

150 Questions

CDS/OTA Current-Affairs Practice Set

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Before you start

- Attempt only AFTER reading the Six-Month Compendium — **every answer is in it**, and each answer-key line names the entry to revisit.
- Timing: **150 questions · 150 minutes**.
- Scoring (UPSC pattern): **+1 correct · -1/3 wrong**. 105+ is exam-ready; 75–104 revise the sections you dropped; under 75, re-read the Six-Month Compendium cover to cover.
- The answer key with one-line reasons starts on the last pages — check only when done.

Schemes

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM): 1. A 'Lakhpadi Didi' is a Self Help Group woman earning at least Rs 1 lakh a year. 2. The mission is implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes: 1. They span 14 sectors with a combined outlay of about Rs 1.91 lakh crore. 2. Incentives are paid on incremental production and sales rather than on capital expenditure. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q3. Which one of the following is NOT a site of a PM MITRA park?

- (a) Dhar
- (b) Navsari
- (c) Amravati
- (d) Bhilwara

Q4. The Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) is implemented through PMBI under which one of the following?

- (a) Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (c) Department of Health Research
- (d) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Q5. Under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS), the loan limit available on a Kisan Credit Card is

- (a) Rs 2 lakh
- (b) Rs 3 lakh
- (c) Rs 5 lakh
- (d) Rs 10 lakh

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Network Planning Group (NPG) under PM GatiShakti: 1. It is anchored in the Logistics Division of DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. 2. It grants final approval to the infrastructure projects placed before it. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q7. Consider the following statements: 1. The Blue Revolution was launched in 2020. 2. India is the world's second-largest fish producer, accounting for about 8 per cent of global output. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q8. Which one of the following is NOT one of the five pillars of the Sagarmala programme?

- (a) Port modernisation
- (b) Port-led industrialisation
- (c) Shipbuilding and ship-repair cluster development
- (d) Coastal shipping and inland water transport

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding UDAN: 1. UDAN expands as 'Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik' and was launched as the Regional Connectivity Scheme in October 2016. 2. Modified UDAN, approved by the Cabinet on 25 March 2026, carries an outlay of Rs 28,840 crore over 10 years. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q10. Which one of the following was NOT merged into Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0?

- (a) Anganwadi Services
- (b) POSHAN Abhiyaan
- (c) Scheme for Adolescent Girls
- (d) Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

Q11. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Van Dhan Vikas Kendras : TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- (b) Van Dhan Vikas Kendras : Khadi and Village Industries Commission
- (c) Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce : Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices
- (d) Tribes India retail outlets : Ministry of Textiles

Q12. Which one of the following is NOT a loan category under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana?

- (a) Shishu
- (b) Yuva
- (c) Tarun
- (d) TarunPlus

Q13. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin: 1. It is implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. 2. Its beneficiaries are drawn from the SECC-2011 and Awaas+ lists. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q14. PM POSHAN, which provides one hot cooked meal to children from Bal Vatika to Class 8, is administered by the

- (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (c) Department of Food and Public Distribution
- (d) Ministry of Education

Q15. Which one of the following is NOT a working-capital loan tranche under PM SVANidhi?

- (a) Rs 10,000
- (b) Rs 20,000
- (c) Rs 30,000
- (d) Rs 50,000

Q16. Consider the following statements regarding Beti Bachao Beti Padhao: 1. It was launched on 22 January 2015 in response to the declining Child Sex Ratio. 2. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Education. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q17. The PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, under which about Rs 2,400 crore was disbursed on 19 June 2026, is implemented by which ministry and through which agency?

- (a) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, through NSDC
- (b) Ministry of Labour and Employment, through EPFO
- (c) Ministry of Finance, through the Department of Financial Services
- (d) Ministry of Rural Development, through NABARD

Q18. Consider the following statements regarding the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025: 1. It guarantees 100 days of wage employment in a year. 2. It operates alongside the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, which continues in force. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q19. Consider the following statements: 1. The Digital Bharat Nidhi and the erstwhile Universal Service Obligation Fund are two separate funds. 2. The Amended BharatNet Programme was cleared by the Cabinet in August 2023 at about Rs 1.39 lakh crore on a state-led model. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q20. Which one of the following pairs of a regional name for sacred groves and the State it belongs to is correctly matched?

- (a) Kavu : Meghalaya
- (b) Devrai : Kerala
- (c) Law Kyntang : Maharashtra
- (d) Orans : Rajasthan

Q21. Under the PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme, the credit-linked capital subsidy available to a micro unit is

- (a) 25 per cent of the eligible project cost, capped at Rs 10 lakh
- (b) 35 per cent of the eligible project cost, capped at Rs 10 lakh
- (c) 35 per cent of the eligible project cost, capped at Rs 15 lakh
- (d) 50 per cent of the eligible project cost, capped at Rs 20 lakh

Q22. The SMILE scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment covers

- (a) persons engaged in begging only
- (b) transgender persons only
- (c) both persons engaged in begging and transgender persons
- (d) sewer and septic-tank workers and waste pickers

Q23. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) PMJJBY : life insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh for the 18-50 age group
- (b) PMSBY : life insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh for the 18-50 age group
- (c) PMJJBY : accident insurance cover for the 18-70 age group
- (d) PMSBY : accident insurance cover for the 18-50 age group

Q24. Under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, which one of the following pairs of component and administering ministry/department is correctly matched?

- (a) Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme : Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- (b) Watershed Development : Department of Land Resources
- (c) Har Khet Ko Pani : Department of Land Resources
- (d) Per Drop More Crop : Ministry of Jal Shakti

Q25. Which one of the following is NOT a component of PM-YASASVI?

- (a) Pre-Matric Scholarship
- (b) Post-Matric Scholarship
- (c) Top Class School Education
- (d) National Overseas Scholarship

Q26. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Jaadui Pitara : a three-month school-readiness module
- (b) NIPUN Bharat : foundational literacy and numeracy by the end of Grade 5
- (c) Vidya Pravesh : a play-based learning kit of 53 items
- (d) Vidya Pravesh : a three-month school-readiness module

Q27. Consider the following statements regarding the Green Credit Programme: 1. The Green Credit Rules were notified in 2023 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. 2. Tree-plantation green credits can be claimed only after 5 years and on attaining 40 per cent canopy density. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q28. PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, launched in February 2024, has a target of covering

- (a) 50 lakh households
- (b) 1 crore households
- (c) 2 crore households
- (d) 3 crore households

Q29. One Stop Centres for women affected by violence are implemented under which vertical of Mission Shakti?

- (a) Sambal
- (b) Samarthya
- (c) Saksham
- (d) Suraksha

Q30. The Jiyo Parsi scheme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs is intended to

- (a) arrest the decline of the Parsi population through fertility treatment and childcare and elderly-care assistance
- (b) award scholarships to Parsi students in professional courses
- (c) restore Parsi fire temples and other heritage properties
- (d) provide interest-subsidised housing loans to Parsi families

Q31. Consider the following statements regarding the Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP): 1. VVP-II, approved on 2 April 2025, is a Centrally Sponsored scheme. 2. VVP-I covers 1,954 villages in 334 blocks across 17 States and Union Territories. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q32. Consider the following statements regarding the Jal Jeevan Mission: 1. It was launched on 15 August 2019 and completed seven years in 2026. 2. It provides Functional Household Tap Connections in urban areas under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Culture/Sport

Q33. Santali was included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution in 2003 by the 92nd Constitutional Amendment. Which one of the following languages was NOT included by that Amendment?

- (a) Konkani
- (b) Bodo
- (c) Dogri
- (d) Maithili

Q34. Which one of the following pairs of an observance and its date is correctly matched?

- (a) International Mother Language Day - 14 September
- (b) World Hindi Day - 10 January
- (c) Hindi Diwas - 21 February
- (d) International Mother Language Day - 10 January

Q35. The film 'Boong', which won the Children's and Family Film award at the BAFTA Film Awards 2026, is a first Indian win in that category. The film is set in, and made in the language of, which one of the following States?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Nagaland

Q36. Consider the following statements: 1. The United Nations has declared 2026 as the International Year of Millets. 2. The Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems, held in New Delhi in March 2026, was organised by the Ministry of Rural Development with the World Health Organization. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q37. Consider the following statements regarding the Sahitya Akademi: 1. It is the National Academy of Letters, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture. 2. Its awards for 2025 were announced in the 22 languages listed in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q38. Playback singer Asha Bhosle, whose passing in April 2026 drew obituary references in both Houses of Parliament, was a recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award. This award, India's highest honour in cinema, is conferred by which one of the following?

- (a) Ministry of Culture
- (b) Sangeet Natak Akademi
- (c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- (d) National Film Development Corporation

Q39. Consider the following statements regarding Khelo Bharat Niti (2025): 1. It replaced the National Sports Policy of 2001. 2. It is an Act of Parliament passed in 2025 to govern the recognition of national sports federations. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q40. Three temple bronzes traced to Tamil Nadu were repatriated from the Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art in May 2026. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Shiva Nataraja - Vijayanagara
- (b) Somaskanda - 16th century
- (c) Saint Sundarar with Paravai - Chola
- (d) Shiva Nataraja - Chola

Q41. Consider the following statements: 1. Goa was made India's 25th State on 19 December 1987 by the 56th Constitutional Amendment. 2. Konkani was included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution by the 71st Constitutional Amendment of 1992. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q42. Consider the following statements regarding the International Day of Yoga: 1. The theme of the 12th International Day of Yoga, observed on 21 June 2026, was 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'. 2. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2014 and first observed in 2015. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q43. WAVES OTT, which crossed 1 crore registered users on 2 June 2026, is the streaming platform of which one of the following?

- (a) National Film Development Corporation
- (b) Prasar Bharati
- (c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- (d) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Q44. Consider the following statements regarding the National Sports Tribunal: 1. It is a statutory body constituted under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025. 2. Its principal mandate is to grant recognition to National Sports Bodies. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q45. The Golden Conch, awarded in June 2026 to the Polish film 'Silver' for Best Documentary, is the top prize of which one of the following?

- (a) International Film Festival of India
- (b) National Film Awards
- (c) WAVES Film Bazaar
- (d) Mumbai International Film Festival

Q46. The Padma Awards, instituted in 1954 and announced every Republic Day, are administered by which one of the following?

- (a) Ministry of Culture
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- (d) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

Q47. The winners of the Durand Cup carry away three trophies together. Which one of the following is NOT among them?

- (a) Durand Cup
- (b) President's Cup
- (c) IFA Shield
- (d) Shimla Trophy

Q48. The centenary edition of the Commonwealth Games, to be held in 2030, has been awarded to which one of the following cities?

- (a) Ahmedabad
- (b) Glasgow
- (c) Hamilton
- (d) Birmingham

Q49. At the 72nd National Film Awards, announced on 18 July 2026, the award for Best Feature Film went to which one of the following?

- (a) Bhangaar
- (b) Article 370
- (c) Bramayugam
- (d) Chandu Champion

Q50. Folk and tribal arts are promoted through the seven Zonal Cultural Centres under the Ministry of Culture. Which one of the following is NOT the headquarters of a Zonal Cultural Centre?

- (a) Thanjavur
- (b) Dimapur
- (c) Udaipur
- (d) Bhopal

Q51. The Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award is given in four categories. Which one of the following is NOT one of them?

- (a) Land
- (b) Air
- (c) Ice and Snow
- (d) Lifetime Achievement

Q52. Which one of the following pairs relating to India's World Heritage Sites is correctly matched?

- (a) India's only mixed World Heritage Site - Khangchendzonga National Park
- (b) India's 44th World Heritage Site - Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath
- (c) India's 45th World Heritage Site - Maratha Military Landscapes
- (d) 48th session of the World Heritage Committee - New Delhi

Q53. Indian women boxers won five gold medals at the Commonwealth Games 2026. Which one of the following boxers was NOT among those gold medallists?

- (a) Preeti
- (b) Jasmine Lamboria
- (c) Arundhati Choudhary
- (d) Lovlina Borgohain

Q54. Consider the following statements regarding Deepavali's UNESCO listing: 1. It was inscribed under the UNESCO World Heritage Convention of 1972 at a session held at the Red Fort, New Delhi. 2. Deepavali is India's 16th element on UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q55. Consider the following statements regarding National Handloom Day: 1. It is observed on 7 August, the date on which the Swadeshi Movement was launched in 1905. 2. The Day is observed by the Ministry of Culture, which presents the Sant Kabir Handloom Awards. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q56. Consider the following statements regarding Vande Mataram: 1. It was composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1875 and published in the novel 'Anandamath' in 1882. 2. It was sung from the ramparts of the Red Fort for the first time on Independence Day 2026. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q57. Which one of the following pairs relating to the honours of the Sangeet Natak Akademi is correctly matched?

- (a) Akademi Puraskar - Fellowship of the Akademi
- (b) Akademi Ratna - Award carrying Rs 1,00,000
- (c) Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar - Rs 3,00,000
- (d) Akademi Ratna - Fellowship of the Akademi

Q58. Which one of the following pairs of a scheme and the body running it is correctly matched?

- (a) Adopt a Heritage 2.0 - Ministry of Tourism
- (b) PRASHAD - Ministry of Tourism
- (c) Swadesh Darshan - Ministry of Culture
- (d) Swadesh Darshan - Archaeological Survey of India

Welfare

Q59. The four Labour Codes, in force since 21 November 2025, subsume 29 central labour laws. Three of them were enacted in 2020. Which one of the following was enacted in 2019?

- (a) Industrial Relations Code
- (b) Code on Social Security
- (c) Code on Wages
- (d) Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code

Q60. Consider the following statements regarding Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY: 1. Odisha became the 36th and last State/UT to implement the scheme, in June 2026. 2. Launched in September 2018, it provides health cover of Rs 10 lakh per family per year. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

IR/Diplomacy

Q61. At the swearing-in of Bangladesh's new Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at Dhaka on 17 February 2026, India was represented by which one of the following?

- (a) The President of India
- (b) The Prime Minister of India
- (c) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha
- (d) The External Affairs Minister

Q62. The IGC trilateral and its Business and Investment Council were recalled during the visit of Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis on 18-19 February 2026. Which one of the following is NOT a member of the IGC?

- (a) India
- (b) Greece
- (c) Cyprus
- (d) Israel

Q63. The 'Pax Silica' coalition, which India formally joined on 20 February 2026 at the AI Impact Summit, is best described as which one of the following?

- (a) A United Nations framework for the governance of outer space
- (b) A United States-led coalition of trusted democracies for technology and supply-chain cooperation
- (c) A collective-defence pact for the Indo-Pacific
- (d) A multilateral climate-finance facility

Q64. India signed the Terms of Reference for a Free Trade Agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council on 5 February 2026. Which one of the following is NOT a member of the GCC?

- (a) Iraq
- (b) Kuwait
- (c) Oman
- (d) Bahrain

Q65. Consider the following statements regarding India-Nepal relations as recalled in March 2026: 1. The open border between the two countries rests on the Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1950. 2. The party whose electoral success in Nepal's elections was noted was the Nepali Congress. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q66. Consider the following statements regarding the AI Impact Summit of 16-21 February 2026: 1. It was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. 2. Its theme was 'Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaya'. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q67. Consider the following statements regarding the State visit of Republic of Korea President Lee Jae Myung on 20 April 2026: 1. India announced that it would join the International Solar Alliance. 2. The year 2028-29 has been declared the 'Year of India-ROK Friendship'. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q68. The Indian War Memorial inaugurated at Seoul on 21 May 2026 by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh commemorates which Indian unit?

- (a) 50 Parachute Field Ambulance
- (b) 60 Parachute Brigade
- (c) 60 Field Regiment
- (d) 60 Parachute Field Ambulance

Q69. Consider the following statements regarding BRICS: 1. India holds the BRICS Chairmanship for 2026, having taken over from Brazil. 2. Indonesia joined the grouping in 2025. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q70. Consider the following statements regarding the first Official Visit of Myanmar's President U Min Aung Hlaing (30 May-3 June 2026): 1. Myanmar is the only ASEAN country sharing a land border with India. 2. Mekong-Ganga ICCR scholarships were raised from 36 to 60. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q71. The Letters of Approval handed over in June 2026 to the Universities of Liverpool, Bristol and York and to UNSW for campuses in India were issued under which one of the following?

- (a) The IFSCA framework applicable to GIFT City
- (b) The UGC Foreign HEI Campus Regulations, 2023
- (c) The AICTE Regulations on twinning and joint degrees
- (d) The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010

Q72. Which one of the following statements regarding the G7 Summit of 16-18 June 2026 is correct?

- (a) It was hosted by the United Kingdom, with Prime Minister Keir Starmer in the chair
- (b) It was hosted by France at Evian, and India took part in the Outreach sessions
- (c) India attended it for the first time as a full member of the G7
- (d) India was represented at it by the External Affairs Minister

Q73. Consider the following statements regarding Ethiopia, where Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali's Prosperity Party was returned in June 2026: 1. Its capital Addis Ababa is the seat of the African Union. 2. Ethiopia is a member of BRICS. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q74. Consider the following statements regarding the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit of 2 July 2026: 1. Prime Minister Takaichi, who made her first India visit for it, is Japan's first woman Prime Minister. 2. The 75th anniversary of India-Japan diplomatic relations falls in 2026 and is to be marked as the 'Year of Shared Horizons'. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q75. Which one of the following India-Israel instruments entered into force on 4 July 2026?

- (a) The Free Trade Agreement
- (b) The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
- (c) The Double Contribution Convention
- (d) The Bilateral Investment Agreement

Q76. Which one of the following pairs of a foreign honour conferred on the Prime Minister in 2026 and the conferring country is correctly matched?

- (a) Bintang Adipurna - Malaysia
- (b) Royal Order of the Polar Star - Norway
- (c) Guardian of the Blue Horizon - Seychelles
- (d) Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit - Sweden

Q77. Which one of the following pairs of an Indian institution and the location of its overseas campus is correctly matched?

- (a) IIM Bangalore - Malang, Indonesia
- (b) IIM Ahmedabad - Zanzibar
- (c) IIT Madras - Abu Dhabi
- (d) IIT Delhi - Dubai

Q78. At CAC49 (Geneva, 6-10 July 2026) the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted global standards for three India-linked spices. Which one of the following was NOT among them?

- (a) Large cardamom
- (b) Turmeric
- (c) Coriander
- (d) Vanilla

Q79. Which one of the following countries was NOT visited by President Murmu during her three-nation Europe tour of 20-25 July 2026?

- (a) Moldova
- (b) North Macedonia
- (c) Romania
- (d) Bulgaria

Q80. The 8th Meeting of BRICS Heads of Prosecution Services (20-21 July 2026) was presided over by the Attorney General of India. Which one of the following statements about that office is NOT correct?

- (a) He is appointed by the President of India
- (b) He has the right of audience in all courts in India
- (c) He may take part in the proceedings of Parliament but cannot vote
- (d) He is a government servant holding office for a fixed tenure

Q81. Under India's BRICS Chairship in 2026, which one of the following pairs of a ministerial meeting and its host city is NOT correctly matched?

- (a) Agriculture Ministers - Indore
- (b) Culture Ministers - Bhopal
- (c) Energy Ministers - Nagpur
- (d) Labour Ministers - Hyderabad

Economy

Q82. Which one of the following pairs of an Indian trade agreement and its partner is correctly matched?

- (a) CECTA - Mauritius
- (b) ECTA - EFTA
- (c) TEPA - Australia
- (d) CETA - UAE

Q83. The 14th Ministerial Conference (MC-14) of the World Trade Organization, held on 26-29 March 2026, took place at which one of the following?

- (a) Abu Dhabi, UAE
- (b) Yaounde, Cameroon
- (c) Nairobi, Kenya
- (d) Geneva, Switzerland

Q84. Consider the following statements regarding the Income-tax Act, 2025, which came into force on 1 April 2026: 1. It replaced the Income-tax Act, 1922. 2. It revises the income-tax slab rates. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q85. The Securities and Exchange Board of India, which observed its 38th Foundation Day on 25 April 2026, was given statutory status by which one of the following?

- (a) The SEBI Act, 1992
- (b) The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956
- (c) The Central Boards of Revenue Act, 1963
- (d) The Depositories Act, 1996

Q86. The Unified Payments Interface, which completed 10 years in April 2026, is operated by which one of the following?

- (a) The Reserve Bank of India
- (b) The National Payments Corporation of India
- (c) The Indian Banks' Association
- (d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India

Q87. Which one of the following statements regarding the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane, fixed at Rs 365 per quintal for the 2026-27 sugar season, is correct?

- (a) It is announced by the State Governments as the State Advised Price
- (b) It is fixed by the Reserve Bank of India on the advice of the CACP
- (c) It applies to all notified kharif and rabi crops
- (d) It is fixed by the Centre, while the State Advised Price is set by the States

Q88. Which one of the following is NOT among the Eight Core Industries whose index is compiled by the Office of the Economic Adviser, DPIIT?

- (a) Fertilizers
- (b) Natural Gas
- (c) Textiles
- (d) Refinery Products

Q89. Consider the following statements regarding the new Consumer Price Index series released on 12 February 2026: 1. Its base year is 2011-12. 2. Its weights are drawn from the Consumer Expenditure Survey of 2011-12. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q90. Consider the following statements: 1. The India-UK CETA and the Double Contribution Convention both entered into force on 15 July 2026. 2. The Double Contribution Convention exempts Indian professionals in the United Kingdom from double taxation of income. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q91. Consider the following statements regarding the Goods and Services Tax: 1. It came into force on 1 July 2017 under the 101st Constitutional Amendment and subsumed 17 taxes and 13 cesses. 2. Under GST 2.0, in force from 22 September 2025, the two main slabs are 5% and 18%, with 40% on luxury and sin goods. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q92. The 16th Finance Commission, whose award period covers 2026-31, is chaired by which one of the following?

- (a) N. K. Singh
- (b) Arvind Panagariya
- (c) Vineet Joshi
- (d) R. Venkataramani

Q93. Consider the following statements regarding the Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna': 1. She is the first of three Cadet Training Ships being built for the Indian Navy. 2. She was launched on 16 Feb 2026 at Goa Shipyard Limited. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q94. Exercise MILAN, the Indian Navy's premier multilateral naval exercise, was first held in 1995 at:

- (a) Kochi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Port Blair
- (d) Visakhapatnam

Q95. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Vayu Shakti : pan-India operational exercise of the Indian Air Force
- (b) Gagan Shakti : firepower demonstration held at Pokhran range
- (c) Vayu Shakti 2026 : Pokhran range, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- (d) Vayu Shakti 2024 : Ambala range, Haryana

Q96. 'Shachi', launched on 31 Mar 2026, is the first of how many Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels being built for the Indian Navy?

- (a) 6
- (b) 11
- (c) 14
- (d) 16

Q97. Consider the following statements: 1. Operation Sindoor, whose first anniversary was marked on 07 May 2026, refers to the cross-border strikes of May 2025. 2. Operation Snow Leopard refers to India's standing vigilance on the northern borders. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q98. Consider the following statements regarding the Chief of Defence Staff: 1. The CDS also functions as Secretary, Department of Military Affairs. 2. Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani (Retd), whose appointment was announced in May 2026, succeeded Gen Bipin Rawat as CDS. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q99. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Agni-1 : intermediate-range ballistic missile of about 700-900 km
- (b) Agni-1 : short-range ballistic missile of about 700-900 km
- (c) Strategic Forces Command : developmental launches of Agni missiles
- (d) DRDO : user training launches of Agni missiles

Q100. Consider the following statements: 1. The Andaman & Nicobar Command, created in 2004, is India's only tri-service functional command. 2. The Strategic Forces Command is India's only tri-service operational command. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q101. The first batch of NDA-trained women officers - 17 cadets of the 148th Course commissioned in 2026 - was distributed among the Army, the Air Force and the Navy respectively as:

- (a) 9-5-3
- (b) 5-9-3
- (c) 3-9-5
- (d) 7-6-4

Q102. Consider the following statements regarding Gen Dhiraj Seth, who took over as Chief of the Army Staff w.e.f. 30 Jun 2026: 1. He was commissioned into the Infantry. 2. He succeeded Gen Anil Chauhan as Chief of the Army Staff. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q103. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) DAP 2020 : rulebook for revenue procurement
- (b) DPM 2025 : rulebook for capital acquisition
- (c) DPP 2016 : the rulebook that replaced DAP 2020
- (d) Draft DAP 2026 : indigenous content proposed up to 60 per cent

Q104. Consider the following statements: 1. Exercise Khaan Quest is a multilateral peacekeeping exercise hosted by Mongolia. 2. Nomadic Elephant is the India-Mongolia bilateral exercise. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q105. Of the three ships commissioned together at Kolkata on 21 Jun 2026, which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) INS Dunagiri : survey vessel
- (b) INS Sanshodhak : Arnala-class anti-submarine shallow water craft
- (c) INS Agray : Arnala-class anti-submarine shallow water craft
- (d) INS Dunagiri : fourth and final ship of the Sandhayak class

Q106. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Netra' Airborne Early Warning and Control system: 1. It uses an Israeli radar mounted on an IL-76 aircraft. 2. It received its Final Operational Clearance in 2017. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q107. Which one of the following Project 17A stealth frigates was NOT inducted during 2025?

- (a) Taragiri
- (b) Nilgiri
- (c) Udaygiri
- (d) Himgiri

Q108. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Pitch Black : India-Australia Army exercise
- (b) AUSINDEX : India-Australia naval exercise
- (c) AUSTRALIND : India-Australia air exercise
- (d) Pitch Black : exercise hosted by the Indian Air Force at Darwin

Q109. Consider the following statements regarding foreign direct investment and licensing in the defence sector: 1. FDI in defence is permitted up to 100 per cent under the automatic route. 2. Industrial licence validity has been extended from 7 (+3) years to 15 (+3, maximum 18) years, with lifetime validity now possible under the Arms Act. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q110. The BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility that has begun producing missiles is located at a node of which defence industrial corridor?

- (a) Tamil Nadu corridor, at Coimbatore
- (b) Uttar Pradesh corridor, at Jhansi
- (c) Tamil Nadu corridor, at Hosur
- (d) Uttar Pradesh corridor, at Lucknow

Polity/Bodies

Q111. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Article 338 : National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
- (b) Article 338A : National Commission for Backward Classes
- (c) Article 338B : National Commission for Scheduled Castes
- (d) Article 338A : National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

Q112. Consider the following statements: 1. Lok Sabha seats were frozen by the 42nd Amendment, 1976 and the freeze was extended by the 44th Amendment. 2. The Delimitation Bill 2026 and the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill 2026 propose raising Lok Sabha seats from 543 to about 816. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q113. The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is carried out by the Election Commission under Article 324 read with:

- (a) Section 62 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950
- (b) Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951
- (c) Section 62 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951
- (d) Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950

Q114. Under Article 80, the maximum strength of the Rajya Sabha is:

- (a) 238, of whom 12 are nominated
- (b) 245, of whom 12 are nominated
- (c) 250, of whom 12 are nominated
- (d) 250, of whom 2 are nominated

Q115. The ground of 'internal disturbance' in Article 352, on which the 1975 Emergency was proclaimed, was replaced by 'armed rebellion' by:

- (a) the 42nd Amendment, 1976
- (b) the 44th Amendment, 1978
- (c) the 84th Amendment, 2001
- (d) the 89th Amendment, 2003

Q116. Consider the following statements regarding the Telecommunications Act, 2023: 1. It replaced the Indian Telegraph Act 1885 and the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1933. 2. It also repealed the TRAI Act, 1997. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q117. Which one of the following is NOT among the eight Constitutional Amendments listed in the Lok Sabha reply of 25 July 2026 as having been passed in twelve years?

- (a) 97th Amendment - cooperative societies
- (b) 100th Amendment - India-Bangladesh boundary
- (c) 102nd Amendment - National Commission for Backward Classes
- (d) 105th Amendment - states' OBC lists

Q118. Consider the following statements regarding the Ninth Schedule: 1. It was created by the First Amendment, 1951, with Article 31B shielding the laws listed in it from challenge on the ground of violation of fundamental rights. 2. Following the I.R. Coelho judgment (2007), laws inserted into the Ninth Schedule after 24 April 1973 remain open to review on basic-structure grounds. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Infra

Q119. Consider the following statements regarding the Kolkata (Syama Prasad Mookerjee) Port: 1. Renamed Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in 2020, it is India's only riverine Major Port. 2. It is India's second-oldest Major Port, Mumbai (1873) being the oldest. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q120. The Zojila tunnel, whose main-tunnel breakthrough at Minamarg was witnessed in June 2026, runs on NH-1 and will connect:

- (a) Manali with Lahaul
- (b) Jammu & Kashmir with Ladakh
- (c) Himachal Pradesh with Ladakh
- (d) Leh with Manali

Q121. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Vande Bharat : train of India's first Regional Rapid Transit System
- (b) Amrit Bharat : the Regional Rapid Transit System train on the Delhi-Meerut corridor
- (c) Namu Bharat : budget LHB train
- (d) Namu Bharat : train of India's first Regional Rapid Transit System

Environment

Q122. The International Solar Alliance, which recorded 125 member and signatory countries on its Foundation Day in March 2026, has its headquarters at:

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Gurugram
- (d) Hyderabad

Q123. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Carbon Market Portal launched at the Prakriti 2026 conference: 1. It was launched by the Ministry of Power and is administered by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency. 2. It operationalises the Green Credit Programme, a voluntary plantation-based mechanism. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q124. Galathea Bay, in the news in connection with the Great Nicobar holistic development project, is best known as:

- (a) the mass-nesting beach of the Olive Ridley turtle
- (b) India's largest brackish-water lagoon
- (c) a coral atoll designated a Ramsar site
- (d) the nesting site of the leatherback turtle

Q125. The International Big Cat Alliance, whose first Summit was announced for New Delhi in June 2026, covers seven big cats. Which one of the following among them does NOT occur in the wild in India?

- (a) Snow leopard
- (b) Tiger
- (c) Jaguar
- (d) Leopard

Q126. Which one of the following pairs relating to Project Cheetah is correctly matched?

- (a) Namibia - February 2023
- (b) Botswana - February 2026
- (c) South Africa - September 2022
- (d) Kenya - March 2026

Q127. Consider the following statements regarding the Ken-Betwa Link Project: 1. It transfers surplus water from the Betwa to the Ken. 2. The Daudhan Dam built for the link lies partly inside the Panna Tiger Reserve. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q128. Which one of the following statements about the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), which invoked and then revoked GRAP Stage-I in May 2026, is correct?

- (a) It is a statutory body under an Act of 2021 and replaced the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority.
- (b) It is a committee of the Central Pollution Control Board with jurisdiction across the country.
- (c) It prepares the air quality forecasts on which the GRAP stages are invoked.
- (d) The Graded Response Action Plan under it has three stages, Stage-I applying to the 'Severe' band.

Q129. Consider the following statements: 1. The Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, was designated India's 100th Ramsar site. 2. Indore and Udaipur were India's first cities accredited as Ramsar Wetland Cities. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q130. The World Day to Combat Desertification is observed on 17 June under the UNCCD. Which one of the following is NOT one of the three Rio Conventions?

- (a) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- (b) Convention on Biological Diversity
- (c) United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- (d) Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

Q131. Which one of the following statements about the National Biodiversity Authority is correct?

- (a) It was constituted in 2003 and is headquartered at Chennai.
- (b) It retains 85 to 90 per cent of Access and Benefit Sharing receipts and passes the balance to State Biodiversity Boards.
- (c) The Access and Benefit Sharing obligations it enforces flow from the Cartagena Protocol.
- (d) Sandalwood accounts for about 45 per cent of its Access and Benefit Sharing receipts.

Q132. The reintroduction of tigers failed for want of community support at which one of the following tiger reserves?

- (a) Panna, Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Sariska, Rajasthan
- (c) Satkosia, Odisha
- (d) Kanha, Madhya Pradesh

Q133. Which one of the following pairs, relating to the institutional structure of Namami Gange, is correctly matched?

- (a) National Ganga Council - Union Minister of Jal Shakti
- (b) National Ganga Council - Prime Minister
- (c) Empowered Task Force on Ganga Rejuvenation - Prime Minister
- (d) National Mission for Clean Ganga - Prime Minister

Q134. Consider the following statements regarding Asiatic lions: 1. The 2025 census counted 674 lions, up from 523 in 2015. 2. Project Lion was announced on 15 August 2020. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q135. Which one of the following statements about Glaw Lake, added to the Ramsar list in August 2026, is correct?

- (a) It is India's 100th Ramsar site.
- (b) It is Sikkim's first Ramsar site.
- (c) It is a man-made reservoir in the Western Ghats.
- (d) It lies within the Kamlang Tiger Reserve and is Arunachal Pradesh's first Ramsar site.

Q136. Consider the following statements regarding India's 2031-35 Nationally Determined Contribution approved in March 2026: 1. It targets a 47 per cent reduction in emissions intensity from the 2005 level. 2. It targets a 50 per cent share for non-fossil sources in installed power capacity by 2035. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Sci/Tech

Q137. Consider the following statements regarding Mission Mausam: 1. It is implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. 2. The Bharat Forecast System introduced under it is a dedicated weather satellite. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q138. The 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam, which attained first criticality on 6 April 2026, is operated by:

- (a) NPCIL
- (b) BHAVINI
- (c) IGCAR
- (d) BARC

Q139. Which one of the following is NOT one of the four Thematic Hubs of the National Quantum Mission?

- (a) Quantum Communication
- (b) Quantum Sensing and Metrology
- (c) Quantum Software and Algorithms
- (d) Quantum Materials and Devices

Q140. Kavach, sanctioned across Indian Railways divisions in its Version 4.0, is:

- (a) an indigenous Automatic Train Protection system that prevents Signal Passing at Danger
- (b) an anti-derailment device fitted under coaches
- (c) a fog-vision aid for locomotive pilots
- (d) a satellite-based passenger information system

Q141. Consider the following statements: 1. APAAR, the One Nation One Student ID, is a 12-digit identifier maintained in DigiLocker. 2. Credits deposited in the Academic Bank of Credits remain valid for up to seven years. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q142. The outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for Semicon 2.0 in July 2026 is:

- (a) Rs 76,000 crore
- (b) Rs 1,00,000 crore
- (c) Rs 1.64 lakh crore
- (d) Rs 1,27,500 crore

Q143. Vikram-1, which reached Low Earth Orbit in July 2026 as the first orbital launch by an Indian private company, was built by which company and flown from which site?

- (a) Agnikul Cosmos - Sriharikota
- (b) Skyroot Aerospace - Sriharikota
- (c) Skyroot Aerospace - Thumba
- (d) Agnikul Cosmos - Thumba

Q144. Marketing authorisation for Qdenga, India's first approved dengue vaccine, was granted in July 2026 by:

- (a) Indian Council of Medical Research
- (b) Department of Biotechnology
- (c) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
- (d) National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control

Q145. Which one of the following is NOT among ISRO's four operational launch vehicles?

- (a) PSLV
- (b) SSLV
- (c) LVM3
- (d) ASLV

Q146. The Geological Survey of India, which got its first woman Director General in July 2026, functions under the:

- (a) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (b) Ministry of Mines
- (c) Department of Science and Technology
- (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Q147. India's first fully annotated telomere-to-telomere reference genome, approved in August 2026 as the crop's global reference genome, is that of the variety 'Asha' of:

- (a) pigeonpea
- (b) chickpea
- (c) soybean
- (d) rice

Q148. Consider the following statements regarding the SHANTI Act notified in December 2025: 1. It retains the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board as a regulator constituted by executive order. 2. It applies a uniform nuclear liability regime to all categories of facilities. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q149. Consider the following statements regarding the IndiaAI Mission: 1. It is run by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology with an outlay of about Rs 10,372 crore. 2. Intellectual property in the indigenous foundation models it supports vests in the Government of India. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q150. Which one of the following pairs of Gaganyaan partner and role is correctly matched?

- (a) European Space Agency - crew recovery
- (b) Australia - flight surgeons
- (c) Russia (Roscosmos) - crew training and a crew seat
- (d) France (CNES) - ground station network

ANSWER KEY & ONE-LINE REASONS

Q1 — (a) A Lakhpati Didi earns at least Rs 1 lakh annually; DAY-NRLM belongs to the Ministry of Rural Development, not MWCD, and the Lakhpati Didi target was raised from 3 crore to 6 crore. *[DAY-NRLM and the 6-crore Lakhpati Didi target]*

Q2 — (c) PLI covers 14 sectors, each run by its own line ministry, with about Rs 1.91 lakh crore of combined outlay, and pays on incremental production/sales, not on capex. *[PLI at a glance - 14 sectors, Rs 1.91 lakh crore]*

Q3 — (d) The 7 PM MITRA parks are at Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu), Warangal, Navsari, Kalaburagi, Dhar, the Lucknow area and Amravati; Bhilwara is not among them. *[PM MITRA parks - Virudhunagar allots its first big land block]*

Q4 — (a) PMBJP is run by the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers - not by MoHFW. *[PMBJP - 19,200+ Jan Aushadhi Kendras]*

Q5 — (c) The KCC limit under MISS now stands at Rs 5 lakh, of which loans up to Rs 2 lakh are collateral-free. *[Kisan Credit Card: 7.72 crore cards, Rs 5 lakh MISS limit]*

Q6 — (a) The NPG sits in DPIIT's Logistics Division and only appraises multimodal projects; final approval rests with the Empowered Group of Secretaries. *[PM GatiShakti - Network Planning Group appraisals]*

Q7 — (b) The Blue Revolution dates from 2015 - 2020 is the year of PMMSY (Rs 20,050 crore); India is the second-largest fish producer at about 8 per cent of world output. *[Blue Revolution-FIDF-PMMSY fisheries stack]*

Q8 — (c) Sagarmala's five pillars are port modernisation, port connectivity, port-led industrialisation, coastal community development, and coastal shipping and IWT; shipbuilding clusters are not a pillar. *[Sagarmala pillars and SMFCL, first maritime NBFC]*

Q9 — (c) UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) began in October 2016; Modified UDAN was approved on 25 March 2026 with Rs 28,840 crore over 10 years, and the next phase 'Viksit UDAN' was launched at Jodhpur on 4 July 2026. *[Modified UDAN approved; Viksit UDAN launched]*

Q10 — (d) Poshan 2.0 merges Anganwadi Services, POSHAN Abhiyaan (8 March 2018) and the Scheme for Adolescent Girls; PMMVY is not one of the merged components. *[Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 + Poshan Tracker]*

Q11 — (a) Van Dhan Vikas Kendras run under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission with TRIFED as nodal agency under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs; MSP for Minor Forest Produce is distinct from CACP-fixed crop MSP, and Tribes India outlets are TRIFED's. *[Van Dhan Vikas Kendras under PMJVM (TRIFED, Minor Forest Produce)]*

Q12 — (b) PMMY lends in four slabs - Shishu, Kishor, Tarun and TarunPlus (up to Rs 20 lakh); there is no 'Yuva' category. *[PM MUDRA Yojana at 11: Rs 40 lakh crore milestone]*

Q13 — (b) PMAY-G is the Ministry of Rural Development's scheme (PMAY-U 2.0 is MoHUA's); beneficiaries come from SECC-2011 and Awaas+, with unit assistance of Rs 1.20 lakh in plain and Rs 1.30 lakh in hilly/NE/IAP areas. *[PMAY-Gramin - assistance amounts and selection base]*

Q14 — (d) PM POSHAN (PM Poshan Shakti Nirman), renamed in 2021 from the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, is run by the Ministry of Education; Anganwadi nutrition under Poshan 2.0 is WCD's. *[PM POSHAN - Ministry of Education school meal]*

Q15 — (c) PM SVANidhi lends to street vendors in rising collateral-free tranches of Rs 10,000, Rs 20,000 and Rs 50,000; there is no Rs 30,000 tranche. *[PM SVANidhi at six years - street vendors]*

Q16 — (c) BBBP was launched on 22 January 2015 and is run by three ministries - MWCD (nodal), MoHFW and Education; its 11-year review put the Sex Ratio at Birth at 929 in 2024-25, up from 918 in 2014-15. *[Beti Bachao Beti Padhao - three ministries, SRB 929]*

Q17 — (b) PM-VBRY is the Ministry of Labour and Employment's employment-linked incentive scheme delivered through EPFO, rewarding first-time formal employees and job-creating employers. *[PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana - Rs 2,400 crore first payout]*

Q18 — (d) The VB-G RAM G Act raises the guarantee to 125 days a year at a wage floor of Rs 300 a day, and on commencing nationwide on 1 July 2026 it repealed MGNREGA, 2005. *[VB-G RAM G Act 2025 in force 1 July 2026 - MGNREGA repealed]*

Q19 — (b) The Digital Bharat Nidhi is simply the renamed USOF under the Telecommunications Act, 2023; the Amended BharatNet Programme was cleared by the Cabinet in August 2023 at about Rs 1.39 lakh crore. *[Amended BharatNet: Rs 5,629 crore Gujarat rollout]*

Q20 — (d) Sacred groves are called Devrai in Maharashtra, Kavu in Kerala, Orans in Rajasthan and Law Kyntang in Meghalaya; the Aastha Van Sanrakshan Yojana covers about 15,000 of them. *[Aastha Van Sanrakshan Yojana - Rs 3,000 crore for 15,000 sacred groves]*

Q21 — (b) PMFME gives a 35 per cent credit-linked capital subsidy capped at Rs 10 lakh per unit, following the One District One Product approach. *[PMFME crosses 2 lakh credit-linked units]*

Q22 — (c) SMILE - Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise - has exactly two sub-schemes: rehabilitation of persons engaged in begging, and welfare of transgender persons through Garima Greh shelters. *[SMILE - beggary rehabilitation in 216 cities]*

Q23 — (a) Under Jansuraksha, PMJJBY is the Rs 2 lakh life cover for ages 18-50 while PMSBY is the accident cover for ages 18-70. *[Jan Dhan and Jansuraksha: the July 2026 numbers]*

Q24 — (b) In PMKSY (2015), AIBP and Har Khet Ko Pani sit with the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Watershed Development with the Department of Land Resources, and Per Drop More Crop on the agriculture side. *[PMKSY: umbrella irrigation scheme restated]*

Q25 — (d) PM-YASASVI, for OBC, EBC and DNT students, is an umbrella of four components - Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, Top Class Schools and Top Class Colleges; there is no overseas scholarship component in it. *[PM-YASASVI umbrella for OBC, EBC, DNT students]*

Q26 — (d) Vidya Pravesh (2021) is the three-month school-readiness module, Jaadui Pitara (2023) is the 53-item play kit, and NIPUN Bharat targets foundational literacy and numeracy by the end of Grade 2. *[NIPUN Bharat and the FLN stack]*

Q27 — (c) The Green Credit Rules of 12 October 2023 rest on the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and plantation credits accrue only after 5 years at 40 per cent canopy density, with ICFRE Dehradun as the Administrator. *[Green Credit Programme - ICFRE-run, 40% canopy rule]*

Q28 — (b) PM Surya Ghar targets 1 crore households with an outlay of Rs 75,021 crore; it crossed 50.06 lakh rooftop-solar installations on 4 August 2026. *[PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana crosses 50 lakh rooftop installations]*

Q29 — (a) One Stop Centres sit in the Sambal (safety and security) vertical of Mission Shakti, not Samarthya; 1,033 were approved and 991 operational as of August 2026. *[One Stop Centres - 991 operational, 15.2 lakh women assisted]*

Q30 — (a) Jiyo Parsi, running since 2013, is the only minority scheme aimed at raising a community's population - 534 births since 2014-15 at a cost of Rs 37.43 crore. *[Jiyo Parsi - the population-revival outlier]*

Q31 — (d) VVP-II is a Central Sector scheme of Rs 6,839 crore, and it is VVP-II - not VVP-I - that covers 1,954 villages in 334 blocks across 17 States/UTs; VVP-I is Centrally Sponsored and covers 46 blocks on the northern border. *[Vibrant Villages Programme-II: the paired-scheme trap]*

Q32 — (a) JJM was launched on 15 August 2019 and is the rural tap-water mission of the Ministry of Jal Shakti - urban water supply is AMRUT's domain; rural coverage has risen from 16.72 per cent to 82.24 per cent. *[Jal Jeevan Mission at 7 years - tap coverage 16.7% to 82%]*

Q33 — (a) The 92nd Amendment (2003) added Santali along with Bodo, Dogri and Maithili; Konkani was not part of that group. Ol Chiki, invented in 1925 by Pandit Raghunath Murmu, is the script, while Santali is the Eighth Schedule language. *[Ol Chiki script centenary - Raghunath Murmu's gift at 100]*

Q34 — (b) World Hindi Day falls on 10 January. International Mother Language Day, marked on 21 February 2026 with the release of Gujarati and Tamil diglot editions of the Constitution, is a UNESCO observance, and Hindi Diwas is on 14 September. *[International Mother Language Day - Constitution in Gujarati and Tamil]*

Q35 — (c) 'Boong' is an NFDC-supported Manipuri film set in Manipur; the win was at BAFTA, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, and not at the Oscars. *['Boong' wins BAFTA 2026 - Manipuri film first]*

Q36 — (d) Both are wrong. The UN General Assembly declared 2026 the International Year of Women Farmers; 2023 was the International Year of Millets. The New Delhi conference of 12-14 March 2026 was organised by the Ministry of Agriculture with the FAO. *[2026 - UN International Year of Women Farmers]*

Q37 — (a) The Akademi, established in 1954, is autonomous under the Ministry of Culture, but its 2025 awards were announced in 24 languages - the 22 Eighth Schedule languages plus English and Rajasthani. *[Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025 in 24 languages]*

Q38 — (c) The Dadasaheb Phalke Award, instituted in 1969, is conferred by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, not the Ministry of Culture, and is distinct from privately run 'Phalke Excellence' events. *[Asha Bhosle passes away - Parliament obituary]*

Q39 — (a) Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 is the athlete-centric national sports policy that replaced NSP 2001; the statute of 2025 is the National Sports Governance Act, and Khelo India is the scheme. *[Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 - the new national sports policy]*

Q40 — (d) The Shiva Nataraja of about 990 CE is Chola; the Somaskanda is of the 12th century and Saint Sundarar with Paravai is a 16th-century Vijayanagara bronze. The return was from the USA, not the UK. *[Chola bronzes repatriated from the Smithsonian]*

Q41 — (b) Goa became the 25th State on 30 May 1987, which is Goa Statehood Day; 19 December marks Goa Liberation Day, of Operation Vijay in 1961. The 71st Amendment of 1992 did add Konkani to the Eighth Schedule. *[Goa Statehood Day - 30 May, the 25th State]*

Q42 — (c) Both hold. The Ministry of Ayush led the 2026 observance from Red Road, Kolkata; the first observance was on 21 June 2015, the summer solstice, at Rajpath. *[IDY 2026 - Yoga for Healthy Ageing, Kolkata]*

Q43 — (b) WAVES OTT is Prasar Bharati's streaming app, launched in November 2024; the WAVES Summit is the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's mega-event and WAVES Film

Bazaar sits at IFFI. *[WAVES ecosystem - OTT crosses 1 crore users]*

Q44 — (a) The Tribunal, headquartered in New Delhi, rests on the National Sports Governance Act 2025 but adjudicates sports disputes; it is the National Sports Board that grants recognition to national sports bodies. *[National Sports Tribunal under NSG Act 2025]*

Q45 — (d) The Golden Conch is the top award of MIFF, South Asia's oldest festival for non-feature films, run by NFDC under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; IFFI's top prize is the Golden Peacock. *[19th MIFF 2026 - Golden Conch to Polish film 'Silver']*

Q46 — (b) The Ministry of Home Affairs administers the Padma Awards, which the President confers at Rashtrapati Bhavan; the three classes in order are Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, the Bharat Ratna being a separate award. *[Padma Awards 2026 conferred in two investiture ceremonies]*

Q47 — (c) The three trophies are the Durand Cup, the President's Cup and the Shimla Trophy. The IFA Shield is a separate and younger tournament; the Durand Cup, first played at Shimla in 1888, is Asia's oldest football tournament. *[Durand Cup 2026 - President unveils three trophies]*

Q48 — (a) Ahmedabad hosts the 2030 Commonwealth Games, 100 years after the first British Empire Games at Hamilton, Canada, in 1930; Glasgow hosted the 2026 edition. *[CWG 2030 - centenary Games in Ahmedabad]*

Q49 — (b) 'Article 370' won Best Feature Film, carrying the Swarna Kamal and Rs 3,00,000. 'Bhangaar' was Best Non-Feature, while 'Bramayugam' and 'Chandu Champion' brought Mammooty and Kartik Aaryan the shared Best Actor award. The 2026 announcement covered films of 2024. *[72nd National Film Awards (2024) - 'Article 370' best film]*

Q50 — (d) The seven Zonal Cultural Centres, set up in 1985-86, are headquartered at Patiala, Udaipur, Nagpur, Thanjavur, Kolkata, Dimapur and Prayagraj; Bhopal is not among them. *[Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana and the 7 Zonal Cultural Centres]*

Q51 — (c) The four categories are Land, Water (Sea), Air and Lifetime Achievement. The award, India's highest adventure honour, carries a bronze statuette and Rs 15 lakh and is ranked equivalent to the Arjuna Award, not the Khel Ratna. *[Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2025 nominations]*

Q52 — (a) Khangchendzonga National Park remains India's only mixed site in a tally of 45 that is 37 cultural, 7 natural and 1 mixed. Sarnath is the 45th site and Maratha Military Landscapes the 44th; the 48th session met at Busan, South Korea. *[Sarnath inscribed - India's 45th World Heritage Site]*

Q53 — (d) Lovlina Borgohain took silver in the 75kg class. The five women's boxing golds went to Preeti (54kg), Sakshi (51kg), Jasmine Lamboria (57kg), Priya Ghangas (60kg) and Arundhati Choudhary (70kg). *[CWG 2026 gold-winners - the names that pin questions]*

Q54 — (b) Deepavali is indeed India's 16th intangible heritage element, after Garba as the 15th in 2023, but the governing instrument is the 2003 Convention on Intangible Cultural Heritage, ratified by India in 2005, not the 1972 World Heritage Convention. The decision came at 20.COM at the Red Fort in December 2025. *[Deepavali - India's 16th UNESCO intangible heritage element]*

Q55 — (a) The 7 August date honours the launch of the Swadeshi Movement in 1905 against the Partition of Bengal, and not Quit India of 8 August 1942; but the Day, observed since 2015, belongs to the Ministry of Textiles, which presents the Sant Kabir Handloom Awards. *[12th National Handloom Day - Sant Kabir awards]*

Q56 — (c) Both hold. Vande Mataram, the National Song, was first sung at the Congress session of 1896, and the 80th Independence Day, themed on 150 years of Vande Mataram, saw it sung from the Red Fort ramparts for the first time. Jana Gana Mana is the National Anthem. *[80th Independence Day - Vande Mataram sung from Red Fort]*

Q57 — (d) Akademi Ratna is the Fellowship, capped at 40 living Fellows and carrying Rs 3,00,000; Akademi Puraskar is the Award, at Rs 1,00,000, and the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar carries Rs 25,000. *[Sangeet Natak Akademi honours for 2024 and 2025]*

Q58 — (b) PRASHAD, the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive, and Swadesh Darshan belong to the Ministry of Tourism; Adopt a Heritage 2.0, which fields 'Monument Mitras', is run by the ASI under the Ministry of Culture. *[Adopt a Heritage 2.0 and PRASHAD - the running numbers]*

Q59 — (c) Only the Code on Wages is of 2019; the Industrial Relations, Social Security and Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Codes are all of 2020. Enforcement in November 2025 came five years after enactment. *[The four Labour Codes - regional rollout conferences]*

Q60 — (d) Both are wrong. West Bengal was the 36th and last State/UT to join, on 8 June 2026, adding about 1.43 crore families, with Odisha and Delhi having joined in 2025; the cover is Rs 5 lakh per family per year. *[West Bengal - 36th and last to join PM-JAY]*

Q61 — (c) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla represented India at Dhaka and handed over PM Modi's invitation to visit India; Tarique Rahman, son of former PM Khaleda Zia, leads the Bangladesh Nationalist Party. *[Bangladesh's new PM Tarique Rahman - Om Birla at swearing-in]*

Q62 — (d) The IGC trilateral, which runs a Business and Investment Council, is India-Greece-Cyprus; Israel belongs to I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA), the grouping IGC is confused with. *[Visit of Greek PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis (18-19 Feb)]*

Q63 — (b) Pax Silica secures the 'silicon stack' - critical minerals through semiconductor fabrication to AI systems - and works to cut supply-chain over-concentration and resist economic coercion; it is neither a defence pact nor a UN body. *[India joins the US-led 'Pax Silica' coalition]*

Q64 — (a) The GCC, established in 1981 with headquarters at Riyadh, has exactly 6 members - Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain; Iraq, Yemen and Jordan are not members. *[India-GCC FTA: Terms of Reference + Joint Statement]*

Q65 — (a) The 1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship underpins the open border; the electoral success named was that of the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), whose Chairman Rabi Lamichhane visited Delhi on 2-3 June 2026. *[Nepal: peaceful elections, RSP's rise, Lamichhane's Delhi visit]*

Q66 — (c) The summit was held at Bharat Mandapam, which stands in Pragati Maidan and not at Yashobhoomi in Dwarka, under the theme 'Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya'; it was the first global AI summit hosted in the Global South. *[India hosts the AI Impact Summit at Bharat Mandapam]*

Q67 — (b) It was the Republic of Korea that agreed to join the International Solar Alliance, while India agreed to join the GGGI; the Friendship Year is the future-dated 2028-29, and the CEPA was taken up for upgrade. *[ROK President Lee Jae Myung's State visit; 2028-29 Friendship Year]*

Q68 — (d) The memorial commemorates the 60 Parachute Field Ambulance, the medical unit India deployed under the UN flag in 1950-53; India's Korean War contribution was medical, not combat. *[Indian War Memorial inaugurated in Seoul]*

Q69 — (c) Brazil chaired BRICS in 2025 (Rio Summit) and handed the chair to India for 2026; the expansion brought in Ethiopia in the earlier intake and Indonesia in 2025. *[India's BRICS Chairmanship 2026]*

Q70 — (a) Myanmar is the only ASEAN state with a land border with India; the Mekong-Ganga ICCR scholarships were raised from 36 to 100, not 60, and Rupee-Kyat settlement has run since May 2024. *[First Official Visit of Myanmar's President U Min Aung Hlaing]*

Q71 — (b) The UGC issued the Letters of Approval under its Foreign HEI Campus Regulations 2023, a Letter of Intent preceding the LoA; Deakin and Wollongong operate in GIFT City under IFSCA, a separate route. *[Foreign campuses: Liverpool, Bristol, York, UNSW]*

Q72 — (b) France hosted the 2026 G7 at Evian; PM Modi attended the Outreach sessions - India is not a G7 member but an invited outreach partner - and held bilaterals including one with UK PM Keir Starmer. *[India at the G7 Summit, Evian (France), 16-18 Jun]*

Q73 — (c) Landlocked Ethiopia has Addis Ababa as both its capital and the African Union headquarters, and joined BRICS in the grouping's expansion; Abiy Ahmed Ali won the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize. *[Ethiopia: Abiy Ahmed's Prosperity Party returned]*

Q74 — (a) Takaichi is Japan's first woman Prime Minister; the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations falls in 2027, to be celebrated as the 'India-Japan Year of Shared Horizons'. *[16th India-Japan Annual Summit: PM Takaichi's first India visit]*

Q75 — (d) The India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement, signed on 8 September 2025 at New Delhi, entered into force on 4 July 2026; the FTA stayed under negotiation, its second round concluding on 24 July 2026. *[India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement in force]*

Q76 — (c) Seychelles conferred the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' in June 2026; the Bintang Adipurna is Indonesia's highest civilian award, the Polar Star is Sweden's and the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit is Norway's. *[Bintang Adipurna: Indonesia's highest civilian award to PM Modi]*

Q77 — (a) IIM Bangalore's first international campus is at Singhasari SEZ, Malang, Indonesia; IIM Ahmedabad is at Dubai, IIT Delhi at Abu Dhabi and IIT Madras at Zanzibar, the first IIT abroad. *[IIM Bangalore campus at Singhasari SEZ, Indonesia]*

Q78 — (b) Standards were adopted for large cardamom, coriander and vanilla, finalised earlier at CCSCH-8 at Guwahati (October 2025); India hosts the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs with the Spices Board as Secretariat. *[Codex adopts three India-shaped spice standards]*

Q79 — (d) The tour covered Moldova (Chisinau), North Macedonia (Skopje) and Romania (Bucharest); the Moldova and North Macedonia legs were the first ever by an Indian President, the Romania leg the first in nearly three decades. *[President Murmu's 3-nation Europe tour: two historic firsts]*

Q80 — (d) The Attorney General, an office under Article 76 and held by R. Venkataramani, is neither a government servant nor a holder of fixed tenure; the Solicitor General is a separate, non-constitutional office. *[8th BRICS Heads of Prosecution Services meeting - AGI presides]*

Q81 — (c) The 11th Energy ministerial was held at Gurugram, Nagpur hosting the 3rd Transport ministerial; the 'Indore Declaration' came from agriculture and the 'Bhopal Declaration' from culture. *[BRICS 2026 ministerials: the host-city match list]*

Q82 — (a) In India's nine-agreement FTA network, CECTA pairs with Mauritius (2021), ECTA with Australia (2022), TEPA with EFTA and CETA with the United Kingdom (2025); the UAE agreement is a CEPA. *[India's FTA network reaches nine]*

agreements]

Q83 — (b) MC-14 was held at Yaounde under Cameroon's chairmanship; Abu Dhabi hosted MC-13 (2024), Geneva MC-12 (2022) and Nairobi MC-10 (2015). The Ministerial Conference is the WTO's highest decision-making body. *[WTO MC-14 held at Yaounde, Cameroon]*

Q84 — (d) The 2025 Act replaced the six-decade-old Income-tax Act, 1961, and only simplifies the language and structure of the law without changing tax policy or slabs; the CBDT notified the Income-tax Rules 2026 on 20 March 2026. *[Income-tax Act, 2025 in force from 1 April 2026]*

Q85 — (a) SEBI was constituted on 12 April 1988 and made statutory by the SEBI Act, 1992; on its 38th Foundation Day it launched 'Mission Jagrook', a nationwide investor-awareness drive. *[SEBI's 38th Foundation Day and 'Mission Jagrook']*

Q86 — (b) NPCI, incorporated in 2008 as the RBI-IBA umbrella non-profit, operates UPI under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, while the RBI regulates it; UPI was launched on 11 April 2016. *[UPI at 10: Rs 314 lakh crore in FY26]*

Q87 — (d) The FRP was fixed by the CCEA on CACP advice under the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, at Rs 365/qlt for a 10.25% basic recovery rate; the State Advised Price is set by States and the MSP covers kharif and rabi crops. *[Sugarcane FRP Rs 365/qlt for 2026-27]*

Q88 — (c) The eight are Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity, carrying a combined 40.27% weight in the IIP, Refinery Products the heaviest; textiles is not among them. *[Eight Core Industries (ICI): April 2026 at +1.7%]*

Q89 — (d) The new CPI series has base 2024=100, replacing base 2012, and draws its weights from the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2023-24; the basket was enlarged from 299 to 358 items. *[CPI rebased to 2024=100 (from 2012)]*

Q90 — (a) Both instruments took effect on 15 July 2026, but the DCC covers social security contributions - the exemption extended from 3 to 5 years - while double taxation of income is the domain of a DTAA. *[India-UK CETA and Double Contribution Convention in force 15 Jul 2026]*

Q91 — (c) GST, a destination-based consumption tax, began on 1 July 2017 under the 101st Amendment; GST 2.0, cleared at the 56th GST Council meeting, retained main slabs of 5% and 18% plus 40% on luxury and sin goods. *[Nine Years of GST - the consolidated fact-sheet]*

Q92 — (b) The 16th Finance Commission is chaired by Arvind Panagariya and covers 2026-31; the 15th Finance Commission's award, with 41% devolution, ran 2021-26, and the advance devolution of Rs 1,09,019 crore released on 1 August 2026 was formula-driven and untied. *[Advance tax devolution of Rs 1,09,019 crore to states]*

Q93 — (a) Krishna (Yard 18003) is the first of 3 Cadet Training Ships, but she was launched at the L&T shipyard, Kattupalli (Chennai), not at Goa Shipyard. *[Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna' launched at L&T Kattupalli]*

Q94 — (c) MILAN began in 1995 at Port Blair and is now biennial; the 2026 edition, with 74 countries, was hosted by Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam. *[Exercise MILAN 2026 - 74 countries at Visakhapatnam]*

Q95 — (c) Vayu Shakti 2026 was the IAF firepower demonstration at Pokhran range, Jaisalmer, on 27 Feb 2026; Gagan Shakti is the IAF's pan-India operational exercise and Vayu Shakti-2024 was held at the same Pokhran range. *[Exercise VAYU SHAKTI 2026 at Pokhran]*

Q96 — (b) Shachi (Yard 1280), built by Goa Shipyard Ltd, is the first of 11 NGOPVs for the Navy, built concurrently at GSL Goa

and GRSE Kolkata; the separate Coast Guard NGOPV project is of 6 ships. *[NGOPV 'Shachi' launched at Goa Shipyard]*

Q97 — (c) Both are correct - Op Sindoor (May 2025 strikes) was commemorated on 07 May 2026 with an '88-hours' run, while Op Snow Leopard is the standing northern-borders vigilance; both were cited in 2026 speeches. *[Operation Sindoor - first anniversary commemorations]*

Q98 — (a) The CDS doubles as Secretary, DMA and Permanent Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee; Subramani succeeded Gen Anil Chauhan, whose tenure ended 30 May 2026 - Gen Bipin Rawat was the first CDS when the post was created in Jan 2020. *[Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani (Retd) appointed CDS]*

Q99 — (b) Agni-1 is the shortest-range Agni, an SRBM of about 700-900 km; the Strategic Forces Command, under the Nuclear Command Authority, conducts user training launches while DRDO conducts developmental ones. *[Agni-1 SRBM training launch by SFC]*

Q100 — (d) Neither is correct - the ANC, created in 2001 with headquarters at Sri Vijaya Puram, is India's only tri-service OPERATIONAL command, while the Strategic Forces Command is tri-service but FUNCTIONAL. *[VAdm Vineet McCarty - 20th C-in-C Andaman & Nicobar Command]*

Q101 — (a) The 17 women of the 148th Course split 9 Army (IMA), 5 IAF (AFA) and 3 Navy (INA); the 37 women among 231 cadets at the AFA parade is a separate figure. *[First NDA women cadets commissioned - 17 officers]*

Q102 — (d) Neither is correct - Gen Dhiraj Seth was commissioned into the Armoured Corps in Dec 1986 and succeeded Gen Upendra Dwivedi on the latter's superannuation; Gen Anil Chauhan was the outgoing CDS. *[Gen Dhiraj Seth takes over as Chief of the Army Staff]*

Q103 — (d) DAP governs capital acquisition and DPM revenue procurement; the line runs DPP 2016 to DAP 2020 to DPM 2025 (notified Oct 2025) to draft DAP 2026, which proposes indigenous content up to 60 per cent. *[Procurement rulebooks: DAP 2020, DPM 2025, draft DAP 2026]*

Q104 — (c) Both are correct - Khaan Quest 2026 (20 Jun-03 Jul, Ulaanbaatar) was the 23rd iteration and has been multilateral since 2006, while Nomadic Elephant is the India-Mongolia bilateral exercise. *[Exercise KHAAN QUEST 2026 - 23rd iteration, Mongolia]*

Q105 — (c) All three were GRSE-built - Dunagiri is the 5th Project 17A stealth frigate, Sanshodhak the 4th and final Sandhayak-class survey vessel and Agray an Arnala-class ASW shallow water craft. *[PM tri-commissioning at Kolkata: Dunagiri, Sanshodhak, Agray]*

Q106 — (d) Neither is correct - Netra is a DRDO (CABS) radar on an Embraer jet, and its Initial Operational Clearance came in 2017 with Final Operational Clearance on 25 Jun 2026; the Israeli radar on an IL-76 is the Phalcon AWACS. *[Netra AEW&C gets Final Operational Clearance]*

Q107 — (a) Taragiri was inducted in Apr 2026; the 2025 inductions were Nilgiri (Jan 2025) and Udaygiri and Himgiri (Aug 2025), with Mahendragiri - MDL-built but commissioned into the Eastern Fleet at Visakhapatnam on 11 Jul 2026 - the 6th of the class. *[INS Mahendragiri commissioned - 6th P-17A in 1.5 years]*

Q108 — (b) Pitch Black is the RAAF's biennial multinational air combat exercise at Darwin, where the IAF fielded Rafales in 2026; AUSTRALIND is the Army exercise and AUSINDEX the naval one. *[Exercise PITCH BLACK 2026 - IAF Rafales at Darwin]*

Q109 — (b) Only the second is correct - 74 per cent is the automatic-route cap for defence FDI and anything beyond it, up

to 100 per cent, needs government approval; inflows reached Rs 6,670.59 crore by Mar 2026. *[Defence FDI 74% and licensing liberalisation]*

Q110 — (d) The BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility is at Lucknow, a node of the UP Defence Industrial Corridor; India's only two corridors, announced in 2018, are UPDIC (6 nodes) and TNDIC (5 nodes). *[Defence corridors: UPDIC and TNDIC investment scores]*

Q111 — (d) Article 338A, inserted by the 89th Constitutional Amendment Act 2003, created the NCST, which was constituted in 2004; Article 338 covers the NCSC and Article 338B the NCBC (102nd Amendment, 2018). *[NCST at 23 - Article 338A commission's Foundation Day]*

Q112 — (b) Only the second is correct - the freeze imposed by the 42nd Amendment (1976) was extended by the 84th Amendment (2001) till the first Census after 2026, not by the 44th. *[Delimitation Bill and Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026]*

Q113 — (d) SIR rests on Article 324 with Section 21 of the RP Act 1950 - electoral rolls are governed by the 1950 Act and the conduct of elections by the 1951 Act; Phase I was Bihar in 2025. *[Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls - Phase III]*

Q114 — (c) Article 80 fixes the maximum at 250 - 238 elected plus 12 nominated - while the actual strength is 245; members are elected by MLAs through proportional representation by single transferable vote, one-third retiring every two years. *[Rajya Sabha biennial elections 2026 - 27 seats]*

Q115 — (b) The 44th Amendment (1978) substituted 'armed rebellion' for 'internal disturbance' and added safeguards such as written Cabinet advice; Samvidhan Hatya Diwas, notified in 2024, is observed every 25 June. *[Samvidhan Hatya Diwas - 50 years of the Emergency]*

Q116 — (a) The 2023 Act replaced the 1885 and 1933 colonial laws and makes 'authorisation', not the licence, its core concept, but the TRAI Act 1997 survives. *[Telecom Act 2023 authorisation regime goes live]*

Q117 — (a) The eight run from the 99th (NJAC, 2014) to the 106th (women's reservation, 2023); the 97th Amendment falls outside that list, and the 99th, though enacted, was struck down in the NJAC judgment of 2015. *[Eight constitutional amendments in twelve years - the official list]*

Q118 — (c) Both are correct - the First Amendment (1951) created the Ninth Schedule with the Article 31B shield, and I.R. Coelho (2007) opened post-24 April 1973 insertions to basic-structure review; inclusion of the Karnataka SC/ST Reservation Act 2022 stands deferred as sub judice. *[Ninth Schedule - Karnataka Reservation Act inclusion deferred]*

Q119 — (a) The port on the Hooghly is India's only riverine Major Port and also its oldest, constituted in 1870, ahead of Mumbai (1873); renovation of its historic Bascule drawbridge was approved in Mar 2026. *[Bascule Bridge renovation at Kolkata (SMP) Port]*

Q120 — (b) Zojila is an about 14-km bi-directional tunnel built by NHIDCL on NH-1 between Baltal (J&K) and Minamarg (Ladakh) - Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel when complete; Manali-Lahaul is the Atal Tunnel. *[Zojila Tunnel main-tube breakthrough]*

Q121 — (d) Namo Bharat is the RRTS train on the 82.15-km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor, fully operational since Feb 2026; Vande Bharat is the express service and Amrit Bharat the budget LHB train. *[Namo Bharat RRTS corridor fully operational]*

Q122 — (c) The ISA, the first treaty-based intergovernmental organisation headquartered in India, is based at Gurugram; the CDRI is the India-based body located in New Delhi. *[International Solar Alliance - 125 member and signatory*

countries]

Q123 — (a) The portal is a Ministry of Power initiative administered by BEE under the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, 2023; the Green Credit Programme is a separate voluntary plantation-based scheme run through ICFRE. *[Indian Carbon Market Portal launched at Prakriti 2026]*

Q124 — (d) Galathea Bay is the nesting site of the leatherback, the largest sea turtle; Olive Ridleys mass-nest at Gahirmatha in Odisha. *[Great Nicobar Project - ecology of Galathea Bay]*

Q125 — (c) Of the seven big cats covered by the IBCA, the jaguar and the puma are American species; the other five - tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard and cheetah - are present in India. *[International Big Cat Alliance - 1st Summit set for New Delhi]*

Q126 — (b) Nine cheetahs from Botswana, the third source country, were released at Kuno National Park on 28 Feb 2026; the founder animals came from Namibia in Sep 2022 and South Africa in Feb 2023. *[Project Cheetah - 53 cheetahs; Botswana becomes third source country]*

Q127 — (b) The link transfers surplus water from the Ken to the Betwa, both Yamuna tributaries, through the Daudhan Dam, part of which falls within Panna Tiger Reserve; it is the first National Perspective Plan interlinking project in execution. *[Ken-Betwa link - first project of the interlinking plan]*

Q128 — (a) CAQM is statutory under its own Act of 2021, which replaced the EPCA, and covers only the NCR and adjoining areas; forecasts come from IMD and IITM, and GRAP has four stages, Stage-I applying to the 'Poor' band of AQI 201-300. *[CAQM invokes-then-revokes GRAP Stage-I in May - a summer first]*

Q129 — (c) Surha Tal became the 100th Ramsar site on World Environment Day 2026, the 99th being Shekha Jheel, also in Uttar Pradesh; Wetland City accreditation is a separate list, on which Indore and Udaipur were India's first entrants. *[India's 100th Ramsar site - Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal), Ballia, UP]*

Q130 — (d) The three Rio Conventions are the UNCCD on land degradation (1994), the UNFCCC on climate and the CBD on biodiversity; the Ramsar Convention on wetlands is not among them. *[Desertification Day 2026 - Bonn Challenge 21.76 of 26 million ha]*

Q131 — (a) The NBA was set up in 2003 with its headquarters at Chennai; it passes 85-90 per cent of ABS receipts to State Biodiversity Boards, ABS flows from the Nagoya Protocol and not Cartagena, and Red Sanders alone accounts for 45 per cent of receipts. *[ABS pays out - Rs 145 crore shared; Nagoya first national report]*

Q132 — (c) Tiger reintroduction succeeded at Sariska, site of the world's first scientific reintroduction in 2008, and at Panna, but failed at Satkosia in Odisha for want of community support. *[Sariska completes 18 years of tiger reintroduction - 56 tigers]*

Q133 — (b) The apex National Ganga Council is chaired by the Prime Minister, the Empowered Task Force - which met for the 19th time on 2 Jul 2026 - by the Jal Shakti Minister, while NMCG is the executing mission. *[Namami Gange - 19th Empowered Task Force; dolphin ambulance first]*

Q134 — (b) The 16th census counted 891 Asiatic lions in 2025; 674 was the 2020 figure. Project Lion was announced on 15 Aug 2020, and the world's only wild Asiatic lions are in Gujarat's Gir landscape. *[World Lion Day - Asiatic lions up from 523 (2015) to 891 (2025)]*

Q135 — (d) Glaw Lake, a freshwater lake inside Kamlang Tiger Reserve in the Eastern Himalaya, is India's 101st Ramsar site and Arunachal Pradesh's first; the 100th was Surha Tal in Uttar Pradesh. *[Glaw Lake (Kamlang Tiger Reserve) - 101st Ramsar site, Arunachal's FIRST]*

Q136 — (a) The 2035 NDC sets a 47 per cent emissions-intensity cut and a 60 per cent non-fossil capacity share; 50 per cent non-fossil capacity was the 2030 goal, already crossed in Jun 2025. *[2035 NDC approved + first Biennial Transparency Report; non-fossil share 54.18%]*

Q137 — (d) Mission Mausam is a Ministry of Earth Sciences programme executed through IMD, IITM-Pune and NCMRWF, and BharatFS is a forecast model of about 6 km resolution, not a satellite. *[Mission Mausam - BharatFS and radar expansion]*

Q138 — (b) PFBR is operated by BHAVINI and was designed by IGCAR; it opens Stage II of the three-stage programme, running on uranium-plutonium MOX fuel with a U-238 blanket that breeds Pu-239. *[PFBR Kalpakkam attains first criticality]*

Q139 — (c) The four T-Hubs are Computing, led by IISc Bengaluru, Communication, Sensing and Metrology, and Materials and Devices; there is no separate software and algorithms hub. *[National Quantum Mission - 1,000-km link and 4 T-Hubs]*

Q140 — (a) Kavach is an indigenous ATP system that guards against Signal Passing at Danger, applies brakes automatically and controls overspeed over an LTE backbone; it is not an anti-derailment or fog-vision device. *[Kavach 4.0 nationwide sanction wave]*

Q141 — (c) APAAR, the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry, is a 12-digit ID in DigiLocker, distinct from the 14-digit ABHA health ID, and ABC credits lapse after seven years. *[ABC, NCeF and APAAR - 26.30 crore student IDs]*

Q142 — (d) Semicon 2.0 carries Rs 1,27,500 crore across six pillars; Rs 76,000 crore was the ISM 1.0 outlay of 2021, under which 12 units with Rs 1.64 lakh crore of investment stand approved. *[Semicon 2.0 approved - Rs 1,27,500 crore, six pillars]*

Q143 — (b) Vikram-1, flown as Mission Aagaman on 18 Jul 2026, was Skyroot Aerospace's rocket launched from Sriharikota; Skyroot's earlier Vikram-S of 2022 and Agnikul's Agnibaan of 2024 were sub-orbital. *[Vikram-1 / Mission Aagaman - India's first private orbital launch]*

Q144 — (c) CDSCO, acting under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940, cleared Qdenga, an imported Takeda tetravalent live attenuated vaccine; India's own candidate DengiAll is still in trials. *[Qdenga - India's first approved dengue vaccine]*

Q145 — (d) The four operational launchers are PSLV, GSLV, LVM3 or GSLV Mk III, and SSLV; NISAR, the joint NASA-ISRO radar satellite, flew on the GSLV. *[Three-year launch scorecard - 100 launches, SPADEX, NISAR]*

Q146 — (b) GSI, founded in 1851 with headquarters at Kolkata, is under the Ministry of Mines; MoES owns IMD and INCOIS, while the Survey of India sits under the Department of Science and Technology. *[GSI gets its first woman Director General]*

Q147 — (a) ICAR-National Institute for Plant Biotechnology assembled the T2T genome of pigeonpea, or arhar/tur, variety 'Asha', spanning 752.65 million base pairs across all 11 chromosomes. *[Pigeonpea 'Asha' - India's first T2T reference genome]*

Q148 — (d) The Act grants statutory status to the AERB, an executive-order regulator since 1983, and reforms liability into a graded regime, while opening nuclear energy to licensed private participation. *[SHANTI Act 2025 - nuclear law rewritten]*

Q149 — (a) The IndiaAI Mission was approved in Mar 2024 under MeitY with Rs 10,371.92 crore; the intellectual property in the 20 foundation models it backs stays with the startups building them. *[IndiaAI Mission - sovereign models and 1.1-EFLOPS compute]*

Q150 — (c) Roscosmos provides crew training and a crew seat; ESA supports the ground network, Australia crew recovery and

France's CNES the flight surgeons. *[Gaganyaan roadmap - Vyommitra flight in Q4 2026]*