

**DAILY MCQs COMPILATION**  
*with*  
**EXPLANATIONS**

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2. These Indices span four broad themes such as economy, development, governance, and industry.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

7. Consider the following statements regarding the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD):

1. The theme for IDPD 2025 is "Empowering persons with disabilities through digital accessibility."
2. IDPD was first celebrated in 1992, following its proclamation through United Nations General Assembly Resolution 47/3.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

8. The establishment of the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory was influenced by which historical event?

- (a) The Great Drought of 1875–1877 (b) The Indian Famine of 1896–97  
(c) The Dust Bowl drought of 1930s (d) The Bengal Famine of 1943

9. With reference to the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), consider the following statements:

1. The Indian Statistical Institute was founded by P.C. Mahalanobis in 1931 and later declared an Institution of National Importance in 1959.
2. The highest decision-making body of ISI is the 33-member Council, which includes representatives from the Central Government, UGC, and ex-officio members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. Terms like ASR-SHRUTI, PANINI, SUPACE and SUVAS, sometimes appeared in the news, are in the context of:

- (a) Space exploration and satellite launch programs  
(b) Tools to enhance judicial efficiency and accessibility  
(c) National sports talent identification initiatives  
(d) Wildlife conservation and forest management projects

11. Consider the following statements with reference to Indian Statistical Institute (ISI):

1. It was founded in December 1945 by C.R. Rao in Kolkata.
2. It only offers postgraduate degrees in Statistics, Mathematics and Economics.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

12. With reference to the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2026, consider the following statements:

1. CCPI is jointly published by Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute and Climate Action Network.

2. India's rank dropped 13 places to 23rd which is attributed to the absence of a national coal exit deadline and ongoing coal auctions.
3. Denmark, the UK and Morocco are among the top-ranked countries in the latest edition.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 and 3 only |
| (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 1, 2 and 3   |

- 13.** Which of the following countries currently have operational or planned Unified Payments Interface (UPI) interoperability?

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| 1. Nepal     | 2. United Arab Emirates |
| 3. Indonesia | 4. France               |
| 5. Sri Lanka |                         |

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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| (a) 1, 2 and 4 only | (b) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 |
| (c) 1, 3 and 5 only | (d) 2, 4 and 5 only  |

- 14.** With reference to Human Rights Day, consider the following statements:

1. It marks the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the UN General Assembly in 1948.
2. The theme for Human Rights Day 2025 is "Dignity, Freedom and Justice for All."

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 15.** With reference to the World Inequality Report (2026), consider the following statements:

1. It is published annually by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN).
2. It highlights that India remains one of the most unequal countries in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 16.** The Global Environment Outlook (GEO), recently in the news, is published by which of the following organisations?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- (c) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- (d) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- 17.** Supriya Sahu, recently in the news, was honoured with the 2025 Champions of the Earth Award by which organisation?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- (c) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- (d) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

18. DSC A20, recently in news, is:
- India's first autonomous underwater vehicle
  - The lead vessel of an indigenously designed Diving Support Craft series
  - A newly commissioned offshore patrol vessel of the Coast Guard
  - A deep-sea research submersible developed by NIOT
19. Project Suncatcher, recently seen in the news, was announced by which of the following?
- NASA
  - European Space Agency
  - Google
  - SpaceX
20. Ponduru Khadi, recently awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, originates from which of the following regions?
- Andhra Pradesh
  - Tamil Nadu
  - Telangana
  - Odisha
21. Bridge Summit 2025, recently seen in the news, is best described as:
- A multilateral summit on global trade hosted by the World Trade Organization.
  - A defence and security exhibition focused on emerging warfare technologies.
  - A global conference-cum-exhibition bringing together stakeholders from media, entertainment, and creative industries.
  - A multilateral platform aimed at coordinating global climate finance and adaptation strategies.
22. DHRUV64, recently in the news, is related to which of the following?
- Satellite launch vehicle
  - General-purpose microprocessor
  - Indigenous attack helicopter
  - Unmanned aerial vehicle
23. Consider the following statements regarding the National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA):
- The National Energy Conservation Awards are instituted by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the Ministry of Power.
  - The awards are conferred under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
24. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics for deciding the base year of GDP data?
- Raghuram Rajan
  - Pronab Sen
  - Biswanath Goldar
  - Arvind Subramanian
25. With reference to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), consider the following statements:
- WADA was established in 1999 following the Lausanne Declaration.
  - WADA is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.
  - It is an independent international agency that coordinates and monitors the global fight against doping in sports.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3

26. RESPOND Basket 2025, recently seen in the news, is primarily related to:
- (a) Disaster management research and mitigation strategies
  - (b) Defence doctrine formulation and military preparedness
  - (c) Environmental conservation and climate change studies
  - (d) Space research proposals supporting ISRO's upcoming missions
27. The WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) is located at which among the following places?
- (a) Jamnagar, Gujarat
  - (b) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
  - (c) New Delhi
  - (d) Jaipur, Rajasthan
28. The WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine primarily reflects which of the following broader objectives?
- (a) Replacement of modern medicine with traditional systems
  - (b) Evidence-based integration of traditional medicine into health systems
  - (c) Commercialisation of indigenous knowledge
  - (d) Privatisation of healthcare delivery
29. Operation Hawkeye Strike, recently seen in the news, is related to:
- (a) A US-led military operation against ISIS in Syria
  - (b) A NATO naval exercise in the Mediterranean Sea
  - (c) A counter-piracy mission in the Red Sea
  - (d) A joint US-India border security operation
30. The Accra Convention, 2025 primarily seeks to:
- (a) Regulate maritime boundaries and port State control
  - (b) Establish a uniform legal framework for Negotiable Cargo Documents (NCDs) across transport modes
  - (c) Replace the Hague-Visby Rules
  - (d) Govern air cargo liability standards
31. Kessler Syndrome is related to which of the following?
- (a) Accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere
  - (b) Chain reaction of space debris collisions in Earth's orbit
  - (c) Psychological or stress-related effects
  - (d) Rapid spread of infectious diseases
32. With reference to the Jnanpith Award, consider the following statements:
1. It is the highest literary honour of India, instituted in 1951 by the Ministry of Culture.
  2. It honours an author's overall literary contribution across Indian languages, including English.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
33. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the "Samudra Pratap, recently in news?
- (a) It is India's first indigenously built nuclear-powered submarine.
  - (b) It is the first indigenously built Pollution Control Vessel of the Indian Coast Guard.

- (c) It is India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier, designed by the Indian Navy.
- (d) It is India's first manned submersible vehicle under Samudrayaan Project

34. Consider the following statements regarding the Kimberley Process:

1. It is a multilateral initiative aimed at preventing the trade in conflict diamonds.
2. Only sovereign states can be participants in the Kimberley Process.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

35. Dutch Disease, recently seen in the news, is related to:

- (a) Decline in agricultural productivity due to climate change
- (b) Banking sector stress caused by non-performing assets
- (c) Excessive dependence on foreign aid leading to fiscal stress
- (d) Over-expansion of a booming sector that harms other tradable sectors

36. Which among the following are included under the 10 sectors of the Good Governance Index (GGI)?

1. Agriculture and Allied Sectors
2. Defence Preparedness
3. Public Health
4. Human Resource Development

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (b) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (c) 3, and 4 only
- (d) 1, 3 and 4 only

37. 'Camellia sinensis', recently seen in the news, is associated with:

- (a) A newly discovered disease
- (b) The tea plant
- (c) A newly identified frog species
- (d) Fruit ripening agent

38. INSV Kaundinya, recently seen in the news, is best described as:

- (a) A nuclear-powered submarine of the Indian Navy
- (b) A coastal patrol vessel developed under Make in India
- (c) A modern frigate built under Project 17A
- (d) A traditional stitched sail ship inspired by ancient Indian vessels

39. With reference to National Test House (NTH), consider the following statements:

1. It is India's largest multi-location multidisciplinary industrial central government testing laboratory which deals with almost all sorts of testing.
2. It was established in 1995 under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

## EXPLANATIONS

1. (a)

**Statement 1 and 2 are correct:** It is observed **every year** to **raise awareness** about the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

- It was first marked in **1988** by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- **Theme 2025:** Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response.
  - This theme highlights the urgency of addressing disruptions caused by pandemics, conflicts, and inequalities that limit access to care.

**Statement 3 is not correct:** **Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)** is a virus that attacks the body's immune system.

- **HIV targets** the body's **white blood cells**, weakening the immune system. This makes it **easier to get sick** with diseases like tuberculosis, infections and some cancers.
- **Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)** occurs at the most advanced stage of infection.

2. (a)

**In News :** a Soyuz-2.1a rocket damaged Baikonur's Site 31/6 by collapsing a service platform into the flame trench, leading to the suspension of crewed launches during the Soyuz MS-28 mission.

**Baikonur cosmodrome** is a spaceport in **Kazakhstan** that Russia leases and operates as the site of its space launches.

- It was built in the **1950s** first as a missile test range before becoming the centre of the Soviet space programme.
- It contains launch complexes, assembly buildings, tracking stations, and housing.
- Its facilities can accommodate the Proton and Soyuz rockets and cargo ships intended for the International Space Station.

3. (d)

**Context:** The CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru, launched a "production version" of the indigenous Hansa-3(NG) trainer aircraft.

**About Hansa-3**

- Hansa-3 is India's **indigenous two-seat trainer** aircraft developed by CSIR-NAL.
- Designed for basic flight training, it featured analogue instruments, mechanically operated flaps, and a standard cockpit, catering mainly to flying clubs and pilot training schools.
  - Being entirely constructed from **fiberglass and carbon composite materials**, it offers inherent advantages in **corrosion resistance, damage tolerance, and ease of repair**.
- **Hansa-3 NG (New Generation)** is an enhanced version of Hansa-3 with following key features;
  - **Digital Glass Cockpit:** Replaces analogue instruments for better situational awareness.
  - **Increased Fuel Capacity:** Enables longer training sorties and higher endurance.
  - **Stable Flight Handling:** Low stall speed and predictable behaviour make it ideal for ab-initio training.

4. (c)

**Context**

- Dr. Tessy Thomas, known as the "Missile Woman of India," has been honored with the eighth Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios Award 2025 for her significant contributions to science and women's empowerment.

**About Dr. Tessy Thomas**

- **Pioneering Scientist:** Dr. Thomas is a renowned scientist at the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and the **first woman** in India to lead a missile project.
- **Key Contributions:** She played a pivotal role as the Project Director for the **Agni-IV and Agni-V long-range ballistic missile systems**.
  - Her work earned her the nickname **“Agniputri”** (one born of fire).

## 5. (d)

**In News:** The Oxford Dictionary has chosen **“rage bait”** as its **Word of the Year 2025**, reflecting the growing influence of digital culture.

**“Rage bait”**

- It is defined as online content deliberately designed to **provoke anger or outrage to boost traffic and engagement**
- It differs from **“brain rot” (2024’s word)** by being intentional and targeted.
- It resembles clickbait but relies on negative provocations, often amplified by social media algorithms that **reward provocative posts, leading to practices like “rage farming.”**
- It now spans fabricated stories, polarising political posts, and conspiracy theories, feeding an engagement-driven ecosystem that is hard for users—especially younger generations—to resist.

## 6. (c)

**Context**

- The Government of India has undertaken the **Global Indices for Reforms and Growth (GIRG)** initiative to benchmark national performance against international indices and guide evidence-based policy reforms.

**About**

- **The Global Indices for Reforms and Growth (GIRG)** is an inter-ministerial mechanism for monitoring progress across **26 global indices** published by **16 international agencies**.
  - These Indices are spanning **four broad themes:** economy, development, governance, and industry.
- **Each index** has been assigned to a **specific nodal ministry**, responsible for reviewing methodologies, engaging with publishing organisations and ensuring that India’s latest official data is used in the computations.
- **The Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) at NITI Aayog** will serve as the central coordinating body for this exercise.

## 7. (b)

**Context:** The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is observed annually on December 3 to promote the rights and well-being of people with disabilities.

**About**

- **History:** IDPD was first celebrated in **1992**, following its proclamation through United Nations General Assembly Resolution 47/3.
- **In 2006, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)** was adopted to ensure equality of opportunity for PwDs and to support the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Theme 2025:** “Fostering disability-inclusive societies for advancing social progress.”



















- Tea is traditionally prepared from two leaves and a bud plucked from *Camellia sinensis*.

## 38. (d)

**Context**

- Indian Naval Sailing Vessel Kaundinya, sailed on her maiden overseas voyage from **Gujarat to Oman**.

**About**

- INSV Kaundinya is a stitched sail ship, based on a **5th century CE ship depicted in the paintings of Ajanta Caves**.
  - It is named after **Kaundinya**, the Indian mariner who sailed across the Indian Ocean to Southeast Asia.
  - It has been constructed using **traditional stitched shipbuilding techniques**, employing natural materials and methods that date back centuries.
- The project was undertaken through a **tripartite agreement between** the Ministry of Culture, the Indian Navy and Hodi Innovations as part of India's efforts to rediscover and **revive indigenous knowledge systems**.



- The voyage **retraces ancient maritime routes** that once connected the western coast of India with Oman.
- **Significance:** The expedition is expected to significantly enhance bilateral relations between India and Oman by reinforcing shared maritime heritage and strengthening cultural and people-to-people ties.

## 39. (a)

**In News:** The National Test House (NTH) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to strengthen quality control and third-party testing in national highway and infrastructure projects.

**Statement 1 is correct: National Test House (NTH)** is India's largest multi-location multidisciplinary industrial central government's testing laboratory dealing with almost all sorts of testing, calibration and quality evaluation related to industry, commerce, trade etc. as per international and national standards.

**Statement 2 is not correct: National Test House (NTH) was established in 1912** under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

