## Madhya Pradesh

- What is the current status of Naxalism in Madhya Pradesh? As a police officer, how would you address and eliminate Naxalism in the remaining affected districts? Additionally, how would your approach differ if you were serving as a District Magistrate in these areas?
- 2. With the separation of Chhattisgarh from Madhya Pradesh a few years ago, analyze its impact on the overall development of both states, first as a resident of Madhya Pradesh and then as a resident of Chhattisgarh.
- 3. Since you are from Satna, can you share some details about your hometown and its significance?
- 4. What is the status of the Naxal problem in Balaghat? Can you elaborate on its origin and the current situation in the district?
- 5. What is the state animal of Madhya Pradesh? In which parts of the state is it predominantly found?
- 6. How would you ensure water availability in the drought-prone Bundelkhand region?
- 7. As you are from Madhya Pradesh, tell us about some schemes for women empowerment that can be emulated at the pan India level?
- 8. Is Indore a smart city?
- 9. Is Bhopal a city of lake or nawabs?

# Jharkhand

- 1. Does Jharkhand have silk processing facilities? If so, where are they located?
- 2. Being from Jharkhand, how would you describe the role of *Nari Shakti* (women empowerment) in the state's political sphere?
- 3. There was an incident involving a Spanish tourist in Jharkhand. What are your thoughts on it, and how can such incidents be prevented in the future?

# Odisha

- 1. What is the economic significance of Paradeep?
- 2. Why has there been a persistent presence of poverty in Odisha?
- 3. In Odisha, both Bengali and Telegu culture can be seen. What is unique about Odia culture?

## Kerala

- 1. Why has Kerala faced challenges in industrial development despite its progress in other areas?
- 2. From a sociological perspective, what is unique about Kerala's society? (Hint: Consider matriarchal families like those among the Nairs.)

- 3. How has the pattern of migration in Kerala evolved over time, and what impact has this had on its society?
- 4. Is the Kerala government taking any steps to counter the issues arising from migration?
- 5. Where is Manjeri located? Is it in Kozhikode?
- 6. Why are nurses from Kerala found across India in such large numbers?
- 7. Provide a brief historical overview of Kerala.
- 8. When were the Jewish colonies in Kochi established?
- 9. What is Kerala's rank in various development indices, and which city is the bestperforming one?
- 10. How is spice trading conducted in Kerala, and what are its economic implications?
- 11. Mention an event that took place in Kerala and had a significant impact on India.
- 12. What is your opinion on trade unionism in Kerala? Has it been beneficial or detrimental to its progress?
- 13. Despite Kerala's advancements, why does it lag in per capita income?
- 14. Can you explain how the budget-making process works? What differences have you observed between Hyderabad and Kerala?
- 15. Kerala is a well-educated society but struggles with mental health issues and high suicide rates. Why do you think this is the case?
- 16. Are you familiar with Palghat (Palakkad) district? What special cultural festival is celebrated there?
- 17. What is the historical importance of Kozhikode?
- 18. Kerala is renowned for its herbs, but their cultivation and exports have been declining. What measures can be taken to improve this situation?
- 19. What makes Kannur handlooms unique, and how can they be promoted?
- 20. There is a significant alcohol consumption issue in Kerala. How does it affect domestic life, and to what extent do women and men participate in drinking? Out of 100, how many women and men would you estimate consume alcohol in Kerala?
- 21. From a sociological perspective, how does the culture of Kerala differ from that of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu?
- 22. You have specifically mentioned Malayalam melodies. Can you elaborate on their appeal and significance?
- 23. Kerala has a low Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR). What factors contribute to this achievement?
- 24. Do you think migration is hindering Kerala's development?
- 25. Why is Kerala called God's own country?
- 26. What is the share of Kerala in the total remittances received by India?
- 27. Recently, Kozhikode was named India's first UNESCO City of Literature. What are the criteria for being declared as City of Literature?

- 28. Did you have any bad experiences with Kerala Police?
- 29. From where Kerala imports raw cashew nuts?
- 30. Why did Kerala have higher casualties in the second covid wave though they were able to contain casualties in the first wave?
- 31. What is the share of tourism in Kerala's GDP, and what is its potential for development?
- 32. Kerala's tourism industry is world-renowned. What lessons can other states learn from Kerala?

## Rajasthan

- 1. Rajasthan was previously divided into many princely states under British rule. Was it challenging to integrate them into a single state? If so, how was this achieved?
- 2. Can you differentiate between Jauhar and Sati in historical and cultural contexts?
- 3. What measures would you take to improve the condition of women in Rajasthan?
- 4. What valuable lessons can other states learn from Rajasthan's development?
- 5. If tasked with promoting industrialization in Rajasthan and Haryana, what specific strategies would you employ?
- 6. Israel has made remarkable progress as a desert state. Has Rajasthan adopted any practices or strategies from Israel to address its challenges?
- 7. In terms of development, where do you think Rajasthan is currently lagging?
- 8. Is social inequality a significant issue in Rajasthan? What is the sex ratio, and what initiatives are being implemented to address this?
- 9. What are the key differences between Rajasthani and Delhi cuisines?
- 10. Why do Rajasthani dishes use a lot of oil and spices? Why is there greater use of dry ingredients like gram flour and millets, and fewer fresh vegetables in traditional Rajasthani cuisine?
- 11. Traditional houses in Rajasthan are designed for temperature regulation. Can you explain how this is achieved? Are there any urban housing adaptations of these features?
- 12. What would you include in a policy for promoting sustainable housing in Rajasthan?
- 13. What is Rajasthan's capacity for solar energy production?
- 14. Rajasthan recently increased its number of districts. Was a delimitation exercise carried out? If so, what are the potential benefits of this exercise?
- 15. Do you think delimitation is done purely for administrative convenience, or are there other underlying reasons?
- 16. What steps would you suggest to enhance tourism in Jaipur?
- 17. Which UNESCO World Heritage Sites are located in Jaipur?

- 18. Suggest five ways to improve Rajasthan's economy.
- 19. How can milk production in Rajasthan be increased?
- 20. What are the primary administrative challenges faced in Rajasthan?
- 21. What initiatives has Rajasthan taken for gig workers?
- 22. Rajasthan has made strides in renewable energy. However, there was a period when operations were halted. What was the reason for this?
- 23. Given Rajasthan's shared border with Pakistan, how has the issue of restricted border map access by the Survey of India evolved?
- 24. You are from Barmer. What is a *tanka*, and how can potable water availability be improved?
- 25. Describe Barmer's economy. Has oil discovery significantly transformed its economic landscape?
- 26. Share insights about Ajmer, its historical significance, and the importance of the Khwaja Ji Dargah.
- 27. Name the state animal of Rajasthan.
- 28. In Rajasthan, the Public Service Commission is in Ajmer, the High Court is in Jodhpur. While in other states important institutions are in the capital? Which model is better and why?
- 29. Tell us about the Maru Mahotsav of Rajasthan.
- 30. In Rajasthan, crime rates against women are high. What reforms can be made in the education sector to ensure women safety and security?
- 31. Tell us about the history of Marwar.

#### **Uttar Pradesh**

- 1. How can Uttar Pradesh advance in IT and attract greater investment?
- 2. What are the strategies and challenges for Uttar Pradesh to achieve a \$1 trillion economy?
- 3. There is discussion about UP's excellent performance in *Ease of Doing Business* (EoDB). How much of this is reflected on the ground versus being just claims?
- 4. Law and order in Uttar Pradesh were once criticized heavily. How has the state managed to improve this? Was it due to leadership, bureaucracy, or other factors?
- 5. With privatization driving improvements, should all sectors be handed over to private players? What are the potential pros and cons?
- 6. What is the *One District, One Product* (ODOP) initiative? What product is identified under ODOP for your district, and how is it benefiting the region?
- 7. Several products in UP have GI tags. Name two or three unique ones and explain the significance of GI tagging.
- 8. What is the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) in Bareilly known for? What wildlife can be found in its vicinity?

- 9. Discuss the role of Meerut in the freedom struggle and why it was chosen as a starting point. What products from Meerut are recognized under ODOP?
- 10. What issues do you perceive in UP's rural education sector?
- 11. Discuss the history of Rampur and the significance of the Raza Library.
- 12. UP has a scheme to promote exports. What product does your district (e.g., Bijnor) contribute to this scheme? How would you enhance its export potential as an administrator?
- 13. There is debate about whether UP should be divided into smaller states. What is your opinion on this?
- 14. Would delimitation and allocation of more seats to populous states like UP lead to federal issues? Should seats be frozen instead?
- 15. Why is the UP government establishing a film city in Noida?
- 16. Share details about Hardoi and its industrial landscape.
- 17. Why is mass cheating in UP exams so prevalent? Why does government intervention face significant opposition?
- 18. Identify three critical areas for improvement in Uttar Pradesh.
- 19. Discuss challenges in Gorakhpur and steps to promote its ODOP initiative.
- 20. What measures can be taken to promote tourism in Uttar Pradesh?
- 21. Compare the economies of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- 22. What is the specialty of Lucknow? Mention its famous cuisine.
- 23. How is the Lucknow metro performing currently?
- 24. Suggest infrastructural changes to improve Kushinagar as a tourist destination.
- 25. Analyze India-Nepal border issues and propose practical solutions.
- 26. Why did the government change the name of Prayagraj? Why did the name of the Allahabad High Court not change?
- 27. Tell me the importance of Prayagraj except for its tourism potential and Kumbha Mela? Why does its image of being the Oxford of the East deteriorate?

## Bihar

- 1. What is your perception of Bihar?
- 2. What measures would you suggest for managing the perception of Bihar on a national and international level?
- 3. At what levels is societal change required in Bihar?
- 4. What unique initiatives are being undertaken by the Bihar government in this regard?
- 5. What is the significance of the caste census?
- 6. Discuss the Muzaffarpur litchi and its economic and cultural relevance.
- 7. What is the Muzaffarpur disease, and why is it a recurring issue?
- 8. Why is Bihar often considered backward despite its historical significance?

- 9. Why is the Bihar government demanding special category status, and how justified is this demand?
- 10. Share details about the ancient Nalanda University and the newly established one. How is the new Nalanda University performing? Can it achieve the legacy of its predecessor? What factors are necessary to become an institution of that stature? Who is the current chairman of Nalanda University, and what new responsibility has he recently undertaken?
- 11. What is Bihar's RTPS service? Why did it succeed in Bihar but not in other states?
- 12. Why has the RTPS service seen a decline in recent years? What went wrong?
- 13. Why is the Panchayati Raj system not functioning effectively in Bihar?
- 14. Why has the government not devolved more power to Panchayati Raj institutions? What measures are needed for improvement?
- 15. What are Panchayat Sarkar Bhawans, and why are their numbers so low in Bihar? How are they functioning now—are they truly effective or just another set of government buildings?
- 16. What is the Jeevika Mission? Why has this mission succeeded in Bihar while other SHGrelated initiatives have struggled previously?
- 17. Do you believe that good officers can make a significant impact, as seen in the example of Rahul Kumar, IAS, who has been instrumental in Jeevika?
- 18. What values are essential for a civil servant, particularly in a state like Bihar?
- 19. You are from Mithila, the land of Maa Sita. Why is "Sita" a popular name for daughters, while "Draupadi" is not?
- 20. How is climate change impacting your region in Bihar?
- 21. What is your opinion on railway privatization?
- 22. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the caste survey in Bihar.
- 23. How can a caste survey help uplift the lower sections of society?
- 24. Bihar was growing rapidly until the 1970s. What caused the decline in its growth trajectory afterward?
- 25. How would you address the issues of mafia activity and corruption in Bihar?
- 26. Bihar was divided into two states. How are both Bihar and Jharkhand performing postdivision?
- 27. Which is better—smaller states or larger ones?
- 28. Pataliputra was once a flourishing center of many kingdoms. Why did it later earn the label of a BIMARU state?
- 29. How are Panchayati Raj Institutions functioning in Bihar, particularly in districts like Katihar?
- 30. Tell us about the regional music of Bihar.

## Haryana

- 1. Your city is very close to Delhi. Do you think this proximity has brought societal progressiveness to the region?
- 2. You've participated in chess and basketball, which are not as popular in Haryana, a state known for wrestling. Why did you choose these sports over wrestling?
- 3. Nuh (Mewat) is one of the most backward regions in Haryana. What explains this disparity in an otherwise developed state?
- 4. Should Haryana have its own capital?
- 5. If you were a senior civil servant in Haryana and a foreign delegation visited seeking investment opportunities, which areas would you highlight to attract investment?
- 6. Wrestling is a dominant sport in Haryana. How did you develop an interest in football and badminton instead?
- 7. What is the famous music genre of Haryana?
- 8. Haryana offers large prize money to medal-winning athletes. Is this justified, or should the funds be better invested in sports infrastructure?
- 9. What is the name of the sports institute in Sonipat?
- 10. Women have achieved parity in sports in Haryana but lag in other fields. Why is this the case?
- 11. What is the positive role of Khap Panchayats in Haryana? Why are they often criticized?
- 12. Did M.S. Swaminathan contribute to Haryana's development? If yes, how?
- 13. Mention some positive aspects of Haryana along with the social issues it faces.
- 14. Have there been any significant social changes or development in Haryana recently?
- 15. Name three women from Haryana who inspire you.
- 16. How can agritourism be promoted in Haryana?

## Uttarakhand

- 1. What are the impacts of climate change in Uttarakhand?
- 2. What steps has Uttarakhand taken to mitigate these impacts?
- 3. What kind of pleasure do you derive from trekking?
- 4. What is the height of Nag Tibba?
- 5. What is the approximate weight of an air pistol?
- 6. What is the duration of a match in 10m air pistol shooting?
- 7. Do you believe environmental consciousness is declining in Uttarakhand?
- 8. Tell us about the Chipko Movement. Apart from the sports industry's involvement, were there other factors behind it? How is it linked to the Tehri Dam movement?
- 9. What lessons can be learned from the Tehri Dam movement?
- 10. Tell us about the cuisines and local sweets of Uttarakhand.

## Maharashtra

1. Name the tribes found in Maharashtra. What are their features, and what issues do they face?

- 2. What are the cultural differences between Mumbai and Pune?
- 3. Name the districts that are part of the Konkan Belt? What is the role of the Konkan Belt in the economy?
- 4. How much distance will Atal Setu reduce from Mumbai to Pune?
- 5. Have you been to Kaas Pathar? What is its significance (Maharashtra specific)? What is the anthropological/paleontological significance of Kaas Pathar? Is Kaas Pathar a UNESCO site?
- 6. As your birthplace is Baramati, tell me the socio-political analysis of present conditions in Baramati (political).
- 7. What is Maharashtra Cadet Corps? How is it different from NCC?
- 8. Gujarat govt is doing great work for the education sector. Their ministers, secretaries, etc., are going to villages and teaching, spending time there. Can the Maharashtra government do such a thing?
- 9. What are the reasons that such initiatives are not taken by the Maharashtra government?
- 10. Let's talk about Maharashtra again. The Maharashtra government has reserved some movie show slots specifically for Maharashtrian films. But theatres are not gaining profit from it. What is the solution?
- 11. Have you read newspapers? What two news pieces do you remember from Maharashtra?
- 12. Have you watched the Thackeray movie? Tell me about his contribution to Maharashtra. Don't mention any controversy but focus on positive contributions.
- 13. Why is Shivaji Maharaj considered a great warrior of his time? What are his tactics or strategies that are famous? Mention his naval contributions.
- 14. Vidarbha region faces lot of issues like agricultural crisis, drought, farmer suicides. What are the reasons for this?

## Manipur

- 1. Manipur produces a good number of sportspersons, but not Nagaland. Why?
- 2. Tell me about the geography of Manipur in 30 seconds.
- 3. What's the difference between Manipur and Rajasthan polo?

## West Bengal

- 1. You were born in Murshidabad. Have you stayed there? It has a rich history. Why has its importance reduced in later times?
- 2. Many people think the progress of Bengal is mostly owed to the British. What is your opinion?

### Karnataka

- 1. A famous person from Karnataka suggested working 70 hours a week. Who is that?
- 2. You are from Karnataka. Tell me about the Lingayat community. How are they different from others? Why is excessive importance given to the Lingayat community?
- 3. Which regions in your state are prominent for sugarcane growing? What are the byproducts of sugarcane? What are the geographical divisions of the district?
- 4. Should Belagavi be given to Maharashtra? What is your opinion?
- 5. What is the difference between the eastern coast and the western coast?
- 6. Inequality is growing in your district. How would you solve this issue as a commissioner? What schemes are undertaken to reduce inequality?
- 7. If you were to promote tourism in Hampi, what steps would you take?

## Gujarat

- 1. How is Gujarat performing in the industrial sector?
- 2. Do you think Gujarat will overtake Maharashtra and Karnataka?
- 3. What disaster management organizations operate in Gujarat?
- 4. What are the main industries of Gujarat?
- 5. What steps can be taken to increase research and development?
- 6. Why is there so much industrial development in Gujarat? Is it doing good for the state?
- 7. Why do Gujaratis excel in entrepreneurship?
- 8. Discuss the migration patterns of Gujaratis to various countries, including illegal migration.
- 9. Tell me about the Gir Cow.
- 10. Do you know about the Gujarat 2001 earthquake? What should be your response as a DM in the pre-, during, and post-disaster phases? How can technology be utilized in such situations?
- 11. Gujarat is behind in sports. Which sport would you like to promote in Gujarat?
- 12. What makes the diamonds of Surat precious?
- 13. Why is the Gujarati community ahead in business?
- 14. Tell us about the Gujarat model of development.
- 15. Tell me about the Bhavai dance of Gujarat.

## Telangana

- 1. How has Telangana progressed after bifurcation?
- 2. What is Hyderabad's role in Telangana?
- 3. What are the reasons for Naxalism in Telangana?
- 4. What are the reasons for Naxalism in Odisha and Chhattisgarh?

- 5. How has Telangana tackled Naxalism?
- 6. Suggest five new tourist destinations in Telangana.
- 7. What are the Telangana government schemes to improve education?
- 8. How is teaching in government residential schools?
- 9. What are the government-related schemes to improve irrigation in Telangana, and what criticisms exist?

## **Himachal Pradesh**

- 1. Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, and Punjab were once combined. What changes occurred after their trifurcation?
- 2. Why does Himachal Pradesh perform well on socio-economic indicators?
- 3. You mentioned that Himachal Pradesh is set to become a green state. What are the criteria for being designated a green state?
- 4. Don't you think Himachal Pradesh is fortunate compared to Delhi, where pollution and population are more significant issues?
- 5. If you were posted in Himachal Pradesh, what measures would you implement to support apple farmers and the horticulture sector?

## Tamil Nadu

- 1. What is unique about your district, Tiruvannamalai?
- 2. Are you familiar with the famous music festival of Thanjavur?

## Chandigarh

- 1. You are from Chandigarh, so can I ask you questions related to Punjab?
- 2. If I am the Chief Minister of Punjab and you are my adviser, what policy changes would you recommend? (with many counter-questions)
- 3. What is more important: agriculture or industry?
- 4. Without militancy and state-offered incentives, how would you attract industries to Punjab?
- 5. Chandigarh serves as the common capital for both Haryana and Punjab. Is having shared capital beneficial?

## Delhi

1. Groningen or the Netherlands has a culture of using bicycles. What challenges might arise if this were implemented in Delhi?

- 2. Could adopting bicycles help improve Delhi's poor air quality index (AQI)?
- 3. Have you reviewed the AQI study conducted by IIT Delhi?

### Andhra Pradesh

Why does Andhra Pradesh have large shrimp production? Tell us about AP's contribution in shrimp export.

What led to the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh? Were the issues resolved after the bifurcation?

#### Assam

Why do people in Barak Valley demand a separate state?

### Punjab

How is Bhangra different from other classical and folk dances?