

# **10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation**

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## Art & Culture, Medieval India and Ancient India

Q.1) With reference to the Sangita Kalanidhi Award, consider the following statements:

1. It is mainly given for excellence in Hindustani Classical Music.
2. The 2025 Sangita Kalanidhi Award has been conferred upon violinist R.K. Shriramkumar.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.2) The Jnanpith Award is given for excellence in which one of the following fields?

- a) Science and Technology
- b) Music and Performing Arts
- c) Social Service
- d) Literature

Q.3) Consider the following statements:

1. Vikramshila University was established by Chandragupta II.
2. Vikramshila University was renowned for its specialization in astronomy.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.4) With reference to Kamba Ramayana, consider the following statements:

1. It was composed during the Vijayanagara Period.
2. It is a Tamil rendition of the Sanskrit Valmiki Ramayana.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.5) With reference to the third Battle of Panipat, consider the following statements:

1. The third Battle of Panipat took place between the Marathas and the rulers of Khilji Dynasty.
2. The Marathas lost significant strength after this battle.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

## Modern Indian History

Q.6) With reference to the Visva-Bharati University, consider the following statements:

1. It is a central university and institution of national importance.
2. Swami Vivekananda founded the university.
3. It is a fully residential university with military training as a compulsory subject.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

## Geography

Q.7) Lewotobi Laki-laki volcano is located in which one of the following countries?

- a) Philippines
- b) Indonesia
- c) Japan
- d) Papua New Guinea

Q.8) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Cloud bands block sunlight, reducing land temperatures and weakening monsoons.
- 2. The Boreal Summer Intraseasonal Oscillation (BSISO) is responsible for regulating wet and dry spells of the Indian monsoon.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.9) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Permafrost is a type of glacier that melts every summer.
- 2. When permafrost melts, carbon and methane stored within it are released.
- 3. Ladakh plateau has the highest extent of permafrost in India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Q.10) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Lapis Lazuli is a deep blue sedimentary rock primarily composed of quartz.
- 2. The intense blue colour of Lapis Lazuli comes mainly from Lazurite.
- 3. Lapis Lazuli rock is mostly found in Afghanistan.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Q.11) The Pamban Channel is located between which of the following two landmasses?

- a) India and Sri Lanka
- b) Andaman Islands and Nicobar Islands
- c) India and Maldives
- d) Sri Lanka and Maldives

Q.12) The Black Sea is connected to the Mediterranean Sea through which one of the following straits?

- a) Strait of Hormuz
- b) Bosphorus Strait
- c) Bering Strait
- d) Strait of Gibraltar

Q.13) Consider the following statements:

1. The Senkaku Islands are administered by Japan but are claimed by China and Taiwan.
2. The Senkaku Islands are located in the South China Sea.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.14) Consider the following statements:

1. Equinox is the day when the Sun is farthest from the Earth.
2. A solstice marks the longest day or shortest day of the year.
3. Seasonal changes are influenced by solstices and equinoxes.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

## Polity

Q.15) Which one of the following would happen if the Rajya Sabha does not approve the Finance Bill within the prescribed time?

- a) The Finance Bill is sent back to the Lok Sabha for reconsideration
- b) The President of India takes the final decision on the Bill
- c) The Bill is deemed to have been passed after 14 days
- d) The Prime Minister must present a revised version of the Bill

Q.16) Which one of the following correctly explains 'left-wing extremism'?

- a) A movement advocating for free-market policies and minimal government intervention in the economy.
- b) A radical ideology that seeks to preserve traditional social hierarchies and resist progressive reforms.
- c) An extremist movement that promotes authoritarian rule to suppress political dissent.
- d) A movement that aims to overthrow capitalist systems and democratic institutions using violent revolutionary means.

Q.17) Which one of the following is NOT a function of the Bar Council of India?

- a) Prescribing standards of legal education
- b) Conducting All India Bar Examination
- c) Appointing judges in the High Court
- d) Disciplinary action against advocates for misconduct

Q.18) Consider the following statements:

1. Speakers act as quasi-judicial authorities in deciding disqualification petitions under the anti-defection law.
2. As per the Constitution, the Speaker must decide the cases of defection within 3 months.
3. Under the Tenth Schedule, an independent member is disqualified if they contest elections again during their term.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Q.19) With reference to the In-House Procedure in the Indian judiciary, consider the following statements:

1. It is designed to investigate complaints of misconduct against judges of the higher judiciary and recommend appropriate actions.
2. The President of India reviews complaints against High Court judges and determines whether an inquiry is necessary.
3. The committee for in-house procedure consists of two Chief Justices from other High Courts and one High Court judge.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Q.20) Consider the following statements regarding the Public Accounts Committee (PAC):

1. It consists of members only from Lok Sabha.
2. The Prime Minister of India appoints the Chairman of the PAC.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.21) Which one of the following is NOT considered a parliamentary privilege?

- a) Freedom of speech in Parliament
- b) Freedom from arrest in civil cases during parliamentary sessions
- c) Right to regulate internal affairs of the House
- d) Immunity from all criminal proceedings

Q.22) Which one of the following is true about Zero Hour in the Parliament?

- a) It is mentioned in the Constitution of India
- b) It is a formal rule in the Rules of Procedure of Parliament
- c) It was introduced based on parliamentary conventions
- d) It is a part of Question Hour

Q.23) Consider the following statements:

1. The Business Advisory Committee is a Parliamentary Standing Committee.
2. Parliamentary Standing Committees examine bills, budgets, and policies in detail and submit reports to Parliament.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.24) Consider the following statements:

1. Stand-up comedy, poetry, and satire are protected under freedom of speech guaranteed by the Indian Constitution.
2. Judiciary alone has the authority to impose reasonable restrictions on freedom of speech in India.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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



Q.25) Consider the following statements:

1. The primary objective of contempt of court laws in India is to uphold the dignity and authority of the judiciary.
2. Judicial contempt and executive contempt are the two types of contempt of court in India.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.26) Which one of the following actions can be taken if an in-house inquiry finds a judge guilty of misconduct?

- a) The judge is immediately removed from office
- b) The judge can be impeached by the Supreme Court
- c) The judge may be asked to resign or may face impeachment by Parliament
- d) The judge is fined and suspended for a fixed period

Q.27) With reference to the National Commission for Women (NCW), consider the following statements:

1. The President of India nominates the Chairperson and members of the NCW.
2. The tenure of the Chairperson and members of the NCW is 3 years.
3. Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal ministry for the NCW.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Q.28) With reference to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), consider the following statements:

1. It oversees civil aviation safety and airworthiness standards in India.
2. It functions under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
3. It coordinates with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for civil aviation safety standards.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

## Acts & Policies

Q.29) Consider the following statements regarding the Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme:

1. It is aimed at subsidizing urea-based fertilizers.
2. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers administers the NBS scheme.
3. It contributes to sustainable agriculture by promoting balanced fertilizer usage and reducing soil degradation.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Q.30) Consider the following statements regarding the Bharat Container Line (BCL) initiative:

1. It aims to reduce India's reliance on foreign-flagged vessels and strengthen control over export-import trade.
2. Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) is collaborating in the establishment of BCL.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.31) Consider the following pairs:

Initiatives-----Objectives

1. Africa India Key Maritime Engagement (AIKEYME)-----A naval exercise between India and African nations to enhance maritime security cooperation.
2. Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) Sagar----Focuses on strengthening security cooperation across the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) through joint naval efforts.
3. Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security Across the Regions (MAHASAGAR)----- Aims at humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) missions in the Indian Ocean.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- a) Only one pair
- b) Only two pairs
- c) All three pairs
- d) None of the pairs

Q.32) Consider the following statements regarding the Boilers Bill, 2024:

1. The Bill mandates that boilers must be registered before operation and their registration must be renewed periodically.
2. The Bill aims to transfers safety responsibilities of boilers from the government to private entities.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.33) With reference to the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill 2024, consider the following statements:

1. It eliminates the nominee system in bank accounts.
2. It strengthens governance and regulatory oversight in India's banking sector.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.34) With reference to the Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023, consider the following statements:

1. The Act aims to promote the use of blockchain technology in governance.
2. Individuals storing their own data are classified as a 'Data Fiduciary' under the Act.
3. The Act allows the government to classify certain data as confidential, limiting public access on the Right to Information (RTI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 3 only
- c) 1 and 2 only
- d) 2 and 3 only



## Index & Reports

Q.35) Consider the following statements regarding the World Happiness Report 2025:

1. Denmark has been ranked as the happiest country in the world.
2. The report is published by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

## International Relations/Organizations

Q.36) Which one of the following international organizations provides the legal framework for anti-dumping measures?

- a) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- b) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- c) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- d) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Q.37) With reference to the India-Bangladesh Farakka Treaty of 1996, consider the following statements:

1. The treaty focuses on the sharing of water from the Brahmaputra River at the Farakka Barrage between India and Bangladesh.
2. When the flow at Farakka is less than 70,000 cusecs, it is shared equally between India and Bangladesh.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.38) Which one of the following correctly defines the term 'Blood Money', often used in some Gulf countries?

- a) A fine imposed by the government on criminals for serious offenses.
- b) A bribe paid to law enforcement authorities to escape punishment.
- c) A ransom paid to secure the release of a prisoner from jail.
- d) A financial compensation paid to the victim's family as an alternative to execution.

Q.39) With reference to the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), which of the following statements are correct?

1. It expands upon the Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) initiative.
2. France leads the Maritime Security pillar of the IPOI.
3. It aims to address the challenge of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

## Economy

Q.40) With reference to the Aadhaar-based Payment System (ABPS) in MGNREGA, consider the following statements:

1. It ensures that wages under MGNREGA are transferred directly to workers' bank accounts linked to Aadhaar.
2. If an MGNREGA worker's bank account is not linked to Aadhaar under ABPS, the worker becomes ineligible for MGNREGA work.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.41) With reference to the Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) 3.0, consider the following statements:

1. The 'Action Needed Assistant' feature alerts users about pending bills, UPI Lite activation, and low Lite balances to ensure timely financial management.
2. It has been launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
3. The 'Family Mode' feature allows users to link family members' bank accounts for joint transactions.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Q.42) The primary purpose of the BAANKNET portal is to:

- a) Provide banking services to customers
- b) Facilitate property auctions for banks and lending institutions
- c) Manage loan applications for distressed assets
- d) Offer online stock trading

Q.43) The Equalisation Levy is considered part of which category of taxation?

- a) Direct Tax
- b) Indirect Tax
- c) Customs Duty
- d) Wealth Tax

## Environment

Q.44) With reference to the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), consider the following statements:

1. Project Snow Leopard is one of the initiatives of WTI.
2. Great Indian Bustard has been a focus of WTI's conservation efforts.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.45) With reference to Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following statements:

1. The sanctuary is known for its Leopard Human Conflict Management.
2. The sanctuary is located in Madhya Pradesh.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.46) Consider the following statements:

1. The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park is located in Darjeeling, West Bengal.
2. The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park is famous for conservation efforts of Bengal Tiger.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.47) Consider the following statements regarding the Sagarshwar Wildlife Sanctuary:

1. It is India's largest mangrove forest.
2. It is home to the Asiatic Lion.
3. It has a perennial water source.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

## Science & Technology

Q.48) Tuberculosis (TB) champions are:

- a) Government-appointed officials responsible for enforcing TB vaccination laws.
- b) Individuals who have recovered from TB and actively work to raise awareness and support others.
- c) Scientists and researchers who develop TB vaccines and treatments.
- d) Celebrities and sports personalities who promote TB awareness as brand ambassadors.

Q.49) Consider the following pairs:

Initiatives-----Focus Areas

1. AI4Bharat----- Generative AI tailored for India
2. Sarvam AI-----Open-source AI for Indian languages
3. Data Daan----- Crowdsourcing data for AI development

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- a) Only one pair
- b) Only two pairs
- c) All three pairs
- d) None of the pairs

Q.50) The Krivak-Class Frigates are primarily designed for which one of the following roles?

- a) Strategic nuclear deterrence
- b) Anti-submarine and surface warfare
- c) Coastal patrol missions
- d) Aerial reconnaissance

Q.51) With reference to the Exercise Varuna, consider the following statements:

1. It is a bilateral naval exercise between India and Russia.
2. Exercise Varuna 2025 was conducted in the Arabian Sea.
3. INS Vikrant participated in Exercise Varuna 2025.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Q.52) Consider the following statements:

1. Genomic sequencing initiative focuses on understanding tuberculosis (TB) bacteria and drug resistance.
2. Genome India Project focuses on genomic sequencing to combat tuberculosis.
3. Genome sequencing in tuberculosis treatment eliminates the need for antibiotics.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Q.53) Consider the following statements with respect to the the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO):

1. It promotes artificial organ development through biotechnology research.
2. It operates under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3. It was established under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA), 1994.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 2 and 3 only

Q.54) Consider the following:

1. Identifying Individuals
2. Parent/Child Relationships
3. Organ Donation

In how many of the above areas is DNA fingerprinting applicable?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Q.55) With reference to the Exercise Prachand Prahaar, consider the following statements:

1. It is designed to improve battlefield synergy among the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force by simulating future combat scenarios and integrating advanced military technologies.
2. The Exercise will provide India maritime dominance in the South China Sea.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Q.56) Which one of the following organizations launched the 'Samarth' Incubation Program?

- NITI Aayog
- Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- Department of Science and Technology (DST)

Q.57) First Person View (FPV) drone refers to:

- A drone that can fly autonomously without a remote control
- A drone equipped with a camera that transmits real-time video to a pilot's headset or screen
- A drone used exclusively for military surveillance
- A drone controlled using voice commands

Q.58) With reference to the Vertically Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM), consider the following statements:

- It has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Its purpose is to neutralize aerial threats like fighter jets and drones.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

## Answer Key

1 - (b)	2 - (d)	3 - (d)	4 - (b)	5 - (b)	6 - (a)	7 - (b)	8 - (b)	9 - (b)	10 - (b)
11 - (a)	12 - (b)	13 - (a)	14 - (b)	15 - (c)	16 - (d)	17 - (c)	18 - (a)	19 - (c)	20 - (d)
21 - (d)	22 - (c)	23 - (c)	24 - (a)	25 - (a)	26 - (c)	27 - (b)	28 - (c)	29 - (b)	30 - (c)
31 - (b)	32 - (a)	33 - (b)	34 - (b)	35 - (d)	36 - (c)	37 - (b)	38 - (d)	39 - (c)	40 - (a)
41 - (a)	42 - (b)	43 - (a)	44 - (b)	45 - (d)	46 - (a)	47 - (d)	48 - (b)	49 - (a)	50 - (b)
51 - (b)	52 - (a)	53 - (d)	54 - (c)	55 - (a)	56 - (b)	57 - (b)	58 - (c)		

## Answers & Explanations

### Art & Culture, Medieval India and Ancient India

1. Correct Answer is (B)

- Statement 1 is incorrect. The Sangita Kalanidhi Award is conferred annually by the Madras Music Academy for excellence in Carnatic music.
- Statement 2 is correct. Violinist R.K. Shriramkumar has been selected for the 2025 Sangita Kalanidhi Award for his significant contributions to Carnatic music.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

2. Correct Answer is (D)

- The Jnanpith Award is India's highest literary honour, presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith to Indian authors for their outstanding contributions to literature. Instituted in 1961, it recognizes exceptional literary achievements in Indian languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and in English. Vinod Kumar Shukla, a renowned poet and writer from Raipur, Chhattisgarh, has been awarded the 59th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour. He is the first author from Chhattisgarh to receive this honour.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

3. Correct Answer is (D)



- Statements 1 and 2 are incorrect. Vikramshila University was not established by Chandragupta II. It was founded by King Dharmapala of the Pala Dynasty during the late 8th to early 9th century AD. Vikramshila University was not renowned for its specialization in astronomy. Instead, it was a major center for Tantric Buddhism (Vajrayana) and focused on tantric practices and rituals.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

4. Correct Answer is (B)
- Statement 1 is incorrect. The Kamba Ramayana, also known as Ramavataram, was composed by the Tamil poet Kambar during the 12th century CE. It was composed during the Chola Period.
  - Statement 2 is correct. It is a Tamil rendition of the Sanskrit Valmiki Ramayana. Kambar adapted the story of Lord Rama into Tamil, blending Tamil cultural elements with the original narrative.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

5. Correct Answer is (B)
- Statement 1 is incorrect. The third Battle of Panipat was fought on January 14, 1761, between the Maratha Empire and the Durrani Empire led by Ahmad Shah Durrani (also known as Ahmad Shah Abdali).
  - Statement 2 is correct. The Marathas lose significant strength after this battle. The defeat at Panipat severely weakened the Maratha Empire militarily and territorially. It resulted in the loss of an estimated 100,000 Maratha soldiers, including prominent leaders.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

### Modern Indian History

6. Correct Answer is (A)
- Statement 1 is correct. Visva-Bharati was declared a central university and an institution of national importance by the Visva-Bharati Act of 1951.
  - Statements 2 and 3 are incorrect. The university was founded by Rabindranath Tagore in 1921. Military training is not a compulsory subject.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

### Geography

7. Correct Answer is (B)
- The Lewotobi Laki-laki volcano is located on Flores Island in the East Nusa Tenggara province of Indonesia.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

8. Correct Answer is (B)
- Statement 1 is incorrect. Cloud bands do not primarily block sunlight to weaken monsoons. Instead, they play a crucial role in transporting moisture and influencing rainfall patterns. The strength of cloud bands is directly linked to the density of rainfall during monsoon wet spells.
  - Statement 2 is correct. The BSISO governs the alternation between wet and dry spells during the Indian monsoon season by driving the movement of cloud bands from the equator towards India. It is a key atmospheric oscillation influencing monsoon dynamics.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

9. Correct Answer is (B)
- Statement 1 is incorrect. Permafrost is not a type of glacier. It refers to ground (soil, rock, or sediment) that remains frozen for at least two consecutive years, regardless of whether it is covered by snow or ice. While the top layer of permafrost (called the active layer) thaws during summer and refreezes in winter, the deeper layers remain frozen continuously.
  - Statements 2 and 3 are correct. Permafrost contains large amounts of organic carbon from dead plants and animals that did not decompose due to freezing conditions. When permafrost thaws, microbes decompose this organic matter, releasing greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere, which contribute to climate change. The Ladakh region, part of the

cold and arid trans-Himalayan zone, has significant areas underlain by permafrost due to its high altitude and cold temperatures. Studies indicate that Ladakh has the largest extent of permafrost in India compared to other regions.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

10. Correct Answer is (B)

- Statement 1 is incorrect. Lapis Lazuli is not a sedimentary rock; it is a metamorphic rock composed primarily of lazurite, along with other minerals such as calcite, pyrite, and sodalite.
- Statements 2 and 3 are correct. The vivid blue colour of Lapis Lazuli is primarily due to lazurite, which contains sulphur radicals that produce the characteristic blue hue. Afghanistan, particularly the Sar-e-Sang mines in Badakhshan Province, is the world's leading source of high-quality Lapis Lazuli. It has been mined there for thousands of years and remains the primary commercial source.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

11. Correct Answer is (A)

- The Pamban Channel is located between peninsular India and Pamban Island (Rameswaram Island), which forms part of the chain of landmasses separating India from Sri Lanka. It connects the Gulf of Mannar to the Palk Strait and is part of the geographical region that includes Adam's Bridge (Rama Setu) and Mannar Island in Sri Lanka.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

12. Correct Answer is (B)

- The Black Sea is connected to the Mediterranean Sea via the Bosphorus Strait, the Sea of Marmara, and the Dardanelles Strait. These waterways together form the link between the two seas. The Bosphorus Strait separates the European and Asian parts of Turkey.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

13. Correct Answer is (A)

- Statement 1 is correct. The Senkaku Islands are administered by Japan but are claimed by both China and Taiwan. Japan controls and administers the islands as part of Ishigaki City in Okinawa Prefecture.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. The Senkaku Islands are not located in the South China Sea. They are situated in the East China Sea, approximately 170km north of Ishigaki Island and 150km north of Yonaguni Island.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

14. Correct Answer is (B)

- Statement 1 is incorrect. An equinox is not the day when the Sun is farthest from the Earth. Instead, it is the day when day and night are approximately equal in duration because the Sun is directly above the equator.
- Statements 2 and 3 are correct. A solstice marks the longest day (Summer Solstice) or shortest day (Winter Solstice) of the year, depending on the hemisphere. Seasonal changes are influenced by the solstices and equinoxes, as they mark key points in Earth's orbit around the Sun and its axial tilt, which determine the seasons.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

## Polity

15. Correct Answer is (C)

- According to Article 110 of the Indian Constitution, the Finance Bill is considered a Money Bill. The Rajya Sabha can make recommendations on a Money Bill, but it does not have the authority to amend or reject it. If the Rajya Sabha does not act on the Bill within 14 days, it is deemed to have been passed by both Houses of Parliament, regardless of approval. This ensures timely financial legislation.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

16. Correct Answer is (D)

- Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) refers to radical movements that seek to overthrow capitalist and democratic structures, often using violence and insurgency. In India, Maoist and Naxalite movements are examples of LWE, advocating for a classless society through armed struggle against the state.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

17. Correct Answer is (C)

- The Bar Council of India (BCI) does not have the authority to appoint judges in High Courts or any other courts. Judicial appointments are handled by the judiciary and the government, primarily through the collegium system.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

18. Correct Answer is (A)

- Statement 1 is correct. Under the Tenth Schedule, Speakers act as quasi-judicial authorities to adjudicate disqualification petitions related to defection. Their decisions are subject to judicial review, as established in the Kihoto Hollohan v. Zachilhu case.
- Statements 2 and 3 are incorrect. The Constitution does not explicitly mandate a timeframe for Speakers to decide disqualification petitions. However, the Supreme Court has recommended that Speakers decide such petitions within three months in the absence of exceptional circumstances. An independent member is disqualified under the Tenth Schedule if they join a political party after being elected, not for contesting elections again during their term.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

19. Correct Answer is (C)

- Statements 1 and 3 are correct. The In-House Procedure, established by the Supreme Court in 1999, provides a mechanism to address allegations of judicial misconduct that fall short of impeachment. It allows for an internal inquiry into complaints against judges and recommends actions such as advising resignation, retirement, or initiating removal proceedings. If a deeper probe is warranted, a three-member committee is formed, comprising two Chief Justices from other High Courts and one High Court judge, to ensure impartiality during the inquiry.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. Complaints against High Court judges are reviewed by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) or the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court, not the President. The President's role comes into play only if impeachment proceedings are initiated following the inquiry.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

20. Correct Answer is (D)

- Statements 1 and 2 are incorrect. The PAC consists of 22 members, with 15 elected from the Lok Sabha and 7 from the Rajya Sabha. The Chairman of the PAC is appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha, and since 1967, it has been a convention to appoint the Chairman from the opposition party.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

21. Correct Answer is (D)

- Parliamentary privileges in India do not include immunity from all criminal proceedings. While members of Parliament enjoy certain rights and immunities, these privileges are limited and do not extend to complete immunity from criminal liability.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

22. Correct Answer is (C)

- Zero Hour is not mentioned in the Constitution or Rules of Procedure. It is a parliamentary convention that evolved in the Indian Parliament.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

23. Correct Answer is (C)

- Statements 1 and 2 are correct. The Business Advisory Committee is classified as a Standing Committee in the Indian Parliament. It plays a crucial role in organizing the legislative business of the House, ensuring the efficient allocation of time for discussions on various bills and issues. Standing Committees are permanent committees that work continuously to scrutinize legislation, budgets, and government policies. They conduct detailed examinations and submit their findings and recommendations to Parliament, aiding in informed decision-making.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

24. Correct Answer is (A)

- Statement 1 is correct. Stand-up comedy, poetry, satire, and other forms of artistic expression are protected under the freedom of speech guaranteed by Article 19(1)(a) of the Indian Constitution. The Supreme Court has repeatedly emphasized that these forms of expression enrich human life and are integral to a healthy democracy.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. Reasonable restrictions on freedom of speech in India can be imposed by the State under Article 19(2) of the Constitution, not solely by the judiciary. These restrictions must be enacted through duly authorized laws and must meet standards of reasonableness.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

25. Correct Answer is (A)

- Statement 1 is correct. The primary objective of contempt of court laws in India is to uphold the dignity and authority of the judiciary, as stated in the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. This ensures the judiciary's independence and maintains public trust in the administration of justice.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. Contempt of court in India is categorized into two types: civil contempt and criminal contempt. Civil contempt involves willful disobedience of court orders, while criminal contempt includes actions that scandalize or undermine the authority of the court.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

26. Correct Answer is (C)

- If an in-house inquiry finds a judge guilty of misconduct, the judge may be asked to resign or take voluntary retirement. If the judge refuses to do so, the findings of the inquiry can be forwarded by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) to the President and Prime Minister, initiating the process for removal through impeachment by Parliament as per constitutional provisions. Direct removal or suspension is not permissible; impeachment is the only mechanism for removing a judge from office.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

27. Correct Answer is (B)

- Statement 1 is incorrect. The Chairperson and members of the National Commission for Women (NCW) are nominated by the Central Government.
- Statements 2 and 3 are correct. The tenure of the Chairperson and members of the NCW is three years, as prescribed under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal ministry for the NCW.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

28. Correct Answer is (C)

- Statements 1, 2 and 3 are correct. The DGCA is responsible for regulating air transport services to, from, and within India, enforcing civil air regulations, and ensuring air safety and airworthiness standards. The DGCA operates under the Ministry of Civil Aviation in India. The DGCA collaborates with international aviation authorities, including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of the United States, to develop mutual understanding of each other's standards and to enhance aviation safety.

Source: [The Hindu](#)



## Acts & Policies

29. Correct Answer is (B)

- Statement 1 is incorrect. The Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme does not cover urea-based fertilizers. It provides subsidies for non-urea fertilizers such as phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers based on their nutrient content (N, P, K, S) to promote balanced fertilization.
- Statements 2 and 3 are correct. The NBS scheme is administered by the Department of Fertilizers under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. The NBS scheme aims to promote balanced fertilization, improve soil health, and reduce the negative environmental impact of excessive fertilizer use, thereby contributing to sustainable agriculture.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

30. Correct Answer is (C)

- Statements 1 and 2 are correct. Bharat Container Line (BCL) is being launched to reduce India's dependence on foreign-owned vessels, which currently dominate its export-import (EXIM) trade. The initiative seeks to enhance India's control over shipping routes and logistics, improve trade efficiency, and mitigate disruptions caused by geopolitical issues. The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), India's largest international shipping company, is playing a key role in the establishment of BCL. The initiative is set to operate as a vertical within SCI, with public-private collaboration to fund and manage operations.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

31. Correct Answer is (B)

- 1 and 2 are correct.
- AIKEYME is a multilateral naval exercise co-hosted by the Indian Navy and Tanzania Peoples' Defence Force. It aims to strengthen maritime security, interoperability, and cooperation between India and African nations, addressing threats like piracy, illegal trafficking, and unregulated fishing.
- The IOS Sagar initiative involves deploying INS Sunayna with a multinational crew from nine African nations to enhance regional maritime collaboration through joint surveillance of Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) and port calls in the IOR.
- The MAHASAGAR initiative, announced by Prime Minister Modi, focuses on broader regional security, trade, capacity building, and development cooperation across the Global South. While it includes maritime security, it is not specifically focused on HADR missions.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

32. Correct Answer is (A)

- Statement 1 is correct. The Boilers Bill, 2024, requires mandatory registration of boilers before operation, with renewal needed annually to ensure compliance with safety standards.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. While the Bill allows inspections by authorized third-party entities alongside state-appointed inspectors, it does not transfer overall safety responsibilities from the government to private entities. The Central Boilers Board and state governments retain regulatory powers to enforce safety standards.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

33. Correct Answer is (B)

- Statement 1 is incorrect. The Bill does not eliminate the nominee system; instead, it allows account holders to appoint up to four nominees for their accounts, lockers, and fixed deposits, enhancing flexibility and convenience.
- Statement 2 is correct. The Bill introduces reforms to improve governance standards, enhance depositor protection, streamline reporting to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and strengthen audit quality in public sector banks.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

34. Correct Answer is (B)



- Statements 1 and 2 are incorrect. The Act does not specifically promote blockchain technology in governance. Instead, it focuses on regulating the processing of digital personal data. The Act defines a Data Fiduciary as any person or entity that determines the purpose and means of processing personal data. Individuals storing their own data for personal purposes are not classified as Data Fiduciaries. This classification typically applies to organizations or entities processing data for business or official purposes.
- Statement 3 is correct. The Act introduces amendments that could impact the RTI Act. For instance, Section 44(3) of the Act modifies provisions related to personal information disclosure under the RTI Act, potentially broadening the scope for denying information requests. This has raised concerns about reduced transparency and increased limitations on public access to information.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

### Index & Reports

35. Correct Answer is (D)

- Statements 1 and 2 are incorrect. Finland holds the top spot, followed by Denmark in second place. The report is published by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford, in partnership with Gallup, the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, and an independent editorial board.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

### International Relations/Organizations

36. Correct Answer is (C)

- The WTO provides the legal framework for anti-dumping measures through its Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (commonly known as the Anti-Dumping Agreement). This agreement governs the application of anti-dumping duties by member countries and ensures that such measures are implemented transparently and in compliance with international trade rules.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

37. Correct Answer is (B)

- Statement 1 is incorrect. The 1996 Farakka Treaty deals with the sharing of water from the Ganges River, not the Brahmaputra River. The Farakka Barrage, located near the India-Bangladesh border, diverts water from the Ganges to maintain the navigability of Kolkata Port.
- Statement 2 is correct. As per the treaty, if the flow at Farakka falls below 70,000 cusecs, it is divided equally between India and Bangladesh (50% each).

Source: [The Hindu](#)

38. Correct Answer is (D)

- Blood money, referred to as Diya in Islamic Sharia law, is a financial compensation paid by the perpetrator (or their family) to the victim's family in cases of wrongful death or severe harm. It serves as an alternative to retribution and allows the victim's family to accept monetary compensation instead of pursuing execution or other forms of punishment. This practice is prevalent in many Gulf countries.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

39. Correct Answer is (C)

- Statements 1 and 3 are correct. The Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) expands upon India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) initiative, which emphasizes regional cooperation in maritime security and sustainable development. It aims to address challenges such as illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, alongside other issues like sustainable use of marine resources and disaster risk reduction.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. The UK leads the Maritime Security pillar of the IPOI.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

### Economy

40. Correct Answer is (A)

- Statement 1 is correct. The Aadhaar-Based Payment System (ABPS) facilitates the direct transfer of wages to workers' bank accounts linked to their Aadhaar numbers, ensuring timely and transparent payments through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. While ABPS has been made mandatory for wage payments since January 2024, workers are not denied MGNREGA work solely because their bank accounts are not linked to Aadhaar. The Ministry of Rural Development has clarified that job cards cannot be deleted or workers denied work due to ineligibility for ABPS. However, workers without Aadhaar linkage may face delays or complications in wage payments.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

41. Correct Answer is (A)

- Statements 1 and 2 are correct. The 'Action Needed' feature in BHIM 3.0 serves as a task assistant, notifying users of pending bills and suggesting payments through UPI Lite. BHIM 3.0 was developed and launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Statement 3 is incorrect. The 'Family Mode' feature in BHIM 3.0 enables users to split and track shared expenses among family members, rather than linking their bank accounts for joint transactions.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

42. Correct Answer is (B)

- The BAANKNET portal is a revamped e-auction platform launched by the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance. Its primary purpose is to facilitate property auctions for public sector banks (PSBs) and other lending institutions.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

43. Correct Answer is (A)

- The Equalisation Levy falls under the category of Direct Tax. It is a tax on the income of non-resident companies that provide certain digital services in India. It is levied directly on the income earned, which is why it is categorized as a Direct Tax.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

### Environment

44. Correct Answer is (B)

- Statement 1 is incorrect. Project Snow Leopard is a government initiative launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in 2009. It is not specifically associated with the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI).
- Statement 2 is correct. The Wildlife Trust of India has been involved in conservation efforts for the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard, along with other organizations such as the Wildlife Institute of India and WWF-India.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

45. Correct Answer is (D)

- Statements 1 and 2 are incorrect. Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary is not known for Leopard Human Conflict Management. It is primarily recognized as a protected tiger reserve and biodiversity hotspot. Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Chikkamagaluru and Shivamogga districts of Karnataka.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

46. Correct Answer is (A)

- Statement 1 is correct. The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park is located in Darjeeling, West Bengal. It is situated at a high altitude and specializes in the conservation of Himalayan fauna.

- Statement 2 is incorrect. The park is not primarily known for the conservation of the Bengal Tiger. It is renowned for its efforts in conserving endangered high-altitude species, such as the Red Panda, Snow Leopard, and Himalayan Wolf.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

47. Correct Answer is (D)

- Statements 1, 2 and 3 are incorrect. Sagarshwar Wildlife Sanctuary is not India's largest mangrove forest. It is a man-made wildlife sanctuary located in Maharashtra with dry deciduous and thorn forests, not mangroves. The sanctuary is not home to the Asiatic Lion. It hosts species such as Sambar Deer, Blackbucks, Chital, Wild Boar, and small carnivores like foxes and hyenas. It does not have a perennial water source; it is an artificially cultivated forest without natural water supply.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

### Science & Technology

48. Correct Answer is (B)

- TB champions are survivors of tuberculosis who have completed treatment and are trained to serve as advocates in their communities. They play a critical role in spreading awareness, reducing stigma, encouraging early testing, supporting treatment adherence, and providing emotional and practical assistance to TB patients.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

49. Correct Answer is (A)

- Only 3 is correctly matched
- AI4Bharat focuses on creating open-source datasets, tools, and models specifically for Indian languages and addressing India-centric challenges. It is focused on advancing AI technologies for Indian languages and applications like translation and NLP.
- Sarvam AI is focused on developing India's first indigenous generative AI model that supports multiple Indian languages.
- The Data Daan initiative encourages individuals, organizations, and institutions to contribute anonymized datasets to support the development of AI models in India. It aims to democratize access to data for ethical and inclusive AI development.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

50. Correct Answer is (B)

- Krivak-class frigates, originally designed by the Soviet Union under Project 1135 Burevestnik, are primarily intended for anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and surface warfare. These ships are equipped with advanced sonar systems, missiles like the SS-N-14 for ASW, and other weaponry to detect and eliminate enemy submarines and large surface ships. They have also been adapted for escort missions and air defence in naval formations.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

51. Correct Answer is (B)

- Statement 1 is incorrect. Exercise Varuna is a bilateral naval exercise between India and France.
- Statements 2 and 3 are correct. The 23rd edition of Exercise Varuna 2025 was held from March 19 to 22 in the Arabian Sea, involving Carrier Strike Groups of INS Vikrant (India) and Charles de Gaulle (France). India's indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant participated in Exercise Varuna 2025 alongside France's Charles de Gaulle, along with fighter aircraft, destroyers, frigates, and submarines.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

52. Correct Answer is (A)

- Statement 1 is correct. The Genomic Sequencing Initiative under the "Dare2eraD TB" program aims to sequence Mycobacterium tuberculosis isolates to study drug resistance mutations and

treatment outcomes. It is specifically designed to address challenges related to drug-resistant TB and improve diagnostics and personalized treatment.

- Statements 2 and 3 are incorrect. The Genome India Project, launched in 2020, focuses on mapping the genetic diversity of India's human population and creating a reference genome for personalized medicine and disease research. It is not specifically aimed at combating tuberculosis. Genome sequencing helps identify drug-resistant strains of Mycobacterium tuberculosis and enables tailored antibiotic treatments, but it does not eliminate the need for antibiotics. Antibiotics remain essential for treating TB, especially drug-resistant cases.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

53. Correct Answer is (D)

- Statement 1 is incorrect. The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) does not focus on artificial organ development. It is the apex body in India responsible for regulating and facilitating organ donation and transplantation under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA), 1994. It is tasked with maintaining a National Transplant Registry.
- Statements 2 and 3 are correct. NOTTO functions under the Directorate General of Health Services, which is part of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It is an apex organization responsible for implementing the National Organ Transplant Program (NOTP). NOTTO was established as mandated by THOTA, 1994, which provides the legal framework for regulating organ donation and transplantation in India.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

54. Correct Answer is (C)

- A DNA fingerprint is a unique profile created by analyzing the sizes and patterns of STRs (Short Tandem Repeats) in a person's DNA. This fingerprint can be created using tiny samples of DNA from teeth, bones, blood, spit, skin cells, etc. DNA fingerprinting is applicable in all three areas: identifying individuals, determining parent/child relationships, and facilitating organ donation.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

55. Correct Answer is (A)

- Statement 1 is correct. Exercise Prachand Prahaar was designed to improve battlefield synergy among the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force by simulating future combat scenarios and integrating advanced military technologies.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. The exercise did not aim to provide India maritime dominance in the South China Sea. Exercise Prachand Prahaar was conducted in the high-altitude Himalayan terrain along India's Northern Borders, specifically in Arunachal Pradesh. Its primary focus was on improving tri-service coordination and readiness to counter emerging threats along India's strategic frontiers, particularly its northern borders.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

56. Correct Answer is (B)

- The 'Samarth' Incubation Program was launched by the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), an autonomous Telecom R&D center under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India. The program aims to support startups in areas such as telecom software, cybersecurity, 5G/6G technologies, artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT) applications, and quantum technologies.

Source: [Forum IAS](#)

57. Correct Answer is (B)

- An FPV (First Person View) drone is equipped with a camera that streams live video to the pilot's goggles, headset, or screen, providing an immersive flying experience as if the pilot is "seeing" through the drone's perspective. This feature distinguishes FPV drones from traditional drones and makes them popular for activities like drone racing, aerial cinematography, and freestyle flying.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

58. Correct Answer is (C)

- Statements 1 and 2 are correct. The Vertically Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) has been developed indigenously by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in collaboration with the Indian Navy to enhance India's air defence capabilities. The VL-SRSAM is designed to neutralize various aerial threats, including fighter jets, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and sea-skimming targets at close ranges.

Source: [Forum IAS](https://forumias.com)

