **Kutch, Gujarat**.
- **India's 1st Artificial Intelligence (AI) University**
 - Established in **Maharashtra**.
- **International Bird Festival**
 - Conducted in **Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Amphex 2025 Amphibious Exercise**
 - Organized in **Karwar, Karnataka**.

- **BAPS Largest Hindu Temple in South Africa**
 - Inaugurated in **Johannesburg**.
- **Assam Government Denotified Proposed Reserve Forests**
 - Denotification in **Tinsukia district**.
- **India's 1st Ferret Research Facility**
 - Inaugurated at the **Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI)**, **Faridabad**.
- **CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (Lucknow)**
 - Marked its **60th anniversary**.

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IV. Deaths

1. **Sam Nujoma** – Namibia's founding father.
2. **Navin Chawla** – Former (16th) Chief Election Commissioner, known as the 'biographer of Mother Teresa'.
3. **Sir Julius Chan** – Former Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea; his autobiography is titled "Playing the Game".
4. **Horst Koehler** – Former President of Germany (2004–2010) and former Head of the IMF (2000–2004).
5. **Greg Bell** – USA long jump legend and the world's oldest living Olympic gold medalist (1956, 7.83 m leap).
6. **Pandit Prabhakar Karekar** – Renowned classical singer.

V. Miscellaneous Q&A

1. **National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM)**
 - **Established:** 2003.
2. **Grameen Credit Score Scheme**
 - **Launched by:** Finance Ministry.
3. **Cricket Franchise Stake Acquisition**
 - Reliance acquired a **49% stake** in the **Oval Invincibles**.
4. **Cryogenic Seed Vault in Tamil Nadu**
 - Being established at **Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore**.
5. **Principal Partner of India Energy Week 2025**
 - **Answer:** ONGC.

11. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

International Agreements

- **India and Oman** signed a protocol to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA).

Academic & Innovation Initiatives

- **IIT Indore** and **MeitY** launched '**AgriHub**', an AI-driven center for agri-tech innovation.
- **IIT Madras** in collaboration with **ISRO** developed the "IRIS" chip (Indigenous RISC-V Controller for Space Applications).

Financial & Insurance Partnerships

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** and **PNB MetLife** entered into a bancassurance partnership to expand life insurance coverage.



Corporate Partnerships & Service Launches

- **BSNL** partnered with **OTTplay** (CEO & Co-founder: Avinash Mudaliar) to launch “**BiTV (BSNL Entertainment)**”, an innovative Internet TV service.
 - **BSNL Details:** Headquarters in New Delhi; CMD: Robert Jerard Ravi (additional charge).
- **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd** signed an MoU for Underwater Systems with **Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (AMS)**.
- **Tata Communications** signed an MoU for Sovereign AI Solutions with **CoRover.ai**.

Infrastructure & Environmental Initiatives

- India's 1st Automated Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Plant, named “**Srjanam**”.

12. National & States Affairs

I. Governance & Policy Initiatives

1. **WhatsApp Governance “Mana Mitra” (Andhra Pradesh):**
 - The Andhra Pradesh government launched “Mana Mitra,” a WhatsApp-based governance service.
 - **Contact:** Official WhatsApp number 9552300009.
 - **Additional Details:** An MoU was signed in October 2024 between Meta and the Andhra Pradesh government; Chief Minister N. Chandra Babu Naidu and Governor Syed Abdul Nazeer are key officials.
2. **Watershed Yatra:**
 - Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Watershed Yatra under the theme “Jal Laaye Dhan-Dhaanya.”
3. **Renaming of Fort William:**
 - The Indian Army renamed its Eastern Command headquarters in Kolkata from Fort William to “**Vijay Durg**.”
4. **Right to Die with Dignity (Karnataka):**
 - On 30 January 2025, the Government of Karnataka issued a circular facilitating the “Right to Die with Dignity” for terminally ill patients, in line with the Supreme Court's 2023 ruling that the Right to Life under Article 21 includes the right to die with dignity.
5. **Naxal-Free Declaration (Karnataka):**
 - Karnataka has been officially declared “Naxal-free” after the final active Naxalite surrendered in the state's Chikkamagaluru district.
6. **President's Rule in Manipur & CM Resignation:**
 - President Droupadi Murmu imposed President's Rule in Manipur under Article 356 after a report from Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla.
 - This is the 11th time President's Rule has been imposed in Manipur—the highest among all states.
 - Chief Minister N. Biren Singh resigned on 9 February 2025, nearly 21 months after ethnic violence (which has killed over 250 people and displaced more than 60,000 since 3 May 2023).
 - (For context, Jammu & Kashmir holds the record for the longest period of President's Rule—over 12 years.)
7. **“Shatavari – For Better Health”:**
 - **Launched by:** Ministry of Ayush

- **Purpose:** To promote the benefits of medicinal plants.
- 8. **Crowd Management for 'Amrit Snan' at Maha Kumbh:**
 - The Uttar Pradesh government implemented a crowd management plan named **Operation Eleven** for 'Amrit Snan' on Basant Panchami during Maha Kumbh.
- 9. **Cannabis Farming Pilot Project:**
 - **Launched by:** A state/UT government (Answer: Himachal Pradesh) for medicinal and industrial value.
- 10. **10th Sci-Fi Science Film Festival of India:**
 - **Organized by:** A state government (Answer: Goa).
- 11. **Constitutional Accountability:**
 - The Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha under **Article 75(3)** of the Indian Constitution.

II. Infrastructure, Development & Economic Initiatives

1. **Tata Power Solar's 4.3 GW Plant:**
 - **Location:** Gangaikondan SIPCOT, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.
2. **Aircraft Fleet Expansion:**
 - According to Boeing, Indian and South Asian airlines will add **2,835 new aircraft** by 2043.
3. **Fluorescent Collars for Mithuns:**
 - Arunachal Pradesh's Forest Department in Siang district is providing fluorescent collars to mithuns (a semi-wild bovine species).
4. **India's First Ferret Research Facility:**
 - Located in **Faridabad**.
5. **Ban on Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (KLEF):**
 - The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (AAC) banned KLEF in Andhra Pradesh.
6. **Odisha's "Bikashita Gaon, Bikashita Odisha (BGBO)" Scheme:**
 - Launched by the Odisha government to focus on rural infrastructure and development; it replaces the earlier "Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha (AONO)" scheme.
7. **White Tiger Breeding Centre:**
 - India's first White Tiger Breeding Centre will be established in **Madhya Pradesh**.
8. **SwaRail SuperApp:**
 - **Launched by:** Indian Railways to integrate all railway services into one platform.
 - **Also Mentioned:** The Ministry of Railways introduced a unified SuperApp called "SwaRail," developed by the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS).
 - **Key Officials:** Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw (from Odisha), with Ministers of State V. Somanna and Ravneet Singh.
9. **Microsoft New Campus:**
 - Microsoft inaugurated a new campus in **Hyderabad**.
10. **"Srjanam" – Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Plant:**
 - Launched by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh at AIIMS New Delhi as India's first indigenous automated bio-medical waste treatment plant, developed by CSIR-NIIST.
11. **Agriculture Credit Target (GLC):**
 - The annual Ground Level Agriculture Credit (GLC) target for FY 2024-2025 is set at **Rs 27.5 lakh crore**, with a sub-target of **Rs 4.20 lakh crore** for allied activities (dairy, poultry, sheep, goat, piggy, fisheries, and animal husbandry).
 - As of 31 December 2024, **Rs 19.28 lakh crore** has been disbursed (70% achievement), compared to **Rs 25.48 lakh crore** in FY 2023-24.
 - The average annual growth rate over the past decade is more than 13%.
12. **Disaster Mitigation Projects:**

- A High-Level Committee chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah approved disaster mitigation projects totaling **Rs 3,027.86 crore**.
- 13. Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) in Gujarat:**
 - A 32.78-hectare area in Guneri village, Lakhtar tehsil of Kutch district, has been declared the first “Biodiversity Heritage Site” under the Biodiversity Act, 2002.
 - **Gujarat Details:** Capital – Gandhinagar; Chief Minister – Bhupendra Patel; Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat.
- 14. Pilot Project for Smart Homes in Gujarat:**
 - The Gujarat government launched the “Har Ghar Connectivity (Fibre to Family)” initiative to transform 25,000 rural households into smart homes.
- 15. Indore Climate Mission:**
 - The Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC), in collaboration with the Energy Swaraj Foundation, launched a 100-day “Indore Climate Mission.”
- 16. Solar Power Capacity:**
 - India has surpassed **100 GW** of installed solar power capacity (up from 2.82 GW in 2014); solar now accounts for 47% of India’s total installed renewable energy capacity.
- 17. MAITRI 2.0 Portal (Maharashtra):**
 - Maharashtra launched the “MAITRI 2.0” portal (Maharashtra Industry, Trade, and Investment Facilitation Cell) to improve the ease of doing business.
- 18. Carbon Neutrality Target:**
 - India has set a carbon neutrality target for the year **2070**.

III. Socio-Economic Data & Sector Information

- 1. Pulse Consumption & Imports in India:**
 - India accounts for 27% of global consumption of pulses and 14% of global imports.
 - **Top Pulse-Producing States:**
 - Madhya Pradesh: 29.67%
 - Maharashtra: 14.66%
 - Rajasthan: 13.75%
- 2. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Subscribers:**
 - The highest number of APY subscribers as of January 2025 are in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- 3. AI Action Summit 2024:**
 - Held in **Paris**.
- 4. Ground Level Agriculture Credit (GLC):**
 - (See details in Section II, Item 11.)

IV. Institutional & Educational Initiatives

- 1. President’s Rule & Political Developments in Manipur:**
 - President Droupadi Murmu imposed President’s Rule in Manipur under Article 356 after a report from Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla.
 - This is the 11th instance in Manipur; Chief Minister N. Biren Singh resigned on 9 February 2025, nearly 21 months after ethnic violence (which has resulted in over 250 deaths and displacement of 60,000+ people since 3 May 2023).
- 2. New International Campus in GIFT City:**
 - Queen’s University Belfast will open an international campus in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), becoming the 3rd foreign education institution there (after Deakin University and Wollongong University).

V. Cultural, Environmental & Miscellaneous Initiatives

- 1. New Delhi World Book Fair 2025 (NDWBF 2025):**



- **Inaugurated by:** President Droupadi Murmu on 1 February 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- **Theme:** "Republic@75" – celebrating 75 years of the Republic of India.
- **Focus Country:** Russia.
- **Organizers:** National Book Trust; ITPO as venue partner.
- 2. **Queen's University Belfast International Campus (GIFT City):**
 - (See Section IV, Item 2.)
- 3. **Microsoft New Campus in Hyderabad:**
 - (See Section II, Item 22.)

VI. Sector Q&A / Data Points

1. Which article makes the Council of Ministers collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha?
 - **Answer:** Article 75(3).
2. Which state/UT has launched the Cannabis Farming Pilot Project for medicinal and industrial value?
 - **Answer:** Himachal Pradesh.
3. Which state government organized the 10th Sci-Fi Science Film Festival of India?
 - **Answer:** Goa.
4. Where was Tata Power Solar's 4.3 GW plant located?
 - **Answer:** Gangaikondan SIPCOT, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.
5. According to Boeing, how many new aircraft will Indian & South Asian airlines add by 2043?
 - **Answer:** 2,835.
6. Under which article of the Indian Constitution is the Council of Ministers collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha?
 - **Answer:** Article 75(3).
7. Which state has the highest number of Atal Pension Yojana (APY) subscribers as of January 2025?
 - **Answer:** Uttar Pradesh.
8. Where was the AI Action Summit 2024 held?
 - **Answer:** Paris.
9. What is the primary mode of transmission for Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)?
 - **Answer:** Bites of infected mosquitoes.

VII. Additional Initiatives & Data

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 - Launched to improve the ease of doing business in Maharashtra.
- 8. **India’s Carbon Neutrality Target:**
 - Set for the year **2070**.

13. Persons in News

1. **Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla (Indian Air Force)** becomes the first Indian astronaut to journey to the International Space Station (ISS) on a private mission. He has been selected as the pilot for “Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4)”, a joint venture between NASA and ISRO.
2. **Shripad Yesso Naik** heads the Group of Ministers for DISCOM Viability.
3. **Justice Harsh Kumar** is set to lead the inquiry into the Maha Kumbh Stampede.
4. A **Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meeting on Cyber Security and Cyber Crime** is chaired by Union Home Minister **Amit Shah**.

14. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

A. Global Rankings & Indices

- **Global Firepower Index 2025:**
 - India is ranked **4th**; the US is ranked 1st.
- **Global 500 2025 (Brand Finance):**
 - **Tata Group** is ranked **15th**.
- **Henley Passport Index 2025:**
 - India is ranked **85th**; Singapore is 1st and Japan is 2nd.
- **World Future Skills Index 2025:**
 - India is ranked **25th** globally.

B. Higher Education

- **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru:**
 - Ranked **96th** in the World University Rankings by Subject 2025 for computer science.
- **Top 3 Universities in World Rankings 2025:**
 1. University of Oxford (UK)
 2. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA)
 3. Harvard University (USA)

C. Startups & Digital Innovation



- **Zepto:**
 - The Indian quick-commerce startup becomes the **2nd most downloaded F&B app globally**, following McDonald's.
- **Digital Well-being:**
 - India secured the highest digital well-being score for the third consecutive year.

D. Corruption Perception

- **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2024:**
 - India is ranked **96th** out of 180 countries with an overall score of **38**.
 - **Top scorers:** Denmark leads with a score of 90 (7th consecutive year), followed by Finland (88) and Singapore (84).
 - **Lowest scorers:** South Sudan (8), Somalia (9), Venezuela (10), Syria (12), and Libya, Eritrea, Yemen, Equatorial Guinea (each 13).

E. Local Governance & Social Indices

- **Panchayat Devolution Index 2024:**
 - **Karnataka** tops the index, followed by **Kerala** (2nd) and **Tamil Nadu** (3rd); **Jharkhand** records the lowest score.
 - (Index prepared by IIPA and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.)
- **Atal Pension Yojana (APY):**
 - The highest number of subscribers as of January 2025 are in **Uttar Pradesh**.

F. Wealth & Economic Power

- **Forbes 2025 – World's Most Powerful Countries:**
 - Top 10 include the US, China, Russia, UK, Germany, South Korea, France, Japan, Saudi Arabia, and Israel.
 - As of February 2025, India is ranked **12th** among the world's most powerful countries.
 - In global GDP terms, India ranks **5th**, trailing the US, China, Germany, and Japan.
- **Bloomberg's "Asia's 20 Richest Families List" 2024:**
 - **Mukesh Ambani** (Reliance Industries) leads with **USD 90.5 billion**.
 - The **Chearavanont family** (Thailand) is 2nd with **USD 42.6 billion**.

G. Aviation & Transportation

- **IATA Report on India's Aviation Sector (2024):**
 - India achieved a record **86.4%** passenger load factor (highest globally).
 - International full-year traffic increased by **13.6%** compared to 2023.
 - **163 million** passengers boarded domestic flights in 2024.
- **Boeing Forecast:**
 - Indian and South Asian airlines are expected to add **2,835 new aircraft** by 2043.

H. Wealth & Business Rankings

- (See Section F for richest families and global power indices.)

I. Institutional & Sector Q&A

- **Which article makes the Council of Ministers collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha?**
 - **Answer:** Article 75(3).

15. Schemes & Initiatives

A. Infrastructure & Finance Schemes

1. Agri-Infrastructure Fund (AIF):

- **Launch & Duration:** Launched in May 2020; scheme valid from FY 2020–21 to 2032–33.
- **Objective:** Aims to disburse ₹1 lakh crore by FY26.
- **Loan Details:** Loans available up to ₹2 crore with a maximum repayment period of 7 years.
- **Interest Subvention:** 3% interest subvention offered with a cap of 9% on the investment rate.
- **Additional Benefit:** Covers reimbursement of credit guarantee fees paid by banks.

2. Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME):

- **Objective:** Provides 60% guarantee coverage by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC) to Member Lending Institutions (MLIs).
- **Coverage Limit:** Credit facilities available up to ₹100 crore for eligible MSMEs for the purchase of equipment or machinery.

B. Entrepreneurship, Credit & Minority Initiatives

3. Swavalambini – Women Entrepreneurship Programme in Northeast:

- **Launched by:** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and NITI Aayog.

4. 'Grameen Credit Score' Scheme:

- **Objective:** To be developed by public sector banks to assess the credit needs of SHG members and rural individuals.
- **Integration:** Designed to work alongside existing credit scores (e.g., CIBIL, CRIF Highmark) and be integrated with the SVAMITVA Scheme.

5. PM-VIKAS Scheme (Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan):

- **Ministry:** Under the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- **Objective:** Aims to uplift minority communities through skill development, entrepreneurship, and education support.
- **Merger Detail:** Merges five previously separate schemes (Seekho Aur Kamao, Nai Manzil, Nai Roshni, Hamari Dharohar, and USTTAD).
- **Status:** Yet to be implemented.

C. Energy, Clean Technology & Infrastructure

6. PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana:

- **Launch:** Launched in 2024.
- **Objective:** Plays a key role in India's solar energy growth by providing financial assistance and encouraging clean energy adoption.
- **Financial Outlay:** Total outlay of ₹75,021 crore.
- **Benefits:**
 - 1 crore households receive 300 units of free electricity per month.
 - Financial support for rooftop solar installations: ₹30,000 for 1 kW, ₹60,000 for 2 kW, and ₹78,000 for 3 kW (or higher) systems.

D. Agricultural & Rural Development

7. PM Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana:

- **Objective:** To improve agricultural conditions in 100 districts identified as having low productivity, moderate crop intensity, and below-average access to credit.
 - **Implementation:** In partnership with state governments; inspired by the success of the Aspirational Districts Program.
8. **Jal Jeevan Mission Extension:**
- **Announcement:** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman extended the Jal Jeevan Mission till 2028 in the Union Budget 2025-26.
 - **Outlay:** ₹67,000 crore assigned for 2025-26.
 - **Background:** Launched in August 2019, the mission aims to provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) delivering 55 litres per capita per day of drinking water to all rural households by 2024.
9. **Rajasthan's "Mukhyamantri Mangla Pashu Bima Yojana":**
- **Objective:** To provide free insurance coverage for 21 lakh animals, including cows, buffaloes, goats, sheep, and camels.
10. **"Antyodaya Gruha Yojana" – Odisha:**
- **Outlay:** ₹7,550 crore.
 - **Houses:** 2,25,000 new pucca houses to be constructed over 3 years.
 - **Financial Assistance:** ₹1,20,000 per beneficiary for a 25 sqm house (excluding the toilet).

Government, Environment, and Technology

Government Initiatives

- **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM):**

The Uttar Pradesh government has waived the 10% community contribution for the "Har Ghar Nal" scheme for the rural population.

Environment and Conservation

- **New Ramsar Sites Announcement (World Wetlands Day, Feb 2):**

- **New Sites:** Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary (Tamil Nadu), Therthangal Bird Sanctuary (Tamil Nadu), Khecheopalri Wetland (Sikkim), and Udhwa Lake (Jharkhand).
- **Records & Facts:**
 - Total Ramsar sites in India now stand at 89 (the highest in Asia and the third highest in the world, after the UK with 176 and Mexico with 144).
 - Sikkim and Jharkhand have secured their first-ever Ramsar sites.
 - Tamil Nadu now has 20 Ramsar sites (the highest in India).
 - The largest Ramsar site in India is the Sundarbans in West Bengal.
- **Official:** Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav (Constituency – Alwar, Rajasthan).

Food Delivery Innovations

- **New In-App Services:**

- **Zomato:** Launched "Zomato Quick" in multiple cities.
- **Swiggy:** Rolled out 'Swiggy Bolt' in October 2024 and launched a new app 'Snacc' for snacks, drinks, and meals in 15 minutes in January 2025.

Blinkit: Introduced 'Bistro' for delivering food, juices, snacks, and meals in 10 minutes



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

16. Science & Technology

1. Space Launches and Missions

- **ISRO Satellite Launch:**
ISRO launched the NVS-02 satellite from Sriharikota, marking its 100th launch from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre.
- **Japanese Satellite Mission:**
Japan successfully launched the Michibiki 6 Navigation Satellite.
- **Indian Lunar Missions:**
 - *Chandrayaan-4:* India plans to launch Chandrayaan-4 in 2027 as a lunar mission to retrieve rock samples from the Moon. This mission will involve two launches of the LVM-3 rocket carrying five modular components that will be assembled in orbit. If successful, India would join the US, Russia, and China in the elite group of nations that have brought back lunar samples.
 - *All-Women Lunar Mission:* Chennai-based space startup Space Kidz is planning an all-women scientific lunar mission named "ShakthiSAT".
- **Chinese Lunar Mission:**
China is set to launch the Chang'e-7 mission in 2026, aiming to explore the Moon's South Pole region.
- **Soyuz-2 Mission:**
The final mission of the Soyuz-2 variant was associated with Russia.

2. Space Personnel and Records

- **Axiom Mission 4:**
ISRO's astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla has been selected to pilot Axiom Mission 4 to the International Space Station, as announced by NASA.

- **Space walk Record:**

Sunita Williams broke the record for the longest spacewalk by a female astronaut, reaching 62 hours.

3. Technological Innovations and Developments

- **OpenAI's New Tool:**

OpenAI has introduced a new advanced AI-based tool called "Deep Research" aimed at generating detailed reports for complex research needs.

- **ISRO's FEAST Software:**

ISRO launched the latest version of FEAST software, developed by the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).

- **Innovative Satellite Launch Method:**

SpinLaunch developed a method to launch satellites into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) without using traditional rocket fuel.

- **Google's New Model:**

The new Google Gemini Budget-Friendly Model is named Flash-Lite.

17. Sports & Games

1. Sports Championships and Tournaments

Table Tennis

- **Senior National TT Championships 2025:**

- **Men's Singles Champion:** Manush Shah (beat Payas Jain, 4–1)
- **Women's Singles Champion:** Diya Chitale (defeated Sreeja Akula, 4–3)

Cricket

- **ICC Women's Championship 2022–25 Trophy:**

Australia clinched the trophy for the third consecutive time.

- **Rohit Sharma – ODI Milestone:**

Rohit Sharma becomes the fourth-highest ODI run-getter for India behind Sachin Tendulkar (18,426), Virat Kohli (13,911), and Sourav Ganguly (11,363).

- **Corruption Ban:**

Bangladesh spinner Shohely Akhter has been banned for 5 years over match-fixing, becoming the first female cricketer to receive a corruption ban under the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

- **Debut Achievement:**

Q: Who became the first Indian to take 3+ wickets on debut in all formats?

A: Harshit Rana

Chess

- **Tata Steel Masters Titles:**

- In 2024, Indian chess prodigy Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa clinched the Tata Steel Masters title, becoming only the second Indian (after Viswanathan Anand) to do so.
- In 2025, R. Praggnanandhaa won the Tata Steel Chess Masters by defeating D. Gukesh.

Hockey

- **Men's Hockey India League 2024–25:**

- **Champions:** Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers (their first title) defeated the Hyderabad Toofans in the final held at Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium, Rourkela, Odisha on February 1, 2025.



- **Awards:**

- *Fairplay Award (Team):* UP Rudras
- *Best Goalkeeper:* Bikramjit Singh (Hyderabad Toofans)
- *Top Scorer:* Jugraj Singh (Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers)
- *2025 Player of the Tournament:* Sukhjeet Singh (Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers)
- *Upcoming Player of the Tournament:* Arshdeep Singh (Hyderabad Toofans)

- **Women's Hockey India League 2024–25:**

- **Champions:** Odisha Warriors clinched the title.

Polo

- **DGAR Men & Women Polo Championship 2025:**

- The Manipur Police men's polo team and the Assam Rifles women's polo team emerged as champions.

Snooker

- **National Snooker Championship:**

- Pankaj Advani (representing ONGC) won his 36th overall National Gold and 10th Men's Snooker crown by beating Brijesh Damani (IOCL).

Athletics and Para Sports

- **National Records & Medals:**

- Jyothi Yarraji set a new National Record in the 60m hurdles, clinching gold at the Elite Indoor Meeting in Nantes.

- **38th National Games 2025 (Uttarakhand):**

- **Fastest Athletes:**

- Animesh Kujur (Odisha) won the men's 100m in 10.28 seconds (equaling the National Games record).
- Sudeshna Shivankar (Maharashtra) secured the women's 100m title in 11.76 seconds.

- **Medal Tally:**

- Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) topped with 121 medals (68 gold, 26 silver, 27 bronze).
- Maharashtra finished second with 201 medals (54 gold, 71 silver, 76 bronze).
- Haryana secured third place with 153 medals (48 gold, 47 silver, 58 bronze).

- **Upcoming National Games:**

- The 39th National Games will be hosted by Meghalaya in 2027 (the state's first time hosting).

- **South Asian Senior Athletics Championships:**

- The 4th edition is scheduled in Ranchi at Birsamunda Athletics Stadium from May 3 to 5, 2025.

- **2025 Para Archery Asia Cup:**

- India secured a total of 12 medals (6 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze) and topped the medal tally, with Thailand in second place (3 gold medals).

Tennis (ATP Tournaments)

- **Chennai Open 2025 (Men's Singles):**

- Champion: Kyrian Jacquet (France)

- **Rotterdam Open 2025 (Men's Singles):**

- Champion: Carlos Alcaraz

Cricket Awards and Special Recognitions

- **Lifetime Achievement Award:**

- Sachin Tendulkar was conferred with the "C K Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award" for 2024 by the BCCI, becoming the 31st recipient.
- In 2023, the award was presented to former India head coach Ravi Shastri and wicket-keeping legend Farokh Engineer.



- The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) also received the “Best Performance in BCCI Domestic Tournaments (2023–24)” award.
- **ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 Official Song:**
Q: Which singer released the official song?
A: Atif Aslam
- **Allan Border Medal 2025:**
Q: Who received the medal?
A: Travis Head

2. Multi-Sport Events and International Competitions

Asian Winter Games

- **9th Asian Winter Games (2025):**
 - **Venue:** Harbin, China (February 7–14, 2025)
 - **Mascots:** Binbin (Ice Sports) and Nini (Snow Sports)
 - **Slogan:** "Dream of Winter, Love among Asia"

Youth Cricket

- **ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025 Final:**
 - **Outcome:** India (led by Niki Prasad) defeated South Africa (led by Kayla Reyneke) at Bayuemas Oval in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
 - **Accolades:** Gongadi Trisha was named both the ‘Player of the Tournament’ and the ‘Player of the Match’.
- **ACC Women's U19 Asia Cup 2024:**
 - India won the title in Malaysia in December 2024.

3. Other Sports and Esports

Esports

- **Global Esports Tournament (GET 2025):**
Q: Which city will host the tournament?
A: Mumbai

Rural Sports

- **Rural Cricket League:**
Q: Which state is set to become the first to organise a Rural Cricket League?
A: Bihar

4. Chess, Retirements, and Other Notable Announcements

Tennis/Retirement

- **Simona Halep (Romania):**
The two-time Grand Slam champion and former world number one announced her retirement at the age of 33.

5. Additional Recognitions and Announcements

- **Chess & Cricket:**
Besides his chess triumphs, Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa's consecutive Tata Steel Masters titles (2024 and 2025) further highlight India's growing influence in chess.
- **National Games & Athletics:**
The 38th National Games in Uttarakhand showcased record-breaking performances and a detailed medal tally, with the next edition set for Meghalaya in 2027.



- **South Asian Athletics:**

The 4th South Asian Senior Athletics Championships is scheduled to take place in Ranchi from May 3 to 5, 2025.

- **Esports and Rural Cricket:**

Global Esports Tournament (GET 2025) will be hosted in Mumbai, while Bihar is set to pioneer a Rural Cricket League.

18. Multiple Choice Questions

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

1. Which bank won the IBA Banking Technology Awards in seven categories at the Mumbai conference?
(1)HDFC Bank (2)City Union Bank (3)State Bank of India (4)ICICI Bank
2. Which organization introduced the web-based portal iSPOT for handling technical glitches?
(1)RBI (2)EPFO (3)SEBI (4)NPCI
3. According to the RBI mandate, what percentage of Adjusted Net Bank Credit must banks allocate to Priority Sector Lending?
(1)30% (2)35% (3)40% (4)45%
4. Which fintech became the first to launch a beta e-rupee wallet for India's CBDC with Yes Bank as sponsor?
(1)Paytm (2)CRED (3)PhonePe (4)MobiKwik
5. Which company launched its fully functional e-rupee wallet in coordination with RBI and Yes Bank?
(1)CRED (2)PhonePe (3)MobiKwik (4)Paytm
6. Which bank introduced the Canara Crest membership initiative for premium banking customers?
(1)Canara Bank (2)City Union Bank (3)State Bank of India (4)ICICI Bank
7. What is the proposed fee for ATM cash withdrawals as set by the RBI?
(1)₹20 (2)₹21 (3)₹22 (4)₹25
8. Which exchange at GIFT City launched USD-denominated trading of BSE Sensex derivatives?
(1)India INX (2)NSE (3)BSE (4)MCX
9. The Government is considering raising the agriculture credit target to what amount?
(1)₹25.5 lakh crore (2)₹26.5 lakh crore (3)₹27.5 lakh crore (4)₹28.5 lakh crore
10. Which branch of SBI is planning to integrate YONO UPI with Singapore's national payment system, PayNow?
(1)SBI India (2)SBI Global (3)SBI Finance (4)SBI Singapore
11. How much is the State Bank of India planning to raise through Basel III-compliant bonds?
(1)₹2,000 crore (2)₹3,000 crore (3)₹5,000 crore (4)₹7,000 crore
12. What penalty was imposed by SEBI on the promoters of Brightcom Group?
(1)₹20 crore for 3 years (2)₹25 crore for 4 years (3)₹30 crore for 5 years (4)₹35 crore for 6 years
13. In FY25, the EPFO settled a record number of claims. How many claims were settled?
(1)4.5 crore (2)5.1 crore (3)5.5 crore (4)6.0 crore
14. What rebranding move did Zomato Ltd announce?
(1)Renaming its consumer app to Eternal (2)Changing its parent holding entity's name to "Eternal Ltd." while retaining the consumer-facing name as Zomato (3)Rebranding to Zomato Global (4)No rebranding was announced
15. The RBI approved the amalgamation of Pune Commercial Co-operative Bank Ltd. with which bank?



- (1)TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd. (2)The Citizen Cooperative Bank Ltd. (3)Pimpri Chinchwad Sahakari Bank Maryadit (4)State Bank of India
16. The RBI approved merging which bank with TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd.?
(1)State Bank of India (2)Canara Bank (3)The Citizen Cooperative Bank Ltd. (4)HDFC Bank
17. Which company received final RBI authorization to continue operating as an authorized online payments platform?
(1)PhonePe (2)Paytm (3)Easebuzz (4)MobiKwik
18. SEBI banned LS Industries and five other companies for what reason?
(1)Insider trading (2)Stock price manipulation and fraudulent activities (3)Misreporting financials (4)Money laundering
19. Under the Government's Central Sector Scheme, how many Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) are targeted?
(1)5,000 (2)7,500 (3)9,000 (4)10,000
20. Which new denomination banknotes will the RBI soon issue under the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series?
(1)₹20 (2)₹150 (3)₹50 (4)₹100
21. What is the name of the digital platform SEBI launched to help investors track inactive mutual fund folios?
(1)TRADE-X (2)MITRA (3)iSPOT (4)FINTRACK
22. Which bank launched India's first salary account with cyber fraud protection, known as the "Anmol Savings Account"?
(1)State Bank of India (2)ICICI Bank (3)HDFC Bank (4)Axis Bank
23. The RBI expanded the UPI framework by allowing which banks to offer pre-sanctioned credit lines?
(1)Private Sector Banks (2)Foreign Banks (3)Small Finance Banks (SFBs) (4)Regional Rural Banks
24. What is the current stake of ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund in Star Health?
(1)8.50% (2)10.00% (3)9.95% (4)11.25%
25. Which bank initiated the Frictionless Finance Accelerator Programme with the RBI Innovation Hub to support fintech startups?
(1)Yes Bank (2)YES Bank (3)IDFC First Bank (4)IndusInd Bank
26. Which AI-powered UPI service was launched to simplify payments for small businesses?
(1)PayEasy (2)JioSoundPay (3)QuickPay (4)UPI AI
27. Due to supervisory concerns, the RBI imposed restrictions on which bank?
(1)Punjab National Bank (2)HDFC Bank (3)Mumbai's New India Co-operative Bank (4)Axis Bank
28. RBI approved that Zulia Investments, a unit of Temasek, can raise its stake in which bank up to 7%?
(1)IDBI Bank (2)ICICI Bank (3)Yes Bank (4)AU Small Finance Bank
29. In collaboration with YES Bank, which AI-driven financial super app was launched by Finvasia?
(1)JumpStart (2)FinJump (3)Jump (4)FinAccel
30. SEBI issued guidelines on the evaluation of statutory committees for which entities?
(1)Banks and NBFCs (2)Stock exchanges, clearing corporations, and depositories (MIIs)
(3)Insurance companies (4)Mutual fund houses
31. Who announced the development of a "Grameen Credit Score" to assess rural credit needs?
(1)Prime Minister Narendra Modi (2)Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman (3)RBI Governor (4)SEBI Chairman
32. Which scheme was launched to map villages using improvised technology?
(1)Digital Village Scheme (2)SVAMITVA Scheme (3)BharatMap Initiative (4)VillageTech Program
33. Which organization imposed a penalty of ₹9.27 crore on Bybit Fintech Limited?
(1)RBI (2)SEBI (3)FIU India (4)TRAI
34. NPCI will reject all UPI transactions if their transaction IDs contain which of the following?
(1)Letters (2)Special characters (e.g., @, !, #) (3)Numbers (4)Spaces
35. At what repo rate did the RBI's MPC 2025 set following a 25-basis-point cut?
(1)5.75% (2)6.00% (3)6.25% (4)6.50%
36. Which organization received an ₹8,000 crore order from Mahagenco?



- (1)ONGC (2)NTPC (3)BHEL (4)GAIL
37. Which entity plans to raise ₹20,000 crore from both domestic and foreign investors?
(1)SBI (2)NHAI (3)ICICI Bank (4)RIL
38. How much additional funding was approved for BSNL's 4G expansion?
(1)₹4,000 crore (2)₹5,000 crore (3)₹6,000 crore (4)₹7,000 crore
39. SEBI is revamping which standards to align with global ESG norms?
(1)Corporate Governance Standards (2)Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) standards (3)Mutual Fund Disclosures (4)Insider Trading Regulations
40. By how much did the RBI increase its bond purchase in Open Market Operations (OMO)?
(1)₹20,000 crore (2)₹30,000 crore (3)₹40,000 crore (4)₹50,000 crore
41. Which beverage crossed \$1 billion in sales in 2024?
(1)Pepsi (2)Sprite (3)Fanta (4)Maaza
42. Who chairs the 9-member working group set up by RBI to review trading and settlement timings?
(1)RBI Governor (2)Finance Minister (3)SEBI Chairman (4)Executive Director Radha Shyam Ratho
43. According to the RBI announcement, India's total gold reserves increased to:
(1)803.58 tonnes (2)850 tonnes (3)876.18 tonnes (4)900 tonnes
44. What is the updated value of India's gold reserves as announced by RBI?
(1)\$48.3 billion (2)\$66.2 billion (3)\$75 billion (4)\$80 billion
45. Which organization amended the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations (TCCCPR), 2018?
(1)RBI (2)SEBI (3)TRAI (4)NPCI
46. What was the objective behind SEBI launching an Industry Standards Forum?
(1)To improve mutual fund transparency (2)To enhance digital payments (3)To regulate stock exchanges (4)To standardize related party transaction disclosures
47. What total expenditure was announced in the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1)Rs 45.65 lakh crore (2)Rs 50.65 lakh crore (3)Rs 55.65 lakh crore (4)Rs 60.65 lakh crore
48. The Union Budget 2025-26 targets a nominal GDP growth rate of:
(1)8.1% (2)9.1% (3)10.1% (4)11.1%
49. By which year does the Union Budget aim to reduce outstanding liabilities to 50% of GDP?
(1)2025 (2)2028 (3)2031 (4)2035
50. How much is allocated for special interest-free loans to states for capital expenditure in the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1)Rs 1,00,000 crore (2)Rs 1,50,000 crore (3)Rs 2,00,000 crore (4)Rs 2,50,000 crore
51. What allocation is made for programs for women and children in the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1)Rs 3,65,161 crore (2)Rs 4,65,161 crore (3)Rs 5,65,161 crore (4)Rs 6,65,161 crore
52. The FDI limit for the insurance sector was raised to what percentage for companies investing their entire premium domestically?
(1)90% (2)95% (3)100% (4)105%
53. Which ministry received the highest allocation in the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1)Ministry of Home Affairs (2)Ministry of Defence (3)Ministry of Railways (4)Ministry of Consumer Affairs
54. By what percentage did the allocation for the Ministry of Corporate Affairs increase in the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1)500% (2)750% (3)972% (4)1100%
55. What is the theme of the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1)Growth for All (2)Inclusive Prosperity (3)Sabka Vikas (4)Vikas for Everyone
56. Under the new tax regime, the income tax rebate limit is raised from Rs 7 lakh to:
(1)Rs 10 lakh (2)Rs 11 lakh (3)Rs 12 lakh (4)Rs 13 lakh
57. The Gender Budget allocation increased to what percentage in the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1)6.8% (2)7.86% (3)8.86% (4)9.86%
58. Until what year was the tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis extended?
(1)2026 (2)2027 (3)2028 (4)2029



59. The Union Budget 2025-26 proposes increasing the tax deduction limit on interest income for senior citizens to:
(1)Rs 50,000 (2)Rs 75,000 (3)Rs 1 lakh (4)Rs 1.25 lakh
60. How many Atal Tinkering Labs will be set up in government schools as per the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1)25,000 (2)30,000 (3)40,000 (4)50,000
61. The Jal Jeevan Mission has been extended till which year with an outlay of Rs 67,000 crore?
(1)2026 (2)2027 (3)2028 (4)2029
62. What is the proposed value of the Maritime Development Fund Corpus?
(1)Rs 15,000 crore (2)Rs 20,000 crore (3)Rs 25,000 crore (4)Rs 30,000 crore
63. What is the proposed name for the digital public infrastructure for international trade?
(1)TradeIndia (2)IndiaTradeNet (3)GlobalTradeNet (4)BharatTradeNet
64. A new National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management is proposed to be established in which state?
(1)Maharashtra (2)Uttar Pradesh (3)Bihar (4)Tamil Nadu
65. Which board is proposed to be established in Bihar to support the Makhana sector?
(1)Makhana Development Board (2)Makhana Advisory Board (3)Makhana Board (4)Makhana Promotion Board
66. Which scheme offers 60% guarantee coverage by NCGTC to MSMEs?
(1)MSME Credit Guarantee Scheme (2)Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS MSME) (3)MSME Support Guarantee Scheme (4)Credit Assurance for MSMEs
67. ONGC set a capital expenditure target for FY26 of:
(1)₹26,920 crore (2)₹36,920 crore (3)₹46,920 crore (4)₹56,920 crore
68. Which company announced a ₹2,500 crore investment to develop 'Taj Bandstand' in Mumbai?
(1)Adani Group (2)Reliance (3)Tata Group (4)IHCL
69. The Adani Group partnered with which US-based organization to launch Adani Health City?
(1)Cleveland Clinic (2)Johns Hopkins (3)Mayo Clinic (4)Massachusetts General Hospital
70. What product did Reliance introduce, priced at ₹10?
(1)Reliance Juice (2)Reliance Energy Drink (3)'Spinner' Sports Drink (4)Reliance Refresh
71. Which scheme was launched to enhance regional air connectivity?
(1)UDAN 5.0 (2)UDAN 5.5 (3)UDAN 6.0 (4)UDAN 4.5
72. Which US-based company will invest ₹10,000 crore in India's semiconductor services sector?
(1)Intel (2)Qualcomm (3)AMD (4)Lam Research
73. Which organization joined the United Nations Global Compact?
(1)GIC Re (2)SBI (3)ICICI Bank (4)GMR Airports Ltd
74. Which insurance company approved the incorporation of its subsidiary "GIC Re, India Service Company" in the United Kingdom?
(1)LIC (2)GIC Re (3)HDFC Life (4)Max Life
75. Which Australia-based fintech received RBI approval to acquire a 100% stake in Tata Communications Payment Solutions Ltd.?
(1)AfterPay (2)Zip Co (3)Findi (4)ZipMoney
76. Which financial edtech platform secured a Registered Investment Advisor licence from SEBI?
(1)FinEd (2)EduFin (3)FinTechEd (4)The 1% Club
77. Which joint venture launched the streaming platform "JioHotstar"?
(1)Jio and Reliance (2)Viacom18 and Disney (3)JioStar (joint venture between Viacom18 and Star India) (4)Airtel and Netflix
78. Air India entered a codeshare partnership with which airline?
(1)Emirates (2)Singapore Airlines (3)Qatar Airways (4)Kenya Airways
79. Under the "Data Innovation Lab" initiative, MoSPI signed an MoU with which institution?
(1)IIT Delhi (2)IIIT Delhi (3)IIM Ahmedabad (4)NIT Trichy
80. SIDBI and which organization entered a USD 100 million agreement?
(1)World Bank (2)IMF (3)ADB (4)AFD (Agence Française de Développement)



81. Who was re-appointed as MD & CEO of Maruti Suzuki?
(1)R C Bhargava (2)Hisashi Takeuchi (3)Rajesh Nirwan (4)Nakul Jain
82. Who was appointed Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security?
(1)Nakul Jain (2)K Balasubramanian (3)Rajesh Nirwan (4)Shivkumar Kalyanaraman
83. Who resigned as MD & CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd.?
(1)Rajesh Nirwan (2)Hisashi Takeuchi (3)Nakul Jain (4)K Balasubramanian
84. Who was appointed as Citibank's India Head and CEO?
(1)Shivkumar Kalyanaraman (2)Rajesh Nirwan (3)Nakul Jain (4)K Balasubramanian
85. Which company appointed Justin Hotard as its new CEO?
(1)HCL (2)Nokia (3)Infosys (4)Wipro
86. Who was elected President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India for 2025-26?
(1)Harsh Kumar (2)Shubham Sharma (3)Charanjot Singh Nanda (4)Rajesh Nirwan
87. Who will head the Judicial Commission on the Maha Kumbh Stampede?
(1)K Balasubramanian (2)Charanjot Singh Nanda (3)Justice Harsh Kumar (4)Nakul Jain
88. Who becomes the acting CEO of Hero MotoCorp from May 1, 2025?
(1)Hisashi Takeuchi (2)Rajesh Nirwan (3)Vikram Kasbekar (4)Shivkumar Kalyanaraman
89. Which international leader was named Interim President of Syria?
(1)Bart Albert Liliane De Wever (2)Narendra Modi (3)Ahmad al-Sharaa (4)Emmanuel Macron
90. Which international leader became Prime Minister of Belgium?
(1)Justin Trudeau (2)Emmanuel Macron (3)Angela Merkel (4)Bart Albert Liliane De Wever
91. Which country's leader, Prabowo Subianto, visited India as the Chief Guest at the 76th Republic Day celebration?
(1)Thailand (2)Indonesia (3)Malaysia (4)Philippines
92. Which Indian short film was nominated for Best Live-Action Short Film at the 97th Academy Awards?
(1)Niramaya (2)Shyam (3)"Anuja" (4)Triveni
93. Which festival is celebrated prominently by Tamil communities across multiple countries?
(1)Diwali (2)Holi (3)Thaipusam (4)Pongal
94. Which event in Telangana marks the second-largest Adivasi fair in India?
(1)Bonalu (2)Bathukamma (3)Nagoba Jatara (4)Makar Sankranti
95. Which festival is organized by the Toda tribe at Moonpo Temple in Tamil Nadu?
(1)Sevdalinka (2)Gunotsav (3)Thaipusam (4)Modhweth Festival
96. Which ancient Bosnian love song was included in UNESCO's National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage?
(1)Kalinka (2)Ganga (3)Sufi (4)Sevdalinka
97. What is the theme of Gunotsav 2025 in Assam?
(1)Quality Healthcare (2)Economic Growth (3)Ensuring Quality Education (4)Social Inclusion
98. Who received the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award from Trinidad and Tobago?
(1)Chandrika Tandon (2)Indra Nooyi (3)Christine Carla Kangaloo (4)Sunita Williams
99. At the Republic Day Parade 2025, which tableau won the Best Tableau award?
(1)Maharashtra (2)Gujarat (3)UP Tableau (4)Tamil Nadu
100. At the 67th Grammy Awards, who won the Best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album award?
(1)Ravi Shastri (2)Prabowo Subianto (3)Sunita Williams (4)Chandrika Tandon



Answers

Answers (MCQs G V Satish picks)

1	2	21	2	41	4	61	3	81	2
2	3	22	3	42	4	62	3	82	3
3	3	23	3	43	3	63	4	83	3
4	2	24	3	44	2	64	3	84	4
5	3	25	2	45	3	65	3	85	2
6	1	26	2	46	4	66	2	86	3
7	3	27	3	47	2	67	2	87	3
8	1	28	4	48	3	68	4	88	3
9	3	29	3	49	3	69	3	89	3
10	4	30	2	50	2	70	3	90	4
11	3	31	2	51	3	71	2	91	2
12	3	32	2	52	3	72	4	92	3
13	2	33	3	53	2	73	4	93	3
14	2	34	2	54	3	74	2	94	3
15	3	35	3	55	3	75	3	95	4
16	3	36	3	56	3	76	4	96	4
17	3	37	2	57	3	77	3	97	3
18	2	38	3	58	3	78	4	98	3
19	4	39	2	59	3	79	2	99	3
20	3	40	3	60	4	80	4	100	4



తల్లిదండ్రులకు మరియు విద్యార్థులకు ముఖ్య గమనిక

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

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

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1. Which WhatsApp-based governance service was launched by the Andhra Pradesh government?
(1)AP Connect (2)Mana Mitra (3)Smart AP (4)My Andhra
2. Under what theme did Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launch the Watershed Yatra?
(1)Paani Paani Initiative (2)Jal Laaye Dhan-Dhaanya (3)Water for Life (4)Aqua Vikas
3. Which state/UT has launched the Cannabis Farming Pilot Project for medicinal and industrial value?
(1)Punjab (2)Kerala (3)Himachal Pradesh (4)Uttarakhand
4. Which article of the Indian Constitution makes the Council of Ministers collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha?
(1)Article 19 (2)Article 75(3) (3)Article 356 (4)Article 112
5. Where is Tata Power Solar's 4.3 GW plant located?
(1)Gurgaon, Haryana (2)Hyderabad, Telangana (3)Gangaikondan SIPCOT, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu (4)Mumbai, Maharashtra
6. According to Boeing, how many new aircraft will Indian & South Asian airlines add by 2043?
(1)2,000 (2)2,835 (3)3,000 (4)1,500
7. Which state has the highest number of Atal Pension Yojana subscribers as of January 2025?
(1)Uttar Pradesh (2)Bihar (3)Rajasthan (4)Gujarat
8. Where was the AI Action Summit 2024 held?
(1)London (2)New York (3)Tokyo (4)Paris
9. What is the primary mode of transmission for Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)?
(1)Contaminated water (2)Direct contact (3)Airborne transmission (4)Bites of infected mosquitoes
10. Which country was the focus at the New Delhi World Book Fair 2025?
(1)USA (2)Russia (3)China (4)UK
11. Which state government organized the 10th Sci Fi Science Film Festival of India?
(1)Kerala (2)Goa (3)Maharashtra (4)Karnataka
12. What is India's target year for achieving carbon neutrality?
(1)2050 (2)2070 (3)2060 (4)2080
13. Where has the first "Biodiversity Heritage Site" under the Biodiversity Act, 2002 been declared?
(1)Ahmedabad, Gujarat (2)Surat, Gujarat (3)Guneru village, Kutch district, Gujarat (4)Rajkot, Gujarat
14. What is the new name of the Indian Army's Eastern Command headquarters in Kolkata?
(1)Fort Vijay (2)Vijay Durg (3)Durg Fort (4)Eastern Victory
15. Which state issued a circular to facilitate the "Right to Die with Dignity" for terminally ill patients?
(1)Kerala (2)Karnataka (3)Tamil Nadu (4)Maharashtra
16. Which state has been declared "Naxal free" after the final active Naxalite surrendered?
(1)Bihar (2)Chhattisgarh (3)Karnataka (4)Jharkhand
17. How many times has President's Rule been imposed in Manipur following the recent developments?
(1)5 (2)8 (3)11 (4)14
18. What is the name of the crowd management plan implemented by the Uttar Pradesh government during 'Amrit Snan' at Maha Kumbh?
(1)Operation Kumbh (2)Operation Secure (3)Operation Eleven (4)Operation Safeguard
19. Which platform was launched by Indian Railways to integrate all railway services?
(1)RailConnect (2)SwaRail SuperApp (3)Indian RailApp (4)RailOne
20. In which city did Microsoft inaugurate its new campus?
(1)Pune (2)Hyderabad (3)Bangalore (4)Chennai
21. Where was India's first indigenous automated bio-medical waste treatment plant, "Srjanam," launched?
(1)AIIMS New Delhi (2)Mumbai (3)Kolkata (4)Chennai
22. What is the annual Ground Level Agriculture Credit (GLC) target for FY 2024-25?
(1)Rs 25.0 lakh crore (2)Rs 27.5 lakh crore (3)Rs 30.0 lakh crore (4)Rs 35.0 lakh crore

23. What is the total value of disaster mitigation projects approved by the committee chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah?
(1)Rs 1,800 crore (2)Rs 2,500 crore (3)Rs 3,027.86 crore (4)Rs 3,500 crore
24. What is the name of the Gujarat government initiative aimed at transforming 25,000 rural households into smart homes?
(1)Gujarat Digital Homes (2)Smart Rural Initiative (3)Har Ghar Connectivity (Fibre to Family)
(4)Rural Smart Connect
25. Which organization partnered with the Indore Municipal Corporation to launch the 100-day Indore Climate Mission?
(1)Ministry of Environment (2)Energy Swaraj Foundation (3)Greenpeace India (4)National Institute of Climate Change
26. India has surpassed which installed solar power capacity milestone?
(1)50 GW (2)75 GW (3)100 GW (4)120 GW
27. Which state launched the "MAITRI 2.0" portal to enhance ease of doing business?
(1)Gujarat (2)Tamil Nadu (3)Maharashtra (4)Karnataka
28. Which university is set to open an international campus in Gujarat International Finance Tec City (GIFT City)?
(1)Oxford University (2)Queen's University Belfast (3)Harvard University (4)Stanford University
29. Which ministry launched the "Shatavari – For Better Health" initiative to promote medicinal plants?
(1)Ministry of Health (2)Ministry of Ayush (3)Ministry of Agriculture (4)Ministry of Science & Technology
30. In which district is the Forest Department providing fluorescent collars to mithuns?
(1)Siang district (2)Papum Pare district (3)Tawang district (4)West Kameng district
31. Where is India's first ferret research facility located?
(1)Mumbai (2)Faridabad (3)Pune (4)Jaipur
32. Which body banned the Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (KLEF) in Andhra Pradesh?
(1)University Grants Commission (2)National Assessment and Accreditation Council (3)All India Council for Technical Education (4)Ministry of Education
33. What is the new name of the rural development scheme in Odisha that replaces "Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha (AONO)"?
(1)Odisha Vikas Yojana (2)BGBO (Bikashita Gaon, Bikashita Odisha) (3)Rural Odisha Initiative (4)Nabin Odisha Scheme
34. In which state is India's first White Tiger Breeding Centre being established?
(1)Rajasthan (2)Madhya Pradesh (3)Uttar Pradesh (4)Gujarat
35. As of 31 December 2024, what percentage of the annual Ground Level Agriculture Credit (GLC) target had been disbursed?
(1)60% (2)70% (3)80% (4)90%
36. Which US-based semiconductor services company will invest ₹10,000 crore in India?
(1)Intel (2)Qualcomm (3)Lam Research (4)AMD
37. What is the name of the mission announced in the Union Budget 2025-26 for the survey, documentation, and conservation of India's manuscript heritage?
(1)Bharat Manuscript Mission (2)Gyan Bharatam Mission (3)Heritage Conservation Initiative (4)National Manuscripts Initiative
38. Elon Musk's X collaborated with which company on the "X Money Account"?
(1)Mastercard (2)Visa (3)American Express (4)Discover
39. The Ministry of Finance extended the moratorium for a special loan taken by which ministry?
(1)Ministry of Defence (2)Ministry of Railways (3)Ministry of Home Affairs (4)Ministry of Corporate Affairs
40. Which budget theme was presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1)Inclusive Growth (2)Sabka Vikas (3)Growth for All (4)Development First
41. India set a new target of 500-GW non-fossil fuel-based energy capacity by which year?



- (1)2025 (2)2030 (3)2035 (4)2040
42. Which company unveiled the electric bus platform "SWITCH EiV12", India's first low floor city bus with chassis-mounted batteries?
(1)Tata Motors (2)Ashok Leyland (3)Switch Mobility Ltd (4)Mahindra Electric
43. Which insurer introduced its first indemnity health insurance plan called "Shri Health Suraksha Insurance"?
(1)ICICI Lombard (2)Bajaj Allianz (3)Shriram General Insurance (SGIC) (4)HDFC Ergo
44. Under the Union Budget 2025-26, senior citizens will be exempt from TDS on interest income up to what limit?
(1)₹50,000 (2)₹75,000 (3)₹1 lakh (4)₹1.5 lakh
45. Which bank won the IBA Banking Technology Awards in seven categories at the 20th Banking Technology Conference in Mumbai?
(1)HDFC Bank (2)ICICI Bank (3)City Union Bank (4)State Bank of India
46. Which regulator introduced the web-based portal called iSPOT for technical glitches?
(1)RBI (2)SEBI (3)EPFO (4)NPCI
47. According to RBI's mandate, what percentage of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) must be allocated to Priority Sector Lending (PSL)?
(1)20% (2)30% (3)40% (4)50%
48. Which fintech became the first to launch a beta version of its e-rupee wallet for India's CBDC, with Yes Bank acting as sponsor?
(1)Paytm (2)PhonePe (3)CRED (4)MobiKwik
49. MobiKwik launched its fully functional e-rupee wallet in coordination with RBI and Yes Bank. What type of digital wallet did they introduce?
(1)Unified Wallet (2)Instant Wallet (3)e-rupee Wallet (4)Smart Wallet
50. Canara Bank introduced a premium membership initiative for banking customers. What is it called?
(1)Canara Elite (2)Canara Premium (3)Canara Crest (4)Canara Plus
51. As per RBI's plan, what is the proposed fee for ATM cash withdrawals after the free limit is exceeded?
(1)₹20 per transaction (2)₹21 per transaction (3)₹22 per transaction (4)₹25 per transaction
52. Which exchange at GIFT City launched USD-denominated trading of BSE Sensex derivatives?
(1)NSE International (2)India INX (3)BSE Global (4)GIFT Exchange
53. The government is considering a Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Loan Limit Increase. The collateral-free loan limit is proposed to rise from ₹1.6 lakh to what amount?
(1)₹1.8 lakh (2)₹2 lakh (3)₹2.5 lakh (4)₹3 lakh
54. SBI Singapore plans to integrate which UPI platform with Singapore's national payment system PayNow?
(1)SBI UPI (2)YONO UPI (3)Digital SBI (4)SBI Instant
55. Which bank is planning to raise ₹5,000 crore through Basel III-compliant bonds?
(1)HDFC Bank (2)ICICI Bank (3)State Bank of India (4)Axis Bank
56. SEBI banned the promoters of which group from the securities market for 5 years and imposed a penalty of ₹30 crore?
(1)LS Industries (2)Brightcom Group (3)Zomato Ltd (4)Reliance Group
57. Which organization settled a record 5.1 crore claims in FY25?
(1)RBI (2)SEBI (3)EPFO (4)NPCI
58. Zomato Ltd announced that its parent holding entity would be renamed to what?
(1)Forever Ltd. (2)Eternal Ltd. (3)Infinity Ltd. (4)Zomato Holdings Ltd.
59. The RBI approved the amalgamation of Pune Commercial Co-operative Bank (Satara) with which bank?
(1)The Citizen Cooperative Bank (2)AU Small Finance Bank (3)Pimpri Chinchwad Sahakari Bank Maryadit (Pune) (4)New India Co-operative Bank
60. Easebuzz received final authorization from the RBI to operate as an authorized platform for which type of transactions?



- (1) Mobile payments (2) UPI transfers (3) Online payments (4) International remittances
61. The Government of India approved the introduction of which scheme that provides 60% guarantee coverage by NCGTC to Member Lending Institutions for MSMEs?
(1) MSME Credit Guarantee Scheme (2) Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS MSME) (3) National Credit Guarantee Scheme (4) MSME Guarantee Fund Scheme
62. In the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) 2025 meeting, what was the Repo Rate set at?
(1) 6.00% (2) 6.25% (3) 6.50% (4) 6.75%
63. Which company received an ₹8,000 crore order from Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (Mahagenco)?
(1) Reliance Industries (2) BHEL (3) NTPC (4) Tata Power
64. NHAI plans to raise how much from domestic and foreign investors?
(1) ₹10,000 crore (2) ₹15,000 crore (3) ₹20,000 crore (4) ₹25,000 crore
65. SEBI is revamping which reporting standards to align with global ESG norms?
(1) Corporate Governance Standards (2) Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) (3) Financial Reporting Standards (4) Market Surveillance Guidelines
66. The RBI increased its bond purchase amount in Open Market Operations (OMO) to how much?
(1) ₹20,000 crore (2) ₹30,000 crore (3) ₹40,000 crore (4) ₹50,000 crore
67. The mango drink Maaza by Coca Cola crossed which sales milestone in 2024?
(1) \$500 million (2) \$750 million (3) \$1 billion (4) \$1.5 billion
68. TRAI amended the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations in which year?
(1) 2016 (2) 2017 (3) 2018 (4) 2019
69. SEBI launched which forum to define the minimum information that listed entities must share regarding related party transactions?
(1) Corporate Disclosure Forum (2) Market Transparency Forum (3) Industry Standards Forum (ISF) (4) Financial Reporting Forum
70. What was the total expenditure announced in the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1) Rs 45.65 lakh crore (2) Rs 50.65 lakh crore (3) Rs 55.65 lakh crore (4) Rs 60.65 lakh crore
71. What fiscal deficit target (as a percentage of GDP) is set in the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1) 4.8% (2) 4.4% (3) 5.0% (4) 3.8%
72. Which ministry received the highest allocation in the Union Budget 2025-26, accounting for 13.4% of total expenditure?
(1) Ministry of Home Affairs (2) Ministry of Defence (3) Ministry of Railways (4) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
73. Under the New Tax Regime, what is the new income tax rebate limit announced in the Union Budget 2025-26?
(1) Rs 7 lakh (2) Rs 10 lakh (3) Rs 12 lakh (4) Rs 15 lakh
74. How many Atal Tinkering Labs are set to be established in Government schools over the next 5 years as per the budget?
(1) 10,000 (2) 20,000 (3) 50,000 (4) 75,000
75. Which company set a capital expenditure (Capex) target of ₹36,920 crore for FY26?
(1) Reliance Industries (2) ONGC (3) Adani Group (4) IHCL
76. Which hospitality group will invest ₹2,500 crore to develop 'Taj Bandstand' in Mumbai?
(1) Marriott International (2) Taj Hotels (IHCL) (3) Oberoi Hotels (4) ITC Hotels
77. Which group announced a partnership with a US-based Mayo Clinic to launch integrated healthcare campuses known as Adani Health City?
(1) Reliance Group (2) Adani Group (3) Tata Group (4) L&T Group
78. Which company launched the 'Spinner' Sports Drink priced at ₹10?
(1) PepsiCo (2) Coca Cola (3) Reliance Industries (4) Parle Agro
79. UDAN 5.5 is associated with which sector initiative?
(1) Rural Banking (2) Regional Air Connectivity (3) Digital Payments (4) Infrastructure Bonds
80. Which award did Christine Carla Kangaloo, President of Trinidad and Tobago, receive?



- (1)Bharat Ratna Award (2)Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (3)Padma Vibhushan Award
(4)International Excellence Award
81. At the Republic Day Parade 2025, which tableau won the Best Tableau award under the theme "Mahakumbh 2025 – Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas"?
- (1)Tripura's "Kharchi Puja" (2)Andhra Pradesh's Etikoppaka Bommalu (3)UP Tableau (4)Gujarat's Heritage Tableau
82. Which Indian-American artist won the Best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album award at the 67th Grammy Awards for the album "Triveni"?
- (1)Ravi Shankar (2)Chandrika Tandon (3)Zakir Hussain (4)Anoushka Shankar
83. Who was posthumously honored with the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 in Dogri for the book "Ik Hor Ashwthama"?
- (1)Chaman Arora (2)Gagan Gill (3)Easterine Kire (4)Amrita Pritam
84. Which company won the Golden Peacock CSR Award 2024 at the 19th International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility in Mumbai?
- (1)Reliance Industries (2)Coal India Limited (CIL) (3)NTPC (4)Indian Oil Corporation
85. Senior NSG Officer Deepak Kumar Kedia received which award from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)?
- (1)CA in Innovation Award (2)CA in Public Service Award (3)CA Leadership Award (4)CA Excellence Award
86. At the BCCI Awards 2025, which cricketer was named Best Woman Cricketer in Senior Domestic?
- (1)Mithali Raj (2)Smriti Mandhana (3)Priya Mishra (4)Harmanpreet Kaur
87. Which business leader, known for his association with the Tata Group, was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Sussex?
- (1)Ratan Tata (2)Cyrus Mistry (3)Noel Naval Tata (4)N. Chandrasekaran
88. Which bank received the "Best MSME Bank Award" from the Chamber of Indian Micro Small & Medium Enterprises?
- (1)State Bank of India (2)Bank of Baroda (3)Bank of Maharashtra (4)HDFC Bank
89. At Mrs World 2025 in Las Vegas, which contestant became the first Black woman to win the title?
- (1)Ishadi Amanda (2)Ploy Panperm (3)Tshego Gaelae (4)Candice Abrahams
90. Which organization won the "Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025" in the Water Resilience category?
- (1)NTPC (2)Coal India Limited (3)Reliance Industries (4)Adani Group
91. At the 20th Annual Banking Technology Conference (IBA Technology Awards) 2024, which bank won awards in all 7 categories for the second consecutive year?
- (1)HDFC Bank (2)City Union Bank (CUB) (3)State Bank of India (4)Bank of Baroda
92. Which bank emerged as the winner for the Best AI & ML Adoption award at the IBA Technology Awards 2024?
- (1)Union Bank of India (2)Indian Overseas Bank (3)Bank of Baroda (4)ESAF Small Finance Bank
93. Which bank was honored with the Best Financial Inclusion award at the IBA Technology Awards 2024?
- (1)State Bank of India (2)ESAF Small Finance Bank Ltd (3)HDFC Bank (4)Bank of Maharashtra
94. According to the Global Firepower Index 2025, what is India's military ranking?
- (1)2nd (2)4th (3)6th (4)8th
95. In the Global 500 2025 rankings by Brand Finance, where is the Tata Group placed?
- (1)5th (2)10th (3)15th (4)20th
96. In the Henley Passport Index 2025, what rank does India hold?
- (1)1st (2)25th (3)50th (4)85th
97. According to the World Future Skills Index 2025, what is India's global ranking?
- (1)10th (2)25th (3)40th (4)60th
98. For computer science, what is the ranking of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru in the World University Rankings by Subject 2025?
- (1)50th (2)75th (3)96th (4)120th



99. Which of the following lists correctly represents the top three universities in the World Rankings 2025?
(1)Stanford, Caltech, MIT (2)University of Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard (3)University of Oxford, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University (4)Harvard University, Yale University, Princeton University
100. Which Indian quick commerce startup became the 2nd most downloaded F&B app globally?
(1)Swiggy (2)Zomato (3)Zepto (4)Dunzo
101. For how many consecutive years has India secured the highest digital well being score?
(1)One year (2)Two years (3)Three years (4)Four years
102. In the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2024, what rank does India hold out of 180 countries?
(1)45th (2)60th (3)96th (4)120th
103. Which country leads the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2024 with a score of 90 for the seventh consecutive year?
(1)Finland (2)Singapore (3)Denmark (4)New Zealand
104. Which one of the following countries is NOT listed among the lowest scorers in the CPI 2024?
(1)South Sudan (2)Somalia (3)Venezuela (4)Qatar
105. Which state topped the Panchayat Devolution Index 2024?
(1)Kerala (2)Tamil Nadu (3)Karnataka (4)Jharkhand
106. As of January 2025, which state has the highest number of Atal Pension Yojana subscribers?
(1)Maharashtra (2)Uttar Pradesh (3)Gujarat (4)Rajasthan
107. In Forbes 2025's list of the world's most powerful countries, what is India's rank?
(1)5th (2)8th (3)12th (4)15th
108. In global GDP terms, what is India's ranking?
(1)3rd (2)4th (3)5th (4)6th
109. Who leads Bloomberg's "Asia's 20 Richest Families List" 2024 with an estimated net worth of USD 90.5 billion?
(1)The Chearavanont family (2)The Ambani family (Mukesh Ambani) (3)The Birla family (4)The Adani family
110. According to the IATA Report on India's Aviation Sector (2024), what was India's record passenger load factor?
(1)75.3% (2)80.2% (3)86.4% (4)90.1%
111. How many passengers boarded domestic flights in India during 2024?
(1)100 million (2)120 million (3)163 million (4)200 million
112. According to Boeing's forecast, how many new aircraft are expected to be added by Indian and South Asian airlines by 2043?
(1)1,500 (2)2,835 (3)3,500 (4)4,000
113. Which article of the Indian Constitution makes the Council of Ministers collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha?
(1)Article 74 (2)Article 75(3) (3)Article 80 (4)Article 356
114. Who won the Men's Singles title at the Senior National Table Tennis Championships 2025?
(1)Payas Jain (2)Manush Shah (3)Rohan Verma (4)Arvind Kumar
115. Who clinched the Women's Singles title by defeating Sreeja Akula 4-3?
(1)Diya Chitale (2)Ritu Singh (3)Anjali Sharma (4)Meera Patel
116. Which country won the ICC Women's Championship Trophy for the third consecutive time?
(1)India (2)England (3)Australia (4)New Zealand
117. Rohit Sharma became the fourth-highest ODI run-getter for India. Who among the following is NOT one of the three ahead of him?
(1)Sachin Tendulkar (2)Virat Kohli (3)Sourav Ganguly (4)Rahul Dravid
118. Which Bangladeshi spinner was banned for 5 years for match-fixing, becoming the first female cricketer to be penalized under the ICC Anti-Corruption Code?
(1)Salma Khatun (2)Shohely Akhter (3)Puspa Banerjee (4)Nusrat Jahan
119. Who became the first Indian to take 3+ wickets on debut in all formats?



- (1)Jasprit Bumrah (2)Harshit Rana (3)Bhuvneshwar Kumar (4)Mohammed Shami
120. Who won the Tata Steel Chess Masters title in 2025 by defeating D. Gukesh?
(1)Viswanathan Anand (2)Pentala Harikrishna (3)Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (4)Nihal Sarin
121. Which team emerged as champions in the Men's Hockey India League 2024–25?
(1)Hyderabad Toofans (2)UP Rudras (3)Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers (4)Punjab Warriors
122. Which team clinched the title in the Women's Hockey India League 2024–25?
(1)Delhi Dynamos (2)Odisha Warriors (3)Karnataka Queens (4)Chennai Chargers
123. Which snooker legend won his 36th overall National Gold and 10th Men's Snooker crown by defeating Brijesh Damani?
(1)Pankaj Advani (2)Yasin Merchant (3)Aditya Mehta (4)Manu Pande
124. Who won the men's 100m at the 38th National Games 2025, equaling the record with a time of 10.28 seconds?
(1)Arjun Singh (2)Animesh Kujur (3)Rajesh Kumar (4)Pradeep Verma
125. Who was conferred with the "C K Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award" for 2024 by the BCCI?
(1)Ravi Shastri (2)Farokh Engineer (3)Sachin Tendulkar (4)Kapil Dev
126. Which singer released the official song for the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025?
(1)Shreya Ghoshal (2)Arijit Singh (3)Atif Aslam (4)Sunidhi Chauhan
127. Who received the Allan Border Medal in 2025?
(1)Shikhar Dhawan (2)Virender Sehwag (3)Travis Head (4)KL Rahul
128. Where were the 9th Asian Winter Games 2025 held?
(1)Almaty, Kazakhstan (2)Harbin, China (3)Sapporo, Japan (4)Seoul, South Korea
129. In the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025 Final, which country's team, led by Niki Prasad, defeated South Africa?
(1)England (2)Australia (3)India (4)New Zealand
130. Which team won the ACC Women's U19 Asia Cup 2024 held in Malaysia?
(1)Pakistan (2)Sri Lanka (3)Bangladesh (4)India
131. Which city is set to host the Global Esports Tournament (GET 2025)?
(1)Delhi (2)Bangalore (3)Mumbai (4)Hyderabad
132. Which state is set to become the first to organize a Rural Cricket League?
(1)Uttar Pradesh (2)Bihar (3)Rajasthan (4)Odisha
133. Which two-time Grand Slam champion announced her retirement at the age of 33?
(1)Serena Williams (2)Maria Sharapova (3)Simona Halep (4)Victoria Azarenka
134. Which government waived the 10% community contribution for the "Har Ghar Na" scheme under the Jal Jeevan Mission?
(1)Maharashtra Government (2)Uttar Pradesh Government (3)Tamil Nadu Government (4)Karnataka Government
135. With the new Ramsar sites announced on World Wetlands Day, what is the total number of Ramsar sites in India?
(1)75 (2)82 (3)89 (4)95
136. Which is the largest Ramsar site in India?
(1)Chilika Lake, Odisha (2)Keoladeo National Park, Rajasthan (3)Sundarbans, West Bengal (4)Loktak Lake, Manipur
137. Which food delivery company launched "Zomato Quick" as an in-app service?
(1)Swiggy (2)Blinkit (3)Zomato (4)Foodpanda
138. Which Indian chess prodigy won consecutive Tata Steel Masters titles in 2024 and 2025?
(1)Pentala Harikrishna (2)Nihal Sarin (3)Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (4)Vidit Gujrathi
139. Who visited India as the Chief Guest at the 76th Republic Day celebration?
(1)Malaysian Prime Minister (2)Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto (3)Singaporean President (4)Thai King
140. Which Indian short film was nominated in the "Best Live-Action Short Film" category at the 97th Academy Awards?
(1)"Prarambh" (2)"Anuja" (3)"Chhota Safar" (4)"Manzil"



141. Thaipusam, celebrated by Tamil communities in several countries, honors which deity?
(1) Lord Shiva (2) Lord Ganesha (3) Lord Murugan (Lord Kartikeya) (4) Goddess Saraswati
142. Which fair, celebrated by the Gond community in Telangana, is known as the second-largest Adivasi fair in India?
(1) Pochampally Mela (2) Nagoba Jatara (3) Bastar Dussehra (4) Bonalu
143. The Modhweth Festival, organized at Moonpo Temple in the Nilgiris, is celebrated by which tribe?
(1) Todas (2) Soligas (3) Kotas (4) Irulas
144. Sevdalinka, an ancient form of love song, originates from which country and is now included in UNESCO's National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage?
(1) Albania (2) Bosnia & Herzegovina (3) Greece (4) Turkey
145. What is the theme of Gunotsav 2025 in Assam?
(1) Sustainable Agriculture (2) Ensuring Quality Education (3) Digital Innovation (4) Cultural Heritage Preservation
146. Who was re-appointed as MD & CEO of Maruti Suzuki, with R C Bhargava continuing as Chairman?
(1) Nakul Jain (2) Hisashi Takeuchi (3) Vikram Kasbekar (4) K Balasubramanian
147. Which executive resigned as MD & CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL)?
(1) Rajesh Nirwan (2) Nakul Jain (3) Shivkumar Kalyanaraman (4) Justin Hotard
148. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Nokia?
(1) Charanjot Singh Nanda (2) Rajesh Nirwan (3) Justin Hotard (4) K Balasubramanian
149. Who was elected as the 73rd President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for 2025-26?
(1) Shivkumar Kalyanaraman (2) Charanjot Singh Nanda (3) Rajesh Nirwan (4) K Balasubramanian
150. Who will head the Judicial Commission on the Maha Kumbh Stampede in Prayagraj?
(1) Justice Harsh Kumar (2) Justice Dipak Misra (3) Justice R.F. Nariman (4) Justice S.A. Bobde
151. Who was appointed as the Interim President of Syria?
(1) Bashar al-Assad (2) Mahmoud Abbas (3) Ahmad al-Sharaa (4) Tariq Aziz
152. Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Belgium?
(1) Charles Michel (2) Alexander De Croo (3) Sophie Wilmès (4) Bart Albert Liliane De Wever
153. Which Tata Group-owned airline entered into a codeshare partnership with Kenya Airways?
(1) Vistara (2) Air India (3) Indigo (4) SpiceJet
154. Under the "Data Innovation (DI) Lab" initiative, which division of MoSPI signed an MoU with IIIT-Delhi?
(1) Digital India Division (2) Data Informatics and Innovation Division (DIID) (3) Statistical Systems Unit (4) ICT Development Division
155. Which two organizations entered a USD 100 million agreement?
(1) RBI and IMF (2) SIDBI and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) (3) ICICI and World Bank (4) HDFC and IFC
156. What is the meaning of "Ekuverin," the name of the India-Maldives joint military exercise?
(1) Victory (2) Strength (3) Unity (4) Friends
157. Which two countries conducted the 3rd Joint Military Exercise "Cyclone 2025" at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan?
(1) India and UAE (2) India and Egypt (3) India and France (4) India and Saudi Arabia
158. During TROPX-25, India's largest biennial maritime exercise, when was it held?
(1) January 15-16, 2025 (2) January 30-31, 2025 (3) February 5-6, 2025 (4) February 20-21, 2025
159. Which Indian vessel made a historic crossing of Point Nemo, known as the "Oceanic Pole of Inaccessibility"?
(1) INS Vikrant (2) INSV Tarini (3) INS Kiran (4) INSV Sindhu
160. What is the name of the manned deep-sea submersible developed by NIOT in Chennai for the Samudrayaan Mission?
(1) Matsya 6000 (2) Deep Explorer (3) Oceanis 6000 (4) Submersible-6000



161. The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth Rs. 624 crore with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for supplying which system?
(1)Electronic Warfare Suite (2)EON 51 Systems (3)Surface-to-Air Missile System (4)Radar Guidance Systems
162. By 2025–26, India's defence production is expected to reach approximately:
(1)₹1.27 lakh crore (2)₹1.40 lakh crore (3)₹1.60 lakh crore (4)₹1.80 lakh crore
163. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) renamed its HJT 36 jet trainer as:
(1)Veer (2)Yodha (3)Yashas (4)Shakti
164. Which engine powers the Apache AH 64E-I helicopter fleet under the GE Aerospace contract with the IAF?
(1)T700 GE 701D (2)F414-GE (3)Pratt & Whitney PT6 (4)Rolls-Royce AE 2100
165. IIT Madras, in collaboration with ISRO, developed an indigenous semiconductor chip based on which architecture for aerospace applications?
(1)ARM (2)Shakti (3)RISC-V (4)MIPS
166. At Aero India 2025, India signed defence MoUs with five countries. Which one of the following is NOT among those mentioned?
(1)Yemen (2)Zimbabwe (3)Ethiopia (4)Brazil
167. Which company announced India's first "Drone City" located in Orvakal village, Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh?
(1)Garuda Aerospace (2)Tata Advanced Systems (3)Mahindra Aerospace (4)Adani AeroTech
168. The new missile "Etemad" revealed by Iran has an approximate range of:
(1)900 km (2)1,200 km (3)1,700 km (4)2,000 km
169. The DRDO successfully conducted flight trials of its Very Short Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) system from Chandipur off the coast of which Indian state?
(1)Gujarat (2)Maharashtra (3)Odisha (4)Andhra Pradesh
170. Which two forces jointly conduct the exercise "Winged Raider"?
(1)Indian Navy and Indian Air Force (2)Indian Army and Indian Navy (3)Indian Army and Indian Air Force (4)Indian Coast Guard and Indian Army
171. Where is the headquarters of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) located?
(1)Mumbai (2)Hyderabad (3)New Delhi (4)Chennai
172. Who is the Chairman of DRDO, and in which year was it established?
(1)Samir V. Kamat; 1958 (2)R. Chidambaram; 1965 (3)V.K. Saraswat; 1972 (4)A.P.J. Abdul Kalam; 1955
173. Which country became the 45th globally and the first in the WHO European Region to be declared malaria-free?
(1)Spain (2)Georgia (3)Portugal (4)Italy
174. Which disease did Niger eliminate, making it the first African country to do so?
(1)Malaria (2)Onchocerciasis (River Blindness) (3)Dengue (4)Schistosomiasis
175. Guinea was announced by WHO to have eliminated which public health problem?
(1)Ebola (2)Cholera (3)Human African Trypanosomiasis (Sleeping Sickness) (4)Lassa Fever
176. What is the name of the alliance, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, that aims to conserve seven big cat species?
(1)Global Tiger Initiative (2)International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) (3)Wild Cats Coalition (4)Big Cat Conservation Forum
177. Which country declared 2025 as the 'Year of Community' to promote unity and inclusion?
(1)Qatar (2)Saudi Arabia (3)UAE (4)Oman
178. Which Latin American nation became the first to exit China's Belt and Road Initiative?
(1)Chile (2)Panama (3)Peru (4)Colombia
179. During his visit to France, PM Modi co-chaired an Artificial Intelligence Action Summit with which French leader?
(1)François Hollande (2)Emmanuel Macron (3)Nicolas Sarkozy (4)Jean Castex



180. What year has been declared as the India France Innovation Year?
(1)2025 (2)2026 (3)2027 (4)2028
181. Which US President announced a 25% tariff on steel and aluminium imports?
(1)Barack Obama (2)Donald Trump (3)Joe Biden (4)George W. Bush
182. What is the name of the operation launched by Bangladesh in response to unrest in Gazipur?
(1)Operation Peacekeeper (2)Operation Devil Hunt (3)Operation Thunderbolt (4)Operation Guardian
183. Which country plans to establish a "Data Embassy" in Gujarat's GIFT City?
(1)United Arab Emirates (2)Singapore (3)United Kingdom (4)Australia
184. Which trio of Baltic countries integrated their electricity systems with the EU grid, disconnecting from Russia's system?
(1)Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania (2)Estonia, Finland, Latvia (3)Latvia, Lithuania, Poland (4)Estonia, Lithuania, Sweden
185. Which tech giant announced a 50,000 km undersea cable project connecting India to the US?
(1)Google (2)Microsoft (3)Meta (4)Amazon
186. What is the name of the new AI tool unveiled by OpenAI for US Government Agencies?
(1)ChatGov (2)ChatGPT Gov (3)GovAI Chat (4)AI Government Chat
187. Which country is set to introduce laws that make it illegal to use AI tools to create Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)?
(1)United States (2)United Kingdom (3)Canada (4)Australia
188. Which mountain in New Zealand was granted legal rights equivalent to a human being?
(1)Mount Cook (2)Mount Ruapehu (3)Mount Taranaki (4)Mount Aspiring
189. In which month is the BRICS Youth Entrepreneurship Meet 2025 scheduled to be held?
(1)January (2)March (3)May (4)July
190. What is the theme of the BRICS Youth Entrepreneurship Meet 2025?
(1)Innovation for Global Change (2)Youth Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Growth
(3)Empowering Young Leaders (4)Digital Revolution in Business
191. Where is the inaugural WAVES 2025 being hosted?
(1)New Delhi (2)Bengaluru (3)Mumbai (4)Chennai
192. What is the theme of the 4-day International Conference on Governance hosted by India in collaboration with the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)?
(1)Future of Global Administration (2)Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Reaching the Last Mile
(3)Digital Governance for a New Era (4)Transforming Public Policy
193. Where is the Indian Navy Chiefs' Conclave 2025 being held?
(1)Mumbai Naval Base (2)Naval Headquarters, New Delhi (3)Visakhapatnam (4)Kochi
194. Where is the First Ever BIMSTEC Youth Summit being held?
(1)New Delhi (2)Gandhinagar, Gujarat (3)Colombo, Sri Lanka (4)Dhaka, Bangladesh
195. What is the theme of the 12th Edition of the World Government Summit 2025 held in Dubai?
(1)Shaping Future Governments (2)Global Governance in the 21st Century (3)Reimagining Public Policy
(4)Digital Transformation in Government
196. Who became the first Indian astronaut to journey to the International Space Station (ISS) on a private mission as the pilot for Axiom Mission 4?
(1)Rakesh Sharma (2)Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla (3)Kalpana Chawla (4)Sunita Williams
197. Who has been appointed to head the Group of Ministers for DISCOM Viability?
(1)Piyush Goyal (2)Nirmala Sitharaman (3)Shripad Yesso Naik (4)Arun Jaitley
198. Who is chairing the Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meeting on Cyber Security and Cyber Crime?
(1)Amit Shah (2)Rajnath Singh (3)Smriti Irani (4)Sushma Swaraj
199. Who is set to lead the inquiry into the Maha Kumbh Stampede?
(1)Justice R.F. Nariman (2)Justice Harsh Kumar (3)Justice Dipak Misra (4)Justice S.A. Bobde
200. Which satellite did ISRO launch from Sriharikota to mark its 100th launch from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre?



(1)GSAT-11 (2)NVS-02 (3)IRNSS-1F (4)CMS-01

201. Which satellite did Japan successfully launch as part of its navigation program?
(1)Michibiki 6 (2)QZSS-2 (3)JAXA-05 (4)Himawari-9
202. What is the primary objective of India's planned Chandrayaan-4 mission in 2027?
(1)To deploy communication satellites (2)To retrieve rock samples from the Moon (3)To test new rocket propulsion technology (4)To perform a lunar flyby
203. Which space startup is planning an all-women scientific lunar mission, and what is the mission called?
(1)Space Kidz – ShakthiSAT (2)Lunar Women – Artemis (3)FemSpace – LunaHer (4)Chandrika Labs – ShaktiMoon
204. Which mission is China set to launch in 2026 to explore the Moon's South Pole region?
(1)Chang'e-5 (2)Chang'e-6 (3)Chang'e-7 (4)Chang'e-8
205. The final mission of the Soyuz-2 variant is associated with which country?
(1)United States (2)Russia (3)China (4)Kazakhstan
206. Who has been selected by ISRO and announced by NASA to pilot Axiom Mission 4 to the International Space Station?
(1)Rakesh Sharma (2)Shubhanshu Shukla (3)Kalpana Chawla (4)Sunita Williams
207. Which female astronaut broke the record for the longest spacewalk, reaching a total of 62 hours?
(1)Peggy Whitson (2)Jessica Meir (3)Sunita Williams (4)Kathryn Sullivan
208. What is the name of the advanced AI-based tool introduced by OpenAI for generating detailed research reports?
(1)Deep Insight (2)Deep Research (3)Open Researcher (4)AI Analyst
209. Which organization developed and launched the latest version of FEAST software?
(1)ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Division (2)Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) (3)National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) (4)Space Applications Centre (SAC)
210. Which company developed a method to launch satellites into Low Earth Orbit without using traditional rocket fuel?
(1)Relativity Space (2)SpinLaunch (3)Rocket Lab (4)Blue Origin
211. What is the name of Google's new budget-friendly model?
(1)Flash-Lite (2)Pixel Mini (3)Nexus Budget (4)Gemini Lite
212. Which two countries signed a protocol to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA)?
(1)India and UAE (2)India and Oman (3)India and Saudi Arabia (4)India and Qatar
213. Which institution partnered with MeitY to launch the AI-driven center for agri-tech innovation named 'AgriHub'?
(1)IIT Bombay (2)IIT Delhi (3)IIT Indore (4)IIT Kanpur
214. Which chip, known as the Indigenous RISC-V Controller for Space Applications, was developed by IIT Madras in collaboration with ISRO?
(1)Shakti (2)IRIS (3)Pratham (4)Vishwa
215. Which two organizations entered into a bancassurance partnership to expand life insurance coverage?
(1)SBI and LIC (2)HDFC Bank and Max Life (3)India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and PNB MetLife (4)ICICI Bank and Bajaj Allianz
216. Which company partnered with OTTplay to launch "BiTV (BSNL Entertainment)"?
(1)Reliance Jio (2)BSNL (3)Airtel (4)Vodafone Idea
217. Who is the CEO & Co-founder of OTTplay, the partner in the BiTV service launch?
(1)Nandan Nilekani (2)Ratan Tata (3)Avinash Mudaliar (4)Mukesh Ambani
218. Which company signed an MoU for Underwater Systems with Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (AMS)?
(1)Larsen & Toubro (2)Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd (3)Mazagon Dock (4)Hindustan Shipyard
219. Tata Communications signed an MoU for Sovereign AI Solutions with which company?
(1)InMobi (2)Tech Mahindra (3)HCL Technologies (4)CoRover.ai



220. What is the name of India's first Automated Bio Medical Waste Treatment Plant?
(1)Swachhta (2)Aarogyam (3)Navjeevan (4)Srjanam
221. What is the theme of the BRICS Youth Entrepreneurship Meet 2025?
(1)Digital Innovation for Growth (2)Youth Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Growth (3) Empowering Global Startups (4)Building Future Economies
222. Where and when is the inaugural WAVES (World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit) 2025 scheduled?
(1)New Delhi, May 10–13, 2025 (2)Mumbai, May 1–4, 2025 (3)Bengaluru, April 25–28, 2025 (4)Chennai, June 1–4, 2025
223. What is the theme of the 4-day International Conference on Governance hosted by India?
(1)Shaping Future Governments (2)Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Reaching the Last Mile (3) Global Digital Transformation (4)Innovative Public Policy Solutions
224. The International Conference on Governance is hosted by India in collaboration with which organization?
(1)United Nations Development Programme (2)International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) (3) World Bank (4)International Monetary Fund
225. Where is the Indian Navy Chiefs' Conclave 2025 being held?
(1)Mumbai Naval Base (2)Naval Headquarters, New Delhi (3)Visakhapatnam (4)Chennai Naval Dockyard
226. Where is the First Ever BIMSTEC Youth Summit being held?
(1)New Delhi, India (2)Colombo, Sri Lanka (3)Gandhinagar, Gujarat (4)Dhaka, Bangladesh
227. Which international summit is scheduled in Dubai in 2025 with the theme "Shaping Future Governments"?
(1)World Economic Forum (2)World Government Summit 2025 (3)Global Leadership Forum (4)International Policy Summit
228. In which district is the International Saraswati Mahotsav 2025 held?
(1)Rohtak, Haryana (2)Yamunagar, Haryana (3)Ambala, Haryana (4)Panipat, Haryana
229. What is the theme of the 10th Sci Fi (Science Film Festival of India) 2025, and where is it held?
(1)Digital Revolution – Mumbai (2)Green Revolution – Goa (3)Future Science – Bengaluru (4)Eco Innovation – Delhi
230. Where is the 12th Edition of the World Government Summit 2025 held and what is its theme?
(1)New York, "Innovating Governance" (2)Dubai, "Shaping Future Governments" (3)Singapore, "Digital Transformation in Governance" (4)London, "Global Leadership"
231. In which city is the 1st Raisina Middle East Conference held?
(1)Doha (2)Abu Dhabi (3)Riyadh (4)Muscat
232. Which department organizes the First Ever BIMSTEC Youth Summit held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat?
(1)Ministry of External Affairs (2)Department of Youth Affairs (3)Ministry of Education (4)Ministry of Culture
233. Which country became the 45th globally and the first in the WHO European Region to be declared malaria-free?
(1)Portugal (2)Georgia (3)Spain (4)Italy
234. In which country are both Semeru Volcano and Mount Ibu located?
(1)Philippines (2)Indonesia (3)Japan (4)New Zealand
235. In which region were the new cardamom species "Elettaria facifera" and "Elettaria tulipifera" discovered?
(1)Eastern Ghats, Andhra Pradesh (2)Western Ghats, Kerala (3)Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu (4)Satpura Range, Madhya Pradesh
236. Where is Kandla Port, also known as Deendayal Port, located?
(1)Mumbai, Maharashtra (2)Kutch, Gujarat (3)Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (4)Paradip, Odisha
237. In which state is India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) University established?
(1)Karnataka (2)Maharashtra (3)Tamil Nadu (4)Delhi
238. In which city is the International Bird Festival conducted?



- (1)Lucknow (2)Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh (3)Jaipur (4)Chandigarh
239. In which city is the Amphex 2025 Amphibious Exercise organized?
(1)Kochi, Kerala (2)Karwar, Karnataka (3)Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (4)Goa
240. In which city was the BAPS Largest Hindu Temple in South Africa inaugurated?
(1)Cape Town (2)Durban (3)Johannesburg (4)Pretoria
241. In which district did the Assam Government denotify the proposed reserve forests?
(1)Dibrugarh (2)Tinsukia (3)Silchar (4)Tezpur
242. At which institute was India's first Ferret Research Facility inaugurated?
(1)AIIMS, New Delhi (2)THSTI, Faridabad (3)IIT Bombay (4)NIT Trichy
243. Which institute marked its 60th anniversary in Lucknow?
(1)CSIR-NBRI (2)CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (3)CSIR-IMMT (4)CSIR-CCMB
244. On which date is the 49th Raising Day of the Indian Coast Guard celebrated?
(1)January 15 (2)February 1 (3)August 15 (4)October 2
245. When did the 13th edition of the India-Maldives Joint Military Exercise "Ekuverin" commence?
(1)1st February 2025 (2)2nd February 2025 (3)3rd February 2025 (4)4th February 2025
246. Which two countries participate in the 3rd Joint Military Exercise "Cyclone 2025"?
(1)India and UAE (2)India and Egypt (3)India and Saudi Arabia (4)India and Russia
247. Which two Indian services jointly conduct the exercise "Winged Raider"?
(1)Indian Army and Navy (2)Indian Army and Air Force (3)Indian Navy and Air Force (4)Indian Coast Guard and Navy
248. From which coast of India was TROPEX 25 launched?
(1)East Coast (2)West Coast (3)North Coast (4)South Coast
249. INSV Tarini crossed Point Nemo located in which ocean?
(1)Atlantic Ocean (2)Indian Ocean (3)Arctic Ocean (4)South Pacific Ocean
250. What is the target exploration depth for India's Samudrayaan Mission scheduled for 2026?
(1)3,000 meters (2)4,500 meters (3)6,000 meters (4)8,000 meters
251. Which organization developed the Matsya 6000 Submersible?
(1)ISRO (2)DRDO (3)NIOT (4)BEL
252. What is the main objective of the UAE declaring 2025 as the 'Year of Community'?
(1)Promote technological innovations (2)Enhance international trade (3)Promote unity and inclusion (4)Boost tourism
253. Panama became the first Latin American nation to exit which Chinese initiative?
(1)One Belt One Road (2)Belt and Road Initiative (3)Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (4)China-Pakistan Economic Corridor
254. Which three countries withdrew from ECOWAS to form the Alliance of Sahel States?
(1)Nigeria, Ghana, Togo (2)Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso (3)Senegal, Ivory Coast, Benin (4)Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia
255. Guinea has eliminated which disease as a public health problem?
(1)Ebola (2)Human African Trypanosomiasis (Sleeping Sickness) (3)Cholera (4)Lassa Fever
256. Which disease did Niger eliminate, becoming the first African country to do so?
(1)Malaria (2)Onchocerciasis (River Blindness) (3)Tuberculosis (4)HIV/AIDS
257. At the AI Action Summit in Paris, PM Modi co-chaired with which French President?
(1)François Hollande (2)Nicolas Sarkozy (3)Emmanuel Macron (4)Jacques Chirac
258. Which year has been declared as the India-France Innovation Year?
(1)2025 (2)2026 (3)2027 (4)2028
259. Which US President announced a 25% tariff on steel and aluminium imports?
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260. What is the name of the operation launched by Bangladesh in response to unrest in Gazipur?
(1)Operation Peace (2)Operation Devil Hunt (3)Operation Resolve (4)Operation Guardian
261. In which location is Singapore planning to set up its "Data Embassy"?
(1)Mumbai (2)Hyderabad (3)GIFT City in Gujarat (4)Bengaluru
262. How long is Meta's undersea cable project that will connect India to the US?



- (1)20,000 km (2)30,000 km (3)40,000 km (4)50,000 km
263. What is the name of the new AI tool unveiled by OpenAI for US government agencies?
(1)Deep Search (2)ChatGPT Gov (3)GovAssist AI (4)AI Government Chat
264. The United Kingdom is set to make it illegal to use AI tools to create which type of material?
(1)Hate Speech (2)Deepfakes (3)Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) (4)Violent Content
265. Which mountain in New Zealand was granted legal rights equivalent to a human being?
(1)Mount Cook (2)Mount Taranaki (3)Mount Ruapehu (4)Mount Aspiring
266. Who is known as Namibia's founding father?
(1)Hifikepunye Pohamba (2)Sam Nujoma (3)Joaquim Chissano (4)Nelson Mandela
267. Who was the former (16th) Chief Election Commissioner known as the 'biographer of Mother Teresa'?
(1)Navin Chawla (2)T.S. Krishnamurthy (3)S.Y. Quraishi (4)V.S. Sampath
268. Which former Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, whose autobiography is titled "Playing the Game", passed away?
(1)Michael Somare (2)Julius Chan (3)Paias Wingti (4)Mekere Morauta
269. Who was the former President of Germany (2004–2010) and former Head of the IMF (2000–2004)?
(1)Helmut Kohl (2)Horst Koehler (3)Gerhard Schröder (4)Wolfgang Schäuble
270. Which USA long jump legend, known as the world's oldest living Olympic gold medalist, passed away?
(1)Bob Beamon (2)Greg Bell (3)Carl Lewis (4)Mike Powell
271. Which renowned classical singer, known for his contributions to Indian music, passed away?
(1)Pandit Ravi Shankar (2)Pandit Prabhakar Karekar (3)Ustad Bismillah Khan (4)Lata Mangeshkar
272. In which year was the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) established?
(1)2000 (2)2003 (3)2005 (4)2010
273. Which government ministry launched the Grameen Credit Score Scheme?
(1)Ministry of Finance (2)Ministry of Rural Development (3)Ministry of Corporate Affairs (4)Ministry of Home Affairs
274. Which company acquired a 49% stake in the Oval Invincibles cricket franchise?
(1)Reliance (2)Adani (3)JSW (4)Mahindra
275. Where is the Cryogenic Seed Vault being established?
(1)ICRISAT, Hyderabad (2)Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore (3)Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana (4)National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi
276. Who is the Principal Partner of India Energy Week 2025?
(1)Reliance (2)ONGC (3)BPCL (4)Indian Oil
277. Which date marks the 49th Raising Day of the Indian Coast Guard?
(1)26 January (2)1 February (3)15 February (4)28 February
278. What is the theme for World Wetlands Day, observed on 2 February?
(1)Save Our Wetlands (2)Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future (3)Wetlands: Our Global Treasure (4)Future of Wetlands
279. On which date is Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day observed?
(1)1 February (2)2 February (3)4 February (4)6 February
280. What is the theme for World Cancer Day 2025 (covering 2025–2027)?
(1)Together We Fight (2)United by Unique (3)One World, One Fight (4)Personalized Care, Collective Hope
281. What is the theme for Sri Lanka's National Day observed on 4 February?
(1)United We Stand (2)Let's Stand Together (3)One Nation, One Voice (4)Harmony in Diversity
282. Which date observes both the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation and Safer Internet Day?
(1)2 February (2)4 February (3)6 February (4)10 February
283. On 10 February, which fact is highlighted regarding World Pulses Day?
(1)India imports most of its pulses (2)India is the largest consumer of pulses (3)India contributes 25% of the global pulses production (4)India is the second-largest producer of pulses



284. International Epilepsy Day is observed on which day in February?
 (1)First Monday (2)Second Monday (3)Third Monday (4)Last Monday
285. Unani Day, observed on 11 February, commemorates the birth anniversary of which figure?
 (1)Charaka (2)Sushruta (3)Hakim Ajmal Khan (4)Ibn Sina
286. Where was the International Conference on “Innovations in Unani Medicine for Integrative Health Solutions” hosted on 11–12 February 2025?
 (1)Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi (2)India Habitat Centre, New Delhi (3)Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi (4)Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
287. Which observance is held concurrently on 11 February along with Unani Day?
 (1)International Literacy Day (2)International Day of Women & Girls in Science (3)International Health Day (4)International Youth Day
288. National Women’s Day in India, observed on 13 February, honors the birth anniversary of which celebrated figure?
 (1)Mahadevi Varma (2)Sarojini Naidu (3)Kamala Das (4)Amrita Pritam
289. What is the theme for World Radio Day 2025, observed on 13 February?
 (1)Voices for Change (2)Radio and Climate Change (3)Airwaves for a Greener Tomorrow (4)Sounding the Alarm for Climate

Answers

Answers (February 1 to 15)

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116	3	136	3	156	4	176	2	196	2
117	4	137	3	157	2	177	3	197	3
118	2	138	3	158	2	178	2	198	1
119	2	139	2	159	2	179	2	199	2
120	3	140	2	160	1	180	2	200	2

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203	1	223	2	243	2	263	2	283	3
204	3	224	2	244	2	264	3	284	2
205	2	225	2	245	2	265	2	285	3
206	2	226	3	246	2	266	2	286	3
207	3	227	2	247	2	267	1	287	2
208	2	228	2	248	2	268	2	288	2
209	2	229	2	249	4	269	2	289	2
210	2	230	2	250	3	270	2	290	
211	1	231	2	251	3	271	2	291	
212	2	232	2	252	3	272	2	292	
213	3	233	2	253	2	273	1	293	
214	2	234	2	254	2	274	1	294	
215	3	235	2	255	2	275	2	295	
216	2	236	2	256	2	276	2	296	
217	3	237	2	257	3	277	2	297	
218	2	238	2	258	2	278	2	298	
219	4	239	2	259	2	279	2	299	
220	4	240	3	260	2	280	2	300	