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

1. India–US trade target set at **\$500 billion** by **2030**.
2. The **US India TRUST** (an India–US AI initiative) aims to boost **AI** infrastructure.
3. **GIFT City** and Hyderabad's **Zaggle** form a **5-year** co-branded prepaid citizen card & visitor system.
4. **Denmark** announces the **Green Transition Alliance India (GTAI)** to enhance sustainable energy & carbon neutrality.
5. The new **Income Tax Bill 2025** replaces the 1961 Act, redefining “**assessment year**” as “**tax year**.”
6. India targets **100 GW** nuclear capacity by **2047**, with **L&T** leading construction & supply of components.
7. India amends the Customs Tariff Act, introducing an **HS code** for **GI-tagged** rice—the first country to do so.
8. West Bengal allocates **₹200 crore** for the **Nadi Bandhan Project** to prevent riverbank erosion.
9. The Central Government sanctions an **interest-free ₹529.50 crore** loan to **Kerala** for landslide rehab in **Wayanad**.
10. **Uttarakhand & JICA** sign an agreement to advance horticulture & food processing.
11. The Government extends due date for revised “**Schedule M**” (small pharma) until **December 31, 2025**.
12. India becomes **2nd** globally (after **China**) to implement **EPL** (Extended Passenger Liability) for flight crews.
13. **RBI** restores **Kamdhenu Finance Co.** licence based on court orders.
14. **ARCs** must have **₹300 crore** net owned fund by **March 31, 2026**, per **RBI** mandate.
15. **RBI** eases withdrawal limits on **New India Cooperative Bank** to **₹25,000** from **Feb 27**.
16. **Small Value Loan Ceiling** for **UCBs** raised to **₹3 crore** (tier-based).
17. **SEBI** requires **25%** public shareholding in listed firms; **LIC** (96.5% govt stake) to reach **10%** by **May 16, 2027**.
18. **RBI** launches “**RBIDATA**” app for financial data access.
19. **RBI's Integrated Ombudsman Scheme** now covers **non-scheduled primary cooperative banks** (≥ ₹50 crore deposits).
20. **SEBI** fines **ICCL ₹5.05 crore** for cybersecurity lapses.
21. **IRDAI** forms a **7-member** panel led by **Dinesh Khara** to review the **Insurance Act, 1938**.
22. **Defence Ministry** sets up a committee led by **Rajesh Kumar Singh** to streamline **LCA** production.
23. **NITI Aayog** appoints **V K Paul** to transform **AIIMS New Delhi** into a premier institute.
24. **Indian Olympic Association** forms a **5-member** ad-hoc panel (led by **Madhukant Pathak**) for the **Boxing Federation of India**.
25. **US DOGE**, led by **Elon Musk**, cancels a **\$21 million** grant for India's Voter Turnout Initiative.
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33. **IndusInd Bank** partners with **PGTI** for '**PIONEER Banking**' targeting UHNWIs.
34. **Federal Bank** launches **Prospera NR** Savings Account variant in **Dubai**.
35. India's **mutual fund AUM** surpasses **₹65 lakh crore**.
36. **IRDAI** ups capital requirement for '**Bima Sugam**' platform to **₹500 crore**.
37. **PNB & ITBP** sign an **MoU** for enhanced financial & insurance coverage.
38. **Axis Bank** hosts **9th "Evolve"** for MSMEs themed "**Future Proofing MSMEs**".
39. **SIDBI** signs a **USD 100 million** credit facility with **French Development Agency** for green finance.
40. **Exim Bank** agrees to **USD 300 million** credit for **Vietnam** (high-speed boats & patrol vessels).
41. **IN SPACE** introduces a **₹500 crore Technology Adoption Fund (TAF)** for space.
42. **NSDL & CDSL**, with **SEBI**, launch a unified mobile app combining **MyEasi & SPEED e**.
43. **IBA** unveils "**SEWA**" for real-time digital banking service updates.
44. **Reliance Jio** introduces "**JioTele OS**" for affordable smart TVs.
45. **Paytm** rolls out the "**Paytm Solar Soundbox**" for merchants.
46. India's **oil imports** from the **US** surge to **218,400 bpd** in Jan 2025 (5th largest supplier).
47. **JioTele OS**, **Paytm Solar Soundbox**, the **Unified Investor Platform**, & **IBA SEWA** highlight digital innovations in early **2025**.
48. **Campa** (Reliance Consumer) partners with **JioStar** as an **IPL 2025** co-sponsor after a 10% market share in soft drinks.
49. **N. Chandrasekaran** (Tata Sons) receives the **Most Excellent Order (DBE/KBE)**.
50. **Sunil Bharti Mittal** awarded an **Honorary Knighthood (KBE)** for UK-India relations.
51. **Manu Bhaker** wins "**BBC Indian Sports woman of the Year 2024**."
52. **Avani Lekhara** (para shooter) named "**BBC Indian Para Sports woman of the Year 2024**."
53. **Sheetal Devi** (para archer) is "**BBC Emerging Athlete of the Year**."
54. **Mithali Raj** receives the "**BBC Lifetime Achievement Award**."
55. Prof. **Urbasi Sinha** (RRI, Bengaluru) wins the **Gates Cambridge Impact Prize 2025**.
56. Nagaland's **Forest Management Project** earns the **SKOCH Award**.
57. **Manohar International Airport** gets the "**Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar**" Golden Trophy.
58. **Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone** solar tricycle claims "**Outstanding Project Award**" at BRICS Industrial Innovation 2024.
59. India wins the "**Prince Michael Decade of Action Road Safety Award**" in Marrakech.
60. **Rakesh Roshan** honored with "**Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema**" at **IIFA 2025**.
61. A commemorative **₹100 coin** is issued for singer **Mohammed Rafi** on his **100th** birth anniversary.
62. At **BAFTA 2025**, "**Emilia Pérez**" wins Best Film Not in English.
63. **Tom Cruise** receives the **Grande Medaille** from the Aero Club de France.
64. **National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2025**: Three practitioners each get **₹5 lakh**.
65. **Meta** plans a **50,000 km** undersea cable for the **18th** landing in India.
66. India's **first bio bank** opens at **Darjeeling Zoo** (Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park).
67. **Google** unveils its "**Ananta**" campus in **Bengaluru**—largest in India.
68. Govt sanctions an **interest-free ₹529.50 crore** loan to Kerala for **Wayanad** rehab.
69. India's **renewable energy** share set to rise from **21%** to **27%** by **2027**.
70. **Madhya Pradesh** launches the first **Global Capability Centers (GCC)** policy in India.
71. **Assam** announces **Dibrugarh** as the second capital (existing **Dispur**).
72. **Rapido** to introduce a **women-only** fleet in **Karnataka**.

73. **Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 3.0** held in **Varanasi** with the **4S** theme.
74. **Bharat Tex 2025**: PM Modi addresses India's **largest global textile** event at Bharat Mandapam.
75. **Aadi Mahotsav** (National Tribal Festival) in **New Delhi** celebrates tribal entrepreneurship.
76. **Karnataka** ranks **top** in Indian Institute of Public Administration's **2024** report.
77. **PETA India** showcases "**Ellie**", the first animatronic elephant in Asia, on a nationwide tour.
78. **BJP** emerges as the richest political party with **₹4,340.47 crore** income (FY 2023–24).
79. **Baijayant Panda** chairs the select committee on the **Income-Tax Bill, 2025**.
80. **Karnataka** leads the **Panchayat Devolution Index** at **72.23**, followed by **Kerala & Tamil Nadu**.
81. The **2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500** sees **RIL** at the top (valuation **₹17.5 lakh crore**).
82. **FutureBrand Index (FBI) 2024**: **Samsung** #1, **RIL** leaps to **2nd**, **Apple** 3rd.
83. **Global Power City Index (GPCI) 2024**: **Mumbai** ranks **48th**.
84. **Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings 2025**: **Harvard** tops; Indian institutes shift in rank.
85. **PLFS** (Oct–Dec 2024) shows an urban **LFPR** of **50.4%**.
  
86. **UDAN 5.5** launched to expand regional air connectivity; airports up from **74** to **157** by **2024**.
87. **Atal Pension Yojana** grows from **1.54 crore** (Mar 2019) to **7.33 crore** (Jan 2025).
88. **UJALA Scheme** marks **10th** anniversary (launched Jan 5, 2015).
89. **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana** celebrates **9** years, continuing uniform Kharif & Rabi premiums.
90. **PM-AASHA** extended until **FY 2025–26** for farmer MSP.
91. **SAKSHAM** sees **14 days** of green energy & fuel conservation by Oil/Gas PSUs.
  
92. **Microsoft** unveils **Majorana 1**, a quantum chip with a novel state of matter.
93. **ISRO's** PSLV-C60 **SpaDeX** mission germinates cowpea seeds and tests a **Walking Robotic Arm**.
94. **PRL** (Ahmedabad) detects a sub-Saturn exoplanet **TOI 6038A b** with the **PARAS-2** Spectrograph.
95. **University of Oxford** finds a "**super Earth**" exoplanet, **HD 20794 d**, ~6× Earth's mass.
96. **China Manned Space Agency** debuts the "**Wangyu**" moon-landing suit.
97. **IIT Madras** launches a **Centre of Biodegradable Packaging** (zero-waste bioplastics).
98. **IIT Guwahati** creates a water-repellent textile that converts sunlight & electricity into heat.
  
99. **38th National Games** in **Dehradun**: **Services Sports Control Board (SSCB)** top medal tally; Meghalaya to host in **2027**.
100. **Mohammed Shami** becomes the fastest Indian to **200 ODI wickets** (104 matches), 2nd globally behind **Starc**.

## 2. Amounts & Agreements

1. The trade target between India and the U.S. is set at **\$500 billion by 2030**.
2. The India-US AI initiative, known as **US-India TRUST**, aims to boost AI infrastructure.
3. **GIFT City** and **Hyderabad's Zagg** have tied up for a **5-year co-branded prepaid citizen card and visitor management system**.
4. **Denmark** announced the "**Green Transition Alliance India (GTAI)**" to boost collaboration on sustainable energy and carbon neutrality.

### 3. Appointments & Resignations

1. **Sachin Bansal** has been appointed as the **Executive Chairman of Navi Group**.
2. **Justin Hotard** has been appointed as the new **CEO of Nokia**, replacing Pekka Lundmark.
  - *Note:* Nokia is headquartered in Espoo, Finland.
3. **Prabhdev Singh (P. D. Singh)** is appointed as the new **CEO of Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) India**.
4. **Salila Pande** serves as the **MD & CEO of SBI Cards and Payment Services**.
5. The **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** has recommended **Dinesh Pant** and **Ratnakar Patnaik** for appointment as **Managing Directors in LIC**.
6. **Gyanesh Kumar** has been appointed as the **26th Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)**, succeeding Rajiv Kumar, with his term ending in January 2029.
  - Additionally, **Vivek Joshi** (1989-batch IAS, former Haryana chief secretary) and **Sukhbir Singh Sandhu** have been appointed as Election Commissioners.
7. **Rekha Gupta**, a debutant legislator and first-time MLA from Shalimar Bagh, took oath as the new **Chief Minister of Delhi**.
  - **Delhi Lt. Governor:** Vinai Kumar Saxena.
8. The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)**, headed by the Prime Minister, extended the tenure of **Chief Economic Adviser V Anantha Nageswaran** for 2 years, now valid until March 2027.
9. The ACC also extended the tenure of **NITI Aayog CEO B V R Subrahmanyam** by 1 year, now until February 24, 2026.
10. **Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi** has been extended as **Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)** for 1 year.
11. **Kash Patel** has become the **9th Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**, making him the first Indian-American to lead the agency.
  - *FBI Headquarters:* Washington D.C.; Established in 1908.
12. **M. Mohan** has been named **Director of the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC)** in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
13. **Masato Kanda** is appointed as the **11th President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, succeeding Masatsugu Asakawa.
14. **Charanjot Singh Nanda** was elected as the **73rd President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)**.
15. **Konstantinos Tasoulas** was elected as the **President of Greece** for a five-year term, succeeding Greece's first female president.

### 4. Arts & Cultural Affairs

1. **51st Khajuraho Dance Festival in Madhya Pradesh Sets Guinness World Record with 139 Artists Dancing Over 24 Hours**

## 5. Awards, Rewards, Recognition

1. **N. Chandrasekaran**, Chairman of Tata Sons, was honored with “The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division)” (honorary DBE/KBE) for his contributions to UK-India business.
2. **Sunil Bharti Mittal**, founder and chairman of Bharti Enterprises, was awarded an Honorary Knighthood (KBE) for enhancing UK-India business relations.
3. **Manu Bhaker** (Olympic medal-winning shooter) won the “BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year” award for 2024 (5th edition).  
*Past winners include PV Sindhu (2019), Koneru Humpy (2020), and Mirabai Chanu (2021 & 2022); no award was given in 2023.*
4. **Avani Lekhara** (para-shooter) was awarded the ‘BBC Indian Para-Sportswoman of the Year’ award for 2024. She is the first Indian woman to win three Paralympic medals, having bagged gold at Paris 2024.
5. **Sheetal Devi** (para-archer) was named ‘BBC Emerging Athlete of the Year’ after becoming India’s youngest Paralympic medallist at Paris 2024.
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16. **National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2025:**  
The Ministry of Ayush awarded three practitioners, each receiving a Rs 5 lakh cash prize:
  - (i) **Vaidya Tara Chand Sharma** – Renowned Nadi Vaidya and author.
  - (ii) **Vaidya Maya Ram Uniyal** – Distinguished scholar of Dravyaguna Vigyana with six decades of service.
  - (iii) **Vaidya Sameer Govind Jamadagni** – Founder of the Vishwa Vyakhyanmala national conference and Vishwa Ayurveda Prabodhini.



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

1. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** restored **Kamdhenu Finance Company Pvt Ltd's** licence based on court orders.
2. The **Government of India** extended the due date for implementing the revised "**Schedule M**" for small and medium pharmaceutical firms (turnover of **Rs 250 crore or less**) until **December 31, 2025**.
3. RBI has mandated that **Asset Reconstruction Companies** maintain a minimum **net owned fund (NOF)** of **Rs 300 crore** by **March 31, 2026**.
4. RBI eased withdrawal restrictions on **New India Cooperative Bank**, allowing withdrawals up to **Rs 25,000** from **February 27**.
5. RBI raised the **Small Value Loan Ceiling** for **Urban Cooperative Banks** to **Rs 3 crore** (**Tier-I: Rs 60 lakh; Tier-II: Rs 1.40 crore; Tier-III: Rs 2 crore; Tier-IV: Rs 3 crore.**)
6. **SEBI** now requires all listed firms to maintain a **minimum public shareholding of 25%**, with special forbearance for state-owned banks until **August 2026**. For example, **LIC** (government stake: **96.5%**) is given until **May 16, 2027** to achieve **10%** public shareholding.
7. The RBI launched the mobile app "**RBIDATA**".



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8. The RBI's **Integrated Ombudsman Scheme** now covers non-scheduled primary cooperative banks with deposits of **Rs 50 crore and above**.
9. **SEBI** imposed a penalty of **Rs 5.05 crore** on **Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd (ICCL)** for cybersecurity and disaster recovery lapses.
10. The **US Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)**, led by **Elon Musk**, cancelled a **\$21 million** grant for India's Voter Turnout Initiative under **CEPPS**.

11. **HDFC Bank** launched the “Anmol Savings Account”, India’s first **PSU Salary Account** with integrated **cyber fraud cover**.  
(Headquarters: Mumbai; MD & CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan)
12. **Bank of Maharashtra** received RBI permission to set up its first international branch (**IFSC Banking Unit**) for offshore banking operations.  
(Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra; MD & CEO: Nidhu Saxena; Tagline: “One Family One Bank”)
13. **Bank of India** raised **₹2,690 crore** through 10-year infrastructure bonds at **7.50%** interest via NSE E-Bidding.  
(Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra; CEO: Rajneesh Karnatak; Tagline: “Relationship Beyond Banking”)
14. **IOB** celebrated its **89th Foundation Day** on **February 10, 2025** and introduced initiatives such as **Aadhaar-OTP based account opening** and **API Banking** for both individuals and corporates.  
(Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu; MD & CEO: Ajay Kumar Srivastava; Tagline: “Good people to grow with”)
15. **Paytm**, in collaboration with **SBI Mutual Fund**, launched the “**JanNivesh**” Scheme.  
(Paytm Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh; MD & CEO: Vijay Sekhar Sharma; Founded: 2010)
16. **LIC Product Innovations:**
  - (i) **Smart Pension Plan:** Offers a range of annuity options with a **minimum purchase price of ₹1 lakh**; eligibility is for individuals aged **18 years and above** (entry age varies by annuity option).
  - (ii) **One Man Office (OMO):** LIC unveiled “**One Man Office (OMO)**”, an online service creating a comprehensive digital ecosystem for its sales force to promote life insurance anytime, anywhere.  
(LIC Headquarters: Mumbai; Chairman: Siddhartha Mohanty; Founded: 1956; Tagline: “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”)
17. **Karnataka Bank New Products:**

To mark its **101st Founders’ Day** on **February 18, 2025**, **Karnataka Bank** launched:

  - (i) **KBL Stri’:** A savings account designed for women (for homemakers, professionals, and entrepreneurs).
  - (ii) **KBL One Family Banking Programme:** A solution linking the entire family under one ID for tailored benefits and shared privileges.  
(Headquarters: Mangalore, Karnataka; MD & CEO: Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma; Founded: 1924)
18. **IndusInd Bank** partnered with the **Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)** to enhance ‘**PIONEER Banking**’ for UHNWIs and HNWIs.
19. **Federal Bank** unveiled the **Prospera NR (Non-Resident) Savings Account** variant in Dubai.  
(Headquarters: Aluva, Kerala; MD & CEO: Krishnan Venkat Subramanian; Tagline: “Your Perfect Banking Partner”)
20. India’s mutual fund industry AUM has surpassed **Rs 65 lakh crore**.
21. **IRDAI** increased the capital injection requirement for the ‘**Bima Sugam**’ **Digital Insurance Platform** to **Rs 500 crore**
22. **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** signed an MoU with the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** to provide financial benefits and enhanced insurance coverage.
23. **Axis Bank** hosted the 9th edition of “**Evolve**”, a flagship knowledge-sharing seminar for MSMEs, themed “**Future-Proofing MSMEs for the New-Age Business.**”
24. **SIDBI** signed a **USD 100 million Credit Facility Agreement** with the **French Development Agency** to support green finance solutions for MSMEs.
25. The **Export Import Bank of India** signed an agreement to provide **USD 300 million** in credit to **Vietnam** for purchasing high-speed boats and offshore patrol vessels.
26. The **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe)** introduced a **Rs 500-crore Technology Adoption Fund (TAF)**.





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27. NSDL and CDSL, in collaboration with **SEBI**, launched a unified mobile app combining 'MyEasi' (by CDSL) and 'SPEED-e' (by NSDL).  
(i) **NSDL**: HQ in **Mumbai**; MD & CEO: **Vijay Chandok**; Chairman: **Parveen Kumar Gupta**.  
(ii) **CDSL**: HQ in **Mumbai**; MD & CEO: **Nehal Vora**; Chairman: **Balkrishna V Chaudal**.  
(iii) **SEBI**: HQ in **Mumbai**; Chairman: **Madhabi Puri Buch**; Established: **1992**.
28. The **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)** launched the "SEWA (Service Availability Web Page)" dashboard to provide real-time information on digital banking service availability.  
(IBA Chairman: **Matam Venkata Rao**.)
29. **Reliance Jio** launched "JioTele OS", an operating system for affordable smart TVs in India.
30. **Paytm** introduced the 'Paytm Solar Soundbox', a pioneering device for merchants.  
(Headquarters: **Noida, Uttar Pradesh**; MD & CEO: **Vijay Sekhar Sharma**; Founded: **2010**)
31. In January 2025, India's oil imports from the **US** surged to **218,400 barrels per day (bpd)** from **70,600 bpd** in December 2024, making the **US** the **5th largest oil supplier** to India (after **Russia, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and UAE**).  
(India is the world's **3rd-biggest oil importer and consumer** (after **China** and the **US**).)
32. Digital & Consumer Innovations:  
(i) **Reliance Jio** – "JioTele OS" for smart TVs.  
(ii) **Paytm Solar Soundbox** for merchants.  
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34. India's mutual fund industry **AUM** has surpassed **Rs 65 lakh crore**.



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## 7. Defence Affairs

1. At **Aero India 2025** in **Bengaluru**, **HAL** renamed its **Hindustan Jet Trainer (HJT)-36**, originally called "**Sitara**", to "**Yashas**".
2. **HAL Management Academy (HMA)** and **IIIT-Dharwad** signed an **MoU** to strengthen **industry-academia collaboration** in advanced technologies, including **AI, Data Science, Robotics, AR/VR**, and **Digital Manufacturing**.
3. Military Exercise "**Jal-Thal-Raksha 2025**":
  - (i) **Location**: Conducted at **Bet Dwarka, Gujarat**.
  - (ii) **Objective**: To strengthen security in **Dwarka** and surrounding islands amid concerns over **illegal encroachments**.
4. Joint Military Exercise "**Exercise Dharma Guardian**" (6th Edition):

**Participants**: India and Japan

**Location & Duration**: Scheduled at **Mount Fuji, Japan** from **February 25 to March 9, 2025**

**Additional Exercises**: Alongside "**Exercise Dharma Guardian**", both countries also conduct the '**Malabar exercise**' and '**Exercise Shinnyu Maitri**'.

**Japan Details**: Headquarters in **Tokyo**, currency **Yen**; **PM: Shigeru Ishiba**.
5. International Fleet Review (IFR) 2025 in Bali, Indonesia:
  - (i) **Participants**: **INS Shardul** and **P8I aircraft** participated in the IFR 2025.
  - (ii) **Earlier Exercise**: **INS Mumbai** and **P8I** participated in the '**LA PEROUSE**' exercises in Indonesia in January 2025.

(**Indonesia Details**: Capital **Jakarta**, currency **Indonesian Rupiah**; **President: Prabowo Subianto**)
6. Exercise Komodo:

**Participants**: Indian Navy platforms **INS Shardul** and **P8I** participated in **Exercise Komodo**, hosted by **Indonesia**.
7. **INSV Tarini Expedition – Navika Sagar Parikrama II**:

The sailing vessel **INSV Tarini** successfully crossed **Cape Horn** (at the southern tip of South America) during the **3rd leg** of the '**Navika Sagar Parikrama II**' expedition.

**Crew**: Sailed by **Lieutenant Commander Dilna K** and **Lieutenant Commander Roopa A** of the Indian Navy.
8. Indian Coast Guard "**Sagar Kavach**" Exercise:

The **Indian Coast Guard** conducted a **2-day security exercise** in **West Bengal** to validate coastal standard operating procedures (SOPs).



## 8. International Affairs

1. At the **1st General Assembly** held in **Singapore**, **India** was elected to the Vice Presidency of the **International Organization of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA)**. The Indian delegation was led by **TK Ramachandran** (Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways).
2. **India** assumed the chairmanship at the **13th Governing Council Meeting** held in **Male, Maldives**.
3. During a meeting at **Blair House** in **Washington, D.C.**, **PM Modi** gifted **Elon Musk's children** the Indian classic "**The Crescent Moon**" by **Rabindranath Tagore**.
4. **Brazil** has joined **OPEC+** (comprising **12 OPEC members** and **10 additional major oil-producing nations**, with **Russia** noted as the largest among them).  
**Brazil's Status:** World's **7th-largest oil producer**.  
**Upcoming Event:** Brazil will host the **UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 30)** in **November 2025**.  
**OPEC Headquarters:** **Vienna, Austria**; **Secretary General:** **Haitham al-Ghais**.
5. **India** becomes the **2nd country in the world** (after **China**) to implement the **EPL for flight crew**.
6. China's 'Artificial Sun' **EAST Fusion Reactor**:  
The reactor set a new world record with **1066 seconds** of **high-confinement plasma operation** at **100 million °C**.
7. Researchers discovered the world's **largest underground thermal lake**, named "**Neuron**", in **Albania**.
8. **Meta** unveiled an ambitious initiative to lay a **50,000-km undersea cable** to improve digital connectivity between **India** and the **United States**.
9. **China** approved a **deep-sea research facility**—also known as a "**deep-sea space station**"—in the resource-rich **South China Sea**.
10. **Japan** activated the world's **first hybrid quantum supercomputer** with **20 qubits**, named "**Reimei**".

## 9. Meetings, Conferences, and Summits

1. **8th Indian Ocean Conference 2025**  
**Location:** Muscat, Oman  
**Theme:** "**Voyage(s) to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership**" (addressing maritime trade and security)
2. **12th World Governments Summit 2025**  
**Location:** Dubai, UAE  
**Theme:** "**Shaping Future Government**"
3. **4th No Money for Terror Conference 2025**  
**Location:** Munich, Germany
4. **BRICS Leaders' Summit 2025 Announcement**  
**Host:** **Brazil** will host the summit in **Rio de Janeiro** in **July 2025**
5. **SAMVAD – 4th Edition**  
**Full Name:** Global Hindu-Buddhist Initiative for Conflict Avoidance and Environmental Consciousness  
**Location:** **Bangkok & Ayutthaya, Thailand**



6. 77th Session of the Executive Committee (EC-77) of AARDO  
**Organization:** African-Asian Rural Development Organization  
**Location:** New Delhi
7. 2nd All India State Water Minister's Conference  
**Location:** Udaipur, Rajasthan  
**Theme:** "India@2047 - A Water Secure Nation"
8. 9th Edition of Asia Economic Dialogue 2025  
**Location:** Pune, Maharashtra  
**Theme:** "Economic Resilience & Resurgence in an Era of Fragmentation"
9. 2nd Edition of Simolu Festival  
**Location:** Assam
10. 27th International Congress on Glass 2025  
**Location:** Kolkata, West Bengal  
**Theme:** "Glass: A Smart and Indispensable Material for Sustainable Society"  
**Organized by:** CSIR-CGCRI
11. Conference on Women Peacekeepers from the Global South  
**Organizer:** Indian Army  
**Location:** Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi  
**Theme:** "Women in Peacekeeping: A Global South Perspective"
12. 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia-Pacific  
**Location:** Jaipur (March 3–5, 2025)  
**Theme:** "Realizing Circular Societies Towards Achieving SDGs and Carbon Neutrality in Asia-Pacific"
13. IAS-DARPG India Conference 2025  
**Location:** New Delhi  
**Theme:** "Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile"
14. 12th Kashi Tamil Sangamam  
**Location:** Varanasi
15. Bharat Tex 2025  
**Event:** India's largest global textile event  
**Location:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi  
**Highlight:** "Indie Haat" showcasing over 80 handcrafted products curated by NIFT

## 10. Miscellaneous

### Days:

- 17 February : UN Global Tourism Resilience Day
- 23 February: World Peace and Understanding Day
- 24 February: Central Excise Day
- 21 February: International Mother Language Day (Theme: Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day)
- 22 February: World Thinking Day
- 24-25 February: Financial Literacy Week (since 2016) (Theme: Financial Literacy: Women's Prosperity)
- 26 February: 59th Death Anniversary of Veer Savarkar
- 27 February: World NGO Day (Theme: Empowering Grassroots Movements for a Sustainable Future)

### Places & Events:



1. 4th Ministerial Conference on 'No Money for Terror: Munich, Germany
2. Aadi Mahotsav 2025: New Delhi (Organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs)  
**Cultural Note:** Features the **Khon dance from Thailand**.
3. Fagli Festival: Held in **Himachal Pradesh**.
4. India's 1st Open-Air Art Wall Museum: Mausam Bhawan, New Delhi
5. India's 1st Vertical Bifacial Solar Plant: Installed on a **metro viaduct in New Delhi**
6. Varun Sagar (or Foy Sagar): Located in **Ajmera, Rajasthan**.
7. 1st Edition of the School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) Conclave: Delhi
8. India's 1st Assembly Equipped with Translator Facility: Uttar Pradesh
9. 1st Regional Office of Central Register Cooperative Society: **Pune, Maharashtra**.
10. Tianshan Shengli Tunnel: Noted as the world's **longest expressway tunnel in China**
11. Chief Minister's Mobile Operation Theatre: Located in **Nagaland**.
12. Sambhar Festival: Held in **Rajasthan**.
13. Datia Airport: Located in **Madhya Pradesh**
14. India's 1st Bio-Bank: Established in **Darjeeling, West Bengal** at the **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (Darjeeling Zoo)**.

## Deaths:

1. R. Manicka Vasagam: Veteran space scientist (Padma Shri, 1982) has passed away.
2. Mayadhar Raut: Renowned as the "**Father of Odissi Dance**" has passed away.
3. Sukri Bommagowda (Sukrajji): Known as the "**walking encyclopedia**" of the Halakki community, has passed away.

## Books & Authors:

"Akashvani: A Century of Stories from All India Radio": **Vikrant Pande and Neelesh Kulkarni**

"The World After Gaza" : **Pankaj Mishra**

"The New Icon: Savarkar and the Facts": **Arun Shourie**

Enlightened Leadership : **Tshering Tobgay**

"Life on Mars: Collected Stories" : **Namita Gokhale**

"I Am a Soldier's Wife: The Life and Love of Toni Lidder": **Geetika Lidder**

## 11. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

1. **Reliance** acquired **Velvette** to revive its legacy.
2. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** approved **Zulia Investments Pte. Ltd.** (an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of **Singapore's Temasek Holdings**) to acquire up to **7% stake in AU Small Finance Bank**.
3. India-US Strategic Partnership Initiatives
  - (i) US-India COMPACT: Titled "**Catalysing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & Technology**" for the 21st century.
  - (ii) Mission 500: Aiming to more than double bilateral trade to **\$500 billion by 2030**
  - (iii) US-India TRUST: Launched to boost cooperation in **defence, AI, semiconductors, quantum computing, biotechnology, energy, and space**.
  - (iv) NASA & ISRO Partnership: To send the **1st Indian astronaut** (Shubhanshu Shukla) **to the ISS in 2025** and expedite the **NISAR dual-radar satellite launch**.
  - (v) US Leadership: Involving **47th President Donald Trump** and **50th Vice President James David Vance**.
4. India-Argentina MoU on Lithium Exploration & Mining.



5. **Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd.** signed an MoU with the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** under the “**Adopt a Heritage 2.0 Programme**” and Bisleri’s CSR initiative “**Nayi Umeed**”
6. **Boeing** entered a partnership with **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)** to explore scaling **sustainable aviation fuel production** in India
7. India signed an MoU with **Indonesia** to enhance **quality assurance, standardization, and global promotion** of traditional medicine systems

## 12. National & States Affairs

1. **Meta Undersea Cable:**  
Meta will build an undersea cable spanning **50,000 km** across five continents. India hosts **17 international subsea cables** at **17 landing stations**, and Meta’s cable will be the **18th** landing project in India.
2. **Bio Bank Initiative:**  
India established its first bio bank in the **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (Darjeeling Zoo)** in **West Bengal** to preserve biological samples.
3. **Google Campus:**  
Google unveiled its largest campus in India, named **Ananta**, located in **Bengaluru**.
4. **Landslide Rehabilitation Loan:**  
The Central Government sanctioned an interest-free, long-term loan of **Rs 529.50 crore** to **Kerala** to rehabilitate landslide victims in **Wayanad**.
5. **Nadi Bandhan Project:**  
West Bengal launched a **Rs.200 crore** project to prevent riverbank erosion.
6. **Customs Tariff Act Amendment:**  
India amended the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and became the first country to introduce an **HS code** for **GI tagged rice varieties**.
7. India's renewable energy share is projected to increase from **21% (2024)** to **27% (2027)**.
8. The new Income-Tax Bill 2025 was presented in Lok Sabha, replacing the Income Tax Act, 1961 and redefining “assessment year” as “tax year.”
9. India targets **100 GW** nuclear capacity by **2047**, with **L&T** leading plant construction and supplying key components.
10. **Delhi Initiatives:**
  - (i) Mohalla Clinics will be renamed **Ayushman Arogya Mandir**.
  - (ii) The Delhi High Court increased pilot weekly rest from **36** to **48 hours** (from **July 2025**) and extended night duty from **midnight–5 a.m.** to **midnight–6 a.m.** (effective **November 1**).
11. **GCC Policy** in Madhya Pradesh:  
Madhya Pradesh Launched India’s first dedicated Global Capability Centers policy.
12. **Uttarakhand Technical Cooperation:**  
**Japan International Cooperation Agency** and Uttarakhand’s Department of Horticulture and Food Processing signed the Records of Discussions for a Technical Cooperation Project.
13. **NAKSHA Initiative:**  
Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of Urban Habitations to update urban land records.
14. Assam’s Chief Minister announced **Dibrugarh** as the second capital.  
Details: Capital – **Dispur**; CM – **Himanta Biswa Sarma**; Governor – **Lakshman Prasad Acharya**
15. **SHE Cohort 3.0** in Punjab:  
Launched to empower **25 tech-led women startups** in Mohali.  
Details: Capital – **Chandigarh**; CM – **Bhagwant Mann**; Governor – **Gulab Chand Kataria**.



**16. Geothermal Energy in Uttarakhand:**

Identified **40 geothermal sites** and signed an MoU with **Iceland** for exploration toward carbon neutrality by **2070**.

**17. Haryana Initiatives:**

(i) Launched the **Har Khet-Swasth Khet** campaign for soil health.

(ii) Established a **Smart Village Center** in **Mandaura, Sonipat** via RuTAGe.

**18. Rajasthan Heritage Rename:**

The government renamed the **Foy Sagar Lake** in Ajmer as **Varun Sagar**

**19. Rapido will launch a fleet in Karnataka, exclusively driven by women for women.****20. Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 3.0:**

Venue: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

The event's theme is **4S (Saints, Scientists, Students, Social Reformers)**.

**21. Bharat Tex 2025:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed Bharat Tex 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi – touted as India's largest global textile event with themes **Resilient Global Value Chains** and **Textile Sustainability**. India is the **6th-largest textile exporter**, contributing **8.21%** to exports (2023–24).

**22. Silk Sector Conference & Indie Haat:**

The Central Silk Board inaugurated **SILKTECH 2025** at Bharat Mandapam. Indie Haat was held from **12–18 February 2025** at the National Crafts Museum and Hastkala Academy, New Delhi.

**23. Aadi Mahotsav – National Tribal Festival:**

Held in New Delhi with the theme “A Celebration of the Spirit of Entrepreneurship, Tribal Craft, Culture, Cuisine and Commerce.” Organized by **TRIFED** (Chairman – **Ramsinh Rathwa**).

**24. The Karnataka Government issued an order for Medical Boards in hospitals to facilitate dignified death requests.****25. The Indian Institute of Public Administration's 2024 report ranked Karnataka as the top state****26. The IEA reports consumption of natural gas will rise to 103 billion cubic meters annually by 2030****27. Political Party Finances:**

Analysis for FY 2023-24 shows **BJP** emerged as the richest with an income of **Rs 4,340.47 crore**.

**28. PETA India embarked on a nationwide tour featuring Asia's first empathy-building animatronic elephant, Ellie, which visited St. Joseph's School in Bengaluru.****13. Persons in News****1. Baijayant Panda** is the chair of the select committee on the **Income-Tax Bill, 2025**.**2. IRDAI** has formed a **7-member high-powered committee** led by **Dinesh Khara** (Former Chairman of SBI) to review and suggest amendments to the **Insurance Act, 1938**.**3. The Ministry of Defence** has set up a high-level committee headed by **Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh** to streamline production of indigenous **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)** and enhance the **private sector's role** in fighter jet manufacturing.**4. NITI Aayog** has formed a committee led by **V K Paul** to transform **AIIMS New Delhi** into a premier medical research and practice institution.**5. The Indian Olympic Association** appointed a **5-member ad-hoc committee** led by **Madhukant Pathak** to run the **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)** after an election delay.**6. Vishvaa Rajakumar**, a **20-year-old Indian student**, emerged as the champion of the **Memory League World Championship 2025**.

## 14. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

1. Climate Risk Index 2025:  
**India** ranks **6th** (Published by **Germanwatch**).  
India Accounts for **10%** of global fatalities and **4.3%** of damage (dollar terms) from extreme weather (1993–2022).
2. Panchayat Devolution Index (DI):  
Prepared by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** and **IIPA, New Delhi**.  
**Karnataka** tops with a score of **72.23**; followed by **Kerala** (2nd) and **Tamil Nadu** (3rd).  
States such as **Bihar, Assam, Sikkim, and Uttarakhand** scored above the national average of **43.89**.  
Minister: **Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh)** from **Munger, Bihar**.
3. 2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500  
**Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)** tops the list with a valuation of **₹17.5 lakh crore**  
Released by **Hurun India** and **Burgundy Private** (an **Axis Bank** unit).
4. FutureBrand Index (FBI) Global Ranking 2024:  
**Samsung** is **No. 1**, having climbed **4 notches** from 2023.  
**RIL** leaped from **No. 13** in 2023 to **No. 2** in 2024 (first time an Indian company in the top 3).  
**Apple** slipped from **No. 1** in 2023 to **No. 3** in 2024; followed by **Nike (4th)** and **Walt Disney (5th)**.
5. Global Power City Index (GPCI) 2024:  
Top cities: **London** (1655.4 points), **New York** (2nd), **Tokyo** (3rd).  
Only Indian city: **Mumbai** ranked **48th (last)**.  
**Savills Research**: Mumbai is the **5th fastest developing city** globally  
**Hurun**: Mumbai is now the **3rd richest city** and has surpassed **Beijing** as the 'billionaire capital of Asia'.
6. APAC Market Ranking  
**India** is ranked as the **2nd-least favoured market** in the **Asia Pacific (APAC)** region.
7. Times Higher Education (THE) World Reputation Rankings 2025  
**Harvard University (US)**: Top-ranked for the **14th consecutive year**.  
**University of Oxford (UK)** and **MIT (US)** share **2nd place**.  
**IISc, Bengaluru**: Now in the **201–300** band (previously **101–125** in 2023).  
**IIT Delhi**: Dropped to the **201–300** band (from **151–175**).  
**IIT Madras**: Now in the **201–300** band (from **176–200**).  
**Shiksha 'O' Anusandhan**: New entrant in the **201–300** band (private deemed university from **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**).
8. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) – Oct–Dec 2024  
Urban Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR): **50.4%**.

## 15. Schemes & Initiatives

1. UDAN 5.5:  
The Centre has launched the next phase of its flagship **UDAN 5.5** scheme to enhance regional air connectivity. (UDAN was originally launched in **October 2016**.)  
The number of operational airports has increased from **74 in 2014** to over **157 in 2024**.
2. Atal Pension Yojana (APY):



Launched in **2015**, APY offers a flexible minimum guaranteed pension ranging from **Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 per month**, with monthly subscriptions between **Rs 42 and Rs 1,454**.

Enrolments grew from **1.54 crore** in March 2019 to **7.33 crore** by January 2025, reflecting a **29% CAGR**.

Top contributing states include **Uttar Pradesh (16.11%)**, **Bihar (9.59%)**, and **Maharashtra (7.96%)**; female participation stands at around **47%**.

### 3. New Income Tax Bill, 2025:

This bill aims to simplify and structure the current **Income Tax Act, 1961**.

It will come into effect from **April 1, 2026**.

A key change is the replacement of the **Assessment Year** with a **Tax Year** (the same as the year in which income is earned) to ensure clarity in tax compliance.

The new bill comprises **23 chapters, 536 sections, and 16 schedules**.

### 4. UJALA Scheme – 10th Anniversary:

The **Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA)** scheme was launched on **January 5, 2015** and celebrates its **10th anniversary on January 6, 2025**.

### 5. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana:

Marked its **nine-year anniversary** with a uniform premium of **2% for Kharif crops** and **1.5% for Rabi crops**.

### 6. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA):

Launched in **2018** and approved for continuation until **FY 2025-26** to ensure remunerative prices for farmers.

### 7. SAKSHAM Campaign:

Oil and gas PSUs, including **Indian Oil** and **Bharat Petroleum**, launched a **14-day awareness campaign** called **SAKSHAM** focused on **green energy** and **fuel conservation**.

## 16. Science & Technology

1. Microsoft has unveiled **Majorana 1**, its first **quantum computing chip** powered by a new state of matter.
2. ISRO Space Mission:  
ISRO successfully germinated **cowpea seeds in space** and operated its first **"Walking Robotic Arm"** on the **PSLV-C60 SpaDeX Mission**.  
ISRO Profile: Headquarters – **Bengaluru, Karnataka**; Director – **Dr. V. Narayanan**; Formed on **August 15, 1969**.
3. **PRL, Ahmedabad**: Scientists discovered a new dense sub-Saturn exoplanet named **TOI-6038A b** using the **PARAS-2 Spectrograph**.
4. **University of Oxford**: Scientists discovered a **"super-Earth" exoplanet, HD 20794 d**, which is **six times the mass of Earth** and could harbor liquid water.
5. The **China Manned Space Agency** unveiled a new moon-landing spacesuit named **Wangyu** for its manned lunar exploration missions.
6. **IIT Madras** launched the **Centre of Biodegradable Packaging** to develop **zero-waste, microplastic-free bioplastics** from biomass.
7. Researchers at **IIT Guwahati** developed a **water-repellent, conductive textile** that converts electricity and sunlight into heat.

## 17. Sports & Games

### 1. 38th National Games:

**Venue:** Held at the **Ganga Stadium in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.**

**Medal Tally & Future Host:**

At the 38th National Games, the **Services Sports Control Board** topped the medal tally while **Maharashtra** finished as the first runner-up.

**Meghalaya** has been selected as the host state for the **National Games 2027.**

**Athletics Highlights – National Games**

**Men's Events:**

**Animesh Kujur (Odisha):** Equalled the national record in the **100m** with **10.28 seconds**

**Sawan Barwal (Himachal Pradesh):** Won the **10,000m** race in **28:49.93** (record time)

**Yoonus Shah (SSCB):** Clinched the **1500m** in **3:46.48**

**Shahnavaz Khan (Uttar Pradesh):** Won the **Long Jump** with **7.70m**

**Gagandeep Singh (SSCB):** Won the **Discus Throw** with **55.01m**

**Women's Events:**

**Sudeshna Shivankar (Maharashtra):** Became the fastest female in the **100m** with **11.76 seconds**

**Chanda KM (Delhi):** Won the **1500m** with **4:17.74.**

**Sanjivani Jadhav (Maharashtra):** Secured gold in the **10,000m** with **33:33.47**

**Seema (Haryana):** Won the **Discus Throw** with **52.70m**

**Pavithra V (Tamil Nadu):** Won the **Pole Vault** with **3.95m**

### 2. Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2025

**Location:** Held in **Qingdao, China**

**Champion:** **Indonesia** (its first-ever title)

**Runner-up:** **China**

### 3. Asian Winter Games (9th Edition)

**Location:** Harbin, China.

The **host nation** emerged at the top of the medal tally

### 4. Half Marathon World Record:

**Jacob Kiplimo (Uganda)** set a new record by running a half marathon in **56:42**, breaking the previous **57:30** record by **Yomif Kejelcha** at the Barcelona Half Marathon.

### 5. Mohammed Shami (India): Became the fastest Indian bowler to reach 200 ODI wickets in his 104th match during an ICC Champions Trophy match against Bangladesh. (He is the 2nd quickest globally, after Mitchell Starc who achieved it in 102 innings, compared to Ajit Agarkar's 133 innings.)

### 6. Virat Kohli (India): Became the fastest batter to reach 14,000 ODI runs in 287 innings, surpassing Tendulkar (who took 350 innings).

### 7. The International Cricket Council declared that winners of the 2025 Champions Trophy will receive USD 2.24 million in prize money.

### 8. According to Sportico's 4th Annual list of the top 100 highest-paid athletes, Cristiano Ronaldo topped the list with earnings of USD 260 million.

### 9. Saudi Arabia has banned alcohol entirely in all public places and hotels for the 2034 FIFA World Cup.



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

1. What is the trade target set by India and the US to achieve by 2030?  
(1)\$300-billion (2)\$400-billion (3)\$500-billion (4)\$600-billion
2. The "US India TRUST" is an initiative primarily focused on boosting which area?  
(1)Healthcare Infrastructure (2)AI Infrastructure (3)Agriculture Exports (4)5G Connectivity
3. GIFT City partnered with which Hyderabad-based company to form a 5-year co-branded prepaid citizen card & visitor system?  
(1)Paytm (2)Zaggle (3)Razorpay (4)Instamojo
4. Which country announced the Green Transition Alliance India (GTAI) to enhance sustainable energy and carbon neutrality?  
(1)Germany (2)Denmark (3)France (4)Norway
5. The new Income Tax Bill-2025 replaces the 1961 Act and redefines "assessment year" as what?  
(1)Finance year (2)Fiscal year (3)Tax year (4)Accounting year
6. By 2047, India aims to achieve how much nuclear capacity, with L&T as a key contributor?  
(1)50-GW (2)75-GW (3)100-GW (4)150-GW
7. India amended the Customs Tariff Act to introduce an HS code for which GI-tagged product?  
(1)Basmati rice (2)Darjeeling tea (3)Alphonso mango (4)Mysore silk
8. Which state allocated ₹200-crore for the Nadi Bandhan Project to prevent riverbank erosion?  
(1)Bihar (2)Uttar Pradesh (3)West Bengal (4)Assam
9. The Central Government sanctioned an interest-free ₹529.50-crore loan to Kerala for rehabilitation related to what disaster?  
(1)Floods in Kochi (2)Cyclone in Alappuzha (3)Landslide in Wayanad (4)Drought in Palakkad
10. Uttarakhand signed an agreement with JICA to advance which sectors?  
(1)Horticulture & Food Processing (2)Textile & Handicrafts (3)IT Services & E-Governance (4)Tourism & Wildlife Conservation
11. Until which date did the government extend the due date for the revised "Schedule M" applicable to small pharma units?  
(1)December-31,-2024 (2)December-31,-2025 (3)March-31,-2026 (4)June-30,-2025
12. India is the second country globally after China to implement EPL (Extended Passenger Liability) for whom?  
(1)Ground-handling staff (2)Flight crews (3)Airport security personnel (4)Airline management
13. Which regulatory authority restored Kamdhenu Finance Co.'s licence based on court orders?  
(1)SEBI (2)IRDAI (3)RBI (4)Ministry of Finance
14. According to RBI, Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) must have a net owned fund of how much by March-31,-2026?  
(1)₹100-crore (2)₹200-crore (3)₹250-crore (4)₹300-crore
15. RBI eased withdrawal limits on New India Cooperative Bank to what amount from February-27?  
(1)₹10,000 (2)₹25,000 (3)₹50,000 (4)₹1-lakh
16. The Small Value Loan Ceiling for Urban Cooperative Banks has been raised to what tier-based limit?  
(1)₹1-crore (2)₹2-crore (3)₹3-crore (4)₹5-crore
17. SEBI requires listed firms to have a minimum of 25% public shareholding. By when must LIC (which is 96.5% government-owned) reach 10% public float?



- (1)May-16,-2025 (2)May-16,-2026 (3)May-16,-2027 (4)May-16,-2028
18. The RBI launched "RBIDATA" to provide access to what?  
(1)Stock market data (2)Financial data (3)Insurance policy data (4)Credit bureau scores
19. RBI's Integrated Ombudsman Scheme now also covers non-scheduled primary cooperative banks with deposits of at least:  
(1)₹10-crore (2)₹20-crore (3)₹50-crore (4)₹100-crore
20. SEBI fined the Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd. (ICCL) ₹5.05-crore for lapses in what area?  
(1)Insider Trading (2)Cybersecurity (3)Financial Reporting (4)Derivatives Regulation
21. IRDAI formed a 7-member panel to review the Insurance Act, 1938. Who is leading this committee?  
(1)Shaktikanta Das (2)Dinesh Khara (3)T. S. Vijayan (4)Ajay Tyagi
22. The Defence Ministry set up a committee under whose leadership to streamline Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) production?  
(1)Rakesh Sharma (2)V. K. Paul (3)Rajesh Kumar Singh (4)Madhukant Pathak
23. Who did NITI Aayog appoint to transform AIIMS New Delhi into a premier institute?  
(1)V. K. Paul (2)Mansukh Mandaviya (3)Randeep Guleria (4)Devi Shetty
24. A 5-member ad hoc panel led by Madhukant Pathak was formed for which sports federation?  
(1)Hockey India (2)Boxing Federation of India (3)Wrestling Federation of India (4)Badminton Association of India
25. Which initiative's \$21-million grant for India's Voter Turnout Initiative was canceled by US DOGE (led by Elon Musk)?  
(1)Digital Literacy Drive (2)Clean Energy Mission (3)Swachh Bharat (4)Voter Turnout Initiative
26. HDFC Bank launched India's first PSU salary account with cyber fraud cover, known as:  
(1)Sarv Suraksha Account (2)Bharat Salary Account (3)Anmol Savings Account (4)Secure Pay Account
27. Which bank recently received RBI nod for its first IFSC Banking Unit?  
(1)State Bank of India (2)Punjab National Bank (3)Bank of Maharashtra (4)Bank of Baroda
28. Bank of India raised ₹2,690-crore at what interest rate via 10-year infrastructure bonds?  
(1)6.85% (2)7.00% (3)7.25% (4)7.50%
29. On its 89th Foundation Day (February-10,-2025), Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) introduced Aadhaar OTP account opening and which new initiative?  
(1)API Banking (2)Loan Against Gold (3)UPI Payment Gateway (4)Digital Currency Services
30. Paytm and SBI Mutual Fund together launched which scheme?  
(1)BharatNivesh (2)PaySBI Fund (3)JanNivesh (4)DigiSip
31. Which of the following is NOT one of the two offerings recently unveiled by LIC?  
(1)Smart Pension Plan (2)Jeevan Tarun Plan (3)One Man Office (OMO) Digital Platform (4)Both (1) and (3)
32. Karnataka Bank introduced which special savings account for women?  
(1)KBL Stri' (2)KBL Mahila (3)KBL Nari (4)KBL Shakti
33. IndusInd Bank partnered with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) to launch 'PIONEER Banking' aiming at:  
(1)Startup founders (2)Business owners (3)Ultra High Net Worth Individuals (4)Farmers and rural cooperatives
34. In Dubai, Federal Bank launched which variant of its NR Savings Account?  
(1)Prospera NR Savings Account (2)Supreme NR Savings Account (3)Global NR Connect (4)SmartRemit NR Account
35. India's mutual fund Assets Under Management (AUM) recently surpassed:  
(1)₹50-lakh-crore (2)₹55-lakh-crore (3)₹60-lakh-crore (4)₹65-lakh-crore
36. IRDAI raised the capital requirement for the proposed 'Bima Sugam' platform to:  
(1)₹100-crore (2)₹200-crore (3)₹300-crore (4)₹500-crore
37. Punjab National Bank (PNB) signed an MoU with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) for enhanced financial and:  
(1)Digital banking services (2)Housing loans (3)Insurance coverage (4)Pension funds



38. The 9th edition of Axis Bank's "Evolve" focused on MSMEs had which main theme?  
(1) Digitalization of MSMEs (2) Future Proofing MSMEs (3) Global Funding for MSMEs  
(4) Sustainable MSME Growth
39. SIDBI signed a USD-100-million credit facility with which agency for green finance?  
(1) USAID (2) JICA (3) French Development Agency (4) KfW (German Bank)
40. Exim Bank agreed to provide a USD-300-million credit line to Vietnam for:  
(1) Oil exploration (2) Construction of high-speed boats & patrol vessels (3) Renewable energy development (4) Building highways
41. How much is the Technology Adoption Fund (TAF) introduced by IN-SPACe for the space sector?  
(1) ₹300-crore (2) ₹400-crore (3) ₹500-crore (4) ₹1,000-crore
42. NSDL and CDSL, along with SEBI, launched a unified mobile app combining which two existing services?  
(1) NSENow & BSEDirect (2) MyEasi & SPEED-e (3) eIPO & eRights (4) Mutual Funds & ETFs
43. The Indian Banks' Association unveiled "SEWA" for:  
(1) Real-time digital banking service updates (2) Social entrepreneurship training (3) Women's self-help groups (4) Affordable rural banking schemes
44. What is the name of the operating system introduced by Reliance Jio for affordable smart TVs?  
(1) JioView OS (2) JioTek OS (3) JioTele OS (4) JioScreen OS
45. Paytm rolled out which new device for merchants?  
(1) Paytm Card Swipe Machine (2) Paytm Smart Printer (3) Paytm Solar Soundbox (4) Paytm NFC Tag
46. India's oil imports from the US surged to which level in January-2025, making it the 5th largest supplier?  
(1) 120,000-bpd (2) 218,400-bpd (3) 300,000-bpd (4) 500,000-bpd
47. Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian to reach 200 ODI wickets (in 104 matches), second globally behind:  
(1) Lasith Malinga (2) Shaheen Afridi (3) Jasprit Bumrah (4) Mitchell Starc
48. Campa (Reliance Consumer) partnered with JioStar as an IPL-2025 co-sponsor after capturing what market share in soft drinks?  
(1) 5% (2) 10% (3) 15% (4) 20%
49. N. Chandrasekaran of Tata Sons received which prestigious UK honor?  
(1) The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) (2) Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) (3) The Most Excellent Order (DBE/KBE) (4) Knighthood of the Garter
50. Sunil Bharti Mittal was awarded an Honorary Knighthood (KBE) for fostering relations between which two countries?  
(1) India and France (2) India and the UK (3) India and the USA (4) India and Japan
51. Who won the "BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year-2024"?  
(1) Mithali Raj (2) Mary Kom (3) Sania Mirza (4) Manu Bhaker
52. Avani Lekhara, a \_\_\_\_\_, was named "BBC Indian Para Sportswoman of the Year-2024."  
(1) Para shuttler (2) Para swimmer (3) Para shooter (4) Para archer
53. Sheetal Devi was recognized as the "BBC Emerging Athlete of the Year." In which para sport does she compete?  
(1) Para archery (2) Para powerlifting (3) Para badminton (4) Para javelin
54. Which legendary cricketer received the "BBC Lifetime Achievement Award"?  
(1) Jhulan Goswami (2) Anjum Chopra (3) Mithali Raj (4) Diana Edulji
55. Prof. Urbasi Sinha of RRI (Bengaluru) won the Gates Cambridge Impact Prize-2025 for her work in:  
(1) Quantum Physics/Optics (2) Nanotechnology (3) Space Research (4) Environmental Studies
56. Nagaland's Forest Management Project won which award?  
(1) Gates Foundation Award (2) SKOCH Award (3) National Green Award (4) UNEP Green Project Award
57. Manohar International Airport received the "Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskaar" Golden Trophy for excellence in:



- (1)Safety (2)Architecture (3)Customer Service (4)Innovation
58. The solar tricycle from Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone received the "Outstanding Project Award" at which event in 2024?  
(1)BRICS Industrial Innovation (2)G20 Tech Summit (3)World Economic Forum (4)Indo-ASEAN Science Expo
59. India won the "Prince Michael Decade of Action Road Safety Award" in which city?  
(1)London (2)Marrakech (3)New York (4)Berlin
60. Rakesh Roshan was honored with which award at IIFA 2025?  
(1)Lifetime Achievement in Direction (2)Best Director Award (3)Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema (4)Iconic Filmmaker Award
61. A commemorative ₹100 coin was issued in honor of which iconic playback singer's 100th birth anniversary?  
(1)Kishore Kumar (2)Mukesh (3)Mohammed Rafi (4)Manna Dey
62. Which film won "Best Film Not in English" at BAFTA 2025?  
(1)Minari (2)Parallel Mothers (3)Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (4)Emilia Pérez
63. Which Hollywood actor received the Grande Medaille from the Aero Club de France?  
(1)Tom Hanks (2)Brad Pitt (3)George Clooney (4)Tom Cruise
64. Each winner of the National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2025 receives how much in prize money?  
(1)₹1-lakh (2)₹5-lakh (3)₹10-lakh (4)₹25-lakh
65. Meta is planning to lay a 50,000-km undersea cable with its \_\_\_\_\_ landing in India.  
(1)10th (2)12th (3)15th (4)18th
66. India's first bio bank opened at which zoological park?  
(1)Arignar Anna Zoological Park (2)Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (Darjeeling Zoo)  
(3)Nandankanan Zoological Park (4)Mysuru Zoo
67. Google unveiled its largest campus in India, named "Ananta," in which city?  
(1)Hyderabad (2)Bengaluru (3)Mumbai (4)Gurugram
68. At the 38th National Games in Dehradun, which team topped the medal tally, and which state will host in 2027?  
(1)Railways topped; Nagaland to host 2027 (2)Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) topped; Meghalaya to host 2027 (3)Punjab topped; Arunachal to host 2027 (4)Maharashtra topped; Sikkim to host 2027
69. India's renewable energy share is set to rise from 21% to what percentage by 2027?  
(1)23% (2)25% (3)27% (4)30%
70. Which state became the first in India to launch a Global Capability Centers (GCC) policy?  
(1)Karnataka (2)Maharashtra (3)Gujarat (4)Madhya Pradesh
71. Assam announced which city as its second capital, in addition to Dispur?  
(1)Guwahati (2)Dibrugarh (3)Silchar (4)Jorhat
72. Rapido plans to introduce a women-only fleet in which Indian state?  
(1)Maharashtra (2)Delhi (3)Karnataka (4)Tamil Nadu
73. Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 3.0 was held in Varanasi with the 4S theme. Which of the following is a primary focus of KTS?  
(1)Cultural exchange between Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (2)Manufacturing synergy among Indian states (3)Skill development for artisans only (4)Tourism promotion in Varanasi
74. IIT Guwahati developed a water-repellent textile that can convert \_\_\_\_\_ into heat.  
(1)Friction and sound (2)Sunlight and electricity (3)Geothermal energy (4)Wind and rain
75. Aadi Mahotsav (National Tribal Festival) in New Delhi primarily celebrates:  
(1)Handloom textiles (2)Tribal entrepreneurship (3)Classical dance forms (4)Pilgrimage tourism
76. Which Indian state ranked top in the Indian Institute of Public Administration's 2024 report?  
(1)Kerala (2)Maharashtra (3)Karnataka (4)Tamil Nadu
77. PETA India is showcasing Asia's first animatronic elephant named \_\_\_\_\_ on a nationwide tour.  
(1)Gaja (2)Ellie (3)Maya (4)Tara





78. According to FY-2023–24 data, which Indian political party emerged as the richest with ₹4,340.47-crore income?  
(1)Congress (2)BJP (3)AAP (4)BSP
79. Who chairs the select committee on the Income Tax Bill, 2025?  
(1)Baijayant Panda (2)Piyush Goyal (3)Nirmala Sitharaman (4)Anand Sharma
80. Which state leads the Panchayat Devolution Index at 72.23, followed by Kerala and Tamil Nadu?  
(1)Maharashtra (2)Karnataka (3)Andhra Pradesh (4)Gujarat
81. According to the 2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India-500, which company holds the top valuation at ₹17.5-lakh-crore?  
(1)TCS (2)Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) (3)HDFC Bank (4)Infosys
82. In the FutureBrand Index (FBI) 2024 rankings, which company stands at #1, followed by RIL at #2?  
(1)Apple (2)Google (3)Samsung (4)Microsoft
83. Which Indian city ranked 48th in the Global Power City Index (GPCI) 2024?  
(1)Delhi (2)Bengaluru (3)Mumbai (4)Kolkata
84. In the Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings 2025, which university is at the top globally?  
(1)Harvard University (2)University of Oxford (3)Stanford University (4)Massachusetts Institute of Technology
85. The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for October–December-2024 indicates what percentage for the urban Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)?  
(1)48.2% (2)49.5% (3)50.4% (4)52.1%
86. UDAN-5.5 was launched to expand regional air connectivity, increasing the number of airports from 74 to \_\_\_\_\_ by 2024.  
(1)100 (2)120 (3)157 (4)180
87. The Atal Pension Yojana grew from 1.54-crore subscribers (March-2019) to \_\_\_\_\_ subscribers (January-2025).  
(1)3.20-crore (2)5.70-crore (3)6.00-crore (4)7.33-crore
88. The UJALA Scheme, which provides LED bulbs at subsidized rates, celebrated its 10th anniversary. On which date was it originally launched?  
(1)January-5,-2015 (2)March-10,-2014 (3)April-15,-2015 (4)May-1,-2016
89. Which institute launched a Centre of Biodegradable Packaging to produce zero-waste bioplastics?  
(1)IIT Bombay (2)IIT Delhi (3)IIT Madras (4)IIT Kharagpur
90. PM AASHA, aimed at ensuring MSP for farmers, has been extended until:  
(1)FY-2023–24 (2)FY-2024–25 (3)FY-2025–26 (4)FY-2026–27
91. The SAKSHAM campaign promotes \_\_\_\_\_ for 14 days by Oil/Gas PSUs.  
(1)Digital payments (2)Fuel and green energy conservation (3)Rural employment (4)Women empowerment
92. Microsoft unveiled the Majorana-1 quantum chip featuring a novel state of matter known as:  
(1)Bohr–Einstein condensate (2)Quantum foam (3)Majorana fermions (4)Higgs boson
93. Which seeds did ISRO's PSLV C60 SpaDeX mission germinate in space experiments?  
(1)Wheat seeds (2)Cowpea seeds (3)Rice seeds (4)Mustard seeds
94. The Physical Research Laboratory (Ahmedabad) detected a sub-Saturn exoplanet named TOI-6038Ab using which spectrograph?  
(1)SALTICAM (2)SPHERE (3)PARAS 2 (4)HARPS
95. Which exoplanet, about 6 times Earth's mass, was identified by the University of Oxford as a "super Earth"?  
(1)Kepler-186f (2)HD-20794-d (3)TRAPPIST-1e (4)Proxima b
96. The "Wangyu" suit was recently debuted by China Manned Space Agency for:  
(1)Mars missions (2)Spacewalks on Tiangong Station (3)Moon landing (4)Satellite repairs



Answers

Answers (MCQs G V Satish picks )

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

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1. Which regulatory authority restored Kamdhenu Finance Company Pvt Ltd's licence based on court orders?  
(1) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (2) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) (3) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (4) Ministry of Finance
2. Until which date has the Government of India extended the due date for implementing the revised "Schedule M" for small and medium pharmaceutical firms?  
(1) March 31, 2025 (2) December 31, 2024 (3) December 31, 2025 (4) June 30, 2026
3. As per RBI's mandate, Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) must maintain a minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF) of how much by March 31, 2026?  
(1) ₹100-crore (2) ₹200-crore (3) ₹300-crore (4) ₹500-crore
4. RBI eased withdrawal restrictions on New India Cooperative Bank, permitting withdrawals up to what amount from February-27?  
(1) ₹5,000 (2) ₹10,000 (3) ₹25,000 (4) ₹50,000
5. RBI raised the Small Value Loan Ceiling for Urban Cooperative Banks to ₹3-crore (Tier-IV). What is the limit at Tier-I?  
(1) ₹60-lakh (2) ₹1-crore (3) ₹1.40-crore (4) ₹2-crore
6. SEBI now requires all listed firms to maintain a minimum public shareholding of:  
(1) 15% (2) 25% (3) 35% (4) 49%
7. What is the name of the mobile app launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?  
(1) RBIMobile (2) RBIDATA (3) RBICoconnect (4) eRBI App
8. The RBI's Integrated Ombudsman Scheme now covers non-scheduled primary cooperative banks with deposits of at least:  
(1) ₹10-crore (2) ₹20-crore (3) ₹50-crore (4) ₹100-crore
9. SEBI imposed a penalty of how many crore rupees on the Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd (ICCL) for cybersecurity and disaster recovery lapses?  
(1) ₹2.10-crore (2) ₹3.75-crore (3) ₹5.05-crore (4) ₹10.00-crore
10. Which US department, led by Elon Musk, cancelled a \$21-million grant for India's Voter Turnout Initiative under CEPPS?  
(1) US Department of Education (2) US Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) (3) US Department of Energy (4) US Department of State
11. Which bank launched the "Anmol Savings Account," India's first PSU Salary Account with integrated cyber fraud cover?  
(1) State Bank of India (2) Axis Bank (3) HDFC Bank (4) Punjab National Bank
12. Which bank received RBI permission to set up its first international branch (IFSC Banking Unit) for offshore banking operations?  
(1) Bank of Baroda (2) Bank of Maharashtra (3) Indian Bank (4) Union Bank of India
13. Bank of India raised ₹2,690-crore through 10-year infrastructure bonds at what interest rate?  
(1) 6.50% (2) 7.00% (3) 7.25% (4) 7.50%
14. Which bank celebrated its 89th Foundation Day on February 10, 2025, introducing Aadhaar OTP-based account opening and API Banking?  
(1) Indian Bank (2) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) (3) Bank of India (4) Central Bank of India
15. Paytm partnered with which Mutual Fund company to launch the "JanNivesh" Scheme?  
(1) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund (2) HDFC Mutual Fund (3) SBI Mutual Fund (4) UTI Mutual Fund
16. Which insurance corporation launched the "Smart Pension Plan" with a minimum purchase price of ₹1-lakh for individuals aged 18 and above?  
(1) HDFC Life (2) SBI Life (3) Max Life (4) LIC
17. Which bank launched "KBL Stri," a savings account for women, and "KBL One Family Banking Programme" on its 101st Founders' Day?  
(1) Karnataka Bank (2) Karur Vysya Bank (3) Kotak Mahindra Bank (4) Dhanlaxmi Bank



18. Which bank partnered with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) to enhance 'PIONEER Banking' for UHNWIs and HNWIIs?  
(1)Federal Bank (2)IndusInd Bank (3)RBL Bank (4)Yes Bank
19. Which bank unveiled the "Prospera NR (Non Resident) Savings Account" variant in Dubai?  
(1)South Indian Bank (2)CSB Bank (3)Federal Bank (4)IDFC First Bank
20. India's mutual fund industry's Assets Under Management (AUM) recently surpassed:  
(1)₹50-lakh-crore (2)₹55-lakh-crore (3)₹60-lakh-crore (4)₹65-lakh-crore
21. IRDAI raised the capital injection requirement for the 'Bima Sugam' Digital Insurance Platform to:  
(1)₹100-crore (2)₹300-crore (3)₹400-crore (4)₹500-crore
22. Punjab National Bank (PNB) signed an MoU with which force to provide financial benefits and enhanced insurance coverage?  
(1)Border Security Force (BSF) (2)Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) (3)Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) (4)Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
23. Which bank hosted the 9th edition of "Evolve," a flagship knowledge-sharing seminar for MSMEs, themed 'Future Proofing MSMEs for the New Age Business'?  
(1)Axis Bank (2)HDFC Bank (3)ICICI Bank (4)Kotak Mahindra Bank
24. SIDBI signed a USD-100-million Credit Facility Agreement with which international agency to support green finance for MSMEs?  
(1)Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (2)French Development Agency (AFD) (3)United States Agency for International Development (USAID) (4)KfW (German Development Bank)
25. Export Import Bank of India signed an agreement to provide USD-300-million in credit to which country for purchasing high-speed boats and offshore patrol vessels?  
(1)Sri Lanka (2)Bangladesh (3)Vietnam (4)Philippines
26. Which organization introduced a ₹500-crore Technology Adoption Fund (TAF) to support space technology?  
(1)ISRO (2)DRDO (3)IN-SPACE (4)NSIL
27. Which two depositories, in collaboration with SEBI, launched a unified mobile app by combining 'MyEasi' and 'SPEED e'?  
(1)NSE & BSE (2)MCX & NCDEX (3)NSDL & CDSL (4)IRDAI & PFRDA
28. "SEWA (Service Availability Web Page)" is a real-time dashboard for digital banking service availability launched by which association?  
(1)Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) (2)Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (3)Indian Banks' Association (IBA) (4)National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
29. Which company launched "JioTele OS," an operating system for affordable smart TVs in India?  
(1)Airtel Digital (2)Reliance Jio (3)Tata Play (4)Dish TV
30. Paytm introduced which new solar-powered device for merchants?  
(1)Paytm Solar Soundbox (2)Paytm Sun POS (3)Paytm Eco Kiosk (4)Paytm Solar PayHub
31. As of January-2025, the US became India's \_\_\_\_ largest oil supplier, after Russia, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE.  
(1)4th (2)5th (3)6th (4)7th
32. Which of the following is NOT listed among the newly introduced digital or consumer innovations in early 2025?  
(1)JioTele OS (2)Paytm Solar Soundbox (3)IBA's "SEWA" Dashboard (4)NPCI's Unified UPI Card
33. How much is the Technology Adoption Fund (TAF) introduced by IN-SPACE for the space sector?  
(1)₹100-crore (2)₹200-crore (3)₹300-crore (4)₹500-crore
34. India's mutual fund industry reached which Assets Under Management (AUM) milestone recently?  
(1)₹55-lakh-crore (2)₹60-lakh-crore (3)₹65-lakh-crore (4)₹70-lakh-crore
35. "Campa," a soft drink brand from Reliance Consumer Products, has over 10% market share and has partnered with JioStar for which upcoming event?  
(1)ICC World Cup 2025 (2)Asian Games 2026 (3)IPL 2025 (4)Pro Kabaddi League 2025



36. Which regulatory body penalized the Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd (ICCL) for cybersecurity and disaster recovery lapses?  
(1) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (2) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) (3) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (4) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
37. How much was the grant cancelled by the US Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) for India's Voter Turnout Initiative under CEPPS?  
(1) \$10-million (2) \$15-million (3) \$21-million (4) \$30-million
38. Which Indian financial institution received a USD-100-million credit facility from the French Development Agency (AFD) for green finance solutions for MSMEs?  
(1) NABARD (2) EXIM Bank (3) SIDBI (4) IFCI
39. Which Indian bank/agency agreed to provide USD-300-million in credit to Vietnam for high-speed boats and offshore patrol vessels?  
(1) National Housing Bank (NHB) (2) Export Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) (3) SIDBI (4) State Bank of India (SBI)
40. Which country won the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2025 in Qingdao, China, claiming its first-ever title?  
(1) China (2) Japan (3) Indonesia (4) Malaysia
41. The 9th Asian Winter Games were held in Harbin. Which country topped the medal tally there?  
(1) Japan (2) South Korea (3) China (4) Kazakhstan
42. Jacob Kiplimo set a new half marathon world record at 56:42. He represents which country?  
(1) Kenya (2) Ethiopia (3) Tanzania (4) Uganda
43. Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian bowler to 200 ODI wickets in 104 matches, second globally only to:  
(1) Lasith Malinga (2) Shaheen Afridi (3) Mitchell Starc (4) Bret Lee
44. Virat Kohli became the fastest batter to reach 14,000 ODI runs in 287 innings, surpassing which legend who reached the mark in 350 innings?  
(1) Ricky Ponting (2) Brian Lara (3) Sachin Tendulkar (4) Kumar Sangakkara
45. The winners of the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy will receive how much in prize money?  
(1) USD-1.5-million (2) USD-2.24-million (3) USD-3.0-million (4) USD-4.0-million
46. According to Sportico's 4th Annual list, which athlete topped the top 100 highest-paid athletes with earnings of USD-260-million?  
(1) Lionel Messi (2) LeBron James (3) Cristiano Ronaldo (4) Roger Federer
47. Saudi Arabia has banned alcohol in all public places and hotels while preparing to host which global sporting event?  
(1) 2026 FIFA World Cup (2) 2027 Cricket World Cup (3) 2032 Olympics (4) 2034 FIFA World Cup
48. India and the US have set a bilateral trade target of USD-500-billion by which year?  
(1) 2027 (2) 2028 (3) 2030 (4) 2035
49. The India-US AI initiative, "US India TRUST," primarily focuses on:  
(1) Infrastructure projects (2) Civil aviation (3) AI infrastructure and collaboration (4) Agricultural research
50. GIFT City (Gujarat) and Hyderabad-based Zaggie tied up for a 5-year co-branded \_\_\_\_\_ system.  
(1) Export finance scheme (2) Prepaid citizen card & visitor management (3) Microinsurance coverage (4) Digital gold trading
51. Denmark announced the Green Transition Alliance India (GTAI) to promote:  
(1) AI-based defense systems (2) Conventional coal power (3) Sustainable energy & carbon neutrality (4) Automotive supply chains
52. Who was appointed as the Executive Chairman of Navi Group?  
(1) Sachin Bansal (2) Binny Bansal (3) Vijay Shekhar Sharma (4) Deep Kalra
53. Justin Hotard became the new CEO of Nokia, replacing:  
(1) Rajeev Suri (2) Pekka Lundmark (3) Anil Ambani (4) Gopal Vittal
54. Who is the newly appointed CEO of Standard Chartered Bank India?



- (1)Ananth Narayan (2)Arundhati Bhattacharya (3)Prabhdev Singh (P.D. Singh) (4)Shikha Sharma
55. Salila Pande serves as the MD & CEO of:  
(1)SBI Mutual Fund (2)SBI Life Insurance (3)SBI Cards & Payment Services (4)SBI General Insurance
56. The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommended which two individuals as Managing Directors in LIC?  
(1)Dinesh Pant and Ratnakar Patnaik (2)Rakesh Sharma and Sandeep Bakshi (3)Prashant Kumar and Sanjay Agarwal (4)H. K. Mishra and R. A. Rastogi
57. Gyanesh Kumar has become India's 26th Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), succeeding:  
(1)Rajiv Kumar (2)Sunil Arora (3)Achal Kumar Joti (4)Om Prakash Rawat
58. Who took oath as the new Chief Minister of Delhi, succeeding the previous government?  
(1)Manish Sisodia (2)Arvind Kejriwal (3)Rekha Gupta (4)Sanjay Singh
59. The ACC extended the tenure of Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V-Anantha Nageswaran for 2 years, now valid until:  
(1)March 2025 (2)March 2026 (3)March 2027 (4)March 2028
60. The tenure of NITI Aayog CEO B-V-R Subrahmanyam was extended by 1 year, until:  
(1)February 24, 2025 (2)February 24, 2026 (3)December 31, 2026 (4)March 31, 2027
61. The tenure of Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi, has been extended for:  
(1)6 months (2)1 year (3)2 years (4)3 years
62. Kash Patel became the 9th Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He is the first \_\_\_\_\_ to lead the agency.  
(1)Indian American (2)Person of Chinese descent (3)South African immigrant (4)British citizen
63. M. Mohan has been named Director of the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) under:  
(1)DRDO (2)HAL (3)ISRO (4)Tata Advanced Systems
64. Who succeeded Masatsugu Asakawa to become the 11th President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?  
(1)Haruhiko Kuroda (2)Takehiko Nakao (3)Masato Kanda (4)Taro Aso
65. Charanjot Singh Nanda was elected as the \_\_\_\_\_ President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).  
(1)70th (2)71st (3)73rd (4)75th
66. Konstantinos Tasoulas was elected as the President of Greece for a five-year term, succeeding:  
(1)Katerina Sakellaropoulou (2)Prokopis Pavlopoulos (3)Kyriakos Mitsotakis (4)Alexis Tsipras
67. The 51st Khajuraho Dance Festival in Madhya Pradesh set a Guinness World Record for:  
(1)Most countries represented in a single performance (2)Longest group dance (139 artists over 24 hours) (3)First-ever all-women dance lineup (4)Highest footfall for a classical dance event
68. N. Chandrasekaran (Tata Sons) and Sunil Bharti Mittal (Bharti Enterprises) both received honorary KBE/DBE for:  
(1)Environmental conservation (2)UK-India business relations (3)Sports philanthropy (4)British culinary innovations
69. Who won the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award for 2024?  
(1)P.V. Sindhu (2)Koneru Humpy (3)Mirabai Chanu (4)Manu Bhaker
70. Avani Lekhara, a para shooter, was honored with the BBC Indian Para Sportswoman of the Year 2024. She is:  
(1)The first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal (2)The first Indian woman to win three Paralympic medals (3)A badminton gold medalist at Paralympics (4)A wheelchair racer
71. Sheetal Devi, who was named BBC Emerging Athlete of the Year, competes in which sport?  
(1)Para archery (2)Para shooting (3)Para powerlifting (4)Para tennis
72. Which former Women's Cricket Team Captain received the BBC Lifetime Achievement Award?  
(1)Anjum Chopra (2)Mithali Raj (3)Jhulan Goswami (4)Diana Edulji
73. Prof. Urbasi Sinha of Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru, won the Gates Cambridge Impact Prize 2025 for work in:





- (1) Genomic medicine (2) Sustainable agriculture (3) Photonic quantum science (4) Astrophysics
74. Nagaland's \_\_\_\_\_ won the SKOCH Award.  
(1) E-Governance Project (2) Forest Management Project (3) Tourism Development Program (4) Tribal Entrepreneurship Scheme
75. Manohar International Airport received which award under the Service Sector category?  
(1) Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskaar (Golden Trophy) (2) Best Aviation Excellence Award  
(3) Vishisht Udaan Award (4) Global Aviation Greenfield Trophy
76. Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone's Solar Powered Tricycle won the \_\_\_\_\_ Award at the BRICS Industrial Innovation Contest 2024.  
(1) Grand Jury Award (2) Sustainable Excellence Award (3) Outstanding Project Award (4) Best Entrepreneurial Innovation
77. India was honored with the "Prince Michael Decade of Action Road Safety Award" at the 4th Ministerial Conference in:  
(1) London (2) Marrakech (3) Paris (4) Geneva
78. Rakesh Roshan was honored with the 'Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema' award at IIFA 2025. Which among the following is his notable directorial work?  
(1) Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara (2) Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai (3) Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (4) Lagaan
79. A commemorative ₹100 coin was released on Mohammed Rafi's 100th birth anniversary. He is best known as a:  
(1) Film producer (2) Cricket commentator (3) Playback singer (4) Lyricist
80. Which film won the Best Film Not in English at the BAFTA Awards 2025?  
(1) Parasite (2) Minari (3) Emilia Pérez (4) Drive My Car
81. Tom Cruise received which aviation-related honor from the Aero Club de France?  
(1) Legion of Honour (2) Grande Medaille (3) Aeronautical Cross of Valor (4) Pilot Wings of Distinction
82. The Ministry of Ayush presented the National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2025 to three practitioners, each receiving:  
(1) ₹1-lakh (2) ₹2.5-lakh (3) ₹5-lakh (4) ₹10-lakh
83. HAL renamed its Hindustan Jet Trainer (HJT)-36, originally "Sitara," to:  
(1) Garuda (2) Hansa (3) Yashas (4) Gaganasthra
84. HAL Management Academy signed an MoU with IIIT-Dharwad to strengthen collaboration in advanced technologies, including:  
(1) Solar cell manufacturing (2) AI, Data Science, Robotics, AR/VR (3) Food processing and packaging (4) Bioplastic research
85. "Jal-Thal-Raksha 2025" was conducted at Bet Dwarka in Gujarat primarily to:  
(1) Train paratroopers for foreign missions (2) Strengthen security around Dwarka and nearby islands  
(3) Practice desert warfare in the Rann of Kutch (4) Demonstrate naval missile launches
86. "Exercise Dharma Guardian" is a joint military exercise between which two countries?  
(1) India and France (2) India and USA (3) India and Japan (4) India and Australia
87. The Indian Navy's INS Shardul and P8I aircraft participated in the IFR 2025 hosted by which country?  
(1) Singapore (2) Indonesia (3) South Korea (4) Vietnam
88. INS Shardul and P8I took part in Exercise Komodo, which was also hosted by:  
(1) Malaysia (2) Thailand (3) Indonesia (4) Philippines
89. During the Navika Sagar Parikrama II, INSV Tarini crossed Cape Horn with an all-women crew from the Indian Navy. Name one of the two officers on board:  
(1) Lieutenant Commander Roopa A (2) Lieutenant Commander Dilna K. (3) Lieutenant Sarita S  
(4) Both (1) and (2)
90. "Sagar Kavach" is a 2-day security exercise by the Indian Coast Guard focused on:  
(1) Anti-piracy drills in the Arabian Sea (2) Coastal SOP validation in West Bengal (3) Naval gunfire and missile tests (4) Submarine rescue operations



91. At the 1st General Assembly in Singapore, India was elected Vice President of the International Organization of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA). Who led the Indian delegation?  
(1)Rajiv Bansal (2)TK Ramachandran (3)Sushma Singh (4)Piyush Goyal
92. Sudeshna Shivankar (Maharashtra) became the fastest female in the 100m sprint with a timing of:  
(1)11.50-s (2)11.62-s (3)11.76-s (4)12.00-s
93. During a meeting at Blair House in Washington D.C., PM Modi gifted Elon Musk's children a classic Indian book titled:  
(1)Gitanjali (2)The Crescent Moon (3)Wings of Fire (4)Panchatantra
94. Brazil joined OPEC+, becoming the world's 7th-largest oil producer. Which major event is Brazil set to host in November 2025?  
(1)G20 Summit (2)BRICS Summit (3)UNFCCC COP-30 (4)World Economic Forum
95. India became the second country after China to implement \_\_\_\_ for flight crews.  
(1)Extended Passenger Liability (EPL) (2)Zero Carbon Emissions (ZCE) (3)New Age Pilots' Licensing (NAPL) (4)Extended Seating Regulations (ESR)
96. China's Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) reactor set a record with 1066-seconds of plasma at 100-million-°C. It is also called:  
(1)ASIPP Reactor (2)Heavenly Furnace (3)Artificial Sun (4)Dragon Reactor
97. Researchers discovered the world's largest underground thermal lake, named "Neuron," in which country?  
(1)Iceland (2)Albania (3)Canada (4)Russia
98. China approved building a deep sea research facility (a "deep sea space station") in the resource-rich:  
(1)Yellow Sea (2)East China Sea (3)South China Sea (4)Sea of Japan
99. Japan activated the world's first hybrid quantum supercomputer with 20 qubits, named:  
(1)Fugaku (2)Reimei (3)Sakura (4)Kizuna
100. The 8th Indian Ocean Conference 2025 was held in Muscat, Oman, under the theme:  
(1)"Prospects for Maritime Silk Road" (2)"Voyage(s) to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership"  
(3)"One Ocean, One Destiny" (4)"Navigating Climate Challenges"
101. The 12th World Governments Summit 2025 was hosted in Dubai, UAE, with the theme:  
(1)"Governance & Climate Action" (2)"Shaping Future Government" (3)"Bridging Global Digital Divides" (4)"Sustainability & Equity for All"
102. The 4th 'No Money for Terror' Conference 2025 took place in:  
(1)Paris, France (2)Munich, Germany (3)Washington D.C., USA (4)Rome, Italy
103. The next BRICS Leaders' Summit in July 2025 will be hosted by:  
(1)South Africa (2)India (3)Brazil (4)China
104. "SAMVAD" refers to the Global Hindu-Buddhist Initiative for Conflict Avoidance and Environmental Consciousness. The 4th edition was held in:  
(1)Colombo, Sri Lanka (2)Bangkok & Ayutthaya, Thailand (3)Bodh Gaya, India (4)Thimphu, Bhutan
105. The African-Asian Rural Development Organization's (AARDO) 77th Executive Committee meeting took place in:  
(1)Nairobi (2)New Delhi (3)Cairo (4)Addis Ababa
106. The 2nd All India State Water Ministers' Conference was held in Udaipur, Rajasthan, with the theme:  
(1)"Water Security for All" (2)"India@2047 – A Water Secure Nation" (3)"Smart Water Management" (4)"Blue Economy and SDGs"
107. Held in Pune, the 9th Asia Economic Dialogue 2025 focused on:  
(1)"Economic Resilience & Resurgence in an Era of Fragmentation" (2)"Asia's Pathway to Carbon Neutrality" (3)"Digital India for Global Markets" (4)"Post-COVID Recovery in South Asia"
108. The Simlu Festival's 2nd edition was held in which Indian state?  
(1)Assam (2)Manipur (3)Tripura (4)Meghalaya
109. The 27th International Congress on Glass 2025 was organized by CSIR-CGCRI in Kolkata with the theme:



- (1)“Glass: A Catalyst for Modern Infrastructure” (2)“Glass: A Smart and Indispensable Material for Sustainable Society” (3)“Revolutionary Technologies in Glass” (4)“Glass Art and Design for a Green Planet”
110. The Indian Army organized a conference on Women Peacekeepers from the Global South at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, themed:  
(1)“Women in Frontline Warfare” (2)“Women in Peacekeeping: A Global South Perspective”  
(3)“Emancipation Through Defense” (4)“Uniting Continents for Global Peace”
111. Hosted in Jaipur (March 3–5, 2025), the 12th Regional 3R Forum in Asia-Pacific focused on:  
(1)“Realizing Circular Societies Towards SDGs & Carbon Neutrality” (2)“Green Industrialization for All” (3)“Effective Agro-waste Management” (4)“Reusing and Recycling E-waste”
112. The 2025 IAS-DARPG India Conference in New Delhi focused on:  
(1)“Green Governance and E-Administration” (2)“Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Empowering Citizens & Reaching the Last Mile” (3)“Digital Inclusion and Paperless Offices”  
(4)“Tax Reforms in the 21st Century”
113. The 12th Kashi Tamil Sangamam was held in Varanasi to:  
(1)Strengthen cultural ties between North and South India (2)Promote film festivals in Tamil Nadu  
(3)Focus on an agritech exchange program (4)Launch a new sports university
114. Bharat Tex 2025 was described as India’s largest global textile event hosted at:  
(1)Pragati Maidan, New Delhi (2)Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (3)Bombay Convention Centre, Mumbai  
(4)Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai
115. Aadi Mahotsav 2025 in New Delhi featured the Khon dance from:  
(1)Sri Lanka (2)Indonesia (3)Thailand (4)Japan
116. The Fagli Festival is traditionally celebrated in:  
(1)Himachal Pradesh (2)Nagaland (3)Kerala (4)West Bengal
117. India’s first Open-Air Art Wall Museum is located at:  
(1)Connaught Place, New Delhi (2)Mausam Bhawan, New Delhi (3)India Gate Complex, New Delhi  
(4)Shankar’s International Dolls Museum, New Delhi
118. India installed its first vertical bifacial solar plant on a metro viaduct in:  
(1)Mumbai (2)Hyderabad (3)New Delhi (4)Bengaluru
119. The first edition of the SOUL Conclave was held in:  
(1)Mumbai (2)Chennai (3)Delhi (4)Pune
120. Which Indian state’s assembly became the first to be equipped with a translator facility?  
(1)Uttar Pradesh (2)Gujarat (3)Rajasthan (4)Haryana
121. The first Regional Office of the Central Register Cooperative Society opened in:  
(1)Jaipur, Rajasthan (2)Pune, Maharashtra (3)Patna, Bihar (4)Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
122. The world’s longest expressway tunnel, known as the Tianshan Shengli Tunnel, is located in:  
(1)Japan (2)Norway (3)Switzerland (4)China
123. Which state introduced a “Chief Minister’s Mobile Operation Theatre”?  
(1)Meghalaya (2)Nagaland (3)Arunachal Pradesh (4)Mizoram
124. The Sambhar Festival is celebrated in:  
(1)Rajasthan (2)Punjab (3)Uttarakhand (4)Gujarat
125. Datia Airport is located in which Indian state?  
(1)Madhya Pradesh (2)Rajasthan (3)Bihar (4)Odisha
126. R. Manicka Vasagam, who passed away, was a veteran:  
(1)Music composer (2)Space scientist (3)Political leader (4)Film director
127. Mayadhar Raut, known as the “Father of Odissi Dance,” passed away. Odissi dance originated in:  
(1)Gujarat (2)Odisha (3)Kerala (4)West Bengal
128. Sukri Bommagowda, often called the “walking encyclopedia” of the Halakki community, hailed from which Indian state?  
(1)Karnataka (2)Odisha (3)Maharashtra (4)Telangana
129. RBI approved Zulia Investments Pte. Ltd. (a Temasek subsidiary) to acquire up to \_\_\_\_ stake in AU Small Finance Bank.



- (1)4% (2)5% (3)7% (4)10%
130. The India–US COMPACT initiative stands for “Catalysing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & \_\_\_\_.”  
(1)Training (2)Technology (3)Tourism (4)Trade
131. Under India–US strategic partnership initiatives, “Mission 500” aims to:  
(1)Send 500 astronauts into space (2)Train 500 Indian AI specialists in the US (3)Achieve USD-500-billion bilateral trade by 2030 (4)Create 500 AI and quantum computing labs in India
132. Under NASA–ISRO collaboration, the first Indian astronaut(Shubhanshu Shukla) is set to visit the ISS in:  
(1)2024 (2)2025 (3)2026 (4)2028
133. India signed an MoU with Argentina for collaboration on:  
(1)Nano satellite launches (2)Lithium exploration & mining (3)Smart city projects (4)Forestry conservation
134. Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd. signed an MoU with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) under “Adopt a Heritage 2.0,” as part of Bisleri’s CSR initiative called:  
(1)Jal Jeevan (2)Nayi Umeed (3)Swachh Smarak (4)Protect India’s Heritage
135. Boeing partnered with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to explore scaling production of:  
(1)Sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) (2)High-octane petrochemicals (3)Solar-based lubricants (4)Hydrogen propulsion systems
136. India signed an MoU with Indonesia to enhance:  
(1)Defense technology (2)Film co-productions (3)Traditional medicine systems (4)Marine fisheries exports
137. Baijayant Panda chairs the select committee on the Income-Tax Bill, 2025. He is a Member of:  
(1)Lok Sabha (2)Rajya Sabha (3)Odisha Legislative Assembly (4)NITI Aayog
138. IRDAI formed a 7-member committee led by Dinesh Khara to review the Insurance Act, 1938. Dinesh Khara is the former Chairman of:  
(1)SBI (2)LIC (3)ICICI Bank (4)IRDAI
139. The Ministry of Defence set up a high-level committee headed by Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh to streamline the production of:  
(1)Arjun Main Battle Tanks (2)Indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) (3)Advanced Light Helicopters (4)Naval frigates
140. NITI Aayog constituted a committee led by V.-K.-Paul to transform AIIMS New Delhi into a premier:  
(1)Digital University (2)Aerospace research institute (3)Medical research and practice institution (4)Sports medicine center
141. The Indian Olympic Association appointed a 5-member ad-hoc committee led by Madhukant Pathak to run which federation after an election delay?  
(1)Wrestling Federation of India (2)Boxing Federation of India (3)Badminton Association of India (4)Hockey India
142. Vishvaa Rajakumar, a 20-year-old Indian student, emerged as the champion in:  
(1)World Chess Championship (2)Memory League World Championship (3)Robotics Olympiad (4)Global Rubik’s Cube Championship
143. According to Germanwatch’s Climate Risk Index 2025, India ranks \_\_\_\_ globally, accounting for 10% of global fatalities from extreme weather.  
(1)5th (2)6th (3)8th (4)10th
144. Which state tops the Panchayat Devolution Index with a score of 72.23, followed by Kerala and Tamil-Nadu?  
(1)Gujarat (2)Maharashtra (3)Karnataka (4)Uttar Pradesh
145. Which company tops the 2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 list with a valuation of ₹17.5-lakh-crore?  
(1)TCS (2)Infosys (3)Reliance Industries Limited (4)HDFC Bank





146. In the FutureBrand Index 2024, Samsung ranks #1, and which Indian conglomerate jumped to #2?  
(1)Aditya Birla Group (2)Reliance Industries (3)Tata Group (4)Adani Group
147. Which Indian city, ranking 48th in the GPCI 2024, is also cited as the 5th fastest developing city globally by Savills Research?  
(1)New Delhi (2)Bengaluru (3)Hyderabad (4)Mumbai
148. India is ranked as the 2nd-\_\_\_\_\_ market in the Asia Pacific (APAC) region according to recent reports.  
(1)Most profitable (2)Largest (3)Most stable (4)Least favoured
149. Which university has topped THE World Reputation Rankings for the 14th consecutive year?  
(1)University of Oxford (2)Stanford University (3)Harvard University (4)Massachusetts Institute of Technology
150. Which private deemed university from Odisha entered the 201–300 band in THE World Reputation Rankings 2025?  
(1)Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) (2)Shiksha 'O' Anusandhan (3)Xavier University Bhubaneswar (XUB) (4)Utkal University
151. The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for October–December 2024 shows an urban LFPR of:  
(1)45.6% (2)48.2% (3)50.4% (4)52.9%
152. Microsoft unveiled “Majorana-1,” its first quantum computing chip powered by a new state of matter known as:  
(1)Tachyons (2)Majorana fermions (3)Super neutrinos (4)Dirac bosons
153. Which seeds did ISRO successfully germinate in space on its PSLV-C60 SpaDeX Mission?  
(1)Rice seeds (2)Cowpea seeds (3)Wheat seeds (4)Mustard seeds
154. PRL (Ahmedabad) scientists discovered a new sub-Saturn exoplanet named TOI-6038A-b using which spectrograph?  
(1)HARPS (2)PARAS 2 (3)KECK HIRES (4)SPHERE
155. University of Oxford researchers identified HD-20794-d, a super Earth about six times Earth's mass that could harbor liquid water, orbiting which star system?  
(1)Kepler-22 (2)HD-20794 (3)TRAPPIST-1 (4)Proxima Centauri
156. The China Manned Space Agency unveiled a new moon landing suit called “Wangyu.” This suit is intended for:  
(1)Mars exploration (2)Space station repairs (3)Lunar exploration (4)Asteroid mining
157. IIT Madras launched a Centre of Biodegradable Packaging to produce bioplastics from biomass that are:  
(1)Low-cost but contain microplastics (2)Zero-waste and microplastic-free (3)Only suitable for industrial usage (4)Based on edible seaweed
158. IIT Guwahati developed a water-repellent textile that converts electricity and sunlight into:  
(1)Cooling effect (2)Kinetic energy (3)Heat (4)Biofuel
159. Meta plans to build a 50,000-km undersea cable across five continents. In India, this project will become the country's \_\_\_\_\_ subsea cable landing.  
(1)15th (2)16th (3)17th (4)18th
160. India established its first bio bank in the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, located in which state?  
(1)Assam (2)West Bengal (3)Uttarakhand (4)Arunachal Pradesh
161. Google unveiled its largest campus in India, named “Ananta,” in which city?  
(1)Mumbai (2)Bengaluru (3)Hyderabad (4)Pune
162. The Central Government sanctioned an interest-free loan of Rs-529.50-crore to which state for rehabilitating landslide victims in Wayanad?  
(1)Kerala (2)Tamil Nadu (3)Maharashtra (4)Karnataka
163. West Bengal launched the “Nadi Bandhan Project” with an outlay of Rs 200-crore for:  
(1)Improving irrigation facilities (2)Preventing riverbank erosion (3)Setting up fishing harbors (4)Reviving dying water bodies



164. India became the first country to introduce a unique HS code for which GI-tagged product under the amended Customs Tariff Act?  
(1) Darjeeling Tea (2) Basmati Rice (3) Nagpur Orange (4) Alphonso Mango
165. India's renewable energy share is projected to rise from 21% in 2024 to \_\_\_\_ by 2027.  
(1) 23% (2) 25% (3) 27% (4) 30%
166. The New Income Tax Bill 2025 replaces the Income Tax Act, 1961 and redefines "assessment year" as:  
(1) Fiscal year (2) Financial year (3) Calendar year (4) Tax year
167. India targets 100-GW of nuclear power capacity by which year, with L&T leading construction?  
(1) 2035 (2) 2040 (3) 2047 (4) 2050
168. Which state launched India's first dedicated Global Capability Centers (GCC) policy?  
(1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) Karnataka (4) Madhya Pradesh
169. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Uttarakhand's Department of Horticulture & Food Processing signed a Technical Cooperation Project to advance:  
(1) Tourism and hospitality (2) Horticulture and food processing (3) Renewable energy in rural areas (4) Riverbank protection systems
170. The "National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of Urban Habitations" (NAKSHA) was inaugurated by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to:  
(1) Modernize rural agriculture (2) Update urban land records (3) Map India's coastlines (4) Develop large-scale topographic data for highways
171. Assam's Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced which city as the second capital, alongside Dispur?  
(1) Guwahati (2) Jorhat (3) Dibrugarh (4) Silchar
172. Punjab launched SHE Cohort 3.0 to empower 25 tech-led women startups in Mohali. The state's Governor is:  
(1) Banwarilal Purohit (2) Gulab Chand Kataria (3) Kalraj Mishra (4) Tamilisai Soundararajan
173. Uttarakhand signed an MoU with which country for geothermal exploration, aiming for carbon neutrality by 2070?  
(1) Japan (2) Iceland (3) Norway (4) Canada
174. Which new campaign did Haryana launch for soil health under its recent initiatives?  
(1) Har Khet-Swasth Khet (2) Jal Shakti Khet (3) Krishi Uday Abhiyan (4) Mera Gaon-Mera Khet
175. Foy Sagar Lake in Ajmer, Rajasthan, was officially renamed as:  
(1) Suraj Sagar (2) Varun Sagar (3) Lok Sagar (4) Ajay Sagar
176. Rapido announced plans to launch a women-only taxi fleet in which Indian state?  
(1) Maharashtra (2) Karnataka (3) Telangana (4) Uttar Pradesh
177. The theme of Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 3.0 in Varanasi focuses on "4S," which stands for:  
(1) Saints, Students, Skills, Sustainability (2) Saints, Scientists, Students, Social Reformers (3) Sages, Scholars, Soldiers, Social Unity (4) Saints, Scholars, Society, Spirituality
178. Prime Minister Modi addressed Bharat Tex 2025, India's largest global textile event, at Bharat Mandapam in:  
(1) Mumbai (2) Chennai (3) New Delhi (4) Kolkata
179. At Bharat Mandapam, the Central Silk Board inaugurated SILK TECH 2025. Simultaneously, "Indie Haat" was held at the National Crafts Museum from February 12-18, focusing on:  
(1) Handloom textiles only (2) Handicrafts, design, and lifestyle products (3) Engineering goods and textiles (4) Global technology collaborations
180. The Aadi Mahotsav (National Tribal Festival) in New Delhi emphasized:  
(1) Wildlife conservation (2) Urban infrastructure development (3) The spirit of entrepreneurship, tribal craft, culture, cuisine, and commerce (4) Marine fisheries and oceanic resources
181. The Karnataka Government issued an order for Medical Boards in hospitals to facilitate:  
(1) Organ donation camps (2) Dignified death requests (3) Free universal healthcare (4) Increased ICU facilities



182. According to the Indian Institute of Public Administration's 2024 report, which state ranks at the top?  
(1)Kerala (2)Maharashtra (3)Karnataka (4)Tamil Nadu
183. By 2030, India's annual natural gas consumption is projected to reach:  
(1)80-billion cubic meters (2)90-billion cubic meters (3)103-billion cubic meters (4)120-billion cubic meters
184. For FY 2023–24, which party emerged as the richest political party in India with ₹4,340.47-crore income?  
(1)Congress (2)AAP (3)BJP (4)BSP
185. PETA India is touring the country with "Ellie," which is:  
(1)A giant mechanical tiger (2)Asia's first animatronic elephant (3)A robotic cow for dairy awareness (4)A VR-based interactive bird
186. UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) was originally launched in October 2016 to improve regional air connectivity. Under UDAN 5.5, how many operational airports exist as of 2024 (up from 74 in 2014)?  
(1)100 (2)120 (3)157 (4)180
187. The Atal Pension Yojana, launched in 2015, offers a minimum guaranteed pension from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000. As of January-2025, the number of enrolled subscribers reached:  
(1)3.5-crore (2)5.4-crore (3)7.33-crore (4)9.1-crore
188. The new Income Tax Bill, 2025, replaces the Assessment Year concept with a "Tax Year," aligning it with:  
(1)The previous year's income timeline (2)The financial year in the UK (3)The year in which income is earned (4)The taxpayer's date of birth
189. The UJALA scheme (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All) launched on January 5, 2015, celebrated its 10th anniversary on:  
(1)January 5, 2025 (2)January 6, 2025 (3)January 10, 2025 (4)December 31, 2024
190. The PM Fasal Bima Yojana, marking nine years, continues uniform premiums at \_\_\_\_ for Kharif crops and \_\_\_\_ for Rabi crops.  
(1)2% for Kharif; 1.5% for Rabi (2)2.5% for Kharif; 2% for Rabi (3)1.5% for Kharif; 1% for Rabi (4)3% for Kharif; 1.5% for Rabi
191. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), launched in 2018, has been approved for continuation until:  
(1)FY 2023–24 (2)FY 2024–25 (3)FY 2025–26 (4)FY 2026–27
192. "SAKSHAM," a 14-day awareness campaign by Oil & Gas PSUs, focuses on:  
(1)Employment generation (2)Green energy and fuel conservation (3)Rural women empowerment (4)Highway infrastructure
193. Which team topped the medal tally at the 38th National Games in Dehradun, Uttarakhand?  
(1)Maharashtra (2)Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) (3)Punjab (4)Railways
194. Meghalaya has been selected to host the National Games in which future year?  
(1)2026 (2)2027 (3)2028 (4)2029
195. Who equaled the men's 100m national record with 10.28 seconds at the 38th National Games?  
(1)Sawan Barwal (2)Animesh Kujur (3)Yoonus Shah (4)Shahnavaz Khan



Answers

Answers (February 16 to 28 )

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