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1. Which state government launched the ‘Project ODISERV’ to prepare young graduates for employment opportunities in the financial sector?

- (A) Odisha
- (B) Maharashtra
- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Kerala

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Correct Option: A (Odisha)

Solution: Project ODISERV was inaugurated by the Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in Sambalpur, Odisha, a joint initiative by NSDC and Bajaj Finserv to equip young graduates for the financial services sector.

2. Which provision of the Indian Constitution regulates the coal mining in Nagaland?

- (A) Article 370
- (B) Article 371A
- (C) Article 245
- (D) Article 256

Correct Option: B (Article 371A)

Solution: Article 371A of the Indian Constitution protects Naga tribes' customs, traditions, and religious practices from external interference. It also allows the continuation of indigenous legal systems and traditional methods of justice.

3. Keyi Panyor became the 26th district of which state?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh
- (B) Assam
- (C) Arunachal Pradesh
- (D) Odisha

Correct Option: C (Arunachal Pradesh)

Solution: Keyi Panyor is announced as the 26th district of Arunachal Pradesh by the state govt. This district emerged from Lower Subansiri, fulfilling a longstanding demand of the Nyishi community.

4. Which state has launched the Mission 414 campaign?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Himachal Pradesh
- (C) Rajasthan
- (D) Tamil Nadu

Correct Option: B (Himachal Pradesh)

Solution: The Election Commission of India launched the “Mission 414” in Himachal Pradesh to boost voter turnout in 414 polling stations which have less than 60% participation in the last Lok Sabha elections.

5. The Border Road Organization connected the Nimmu-Padam-Darcha Road, to which region this road belongs to?

- (A) Ladakh
- (B) Srinagar
- (C) Kashmir
- (D) Amritsar

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Correct Option: A (Ladakh)

Solution: The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) completed the strategic 298-km Nimmu-Padam-Darcha Road in Ladakh. This connects Manali to Leh via Darcha and Nimmu on Kargil – Leh Highway

6. Which state government launched the ‘Rice Fallow Management Project’?

- (A) Bihar
- (B) Odisha
- (C) Jharkhand
- (D) Uttar Pradesh

Correct Option: B (Odisha)

Solution: The Odisha government launched the Rice Fallow Management Project, pioneering sustainable crop practices nationally.

7. To which state Matua community associated?

- (A) West Bengal
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Madhya Pradesh

Correct Option: A (West Bengal)

Solution: The Matua community of West Bengal, comprising Namasudras, a Scheduled Caste are the second-largest group after Rajbanshis. Harichand Thakur founded Matua Mahasangha, advocating against caste oppression and promoting Dalit education and social upliftment.

8. Ghatampur and Obra C thermal power projects are associated with which state?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Haryana
- (D) Odisha

Correct Option: A (Uttar Pradesh)

Solution: Ghatampur and Obra C thermal power projects are located in Uttar Pradesh.

9. Kolar Gold Fields are located in which state?

- (A) Odisha
- (B) Tamil Nadu
- (C) Jharkhand
- (D) Karnataka

Correct Option: D (Karnataka)

Solution: Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) are located 100 km from Bangalore in Kolar district, KGF mines are among the world's deepest, operated by Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML), a public sector undertaking established in 1972.

10. Mekedatu Project is associated with which state?

- (A) Kerala
- (B) Maharashtra
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Tamil Nadu

Correct Option: C (Karnataka)

Solution: The Mekedatu project of Tamil Nadu is a multi-purpose project aims to build a balancing reservoir. The project involves constructing a dam at the confluence of the Cauvery and Arkavathi rivers.

11. Which Indian Institute received the distinguished Special Consultative Status from the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC)?

- (A) IIT Kanpur
- (B) KIIT DU
- (C) BITS
- (D) IIT Delhi

Correct Option: B (KIIT DU)

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Solution: On 23 July 2024, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) conferred Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) with Special Consultative Status, recognizing the University's contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

12. Which ministry released the 'Flood Watch India 2.0 App,' developed by the Central Water Commission (CWC)?

- (A) Ministry of Rural Development
- (B) Ministry of Agriculture
- (C) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (D) Ministry of Urban Development

Correct Option: C (Ministry of Jal Shakti)

Solution: The Union Minister for Jal Shakti launched Version 2.0 of the 'FloodWatch India' mobile app by the Central Water Commission (CWC). This app provides real-time flood information and 7-day forecasts to the public in English and Hindi, with both readable and audio formats.

13. Which ministry launched the Prerana Programme?

- (A) Ministry of Education
- (B) Ministry of Culture
- (C) Ministry of Urban Development
- (D) Ministry of Defence

Correct Option: A (Ministry of Education)

Solution: The Union Education Minister launched the Prerana Programme in January 2024.

14. Where was the 17th edition of the International Earth Sciences Olympiad (IESO) held?

- (A) Beijing, China
- (B) New Delhi, India
- (C) London, UK
- (D) Moscow, Russia

Correct Option: A (Beijing, China)

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Solution: The Indian student team won multiple medals at the 17th International Earth Sciences Olympiad (IESO) held in Beijing, China, from August 8-16, 2024.

15. Hakki Pikki Tribe is a major tribal community of which state?

- (A) Odisha
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Jharkhand

Correct Option: C (Karnataka)

Solution: The Hakki Pikki tribe resided in Shivamogga, Davanagere, and Mysuru districts migrated from Northern India. The tribe is recognized as a Scheduled Tribe in India. They speak 'Vaagri,' an Indo-Aryan language, at home, but use Kannada for business; UNESCO lists Vaagri as endangered.

16. Tungabhadra Dam is located in which state?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh
- (B) Maharashtra
- (C) Odisha
- (D) Karnataka

Correct Option: D (Karnataka)

Solution: Tungabhadra Dam, also known as Pampa Sagar, is a multipurpose dam on the Tungabhadra River, a tributary of the Krishna River. It is located in the Ballari district of Karnataka, near the town of Hospet.

17. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is administered by which ministry?

- (A) Ministry of Urban Development
- (B) Ministry of Labour & Employment
- (C) Ministry of Agriculture
- (D) Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

Correct Option: D (Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises)

Solution: PMEGP is a central scheme under the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises. It also aims to increase the wage-earning capacity of workers and boost employment growth in rural and urban areas.

18. Which state has reported an outbreak of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) primarily affecting children?

- (A) Gujarat
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Odisha
- (D) Tamil Nadu

Correct Option: A (Gujarat)

Solution: Gujarat faced a health crisis due to a surge in Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) cases, mainly impacting children and causing multiple deaths.

19. Which state has recently recorded the semi-wild bovine creature, mithun (*Bos frontalis*), for the first time?

- (A) Assam
- (B) Sikkim
- (C) Manipur
- (D) Nagaland

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Correct Option: A (Assam)

Solution: Assam has recorded the presence of the mithun, a semi-wild animal, for the first time in Dima Hasao. Previously, mithuns were counted under the “others” category in livestock censuses.

20. Which state has reported an outbreak of bird flu or avian influenza?

- (A) Odisha
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Jharkhand

Correct Option: A (Odisha)

Solution: Odisha reported a bird flu outbreak with the H5N1 strain at a poultry farm in Pipili, Puri district of Odisha.

21. Which city of Madhya Pradesh hosted the third Regional Industry Conclave?

- (A) Indore
- (B) Bhopal
- (C) Jabalpur
- (D) Gwalior

Correct Option: D (Gwalior)

Solution: Gwalior hosted the third Regional Industry Conclave on August 28, 2024, to attract investments to Madhya Pradesh.

22. Uri-II hydroelectric power plant is located on which river?

- (A) Jhelum River
- (B) Chenab River
- (C) Ravi River
- (D) Tawi River

Correct Option: A (Jhelum River)

Solution: The Uri-I Hydroelectric Project is located on the Jhelum River in Uri town, Baramulla district, Jammu & Kashmir.

23. eShram Portal is launched by which ministry?

- (A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (B) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (C) Ministry of Rural Development
- (D) Ministry of Finance

Correct Option: B (Ministry of Labour and Employment)

Solution: The Ministry of Labour & Employment launched the eShram portal on 26th August 2021. The portal aims to be a “One-Stop-Solution” for unorganised workers, integrating with other platforms. eShram will help unorganised workers access schemes like PMJJBY, PMSBY, AB-PMJAY, and others.

24. ‘Nambike Nakshe’ scheme, recently seen in the news, is introduced by which state?

- (A) Odisha
- (B) Karnataka
- (C) Tamil Nadu
- (D) Gujarat

Correct Option: B (Karnataka)

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Solution: The ‘Nambike Nakshe’ scheme simplifies the process for properties up to 4,000 square feet within Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) areas.

25. Konyaks the largest tribes belong to which state?

- (A) Nagaland
- (B) Assam
- (C) Manipur
- (D) Odisha

Correct Option: A (Nagaland)

Solution: The Konyak Union of the Nagaland government requested to settle the boundary line error between Mon district in Nagaland and Charaideo district in Assam on Google Maps.

26. Which ministry launched the ‘VisioNxt web portal’?

- (A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (B) Ministry of Textiles
- (C) Ministry of Defence
- (D) Ministry of Home Affairs

Correct Option: B (Ministry of Textiles)

Solution: The Union Ministry of Textiles launched the VisioNxt web portal to make India a global fashion leader. The portal provides real-time, India-specific fashion trend insights, reducing reliance on foreign forecasting agencies.

27. Which state introduced India's first silicon carbide manufacturing facility?

- (A) Odisha
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Haryana
- (D) Jharkhand

Correct Option: A (Odisha)

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Solution: Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi inaugurated first silicon carbide manufacturing facility of India in Bhubaneswar.

28. In which district Maharashtra government announced the establishment of a tribal university?

- (A) Nashik
- (B) Amravati
- (C) Wardha
- (D) Latur

Correct Option: A (Nashik)

Solution: Maharashtra Governor C. P. Radhakrishnan announced the establishment of a tribal university in Nashik to support the development and future of tribal students. The university will offer quality education from Kindergarten to Post-graduation levels.

29. What is the total allocation for the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA) scheme approved by Union Cabinet?

- (A) Rs.79,156 crore
- (B) Rs.89,186 crore
- (C) Rs.67,106 crore
- (D) Rs.99,146 crore

Correct Option: A (Rs.79,156 crore)

Solution: The Union Cabinet approved the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA) aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal-majority villages and aspirational districts on 18 September 2024.

30. 'One nation, one election', is related to which committee?

- (A) Ram Nath Kovind
- (B) Pratibha Patil
- (C) Man Mohan Singh
- (D) Radhakrishnan

Correct Option: A (Ram Nath Kovind)

Solution: The Union Cabinet approved a proposal for simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha, state Assemblies, and local bodies, as suggested by a High-Level Committee led by former President Ram Nath Kovind.

31. What is the primary objective of 'White Revolution 2.0' launched by Union Home and Cooperation Minister?

- (A) To empower women farmers, increase local milk production, improve dairy infrastructure & dairy exports
- (B) Increase the export of basmati rice and wheat
- (C) Increase the production of organic vegetables
- (D) Promote digital farming

Correct Option: A (To empower women farmers, increase local milk production, improve dairy infrastructure & dairy exports)

Solution: The Union Home and Cooperation Minister launched 'White Revolution 2.0' with the aim to empower women farmers, increase local milk production, improve dairy infrastructure, and boost dairy exports.

32. Bihar government has decided to cull which animals to protect farmers from crop damage?

- (A) Nilgai and Wild Boars
- (B) Monkeys
- (C) Elephants
- (D) Wild cats

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Correct Option: A (Nilgai and Wild Boars)

Solution: The Bihar government has decided to cull Nilgai (blue bulls) and wild boars in five districts to protect farmers from crop damage.

33. ANNA DARPA system an initiative launched by which organization?

- (A) NITI Aayog
- (B) National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- (C) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
- (D) Food Corporation of India (FCI)

Correct Option: D (Food Corporation of India (FCI))

Solution: Food Corporation of India (FCI) selected Coforge Limited as the system integrator for its digital transformation project, Anna DARPA. The project aims to streamline and improve supply chain management with an interactive, user-friendly design.

34. Which state government declared desi (indigenous) cows as 'Rajyamata-Gomata'?

- (A) Jharkhand
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Maharashtra
- (D) Karnataka

Correct Option: C (Maharashtra)

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Solution: Maharashtra government granted indigenous cow breeds the title of 'Rajyamata-Gomata' for their cultural and agricultural significance.

35. Where was the national symposium 'Exercise AIKYA' on disaster management held?

- (A) Chennai
- (B) Visakhapatnam

- (C) Varanasi
- (D) Indore

Correct Option: A (Chennai)

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Solution: A two-day national symposium, Exercise AIKYA, was held by the National Disaster Management Authority and the Army Southern Command in Chennai.

36. In which region of Maharashtra foundation stone of 'PM MITRA Park' was laid?

- (A) Latur
- (B) Nashik
- (C) Amravati
- (D) Pune

Correct Option: C (Amravati)

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Solution: Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park in Amravati, Maharashtra, covering 1,000 acres.

37. Tsangyang Gyatso Peak is located in which state?

- (A) Arunachal Pradesh
- (B) Assam
- (C) Sikkim
- (D) Uttarakhand

Correct Option: A (Arunachal Pradesh)

Solution: A peak in Arunachal Pradesh was named 'Tsangyang Gyatso Peak' after the 6th Dalai Lama. Tsangyang Gyatso was born in Tawang and lived in the 17th-18th century. India views the naming as a tribute to his wisdom and contributions to the Monpa community.

38. Which state recently launched a new governance model called the "co-district" initiative?

- (A) Nagaland
- (B) Assam
- (C) Mizoram
- (D) Sikkim

Correct Option: B (Assam)

Solution: Assam has launched the "co-district" initiative, a new governance model that replaces the traditional civil sub-division system. Co-district commissioners will have the same powers as district commissioners for more localized control.

39. Which tribe primarily inhabits Meluri, newly declared district of Nagaland?

- (A) Angami Naga
- (B) Pochury Naga
- (C) Sumi Naga
- (D) Lotha Naga

Correct Option: B (Pochury Naga)

Solution: Meluri, home to the Pochury Naga tribe, is now the 17th district of Nagaland. The state government has elevated Meluri Sub-Division from Phek District to a full district, effective immediately.

40. Where was Bengaluru's first digital population clock inaugurated?

- (A) Bangalore University
- (B) Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- (C) National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS)
- (D) Institute for Social Economic Change (ISEC)

Correct Option: D (Institute for Social Economic Change (ISEC))

Solution: Bengaluru's first digital population clock was inaugurated at Institute for Social Economic Change (ISEC). It provides real-time population estimates for Karnataka and India. The project is a joint effort of ISEC and the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The clock updates Karnataka's population every 1 minute 10 seconds and India's every 2 seconds. It aims to raise awareness about population dynamics and support research.

41. Which state/UT recently implemented a 'Graded Response Action Plan III' (GRAP III) to combat air pollution?

- (A) West Bengal
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Jammu and Kashmir
- (D) Rajasthan

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Correct Option: B (New Delhi)

Solution: Delhi and surrounding areas are experiencing severe smog, with the AQI exceeding 400, classifying the air quality as "Severe." The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) called this a "episodic event" and expects conditions to improve soon. To tackle the pollution, Stage III of the Graded Action Response Plan (GRAP) has been enforced.

42. Which organization has launched Kavach 4.0, an automatic train protection system?

- (A) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- (B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- (C) Research Design and Standards Organization (RDSO)
- (D) Ministry of Transport

Correct Option: C (Research Design and Standards Organization (RDSO))

Solution: Kavach 4.0 is an advanced automatic train protection system developed by Research Design and Standards Organization (RDSO) of Indian Railways to enhance safety and efficiency in train operations.

43. What is the name of the new portal launched by government for real-time police information sharing?

- (A) Interpol Connect
- (B) Bharatpol

- (C) CrimeNet
- (D) None of the Above

Correct Option: B (Bharatpol)

Solution: Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the BHARATPOL portal, developed by the CBI, on January 7, 2025, in New Delhi. The portal enhances real-time information sharing for Indian law enforcement agencies (LEAs) to access international police assistance.

44. Z Morh Tunnel is located in which state/UT?

- (A) Sikkim
- (B) Arunachal Pradesh
- (C) Assam
- (D) Jammu and Kashmir

Correct Option: D (Jammu and Kashmir)

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Solution: The Z-Morh tunnel is a 2-lane road tunnel between Gagangir and Sonamarg on the Srinagar-Leh Highway in Jammu and Kashmir. The tunnel is named after the Z-shaped road section near the site.

45. Which state became the first northeastern state to distribute property cards under the SVAMITVA scheme?

- (A) Nagaland
- (B) Manipur
- (C) Tripura
- (D) Mizoram

Correct Option: D (Mizoram)

Solution: Mizoram became the first state in Northeast India to distribute property cards under the SVAMITVA scheme.

46. What is the theme of the joint tableau of the three Indian armies for Republic Day Parade 2025?

- (A) Unity in Diversity
- (B) Empowered and Secure India
- (C) Strength through Unity
- (D) Defenders of the Nation

Correct Option: B (Empowered and Secure India)

Solution: For the first time, a tri-services tableau will feature at the 76th Republic Day Parade on January 26, 2025. The tableau's theme is "Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat" (Empowered and Secure India), showcasing joint operations between the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

47. Which ministry launched the National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS) 2.0?

- (A) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- (B) Ministry of Home Affairs

- (C) Ministry of Cooperation
- (D) Ministry of Defence

Correct Option: A (Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs)

Solution: The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs launched the National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS) 2.0. The scheme aims to strengthen democracy, promote discipline, tolerance, and awareness of parliamentary practices.

48. Which state government has recently launched Braille-enabled Indian Constitution?

- (A) Karnataka
- (B) Andhra Pradesh
- (C) Maharashtra
- (D) Gujarat

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Correct Option: A (Karnataka)

Solution: Sankara Eye Hospital and CII Young Indians (YI) Bengaluru launched a Braille-enabled Indian Constitution.

49. Which country has granted personhood status to Mount Taranaki?

- (A) New Zealand
- (B) Australia
- (C) Canada
- (D) United States

Correct Option: (A) New Zealand

Solution: New Zealand's parliament has officially granted personhood status to Mount Taranaki, also known as Taranaki Maunga. This decision is part of a broader effort to address historical injustices faced by the Maori people and to restore their cultural and spiritual connection to the mountain.

50. Which village has been declared Gujarat's first Biodiversity Heritage Site?

- (A) Mandvi
- (B) Guneri
- (C) Bhuj
- (D) Anjar

Correct Option: (B)

Solution: Guneri village in the Kutch district has been designated as Gujarat's first Biodiversity Heritage Site to protect its rare inland mangrove ecosystem. The Gujarat government has initiated conservation efforts, community training programs, and ecological protection measures to safeguard this unique habitat.

51. Where was the inaugural Raisina Middle East Conference held in 2025?

- (A) Abu Dhabi
- (B) Riyadh
- (C) Doha
- (D) Dubai

Correct Option: (A) Abu Dhabi

Solution: The first Raisina Middle East Conference took place in Abu Dhabi, UAE, on January 28-29, 2025. The event was attended by the India's External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, as the Chief Guest.

52. What is the name of the new SuperApp launched by Indian Railways for seamless travel?

- (A) RailConnect
- (B) UTS Mobile
- (C) RailYatra
- (D) SwaRail

Correct Option: (D) SwaRail

Solution: The Ministry of Railways has launched the 'SwaRail' SuperApp to integrate multiple railway services into a single, user-friendly platform.

53. Which African country became the first to eliminate onchocerciasis?

- (A) Nigeria
- (B) Niger
- (C) Ethiopia
- (D) Kenya

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Correct Option: (B) Niger

Solution: Niger has become the first African country and the fifth globally to eliminate onchocerciasis, a disease caused by the *Onchocerca volvulus* parasite and transmitted by black flies in riverine areas.

54. Which Indian state has denotified three proposed reserve forests to grant land rights to residents?

- (A) West Bengal
- (B) Odisha
- (C) Madhya Pradesh
- (D) Assam

Correct Option: (D) Assam

Solution: The Assam government has decided to denotify three proposed reserve forests in Tinsukia district—Talpathar, Mohongpathar, and Duarmarah—to provide land rights to over 20,000 residents.

55. Where was the Sci-Fi Science Film Festival of India inaugurated in 2025?

- (A) Mumbai
- (B) Panaji
- (C) Bangalore
- (D) Pune

Correct Option: (A) Panaji

Solution: The Sci-Fi Science Film Festival was inaugurated by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant in Panaji on January 30, 2025. The festival, organized by Vidnyan

Parishad Goa, focuses on science, innovation, and curiosity, with the theme “Green Revolution” this year.

56. Which astronaut set a new record for the longest spacewalking time by a woman?

- (A) Christina Koch
- (B) Jessica Meir
- (C) Sunita Williams
- (D) Peggy Whitson

Correct Option: (C) Sunita Williams

Solution: Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams has set a new record for the longest spacewalking time by a woman, surpassing the previous record held by Peggy Whitson.

57. How many consecutive Union Budgets have Nirmala Sitharaman presented?

- (A) 7th
- (B) 8th
- (C) 9th
- (D) 10th

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Correct Option: (B) 8th

Solution: Nirmala Sitharaman has made history by presenting her 8th consecutive Union Budget on February 1, 2025. This sets a new record for the highest number of back-to-back budget presentations by any finance minister in India's history.

58. Which country is the first recipient of India's defence export order executed by the Ordnance Clothing Factory, Avadi?

- (A) Guyana
- (B) French Guiana
- (C) Suriname
- (D) Brazil

Correct Option: (C) Republic of Suriname

Solution: The Ordnance Clothing Factory (OCF), Avadi, executed India's first defence export order to the Republic of Suriname.

59. By what percentage has India's tiger population increased over the past two decades?

- (A) 20%
- (B) 25%
- (C) 30%
- (D) 35%

Correct Option: (C) 30%

Solution: According to a study published in the journal Science, India's tiger population has increased by 30% over the past two decades.

60. How many new wetlands were added to the Ramsar List in India recently?

- (A) 4
- (B) 3

- (C)5
- (D)2

Correct Option: (A) 4

Solution: India has recently added four new wetlands (Udhwa Lake in Jharkhand, Sikkim's first Ramsar site, a wetland in Gujarat, and another in Northeast India) to the Ramsar List, bringing the total number of Ramsar sites in India to 89.

61. In which Indian state was the saffron reedtail damselfly (*Indosticta deccanensis*) discovered?

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Tamil Nadu
- (D) Karnataka

Correct Option: (D) Karnataka

Solution: The saffron reedtail damselfly (*Indosticta deccanensis*) was discovered in Madhugundi, Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka, marking its first recorded presence in the northern Western Ghats.

62. When is the World's Wetlands Day observed annually?

- (A) January 31
- (B) February 2
- (C) March 5
- (D) April 10

Correct Option: (B)

Solution: World Wetlands Day is observed every year on February 2 with the aim to raise awareness about the crucial role wetlands play in supporting biodiversity, human well-being, and cultural heritage. The 2025 theme, 'Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future,' highlights the importance of conservation efforts in preserving these ecosystems.

63. What is the limit of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for the insurance sector as per the Union Budget 2025-26?

- (A) 49%
- (B) 74%
- (C) 85%
- (D) 100%

Correct Option: (D)

Solution: The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit in the insurance sector has been raised from 74% to 100% in the Union Budget 2025-26.

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64. The DRDO's VSHORAD system is designed to intercept which type of targets?

- (A) Cruise missiles
- (B) Low-flying drones
- (C) Fighter jets

Correct Option: (B)

Solution: The DRDO successfully conducted flight trials of the Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) system, demonstrating its capability to intercept low-altitude, high-speed threats.

65. Which company has launched the UPI Switch 'Blitz' for scalable payment solutions?

- (A) Razorpay
- (B) Paytm
- (C) CARD91
- (D) PhonePe

Correct Option: (C)

Solution: CARD91, an Issuance Platform-as-a-Service company launched 'Blitz,' a proprietary UPI Switch designed to provide banks and financial institutions with seamless and scalable digital payment solutions.

66. Who won the Grammy Award for Best New Age, Ambient, or Chant Album for 'Triveni' at the 67th Grammy Awards?

- (A) Chandrika Tandon
- (B) Wouter Kellerman
- (C) Eru Matsumoto
- (D) Anoushka Shankar

Correct Option: (A) Chandrika Krishnamoorthy Tandon

Solution: Chandrika Krishnamoorthy Tandon, an Indian-American musician and business leader, won the Grammy Award for Best New Age, Ambient, or Chant Album for her project 'Triveni' at the 67th Grammy Awards on February 2, 2025.

67. Which state launched the WhatsApp-based governance platform 'Mana Mitra'?

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Tamil Nadu
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Andhra Pradesh

Correct Option: (D) Andhra Pradesh

Solution: The Andhra Pradesh government launched 'Mana Mitra', India's first WhatsApp-based governance platform. The main purpose of this initiative is to provide 161 civil services accessible to citizens.

68. Which country hosted the 13th edition of the joint military exercise 'Ekuverin' with India?

- (A) Maldives
- (B) Mauritius
- (C) Sri Lanka
- (D) Malaysia

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Correct Option: (A) Maldives

Solution: The 13th edition of the bilateral military exercise 'Ekuverin' between India and the Maldives was held in the Maldives.

69. What is the current unemployment rate in the country as per the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)?

- (A) 6%
- (B) 4.5%
- (C) 3.8%
- (D) 3.2%

Correct Option: (D) 3.2%

Solution: The unemployment rate in the country has reduced to 3.2% from the previous 6% in the last fiscal year during July 2023 – June 2024, as per the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).

70. Who won the Tata Steel Masters Chess title, 2025?

- (A) D Gukesh
- (B) Arjun Erigaisi
- (C) R Praggnanandhaa
- (D) Nihal Sarin

Correct Option: (C) R Praggnanandhaa

Solution: R Praggnanandhaa secured his first-ever Tata Steel Masters Chess title by defeating D Gukesh 2-1 in a dramatic tie-breaker held in the Netherlands.

71. What is India's current rank in global mobile manufacturing?

- (A) 1st
- (B) 2nd
- (C) 3rd
- (D) 4th

Correct Option: (B) 2nd

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Solution: India has emerged as the world's 2nd largest mobile manufacturer, driven by the rapid expansion of its electronics industry. The country now has over 300 mobile manufacturing units, a significant rise from just 2 in 2014. Nearly 99.2% of mobile phones sold in India are locally produced, with the manufacturing value surging from ₹18,900 Cr in FY14 to ₹4,22,000 Cr in FY24.

72. Which company launched the AI-powered home loan advisor 'KAI'?

- (A) L&T
- (B) HDFC
- (C) ICICI Bank
- (D) Bajaj Finserv

Correct Option: (A) L&T Finance Limited (LTF)

Solution: L&T Finance Limited (LTF), a leading Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) in India, has introduced 'Knowledgeable AI' (KAI), an AI-powered virtual home loan advisor.

73. Which state is set to establish India's first AI university?

- (A) Karnataka
- (B) Tamil Nadu
- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Maharashtra

Correct Option: (D) Maharashtra

Solution: Maharashtra is set to establish India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) university, aiming to drive AI education, research, and innovation.

74. What is the primary focus of the AI solutions to be unveiled at WAVES 2025?

- (A) Misinformation Detection
- (B) Speech Recognition
- (C) Automated Translation
- (D) Audience Analytics

Correct Option: (A) Misinformation detection

Solution: The primary focus of WAVES 2025 is to combat misinformation in broadcasting by unveiling AI-powered solutions for live misinformation detection.

75. Who became the first Black woman to win the Mrs World title?

- (A) Angela Lewis
- (B) Maria Gonzalez
- (C) Tshego Gaelae
- (D) Naomi Richards

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Correct Option: (C) Tshego Gaelae

Solution: Tshego Gaelae made history by becoming the first Black woman to win the Mrs World title in 2025.

76. What is the new name of INDIAN ARMY, Eastern Command headquarters Kolkata's Fort William?

- (A) Shivneri
- (B) Sinhagad
- (C) Vijay Durg
- (D) Pratapgarh

Correct Option: (C) Vijay Durg

Solution: The Indian Army has renamed Kolkata's Fort William 'Vijay Durg' as part of a decolonization initiative aimed at honouring India's indigenous military heritage.

77. Which state has been declared 'Naxal-free' after the final surrender of its last active Naxalite?

- (A) Chhattisgarh
- (B) Jharkhand
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Odisha

Correct Option: (C) Karnataka

Solution: Karnataka has been declared 'Naxal-free' after the surrender of its last active Naxalite, Lakshmi, in Udupi.

78. Which state won the men's kabaddi gold medal at the 38th National Games?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Chandigarh
- (C) Himachal Pradesh
- (D) Haryana

Correct Option: (A) Uttar Pradesh

Solution: Uttar Pradesh secured the gold medal in the men's kabaddi event at the 38th National Games by defeating Chandigarh in the final.

79. What is Zomato's new name after its recent rebranding?

- (A) Eternal
- (B) Infinite
- (C) Zenith
- (D) Continuum

Correct Option: (A) Eternal

Solution: Zomato has rebranded itself as "Eternal" to reflect its broader business scope beyond food delivery. The company now integrates four key verticals: Zomato (food delivery), Blinkit (quick commerce), District (live events), and Hyperpure (kitchen supplies).

80. Where was the 38th Surajkund International Crafts Fair inaugurated?

- (A) Bhopal
- (B) Bhubaneswar
- (C) Faridabad
- (D) Jaipur

Correct Option: (C) Faridabad

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Solution: The 38th Surajkund International Crafts Fair known for promoting handicrafts and handlooms was inaugurated in Faridabad by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.

81. Which country recently added its first drone and helicopter-launching ship, Shahid Beheshti, to its Revolutionary Guards' fleet?

- (A) Iran
- (B) China
- (C) Russia
- (D) Turkey

Correct Option: (A) Iran

Solution: Iran introduced Shahid Beheshti, its first drone and helicopter-launching ship, into the Revolutionary Guards' fleet.

82. Which state has launched initiatives like "Nirbhaya Kadhi," "Mo Gelha Jiya," and "Veerangana Yojana" for adolescent girls' welfare?

- (A) Rajasthan
- (B) Madhya Pradesh
- (C) West Bengal
- (D) Odisha

Correct Option: (D) ODISHA

Solution: Odisha government has launched "Nirbhaya Kadhi," "Mo Gelha Jiya," and "Veerangana Yojana" under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme to support adolescent girls' welfare.

83. Where was the 10th Arunachal Film Festival inaugurated?

- (A) Guwahati
- (B) Shillong
- (C) Itanagar
- (D) Kohima

Correct Option: (C) Itanagar

Solution: The 10th Arunachal Film Festival was inaugurated at TNZ Cinema in Itanagar by Minister PD Sona.

84. Which city hosted the BIMSTEC Youth Summit 2025?

- (A) Jaipur
- (B) Gandhinagar
- (C) Bhubaneswar
- (D) Lucknow

Correct Option: (B) Gandhinagar

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Solution: The BIMSTEC Youth Summit 2025 was held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from 7th to 11th February emphasizing the theme "Youth as a Bridge for Intra-BIMSTEC Exchange."

85. Which country announced its withdrawal from the WHO, citing sovereignty concerns?

- (A) Brazil
- (B) Canada
- (C) Argentina
- (D) Germany

Correct Option: (C)

Solution: Argentina, under President Javier Milei's leadership, has decided to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO) due to "profound differences" in health management, particularly during COVID-19.

86. Which country has officially withdrawn from China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)?

- (A) Panama
- (B) Sri Lanka
- (C) Brazil

Correct Option: (A) Panama

Solution: Panama has announced its withdrawal from China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) reflecting a geopolitical shift influenced by U.S. concerns over China's growing involvement in Panama's infrastructure.

87. Where is the NSDC International Academy launched?

- (A) Pune
- (B) Hyderabad
- (C) Bengaluru
- (D) Noida

Correct Option: (D) Noida

Solution: The NSDC International Academy designed to provide world-class skill training and foreign language certifications, preparing youth for global careers in countries like Germany, Japan, and Israel was inaugurated in Greater Noida by Shri Jayant Chaudhary.

88. Which country researchers successfully created the first-ever kangaroo embryo using IVF?

- (A) Australia
- (B) Canada
- (C) United States
- (D) New Zealand

Correct Option: (A) Australia

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Solution: Researchers at the University of Queensland in Australia successfully created kangaroo embryos using In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) through Intra-Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI).

89. Kodava community is primarily located in which state?

- (A) Kerala
- (B) Tamil Nadu
- (C) Andhra Pradesh
- (D) Karnataka

Correct Option: (D) Karnataka

Solution: The Kodava community is an endogamous Dravidian ethnolinguistic group native to the Kodagu region in Karnataka. They are the only community in India allowed to carry firearms without a license.

90. To which country does M23 armed group belongs to?

- (A) Rwanda
- (B) Uganda
- (C) Congo
- (D) Tanzania

Correct Option: (C) Congo

Solution: The March 23 Movement (French: Mouvement du 23 mars), often abbreviated as M23 is based in the eastern areas of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This group operates mainly in the province of North Kivu, which borders both Uganda and Rwanda, and is backed by Rwanda. It is also a member of the Congo River Alliance, a rebel coalition in the Congo.

91. The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) been extended till _____?

- (A) 2025
- (B) 2026
- (C) 2027
- (D) 2028

Correct Option: (D) 2028

Solution: The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was launched in 2019 to provide tap water to every rural household by 2024. The mission has been extended until 2028 to focus on improving service delivery, public participation, and maintenance of rural water supply systems.

92. Which country won the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025?

- (A) India
- (B) England
- (C) Australia
- (D) South Africa

Correct Option: (A) India

Solution: India emerged as the champion of the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025, defeating South Africa in the final held in Malaysia.

92. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut the repo rate by how many basis points?

- (A) 50
- (B) 40
- (C) 25
- (D) 10

Correct Option: (C) 25

Solution: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points (bps), bringing it down to 6.25%.

93. The TROPEX-25 military exercise was conducted in which region?

- (A) Pacific Ocean
- (B) Arabian Sea
- (C) Bay of Bengal
- (D) Indian Ocean

Correct Option: (D) Indian Ocean

Solution: TROPEX-25 is a biennial large-scale military exercise conducted in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). This exercise involved around 65 Indian Navy ships, 9 submarines, and over 80 aircraft, along with assets from the Indian Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

94. Which state hosted the world's largest Jhumur festival in 2025?

- (A) West Bengal
- (B) Assam
- (C) Odisha
- (D) Jharkhand

Correct Option: (B) Assam

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Solution: Assam hosted the world's largest Jhumur dance festival on February 24, 2025, as a prelude to the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment Summit. At this event Guinness World Record was created with over 7,500 dancers performing Jhumur, a traditional folk dance.

95. Which country participated in the joint military exercise 'Cyclone 2025' with India?

- (A) Saudi Arabia
- (B) UAE
- (C) Egypt
- (D) France

Correct Option: (C) Egypt

Solution: The joint military exercise 'Cyclone 2025' between India and Egypt was held at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.

96. What is India's rank in the Global LEED Green Buildings 2024 rankings?

- (A) 1st
- (B) 2nd
- (C) 4th
- (D) 3rd

Correct Option: (D) 3rd

Solution: India secured the 3rd position in the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Global LEED Green Buildings 2024 rankings, with 370 projects covering 8.50 million gross square meters (GSM) of green-certified space.

97. N. Biren Singh resign before a no-confidence motion, He was Chief Minister of which state?

- (A) Assam
- (B) Meghalaya
- (C) Manipur
- (D) Tripura

Correct Option: (C) Manipur

Solution: N. Biren Singh resigned as the Chief Minister of Manipur ahead of a no-confidence motion in the state assembly.

Ajay Kumar Bhalla Governor of Manipur.

98. Which country has the world's most powerful passport in 2025?

- (A) Singapore

- (B) South Korea
- (C) Japan
- (D) United Arab Emirates

Correct Option: (A) Singapore

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Solution: Singapore holds the title of the world's most powerful passport in 2025, allowing visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 193 countries.

99. "Operation Devil Hunt" launched by which country?

- (A) Myanmar
- (B) Bangladesh
- (C) Sri Lanka
- (D) Nepal

Correct Option: (B) Bangladesh

Solution: Bangladesh launched "Operation Devil Hunt" to address political violence and unrest, resulting in the arrest of over 1,300 individuals.

100. India's first automated biomedical waste treatment rig, "Srjanam," was inaugurated in which city?

- (A) Mumbai
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Bengaluru
- (D) Chennai

Correct Option: (B) New Delhi

Solution: India's first automated biomedical waste treatment plant "Srjanam," was inaugurated at AIIMS, New Delhi under the "Waste to Wealth" mission. Developed by CSIR-NIIST Thiruvananthapuram, this facility ensures the eco-friendly disposal of biomedical waste, promoting sustainability in healthcare waste management.

101. What is the new name of the Hindustan Jet Trainer (HJT-36) after modifications?

- (A) Vajra
- (B) Dhruv
- (C) Rudra
- (D) Yashas

Correct Option: (D) Yashas

Solution: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has renamed the Hindustan Jet Trainer (HJT-36) as 'Yashas' after making significant modifications to enhance its spin resistance and stability.

102. How many new languages have been added to the Lok Sabha translation service?

- (A) 4
- (B) 5
- (C) 6
- (D) 7

Correct Option: (C) 6

Solution: 6 new languages: Bodo, Dogri, Maithili, Manipuri, Urdu, and Sanskrit have been added to the translation services of Indian Parliament.

103. Which state will host the 39th National Games in 2027?

- (A) Assam
- (B) Meghalaya
- (C) Manipur
- (D) Sikkim

Correct Option: (C) Manipur

Solution: Meghalaya has been chosen as the host for the 39th National Games, scheduled to take place in 2027.

104. Which state launched the 'Har Khet-Swasth Khet' campaign to improve soil health?

- (A) Punjab
- (B) Uttar Pradesh
- (C) Haryana
- (D) Rajasthan

Correct Option: (C) Haryana

Solution:

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Haryana launched the 'Har Khet-Swasth Khet' campaign to boost soil health and promote sustainable farming.

105. Who wrote the memoir 'I Am a Soldier's Wife: The Life and Love of Toni Lidder'?

- (A) Upendra Dwivedi
- (B) Geetika Lidder
- (C) Brigadier LS Lidder
- (D) Toni Lidder

Correct Option: (B) Geetika Lidder

Solution: The memoir 'I Am a Soldier's Wife: The Life and Love of Toni Lidder' was written by Geetika Lidder, the wife of Brigadier LS Lidder. The book is a tribute to her husband's remarkable journey as both a soldier and a devoted family man.

106. Which Indian player has been named as the event ambassadors for the ICC Champions Trophy?

- (A) Harbhajan Singh
- (B) Ravichandran Ashwin
- (C) MS Dhoni
- (D) Shikhar Dhawan

Correct Option: (D) Shikhar Dhawan

Solution: Shikhar Dhawan, the former Indian opener named as one of the four event ambassadors for the ICC Champions Trophy,

107. What is the primary function of SEBI's MITRA platform?

- (A) Track Inactive Mutual Fund
- (B) Track Stock Market Investments
- (C) Track Real Estate Investments
- (D) Track Bank Deposits

Correct Option: (A) Track Inactive Mutual Fund

Solution: SEBI's MITRA (Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant) platform was introduced to help investors track inactive or unclaimed mutual fund folios.

108. Where was the Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0 event held in February 2025?

- (A) Varanasi
- (B) Chennai
- (C) New Delhi
- (D) Bengaluru

Correct Option: (A) Varanasi

Solution: The Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0 event was held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, from February 15-24, 2025. This event celebrates the cultural ties between Tamil Nadu and Kashi (Varanasi), emphasizing unity and the integration of traditional Indian knowledge with modern education as per the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

109. Which team topped the medal tally in the 38th National Games held in Uttarakhand?

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Railway
- (C) Uttarakhand
- (D) Services

Correct Option: (D) Services

Solution: The Services team won the most medals in the 38th National Games, securing a total of 121 medals (68 gold, 26 silver, and 27 bronze).

110. When was the Representation of the People Act (RP Act) enacted?

- (A) 1950
- (B) 1951
- (C) 1952
- (D) 1961

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Correct Option: (B) 1951

Solution: The Representation of the People Act, of 1951, was enacted to regulate elections and establish disqualification criteria for elected officials. It includes provisions such as Section 8(3), which disqualifies individuals convicted of serious criminal offences, and Section 8(1), which covers disqualification for heinous crimes like rape and corruption.

111. Which city will host the 17th BRICS Summit, 2025?

- (A) Rio de Janeiro
- (B) Beijing

- (C) New Delhi
- (D) Moscow

Correct Option: (A) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Solution: The 17th BRICS Summit will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 6-7, 2025.

112. Which is the World No.1 tennis player suspended for 3 months due to doping tests?

- (A) Rafael Nadal
- (B) Jannik Sinner
- (C) Novak Djokovic
- (D) Roger Federer

Correct Option: (B) Jannik Sinner

Solution: Jannik Sinner, the World No.1 tennis player, has been suspended for three months due to two positive doping tests.

113. Which is the partner country with India in joint military exercise 'Dharma Guardian' 2025?

- (A) Japan
- (B) India
- (C) Egypt
- (D) United States

Correct Option: (A) Japan

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Solution: The sixth edition of Exercise Dharma Guardian 2025, a joint military exercise between India and Japan is underway at Mount Fuji, Japan from February 25 to March 9.

114. Who has been appointed as India's new Chief Election Commissioner?

- (A) Rajiv Kumar
- (B) Gyanesh Kumar
- (C) Arun Kumar
- (D) Ravi Sharma

Correct Option: (B) Gyanesh Kumar

Solution: Gyanesh Kumar was appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India on February 17, 2025, following his tenure as the Election Commissioner.

115. Where is the Google's largest campus "Ananta" located in India?

- (A) Mumbai
- (B) Bengaluru
- (C) Hyderabad
- (D) Gurugram

Correct Option: (B) Bengaluru

Solution: Google's largest campus in India, named Ananta, is located in Mahadevapura, Bengaluru.

116. Who has been named the new Chief Minister of Delhi?

- (A) Sheila Dixit
- (B) Atishi Marlena
- (C) Ashish Sood
- (D) Rekha Gupta

Correct Option: (D) Rekha Gupta

Solution: Rekha Gupta, BJP leader and Shalimar Bagh MLA, has been named the new Chief Minister of Delhi.

117. Mount Dukono volcano has been erupted in which country?

- (A) Indonesia
- (B) Philippines
- (C) Japan
- (D) Thailand

Correct Option: (A) Indonesia

Solution: Mount Dukono, one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes, erupted on February 20, 2025, sending a massive ash cloud into the sky.

118. Where was the 2nd Simolu Festival held?

- (A) Meghalaya
- (B) Assam
- (C) Nagaland
- (D) West Bengal

Correct Option: (B) Assam

Solution: The 2nd Simolu Festival was held in Assam, specifically at Bwisang-Na, an ethnic eco-resort located in Barunguri, Laokhowa.

119. Who became the fastest Indian bowler to reach 200 ODI wickets?

- (A) Mohammed Siraj
- (B) Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- (C) Jasprit Bumrah
- (D) Mohammed Shami

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Correct Option: (A) Mohammed Shami

Solution: Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian bowler to reach 200 ODI wickets, achieving the milestone in just 104 matches. This performance surpassed the previous record held by Ajit Agarkar, who had reached 200 wickets in 133 matches.

120. The world's largest safari park named the Aravali safari park project is located in which state?

- (A) Haryana
- (B) Rajasthan
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Madhya Pradesh

Correct Option: (A) Haryana

Solution: The Aravali Safari Park project is located in Haryana, specifically in two districts: Gurugram and Nuh. It covers a total area of 3,858 hectares, with 2,574 hectares in Gurugram and 1,284 hectares in Nuh.

121. Where is the India's first zoo-based wildlife biobank been established?

- (A) National Zoological Park
- (B) Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park
- (C) Nandankanan Zoological Park
- (D) Nehru Zoological Park

Correct Option: (B) Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZP) in Darjeeling

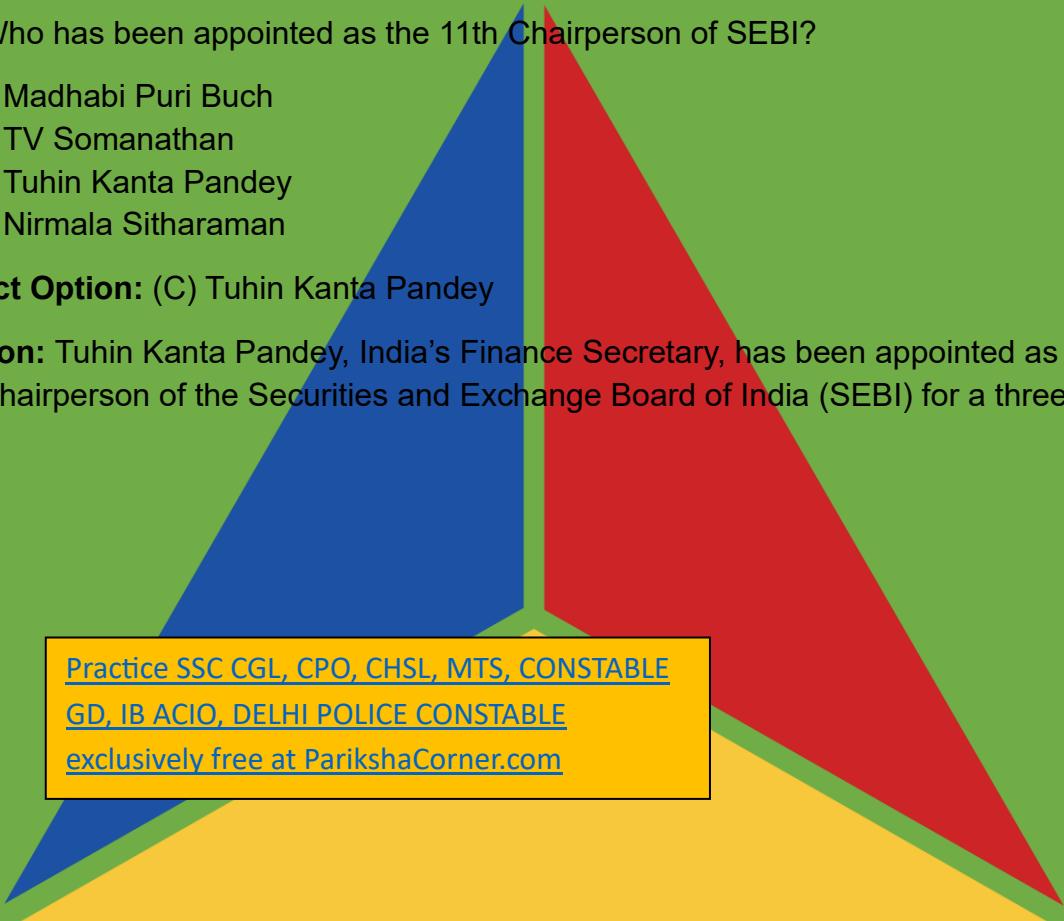
Solution: India's first zoo-based wildlife biobank has been established at the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZP) in Darjeeling, West Bengal.

122. Who has been appointed as the 11th Chairperson of SEBI?

- (A) Madhabi Puri Buch
- (B) TV Somanathan
- (C) Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- (D) Nirmala Sitharaman

Correct Option: (C) Tuhin Kanta Pandey

Solution: Tuhin Kanta Pandey, India's Finance Secretary, has been appointed as the 11th Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a three-year term.



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