

100 Questions

NDA Current-Affairs Practice Set

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Before you start

- Attempt only AFTER reading the Full-Year Compendium — **every answer is in it**, and each answer-key line names the entry to revisit.
- Timing: **100 questions · 100 minutes**.
- Scoring (UPSC pattern): **+1 correct · -1/3 wrong**. 70+ is exam-ready; 50–69 revise the sections you dropped; under 50, re-read the Full-Year Compendium cover to cover.
- The answer key with one-line reasons starts on the last pages — check only when done.

Defence

Q1. The 8th edition of Exercise Garuda, the Indian Air Force's largest international air training engagement of 2025, concluded on 27 November 2025 at -

- (a) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- (b) Air Base 118, Mont-de-Marsan, France
- (c) RAAF Base Darwin, Australia
- (d) Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh

Q2. Exercise Suryakiran XIX, held at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand from 25 November to 8 December 2025, was conducted by the Indian Army with the army of -

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Uzbekistan
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Sri Lanka

Q3. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Desert Cyclone - India-UAE air force exercise
- (b) Desert Eagle - India-UAE army exercise
- (c) Desert Knight - exercise involving India, the UAE and France
- (d) Desert Cyclone - India-France army exercise

Q4. The navy of which one of the following countries does NOT take part in Exercise Malabar?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Australia
- (c) United States of America
- (d) France

Q5. Exercise Pacific Reach 2025, in which India's DSRV Tiger X made its maiden dive outside the Indian Ocean Region, was hosted by -

- (a) the Republic of Singapore Navy
- (b) the Royal Australian Navy
- (c) the Indonesian Navy
- (d) the Republic of Korea Navy

Q6. The 7th edition of Exercise Dharma Guardian was held at the Foreign Training Node, Chaubattia, Uttarakhand from 24 February to 9 March 2026 with the ground forces of -

- (a) the United States of America
- (b) Japan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Nepal

Q7. The 7th edition of Exercise Dustlik, held from 12 to 25 April 2026, took place at -

- (a) the Foreign Training Node, Aundh, Pune
- (b) Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
- (c) the Gurumsaray Field Training Area, Namangan, Uzbekistan
- (d) Missamari, Assam

Q8. Which one of the following was NOT among the 12 partner nations at Exercise PRAGATI 2026, held at Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya?

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Cambodia
- (d) Philippines

Q9. Which one of the following pairs of an India-Australia exercise and the service it involves is correctly matched?

- (a) Pitch Black - Navy
- (b) AUSTRAHIND - Air Force
- (c) AUSINDEX - Army
- (d) Pitch Black - Air Force

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise MILAN 2026: 1. It was hosted by the Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam. 2. Navies of 74 countries took part in 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

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

- (a) Mahe class ASW-SWC - Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
- (b) Mahe class ASW-SWC - Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
- (c) Arnala class ASW-SWC - Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
- (d) INS Androth - Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi

Q12. ICGS Samudra Pratap, commissioned in Goa on 5 January 2026, is India's first indigenously designed -

- (a) Pollution Control Vessel
- (b) Diving Support Vessel
- (c) Survey Vessel (Large)
- (d) Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft

Q13. Consider the following statements regarding the stealth frigate INS Mahendragiri: 1. She was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata. 2. She was commissioned into the Western Fleet at Mumbai. 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. Which one of the following ships was NOT among the three commissioned by the Prime Minister at Kolkata on 21 June 2026?

- (a) INS Dunagiri
- (b) INS Sanshodhak
- (c) INS Amini
- (d) INS Agray

Q15. 'Krishna', the first of three Cadet Training Ships for the Indian Navy, was launched on 16 February 2026 at the shipyard of -

- (a) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- (b) Goa Shipyard Limited
- (c) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
- (d) L&T, Kattupalli

Q16. The launch of Agni-Prime by the Strategic Forces Command on 24 September 2025 was a first of its kind because the missile was fired from -

- (a) a rail-based mobile launcher
- (b) an underwater pontoon
- (c) a road-mobile canister
- (d) a hardened silo

Q17. The Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket, flight-tested for the first time at ITR Chandipur on 29 December 2025, was proved to a maximum range of -

- (a) 40 km
- (b) 75 km
- (c) 120 km
- (d) 290 km

Q18. Which one of the following pairs of a DRDO system and its description is correctly matched?

- (a) Anant Shastra - Low Level Transportable Radar
- (b) Ashwini - Long Range Glide Bomb
- (c) Gaurav - Border Surveillance System
- (d) Anant Shastra - Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile

Q19. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Kusha - quick-reaction surface-to-air missile
- (b) Akash - very short-range air defence system
- (c) VSHORADS - medium-range surface-to-air missile
- (d) Kusha - long-range surface-to-air missile

Q20. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Netra' Airborne Early Warning and Control system: 1. It was developed by DRDO's Centre for Air Borne Systems. 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

Q21. Consider the following statements: 1. The National Cadet Corps functions under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. 2. Puneet Sagar Abhiyan is a campaign of the National Cadet Corps. 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

Q22. Among the Central Armed Police Forces, the guarding of India's border with China is entrusted to -

- (a) the Border Security Force
- (b) the Sashastra Seema Bal
- (c) the Indo-Tibetan Border Police
- (d) the Assam Rifles

Q23. India's first all-girls Sainik School, Samvid Gurukulam, is located at -

- (a) Mehsana, Gujarat
- (b) Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Khadakwasla, Maharashtra
- (d) Bhuj, Gujarat

Q24. As of March 2025, which one of the following States sent the largest number of women cadets to the National Defence Academy?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Haryana

Q25. Which one of the following did NOT figure among the Acceptances of Necessity worth about Rs 2.38 lakh crore accorded by the Defence Acquisition Council on 27 March 2026?

- (a) Dhanush guns for the Army
- (b) 97 LCA Mk1A aircraft for the Air Force
- (c) S-400 long range surface-to-air missile systems for the Air Force
- (d) Medium Transport Aircraft for the Air Force

Q26. Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty took over on 1 June 2026 as the 20th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command, which is headquartered at -

- (a) Sri Vijaya Puram
- (b) Visakhapatnam
- (c) Kochi
- (d) Chennai

Q27. Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, who succeeded Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi on 31 May 2026, is the -

- (a) 25th Chief of the Naval Staff
- (b) 26th Chief of the Naval Staff
- (c) 27th Chief of the Naval Staff
- (d) 28th Chief of the Naval Staff

Q28. The entire 5,700 tonnes of DMR-249A defence-grade steel used in INS Dunagiri, INS Agray and INS Sanshodhak was supplied by -

- (a) Steel Authority of India Limited
- (b) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- (c) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- (d) Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited

Polity/Bodies

Q29. The Sixteenth Finance Commission, whose report for the award period beginning 1 April 2026 was handed to the President on 17 November 2025, is chaired by -

- (a) Manoj Panda
- (b) Ritvik Pandey
- (c) T. Rabi Sankar
- (d) Dr Arvind Panagariya

Q30. Justice Surya Kant was sworn in as Chief Justice of India at the Ganatantra Mandap on 24 November 2025. The warrant of appointment signed by the President bears the date -

- (a) 30 October 2025
- (b) 24 May 2019
- (c) 14 May 2025
- (d) 10 February 1962

Q31. The SHANTI Act, 2025, passed by both Houses on 18 December 2025, consolidates which one of the following laws?

- (a) The Atomic Energy Act, 1948
- (b) The Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010
- (c) The Atomic Energy Act, 1962
- (d) The Electricity Act, 2003

Q32. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Article 123 - Regulations made by the President for Union Territories
- (b) Article 240 - Ordinance promulgated by the President
- (c) Article 123 - Ordinance promulgated by the President
- (d) Article 240 - Bills reserved by a Governor for the President's assent

Q33. The Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, 2025 allows State Governments to set up Urban Disaster Management Authorities in State capitals and Municipal Corporation cities, but expressly excludes -

- (a) Delhi and Chandigarh
- (b) Delhi and Puducherry
- (c) Chandigarh and Bengaluru
- (d) Puducherry and Bengaluru

Q34. Under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, the Search-cum-Selection Committee that recommends the Chairperson and two Members of the National Sports Board is chaired by -

- (a) the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
- (b) the Cabinet Secretary
- (c) the President of the National Olympic Committee
- (d) a sitting judge of the Supreme Court

Q35. National Voters' Day, whose 16th edition was observed in 2026 on the theme 'My India, My Vote', is celebrated every year on -

- (a) 26 January
- (b) 24 April
- (c) 25 January
- (d) 15 August

Q36. Consider the following statements regarding the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT): 1. It is the appellate forum provided for under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. 2. It is headed by the Union Finance Minister. 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. The FCRA 2.0 Portal and the e-OCI Card, launched on 30 June 2026, are initiatives of the Ministry of -

- (a) External Affairs
- (b) Finance
- (c) Corporate Affairs
- (d) Home Affairs

Q38. Of the eight constitutional amendments enacted in the last twelve years, which one of the following pairs is NOT correctly matched?

- (a) 99th Amendment - National Judicial Appointments Commission
- (b) 101st Amendment - Goods and Services Tax
- (c) 104th Amendment - Economically Weaker Sections reservation
- (d) 106th Amendment - Women's reservation

Q39. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Article 338 - National Commission for Backward Classes
- (b) Article 338A - National Commission for Scheduled Castes
- (c) Article 342A - National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
- (d) Article 338B - National Commission for Backward Classes

Q40. Consider the following statements regarding the Rajya Sabha: 1. Its maximum strength under Article 80 is 245, of whom 12 are nominated members. 2. One-third of its members retire every two years and the House is never dissolved. 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

Q41. The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026 extends the protection of the 1971 Act to -

- (a) the National Anthem
- (b) the National Flag
- (c) the National Song 'Vande Mataram'
- (d) the Constitution of India

Q42. Consider the following statements regarding the proposal to rename Kerala as 'Keralam': 1. The Union Cabinet decision of 24 February 2026 acted on a unanimous resolution passed by the Kerala Assembly on 24 June 2024. 2. The change requires an amendment of the Constitution under Article 368. 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. Of the five Supreme Court judges appointed on 1 June 2026, the one elevated directly from the Bar was -

- (a) Justice Sheel Nagu
- (b) Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva
- (c) Justice Arun Palli
- (d) Justice V. Mohana

Schemes

Q44. PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana, launched at Pusa, New Delhi on 11 October 2025 with an outlay of Rs 24,000 crore a year, covers -

- (a) 100 low-productivity districts
- (b) 112 Aspirational Districts
- (c) 250 districts
- (d) every district in the country

Q45. PM Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana, the Employment Linked Incentive scheme routed through the EPFO, is implemented by the Ministry of -

- (a) Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- (b) Labour and Employment
- (c) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- (d) Finance

Q46. The Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnet scheme, approved by the Cabinet on 26 November 2025 with an outlay of Rs 7,280 crore, is run by the Ministry of -

- (a) Mines
- (b) New and Renewable Energy
- (c) Defence
- (d) Heavy Industries

Q47. Three major ports were recognised as Green Hydrogen Hubs on 10 October 2025. Which one of the following is NOT among them?

- (a) Deendayal Port, Gujarat
- (b) Paradip Port, Odisha
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Maharashtra
- (d) V.O. Chidambaram Port, Tamil Nadu

Q48. Which one of the following pairs, relating to the Rashtriya Gokul Mission, is correctly matched?

- (a) Gau Chip - indigenous cattle
- (b) Mahish Chip - indigenous cattle
- (c) Gau Chip - buffaloes
- (d) MAITRI - a genomic chip for goats

Q49. Which one of the following is NOT covered by the National Livestock Mission?

- (a) Poultry, sheep, goat and pig development
- (b) Breed improvement of cattle and buffalo
- (c) Camel, horse, donkey and mule breeding
- (d) The Sub-Mission on Feed and Fodder Development

Q50. Seven PM MITRA Parks have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Textiles. Which one of the following is NOT one of the seven sites?

- (a) Virudhunagar
- (b) Kalaburagi
- (c) Navsari
- (d) Coimbatore

Q51. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana - Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- (b) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- (c) Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana - Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (d) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Q52. Which one of the following is NOT a pillar of Ayushman Bharat?

- (a) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
- (b) National Health Mission
- (c) Ayushman Arogya Mandirs
- (d) AB-PMJAY

Q53. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) Jal Jeevan Mission - urban water supply, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (b) AMRUT - rural tap water connections, Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (c) Jal Jeevan Mission - rural tap water connections, Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (d) AMRUT - rural sanitation, Ministry of Rural Development

Q54. Consider the following statements regarding the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025: 1. The Act commenced nationwide on 1 July 2026, and MGNREGA, 2005 continues to operate alongside it. 2. It raises the employment guarantee to 125 days a year with a wage floor of Rs 300 a day. 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. Which one of the following does NOT fall under the Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana (AVYAY)?

- (a) Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana
- (b) The Elderline 14567 helpline
- (c) The SAGE portal for elder-care start-ups
- (d) ADIP, for assistive aids to Divyangjan

Q56. Consider the following statements regarding the Kisan Credit Card (KCC): 1. It was launched in 1998 on the design of the R.V. Gupta committee for short-term farm credit. 2. Under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme the KCC loan limit is Rs 5 lakh, collateral-free up to Rs 2 lakh. 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. PM RAHAT, launched on 13 February 2026 for cashless treatment of road-crash victims, is integrated with which emergency helpline?

- (a) 112
- (b) 108
- (c) 1962
- (d) 14567

Q58. Under SVAMITVA, the drone survey carried out with the Survey of India maps -

- (a) agricultural land holdings
- (b) inhabited (abadi) land in villages
- (c) forest land claimed under the Forest Rights Act
- (d) urban municipal land

Sci/Tech

Q59. Consider the following statements regarding CMS-03, launched on 02 Nov 2025 aboard LVM3-M5 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota: 1. It is a communication satellite built for the Indian Navy and carries the designation GSAT-7R. 2. At about 4,400 kg it is the heaviest satellite ever launched from Indian soil. 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

Q60. NISAR, the first satellite jointly developed by ISRO and NASA, was launched from Sriharikota on 30 Jul 2025 by which one of the following launch vehicles?

- (a) PSLV-C60
- (b) GSLV-F16
- (c) LVM3-M5
- (d) LVM3-M6

Q61. The CROPS module flown on POEM-4, the fourth stage of PSLV-C60, germinated the seeds of which one of the following crops in orbit?

- (a) Pigeonpea
- (b) Mustard
- (c) Soybean
- (d) Cowpea

Q62. ASHVINI, the joint venture that will deploy the four 700 MWe indigenous PHWRs of the Mahi Banswara Nuclear Power Project in Rajasthan, was formed by NPCIL with -

- (a) NHPC
- (b) BHAVINI
- (c) NTPC
- (d) IGCAR

Q63. The bio-bitumen technology that pyrolyses rice straw to replace 20-30 per cent of conventional bitumen was developed jointly by CSIR-Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi and -

- (a) CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun
- (b) CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow
- (c) CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography, Goa
- (d) ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad

Q64. QNu Labs, Bengaluru, which built the QSIP quantum security chip and ran India's first 500-km Quantum Key Distribution link, is one of the 8 startups backed by -

- (a) the India Semiconductor Mission
- (b) the National Quantum Mission
- (c) the IndiaAI Mission
- (d) the Design Linked Incentive scheme

Q65. India's first indigenous Expendable Turbo Jet Engine of the 350 kg thrust class, delivered on 22 Jul 2026, was designed by -

- (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- (b) Azad Engineering, Hyderabad
- (c) the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, ISRO
- (d) the Gas Turbine Research Establishment, DRDO

Q66. With reference to the international partners of the Gaganyaan programme, which one of the following pairs is NOT correctly matched?

- (a) ESA - ground station network
- (b) Australia - crew recovery
- (c) Russia (Roscosmos) - supply of the human-rated launch vehicle
- (d) France (CNES) - flight surgeons

Q67. Consider the following statements regarding the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor that attained first criticality at Kalpakkam on 6 Apr 2026: 1. It is operated by the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited. 2. It uses Uranium-Plutonium mixed oxide fuel with a Uranium-238 blanket that breeds Plutonium-239. 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. Under the Deep Ocean Mission of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

- (a) GRSE, Kolkata - the new ocean research vessel
- (b) NIOT, Chennai - deep-sea biology studies
- (c) CMLRE, Kochi - building the MATSYA-6000 submersible
- (d) ISRO - the crewed Samudrayaan programme

Q69. 'Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra', India's first nationwide WhatsApp-based AI advisory, built by ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad, covers all of the following crops EXCEPT -

- (a) Groundnut
- (b) Sesame
- (c) Niger
- (d) Arhar (pigeonpea)

Q70. Which one of the following pairs of a recently launched platform of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and its function is correctly matched?

- (a) TribeX - AI-powered tribal-language translation platform
- (b) Adi Sanskriti - digital learning platform for tribal arts
- (c) Adi Vaani - AI-powered tribal-language translation and preservation platform
- (d) Adi Vaani - digital repository of tribal culture

Q71. The indigenous VEGA processor core, on which the 'VIHAAN' broadband networking SoC achieved first-pass silicon success, was developed by -

- (a) C-DAC
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) C-DOT
- (d) Aheesa Digital Innovations, Chennai

Environment

Q72. India nominated three cities for Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation. Which one of the following correctly lists the cities accredited as India's first Ramsar Wetland Cities in January 2025?

- (a) Indore and Bhopal
- (b) Indore and Udaipur
- (c) Bhopal and Udaipur
- (d) Indore, Bhopal and Udaipur

Q73. According to the India State of Forest Report 2023, which one of the following States has the largest forest cover by area?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Q74. India's first-ever Snow Leopard census put the country's snow leopard population at -

- (a) 477
- (b) 674
- (c) 718
- (d) 891

Q75. Which one of the following pairs of a 2025 global environment meeting and its venue is correctly matched?

- (a) UNEA-7 - Nairobi, Kenya
- (b) UNFCCC COP-30 - Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- (c) CITES CoP-20 - Geneva, Switzerland
- (d) Ramsar CoP-15 - Belem, Brazil

Q76. Consider the following statements regarding India's installed electricity generation capacity as on 30 September 2025: 1. Total installed capacity crossed 500 GW. 2. Non-fossil sources accounted for more than 51 per cent of that capacity. 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

Q77. Cyclone Montha, tracked by the India Meteorological Department in October 2025, crossed the coast of which State?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) West Bengal

Q78. Under Project Cheetah, the 9 cheetahs released at Kuno National Park on 28 Feb 2026 came from which country, the third source country of the project?

- (a) Botswana
- (b) Namibia
- (c) South Africa
- (d) Kenya

Q79. India's 100th Ramsar site, designated on World Environment Day 2026, is -

- (a) Shekha Jheel, Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Glaw Lake, Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Surha Tal, Bihar
- (d) Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal), Uttar Pradesh

Q80. The International Big Cat Alliance treaty covers seven big cats. Which one of the following, among them, is NOT found in India?

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

Q81. Galathea Bay, at the centre of the environmental debate over the Great Nicobar project, is known as -

- (a) the mass nesting site of the Olive Ridley turtle
- (b) a breeding ground of the Irrawaddy dolphin
- (c) the nesting site of the leatherback turtle
- (d) India's largest mangrove wetland

Economy

Q82. The Export Promotion Mission, approved by the Cabinet on 12 Nov 2025 with an outlay of Rs 25,060 crore, is implemented under the Department of Commerce by -

- (a) EXIM Bank of India
- (b) Directorate General of Foreign Trade
- (c) Invest India
- (d) Export Credit Guarantee Corporation

Q83. The Union Budget 2026-27 announced Rare Earth Corridors for four States. Which one of the following is NOT among them?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Q84. The Export Preparedness Index 2024, released on 14 Jan 2026 and topped among the large States by Maharashtra, was brought out by -

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (c) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- (d) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

Q85. Consider the following statements regarding the Income-tax Act, 2025: 1. It comes into force on 1 April 2026 and replaces the Income-tax Act of 1961. 2. Along with the language and structure of the law, it also 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

Q86. Which one of the following pairs of a WTO Ministerial Conference and its host city is correctly matched?

- (a) MC-10 - Abu Dhabi
- (b) MC-12 - Yaounde
- (c) MC-13 - Nairobi
- (d) MC-14 - Yaounde

Q87. Which one of the following pairs of an Indian trade agreement and its partner is correctly matched?

- (a) CECPA - Australia
- (b) TEPA - United Kingdom
- (c) ECTA - Australia
- (d) CETA - Mauritius

Culture/Sport

Q88. Consider the following statements regarding the UNESCO inscription of Deepavali in December 2025: 1. Deepavali was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. 2. The inscription was made at the 20th session of the Intergovernmental Committee, hosted by India at New Delhi. 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

Q89. Among the Padma Awards 2026 announced on 25 Jan 2026, which one of the following was NOT conferred the Padma Bhushan?

- (a) Mammooty
- (b) Alka Yagnik
- (c) Rohit Sharma
- (d) Uday Kotak

Q90. Pandit Chhannulal Mishra, the Padma Vibhushan-awarded Hindustani classical vocalist who passed away on 2 Oct 2025, belonged to which gharana?

- (a) Kirana
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Gwalior
- (d) Banaras

Q91. India won its first ICC Women's ODI World Cup on 2 Nov 2025 at the DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai, by defeating -

- (a) Australia
- (b) South Africa
- (c) England
- (d) New Zealand

Q92. The 2030 Commonwealth Games, the centenary edition of the Games, will be hosted by -

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

IR/Diplomacy

Q93. Which one of the following pairs of a Border Roads Organisation project and the country in which it was executed is correctly matched?

- (a) Project DANTAK - Nepal
- (b) Delaram-Zaranj Highway - Afghanistan
- (c) India-Myanmar Friendship Road - Bhutan
- (d) Farkhor and Ayni air bases - Uzbekistan

Q94. Consider the following statements regarding the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit held at Kuala Lumpur on 26 Oct 2025: 1. Timor-Leste took part as the 11th member of ASEAN. 2. India took part as a full member of ASEAN. 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

Q95. India signed the Terms of Reference for a Free Trade Agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council on 5 Feb 2026. Which one of the following is NOT a member of the GCC?

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

Q96. IIM Bangalore's first international campus, announced on 7 Jul 2026, is coming up at the Singhasari SEZ in -

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) United Arab Emirates
- (c) Tanzania
- (d) Malaysia

Infra

Q97. India's first underwater road-cum-rail tunnel, approved by the CCEA on 14 Feb 2026, is to be built beneath which river?

- (a) Hooghly
- (b) Ganga
- (c) Chenab
- (d) Brahmaputra

Q98. The airport renamed 'Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji Airport' by the Prime Minister on 1 Feb 2026 was earlier known as -

- (a) Halwara Airport
- (b) Adampur Airport
- (c) Bathinda Airport
- (d) Pathankot Airport

Q99. India's first Regional Rapid Transit System corridor, fully operational since February 2026, connects Delhi with -

- (a) Meerut
- (b) Alwar
- (c) Panipat
- (d) Gurugram

Welfare

Q100. Which State became the 36th and last State/UT to implement Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY, joining on 8 Jun 2026?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Kerala
- (d) West Bengal

ANSWER KEY & ONE-LINE REASONS

Q1 — (b) Garuda-25, flown with the French Air and Space Force, concluded at Air Base 118, Mont-de-Marsan; the previous edition, Garuda-VII, was at Jodhpur in 2022. *[Exercise Garuda-25 (India-France air)]*

Q2 — (a) Suryakiran is the India-Nepal army exercise - the Assam Regiment with Nepal's Devi Datta Regiment. Pithoragarh is the venue trap, as the same node has hosted Dustlik, which is with Uzbekistan. *[Exercise Suryakiran XIX (India-Nepal)]*

Q3 — (c) Desert Cyclone is the India-UAE army exercise, whose 2nd edition was held at Abu Dhabi in December 2025; Desert Eagle is the India-UAE air exercise and Desert Knight the one that adds France. *[Exercise Desert Cyclone-II (India-UAE)]*

Q4 — (d) Malabar is the exercise of the four Quad navies - India, the USA, Japan and Australia; the India-France bilateral naval exercise is Varuna. *[Exercise Malabar-2025 (Guam)]*

Q5 — (a) XPR-25 was hosted by the Republic of Singapore Navy from 15 to 25 September 2025 with over 40 nations; India's Submarine Rescue Unit (East) embarked on INS Nistar, its first indigenous Diving Support Vessel. *[Exercise Pacific Reach 2025 (submarine rescue, XPR-25)]*

Q6 — (b) Dharma Guardian is the India-Japan army exercise; the Ladakh Scouts trained with the JGSDF's 32nd Infantry Regiment. Vajra Prahar is with the USA and Mitra Shakti with Sri Lanka. *[Exercise Dharma Guardian 2026 (India-Japan army)]*

Q7 — (c) Dustlik is the India-Uzbekistan exercise and its venue alternates - the 6th edition was at Aundh, Pune in April 2025 and the 7th at Gurumsaray, Namangan in April 2026. *[Exercise Dustlik 2026 (India-Uzbekistan)]*

Q8 — (b) The 12 partners were Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Vietnam; Bangladesh was not one of them. *[Exercise PRAGATI 2026 (multilateral, Umroi)]*

Q9 — (d) Pitch Black is the RAAF's biennial multinational air combat exercise at Darwin, in which the IAF flew Rafales in 2026; AUSTRALIND is the Army exercise and AUSINDEX the naval one. *[Exercise PITCH BLACK 2026 - IAF Rafales at Darwin]*

Q10 — (c) MILAN 2026, the Navy's premier multilateral exercise, was hosted by the Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam with 74 countries; the series began at Port Blair in 1995. *[Exercise MILAN 2026 - 74 countries at Visakhapatnam]*

Q11 — (b) INS Mahe, lead ship of eight in her class, was built by Cochin Shipyard Limited; the other Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft line, led by Arnala and Androth, comes from GRSE, Kolkata. *[INS Mahe commissioned (first Mahe-class ASW-SWC)]*

Q12 — (a) Samudra Pratap, built by Goa Shipyard Limited, is the Indian Coast Guard's first indigenously designed Pollution Control Vessel and the largest ship in the ICG fleet. *[ICGS Samudra Pratap commissioned (first indigenous Pollution Control Vessel)]*

Q13 — (d) Mahendragiri, the 6th Project 17A frigate, was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai, and commissioned into the Eastern Fleet at Visakhapatnam on 11 July 2026 - so both statements are wrong. *[INS Mahendragiri commissioned - 6th P-17A in 1.5 years]*

Q14 — (c) The tri-commissioning covered the stealth frigate Dunagiri, the survey vessel Sanshodhak and the ASW-SWC Agray; Amini is another ship of the eight-vessel Arnala class. *[PM tri-commissioning at Kolkata: Dunagiri, Sanshodhak, Agray]*

Q15 — (d) Krishna (Yard 18003) was indigenously designed and built by L&T at Kattupalli near Chennai, with delivery to the Navy due at the end of 2026. *[Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna' launched at L&T Kattupalli]*

Q16 — (a) The 24 September 2025 firing put India among the few nations with a canisterised launch system fired from a rail network; the road-mobile Agni-P had already been inducted. *[Agni-Prime launched from a rail-based mobile launcher]*

Q17 — (c) The LRGR-120, designed by ARDE with HEMRL, was tested to its maximum range of 120 km from the in-service Pinaka multi-barrel launcher. *[Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR-120) maiden test]*

Q18 — (d) Anant Shashtra is the QRSAM system; Ashwini is a Low Level Transportable Radar, Gaurav a Long Range Glide Bomb and BOSS the Border Surveillance System. *[DRDO system code names (2025 round-up)]*

Q19 — (d) Kusha, first flight-tested from APJ Abdul Kalam Island on 23 July 2026, is DRDO's Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile; Akash is medium-range, QRSAM quick-reaction and VSHORADS very short-range. *['Kusha' Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile maiden test]*

Q20 — (a) Netra was built by DRDO's CABS on an Embraer jet; its Initial Operational Clearance came in 2017 and the Final Operational Clearance only on 25 June 2026. *[Netra AEW&C gets Final Operational Clearance]*

Q21 — (b) The NCC, raised in 1948 with the motto 'Unity and Discipline', functions under the Ministry of Defence, not the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; Puneet Sagar Abhiyan is its campaign. *[Director General, NCC (Lt Gen Virendra Vats)]*

Q22 — (c) The BSF, which marked its Diamond Jubilee at Bhuj on 21 November 2025, guards the Pakistan and Bangladesh borders; the China border is the ITBP's and the Nepal and Bhutan borders the SSB's. *[BSF Diamond Jubilee (Bhuj, Nov 2025)]*

Q23 — (b) Samvid Gurukulam, Vrindavan (Uttar Pradesh) is the first all-girls Sainik School; the new-model PPP school inaugurated on 13 November 2025 was at Mehsana, Gujarat. *[New-model Sainik School, Mehsana (Gujarat)]*

Q24 — (d) Haryana led with 35 women cadets, ahead of Uttar Pradesh (28) and Rajasthan (13); 158 women cadets had joined the Academy by early 2026. *[Women cadets at the NDA (state-wise leaders)]*

Q25 — (b) The March 2026 AoNs covered an Air Defence Tracked System, Dhanush guns and armour-piercing tank ammunition for the Army, and Medium Transport Aircraft, the S-400 LR-SAM and Remotely Piloted Strike Aircraft for the IAF. *[DAC clears Rs 2.38 lakh crore AoNs (Mar 2026)]*

Q26 — (a) The ANC, created in 2001 as India's only tri-service operational command, has its headquarters at Sri Vijaya Puram, the renamed Port Blair. *[VAdm Vineet McCarty - 20th C-in-C Andaman & Nicobar Command]*

Q27 — (c) Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, a Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist, assumed charge as the 27th Chief of the Naval Staff on 31 May 2026. *[Admiral Krishna Swaminathan - 27th Chief of the Naval Staff]*

Q28 — (a) SAIL, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Steel, rolled the DMR-249A plates at Bokaro, Bhilai and Rourkela; the same indigenous warship steel went into INS Vikrant. *[SAIL's DMR-249A steel in the 21 Jun warship trio]*

Q29 — (d) Dr Arvind Panagariya chairs the Sixteenth Finance Commission, constituted by the President under Article 280(1); Manoj Panda and T. Rabi Sankar are Members and Ritvik Pandey is its Secretary. *[16th Finance Commission report (2026-31)]*

Q30 — (a) The warrant was signed on 30 Oct 2025 and the oath taken on 24 Nov 2025; 24 May 2019 is his elevation to the Supreme Court, 14 May 2025 his NALSA charge and 10 Feb 1962 his date of birth. *[Justice Surya Kant sworn in as Chief Justice of India]*

Q31 — (c) Act No. 39 of 2025 consolidates the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and gives statutory recognition to the AERB; the no-fault liability law of 2010 is a separate statute. *[SHANTI Act, 2025 (nuclear energy law)]*

Q32 — (c) Article 123 is the President's ordinance-making power - the 2 Ordinances of 2025, all on Manipur GST, were issued under it - while Article 240 covers Regulations for Union Territories, of which 20 were issued. *[Parliament 2025 - 39 Bills passed, 40 Acts enacted]*

Q33 — (a) Section 41A, inserted by Act No. 10 of 2025, carves out Delhi and Chandigarh; Bengaluru in fact has the only UDMA constituted so far, set up by Karnataka for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. *[Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, 2025]*

Q34 — (b) The panel notified on 8 Jan 2026 is chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, not the Sports Minister; the Board grants recognition to sports bodies while the National Sports Tribunal settles disputes. *[National Sports Governance Act, 2025 comes into force]*

Q35 — (c) The day marks 25 January 1950, when the Election Commission of India was set up; the 26 January confusion is the standard trap. *[16th National Voters' Day (25 January 2026)]*

Q36 — (a) GSTAT, launched in New Delhi on 24 Sep 2025, has Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra as its President; the Union Finance Minister chairs the GST Council, the Article 279A body. *[GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) launched]*

Q37 — (d) Both were launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah; the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 and OCI cards are administered by the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the e-OCI serves over 50 lakh cardholders. *[FCRA 2.0 Portal and e-OCI Card launched]*

Q38 — (c) The 103rd Amendment (2019) provided EWS reservation while the 104th (2019) extended SC/ST reservation; the 99th, though enacted, was struck down in the NJAC judgment of 2015. *[Eight constitutional amendments in twelve years - the official list]*

Q39 — (d) Article 338B, inserted by the 102nd Amendment Act 2018, gives the NCBC constitutional status; Article 338 is the NCSC, Article 338A the NCST, and Article 342A deals with Socially and Educationally Backward Classes. *[NCBC - Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti takes over as Chairperson]*

Q40 — (b) Article 80 fixes the ceiling at 250 - 238 elected plus 12 nominated - while 245 is the present actual strength; the Rajya Sabha is a permanent House with one-third retiring every two years. *[Rajya Sabha biennial elections 2026 - 27 seats]*

Q41 — (c) The 1971 Act already covered the National Anthem, the flag and the Constitution; the amendment to Section 3 adds the National Song 'Vande Mataram', which the Constituent Assembly gave equal status on 24 January 1950. *[Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026]*

Q42 — (a) A State is renamed by an ordinary parliamentary law under Articles 3 and 4 amending the First Schedule, not by an Article 368 amendment; the Assembly, referred to under the proviso to Article 3, only gives its views. *['Kerala' to 'Keralam' - Cabinet clears the renaming route]*

Q43 — (d) Senior advocate V. Mohana came from the Bar under Article 124(2), while Sheel Nagu, Shree Chandrashekhar, Sanjeev Sachdeva and Arun Palli were High Court Chief Justices. *[Supreme Court gets five judges in one day, incl. Justice V. Mohana from the Bar]*

Q44 — (a) PM-DDKY takes up 100 low-productivity districts, one per district, converging 36 sub-schemes of 11 ministries; the 112-district figure belongs to NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme, on which it is modelled. *[PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY)]*

Q45 — (b) PMVBRY, with an outlay of Rs 99,446 crore for jobs created between 1 Aug 2025 and 31 Jul 2027, is a Labour and Employment scheme paid out through EPFO - an employment incentive, not a skilling programme. *[PM Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PMVBRY)]*

Q46 — (d) The scheme sits with Heavy Industries; it creates 6,000 MTPA of capacity split among five beneficiaries of 1,200 MTPA each, for magnets used in EVs, wind power, electronics, aerospace and defence. *[Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnet (REPM) scheme]*

Q47 — (c) The three hubs recognised under Component B2 of the National Green Hydrogen Mission are Deendayal (formerly Kandla), V.O. Chidambaranar (formerly Tuticorin) and Paradip. *[Green Hydrogen Hubs at three major ports]*

Q48 — (a) Gau Chip is the unified genomic chip for indigenous cattle and Mahish Chip for buffaloes, with 75,000 animals genotyped; MAITRI is the name given to the mission's trained artificial insemination technicians. *[Rashtriya Gokul Mission (indigenous bovine breeds)]*

Q49 — (b) Cattle and buffalo breed improvement belongs to the Rashtriya Gokul Mission; NLM covers poultry, sheep, goat and pig, the equines and camels added in 2024, and the Feed and Fodder sub-mission running since 2014-15. *[National Livestock Mission (NLM) components]*

Q50 — (d) The seven parks are at Virudhunagar, Warangal, Navsari, Kalaburagi, Dhar, Lucknow and Amravati - one in each of seven States; the Dhar foundation stone was laid on 17 Sep 2025. *[PM MITRA Parks (textiles)]*

Q51 — (a) The abbreviation PMKSY is shared: Kisan SAMPADA is a Central Sector scheme of the Food Processing Industries Ministry, given Rs 6,520 crore on 31 Jul 2025, while Krishi Sinchayee is the Jal Shakti irrigation scheme. *[PM Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY)]*

Q52 — (b) Ayushman Bharat (2018) has four pillars - AB-PMJAY, Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, ABDM and PM-ABHIM; the National Health Mission of 2005 is a separate programme with which PM-ABHIM converges. *[PM-ABHIM (the fourth pillar of Ayushman Bharat)]*

Q53 — (c) JJM, launched on 15 Aug 2019 under Jal Shakti, raised rural tap coverage from 16.72 per cent to 82.24 per cent of households; urban water supply is AMRUT's remit under the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry. *[Jal Jeevan Mission at 7 years - tap coverage 16.7% to 82%]*

Q54 — (b) The Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 repealed MGNREGA when it commenced on 1 Jul 2026, and raised the guarantee from 100 to 125 days at Rs 300 a day. *[VB-G RAM G Act 2025 in force 1 July 2026 - MGNREGA repealed]*

Q55 — (d) AVYAY, the Social Justice Ministry's senior-citizen umbrella, carries Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana, Elderline 14567, senior-citizen homes under IPSrC and the SAGE portal; ADIP serves Divyangjan, not the elderly. *[AVYAY - the senior-citizens umbrella and its four flagships]*

Q56 — (c) Both hold - KCC dates from 1998 on the R.V. Gupta committee's design and was extended to animal husbandry and fisheries in 2019; the MISS limit is Rs 5 lakh, with 7.72 crore operative cards outstanding. *[Kisan Credit Card: 7.72 crore cards, Rs 5 lakh MISS limit]*

Q57 — (a) PM RAHAT - Road Accident victims' Hospitalization and Assured Treatment - is a MoRTH scheme resting on the

Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2019 and is linked to the ERSS 112 helpline so victims reach care within the golden hour. *[PM RAHAT - cashless golden-hour care for crash victims]*

Q58 — (b) SVAMITVA - Survey of Villages And Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas - maps abadi (inhabited) rural land to issue Property Cards, about 3.18 crore of them; it is a Panchayati Raj scheme launched on 24 Apr 2020. *[SVAMITVA - 3.18 crore property cards by drone survey]*

Q59 — (a) CMS-03 is GSAT-7R, a Navy satellite for Indian Ocean maritime domain awareness; at about 4,400 kg it is the heaviest to Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit from Indian soil, but the heaviest overall is BlueBird Block-2. *[CMS-03 / GSAT-7R (LVM3-M5 launch)]*

Q60 — (b) The 2,392 kg NISAR, carrying NASA's L-band and ISRO's S-band radars on a shared 12 m unfurlable mesh antenna, flew on GSLV-F16, not on a PSLV. *[NISAR (ISRO-NASA radar satellite)]*

Q61 — (d) POEM-4, the PSLV-C60 fourth stage that crossed 1,000 orbits, carried CROPS, the module that germinated cowpea seeds in orbit. *[SpaDeX (space docking) and POEM-4]*

Q62 — (c) ASHVINI is the NPCIL-NTPC joint venture under the Department of Atomic Energy; the PM laid the foundation stone of the 4-unit Mahi Banswara project on 25 Sep 2025. *[ASHVINI JV and Mahi Banswara NPP (Rajasthan)]*

Q63 — (a) The two partner laboratories are CSIR-CRRI (roads) and CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun (petroleum); a 100-metre trial stretch is laid on the Jorabat-Shillong Expressway, NH-40, in Meghalaya. *[Bio-Bitumen via Pyrolysis (farm residue to roads)]*

Q64 — (b) QNu Labs is one of 8 startups backed by the National Quantum Mission of the Department of Science and Technology; QSIP is a quantum random number generator chip, not the QKD link itself. *[QSIP chip and 500-km QKD link (QNu Labs)]*

Q65 — (d) The engine was designed by DRDO's Gas Turbine Research Establishment, Bengaluru - the laboratory behind the Kaveri programme - while Azad Engineering, Hyderabad, manufactured and assembled it. *[First indigenous Expendable Turbo Jet Engine (350 kg thrust)]*

Q66 — (c) Roscosmos contributes crew training and a crew seat; the launcher is the Indian human-rated HLV3. *[Gaganyaan roadmap - Vyommitra flight in Q4 2026]*

Q67 — (b) The PFBR is operated by BHAVINI and designed by IGCAR, not by NPCIL; its MOX core with a U-238 blanket opens Stage II of the three-stage nuclear programme. *[PFBR Kalpakkam attains first criticality]*

Q68 — (a) The new research vessel is contracted to GRSE Kolkata; NIOT Chennai builds MATSYA-6000 for the crewed Samudrayaan programme and CMLRE Kochi does the deep-sea biology. *[Deep Ocean Mission - Matsya-6000 trials and 4 hydrothermal vents]*

Q69 — (d) The advisory covers oilseeds only - groundnut, mustard, soybean, sunflower, sesame and niger; arhar is a pulse and falls outside its scope. *['Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra' WhatsApp AI advisory]*

Q70 — (c) Adi Vaani, built by an IIT Delhi-led team, is the AI translation and preservation platform for tribal languages, its Phase-1 covering Santali, Bhili, Mundari and Gondi; TribeX is the digital learning platform for tribal arts and Adi Sanskriti the digital culture repository. *[Adi Vaani - AI translation platform for tribal languages]*

Q71 — (a) VEGA is C-DAC's indigenous RISC-V processor family; SHAKTI is the RISC-V family of IIT Madras, while Aheesa Digital Innovations is the DLI-backed Chennai startup that designed VIHAAN. *[VIHAAN chip - DLI startup's first-pass*

silicon on VEGA core]

Q72 — (b) Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and Udaipur (Rajasthan) were accredited in January 2025; Bhopal was nominated but not accredited. *[Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation (Indore, Udaipur)]*

Q73 — (d) Madhya Pradesh leads by area with 77,073 sq km, ahead of Arunachal Pradesh (65,882 sq km) and Chhattisgarh (55,812 sq km). *[India State of Forest Report 2023 (forest cover rankings)]*

Q74 — (c) The first national census recorded 718 snow leopards across the Indian Himalayas, of which Ladakh alone holds 477. *[First national Snow Leopard census (718)]*

Q75 — (a) UNEA-7 met at Nairobi, the UNEP headquarters, in December 2025; COP-30 was at Belem, CITES CoP-20 at Samarkand and Ramsar CoP-15 at Victoria Falls. *[Global environment summits 2025 (venue table)]*

Q76 — (c) Total capacity stood at 500.89 GW, of which non-fossil sources - renewables, hydro and nuclear - contributed 256.09 GW, over 51 per cent, so the Panchamrit pledge of 50 per cent non-fossil capacity by 2030 was met five years early. *[India crosses 500 GW installed power capacity]*

Q77 — (b) Montha crossed the Andhra Pradesh coast between Machilipatnam and Kalingapatnam, near Kakinada, on the night of 28 October 2025 as a severe cyclonic storm. *[Cyclone Montha (Bay of Bengal, Oct 2025)]*

Q78 — (a) Botswana is the third source country, after Namibia (September 2022) and South Africa (February 2023). *[Project Cheetah - 53 cheetahs; Botswana becomes third source country]*

Q79 — (d) Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) at Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, is the 100th Ramsar site; Shekha Jheel was the 99th and Glaw Lake in Arunachal Pradesh the 101st. *[India's 100th Ramsar site - Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal), Ballia, UP]*

Q80 — (b) Only 5 of the 7 big cats covered by the IBCA occur in India; the jaguar and the puma are American species. *[International Big Cat Alliance - 1st Summit set for New Delhi]*

Q81 — (c) 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]*

Q82 — (b) The implementing agency of the Export Promotion Mission is the DGFT, not EXIM Bank; the Mission runs two sub-schemes, NIRYAT PROTSAHAN and NIRYAT DISHA. *[Export Promotion Mission (EPM)]*

Q83 — (c) The Rare Earth Corridors are for Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu; Karnataka is not among them. *[Union Budget 2026-27 (first from Kartavya Bhawan)]*

Q84 — (a) The EPI is a NITI Aayog index, now in its 4th edition; the logistics index LEADS is the one published by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. *[Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2024]*

Q85 — (a) The 2025 Act takes effect on 1 April 2026 in place of the 1961 Act, but it only simplifies language and structure - tax policy and slabs are unchanged. *[Income-tax Act, 2025 in force from 1 April 2026]*

Q86 — (d) MC-14 was held at Yaounde, Cameroon, on 26-29 Mar 2026; MC-13 was at Abu Dhabi (2024), MC-12 at Geneva (2022) and MC-10 at Nairobi (2015). *[WTO MC-14 held at Yaounde, Cameroon]*

Q87 — (c) ECTA is the agreement with Australia (2022); CECTA is with Mauritius, TEPA with EFTA and CETA with the United Kingdom. *[India's FTA network reaches nine agreements]*

Q88 — (b) Deepavali went on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity as India's 16th element, not the World Heritage List; the 20th session was hosted at the Red Fort, New Delhi. *[Deepavali on UNESCO ICH list (India's 16th element)]*

Q89 — (c) Rohit Sharma, like Harmanpreet Kaur, received the Padma Shri; Mammooty, Alka Yagnik, Uday Kotak and Vijay Amritraj received the Padma Bhushan. *[Padma Awards 2026]*

Q90 — (d) Chhannulal Mishra was of the Banaras gharana, a master of khayal, thumri, kajri and chaiti; Bhimsen Joshi belonged to Kirana and Birju Maharaj to the Lucknow kathak gharana. *[Pandit Chhannulal Mishra (obituary, Banaras gharana)]*

Q91 — (b) India, captained by Harmanpreet Kaur, beat South Africa in the final after having been runners-up in 2005 and 2017. *[ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 (India champions)]*

Q92 — (c) Ahmedabad hosts the centenary CWG in 2030, a hundred years after the first British Empire Games at Hamilton in 1930; Glasgow hosted the 2026 edition. *[CWG 2030 - centenary Games in Ahmedabad]*

Q93 — (b) The BRO built the 218 km Delaram-Zaranj Highway in Afghanistan; DANTAK is its Bhutan mission and Farkhor and Ayni are in Tajikistan. *[BRO's overseas projects (project-to-country match)]*

Q94 — (a) Timor-Leste joined as ASEAN's 11th member; India is a dialogue partner in a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with ASEAN, not a member. *[Timor-Leste joins ASEAN (22nd ASEAN-India Summit)]*

Q95 — (c) The GCC has exactly six members - Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain; Iraq, Yemen and Jordan are not members. *[India-GCC FTA: Terms of Reference + Joint Statement]*

Q96 — (a) The campus is at Singhasari SEZ, Malang, Indonesia; IIM Ahmedabad's overseas campus is at Dubai and IIT Madras's at Zanzibar. *[IIM Bangalore campus at Singhasari SEZ, Indonesia]*

Q97 — (d) The 15.79 km twin-tube tunnel runs under the Brahmaputra in Assam, linking Gohpur on NH-15 with Numaligarh on NH-715; it is the first such tunnel in India and the second in the world. *[Brahmaputra road-cum-rail tunnel (Assam)]*

Q98 — (b) Adampur Airport in Punjab was renamed on the 649th birth anniversary of Sant Guru Ravidas; Halwara, whose terminal was opened the same day, serves Ludhiana district. *[Adampur Airport renamed (Punjab)]*

Q99 — (a) The 82.15-km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Namo Bharat corridor is the first RRTS corridor; Delhi-Gurugram-Alwar and Delhi-Panipat are the other Phase-1 corridors. *[Namo Bharat RRTS corridor fully operational]*

Q100 — (d) West Bengal signed the NHA MoU on 8 Jun 2026, adding about 1.43 crore families and completing nationwide adoption; Odisha and Delhi had joined in 2025. *[West Bengal - 36th and last to join PM-JAY]*