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11 November 2026 | Polity | UPSC

1. OBC creamy layer exclusion: Supreme Court rejects parent salary-only test in Rohith Nathan (2026)

- Landmark case: Indra Sawhney (1992) – upheld 27% OBC reservation with creamy layer exclusion
- Recent SC judgment: Rohith Nathan (2026) – salary alone cannot determine creamy layer status
- Nodal department: Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT)
- OBC representation in central govt employment (2024-25): 26.3% (declining in higher posts)
- Key commission: Justice G. Rohini Commission – submitted report in 2023, not public

The Supreme Court's November 6 clarification on its March 2026 Rohith Nathan judgment, and the government's stalled service allocations after the 2025 examination, have brought the inconsistency in creamy layer implementation back into focus.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5903-obc-creamy-layer-exclusion-supreme-court-rejects-parent

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11 November 2026 | Polity | UPSC

2. Maharashtra Govt to Introduce Uniform Civil Code Soon, Cites Constitutional Mandate Under DPSP

- Constitutional Basis: Article 44 (Directive Principles of State Policy)
- State Announcing UCC: Maharashtra
- Chief Minister: Devendra Fadnavis
- Current Context: CM Fadnavis announced the plan during Diwali Milan at his official residence on November 10, 2026 (Tuesday).

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has publicly confirmed the state government's plan to introduce the Uniform Civil Code, citing a constitutional mandate under Article 44. This is significant as it signals a major push by a BJP-led state government to implement a long-pending directive principle, potentially influencing national discourse and other states.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5906-maharashtra-govt-introduce-uniform-civil-code-soon-cites

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11 November 2026 | Environment | UPSC

3. CEC Recommends Phase-Out of Unsustainable River Sand Mining in 3 Years, Dam Desilting as Alternative

- Full form of CEC: Central Empowered Committee
- Nodal ministry for desilting framework: Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Gross storage lost to sedimentation (439 reservoirs): 19.24%
- National register of dams (2025): 6,628 specified dams

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- Gobind Sagar reservoir capacity loss: From 9,868 MCM to ~7,300 MCM (-26%)

The CEC filed Report No. 36 of 2026 on November 2 in the Supreme Court's suo motu case on illegal sand mining in the National Chambal Sanctuary, recommending a three-year phase-out of unsustainable river sand mining and a national dam desilting cycle, marking a shift from earlier ban-based approaches.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5908-cec-recommends-phase-out-unsustainable-river-sand-mining

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11 November 2026 | Social Issues | JPSC | JSSC

4. Jharkhand: Free Accidental Insurance Proposed for 51 Lakh Maiyaan Beneficiaries via Jharkhand Gramin Bank

- Scheme: Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana
- Beneficiaries covered: Over 51 lakh women
- Proposed insurance scheme: Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (accidental insurance)
- Proposing body: Jharkhand Gramin Bank
- Loans already disbursed: ₹251 crore to ~30,000 beneficiaries

Jharkhand Gramin Bank has sent a formal proposal to the Chief Minister to provide free accidental insurance to over 51 lakh women under the Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana, marking a shift from a pure cash-transfer model to a comprehensive social security and financial inclusion framework.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5925-jharkhand-free-accidental-insurance-proposed-51-lakh-maiyaan

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11 November 2026 | Polity | UPSC | BPSC | BSSC

5. Bihar Cabinet Approves ₹1,400 Crore for PM Awas Yojana-Gramin Housing Push

- Total Approved Amount: ₹1,399.60 crore
- Central Share: ₹450.16 crore
- State Share: ₹949.45 crore
- Source of Funds: Bihar Contingency Fund
- Scheme: Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)

The Bihar Cabinet has approved a ₹1,400 crore advance from the state's Contingency Fund for PMAY-G, signalling an urgent push to complete sanctioned rural houses. This is a key state-level implementation move for a major central flagship housing scheme.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5913-bihar-cabinet-approves-1400-crore-pm-awas-yojana

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11 November 2026 | Polity | DSSSB

6. Delhi Govt Transfers ₹141.88 Crore for Free LPG Cylinders to 15.45 Lakh Families on Diwali

- Scheme: Financial assistance for LPG cylinders to ration cardholders on Holi and Diwali
- Total assistance transferred: ₹141.88 crore
- Total beneficiary families: 15,45,994
- PMUY families assisted: 1,24,964
- Non-PMUY families assisted: 14,21,030

The Delhi government transferred ₹141.88 crore via DBT to 15.45 lakh ration-card-holding families for free LPG cylinders on Diwali 2026, making this the second tranche of the year under its festival assistance scheme.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5926-delhi-govt-transfers-14188-crore-free-lpg-cylinders

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11 November 2026 | Economy | BPSC | BSSC

7. Bihar Gets 200 MW Renewable Power at ₹4.25/Unit via SJVN, BERC Approves 25-Year PPA

- Power procured: 200 MW renewable energy (solar + wind + BESS)
- Tariff approved: ₹4.25 per unit
- PPA duration: 25 years
- Commissioning deadline: 30 June 2028
- Nodal body (approval): Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC)

BERC has formally approved a 25-year PPA with SJVN for 200 MW of renewable power at ₹4.25 per unit, a decision that will reduce Bihar's dependence on costly spot-market electricity during peak hours and help the state meet its RPO targets.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5914-bihar-gets-200-mw-renewable-power-425-unit

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11 November 2026 | Polity | UPSC | UPPSC | SSC | UP SI

8. Uttar Pradesh Voter List: 3.38 Crore Names Missing, Election Commission Orders Verification

- Total voters in UP Assembly list: 13.52 crore
- Total voters in Panchayat list: 12.58 crore
- Total voters in local body list: 4.32 crore
- Names missing from Assembly list vs combined local lists: 3.38 crore
- Gender ratio (women per 1000 men) in Assembly list: 834

Uttar Pradesh's Assembly voter list has 3.38 crore fewer voters compared to the combined Panchayat and local body election rolls. The Election Commission has ordered a matching of all three lists after a High Court-ordered probe in a Raebareli village found 114 eligible voters missing from the Assembly list. The discrepancy has raised

concerns about voter rights and electoral integrity, with Hindu names reportedly removed more than Muslim names.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5923-uttar-pradesh-voter-list-338-crore-names-missing

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11 November 2026 | Economy | UPSC | MPPSC | MPESB

9. MP Global Investors Summit 2027 Theme 'Shakti Ki Saptadhara' Announced, 11 Plug-and-Play Parks

- Event: Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2027
- Location: Madhya Pradesh
- Theme: 'Shakti Ki Saptadhara' (Seven Streams of Power)
- Nodal Department: Industry Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh
- Plug-and-play parks to MP: 11 out of 100 nationwide

The Madhya Pradesh government has finalised the theme 'Shakti Ki Saptadhara' for the Global Investors Summit 2027, following the Prime Minister's Independence Day hint, and has announced a pre-December outreach plan including roadshows and international investment conferences.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5949-mp-global-investors-summit-2027-theme-shakti-ki

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11 November 2026 | Polity | JPSC | JSSC

10. Jharkhand State University Act 2026: Bans Outsiders in Student Union Polls, Max 5-Year Exam Ban for Indiscipline

- Replaces which Act: Jharkhand State University Act 2000
- Key Section for Student Union: Section 77
- Key Section for Grievance Redressal (Students): Section 100
- Key Section for Staff Grievance Redressal: Section 101
- Key Section for Discipline and Penalties: Section 115

The Jharkhand government enacted the Jharkhand State University Act 2026 in November 2026, replacing the 2000 Act with a clear legal framework that bans outsiders from student union elections and sets a maximum five-year exam ban for indiscipline.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5929-jharkhand-state-university-act-2026-bans-outsiders-student

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11 November 2026 | Polity | MPPSC | MPESB

11. Madhya Pradesh: Salary of 2.90 Lakh Govt School Teachers Linked to E-Attendance from December 2026

- Nodal Body: Directorate of Public Instruction (DPI), Madhya Pradesh
- Total Teachers Covered: Approx. 2.90 lakh (2.20 lakh regular + 70,000 guest teachers)
- Implementation Date: December 2026
- System Integration: E-attendance portal linked to IFMIS treasury portal
- Current Context: Madhya Pradesh government decision announced in November 2026

The Madhya Pradesh DPI announced in November 2026 that it will link teacher salaries to e-attendance from December, making it a major governance reform to curb absenteeism and manual manipulation in salary processing.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5930-madhya-pradesh-salary-290-lakh-govt-school-teachers

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11 November 2026 | Science & Tech | BPSC | BSSC

12. Bihar Cabinet Approves AI Training for 7,000 Students with Singapore-Based GFTN

- Target students: 7,000 graduate and postgraduate students
- Training duration: 5-month advanced AI certification program
- Partner organization: Global Finance and Technology Network (GFTN), Singapore
- Collaborating institutions: National University of Singapore Asian Institute of Digital Finance and Linux Foundation
- Nodal department: Bihar Department of Science and Technology

The Bihar Cabinet's approval of a partnership with Singapore's GFTN to train 7,000 students in advanced AI makes this a fresh policy decision that signals a shift in the state's technology and skilling strategy.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5944-bihar-cabinet-approves-ai-training-7000-students-singapore

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11 November 2026 | Agriculture | JPSC | JSSC

13. Jharkhand Paddy Procurement: MSP Plus ₹109/quintal Bonus from 15 Dec, Target 40 Lakh Quintals

- Procurement start date: 15 December 2026
- State bonus per quintal (2026-27): ₹109
- Previous year bonus (2025-26): ₹81 per quintal
- Procurement target (2026-27): 40 lakh quintals
- Nodal agency: Jharkhand State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (JSFCL), Ranchi

The Jharkhand government has prepared a proposal for the start date and increased bonus for paddy

procurement for 2026-27, with a formal announcement pending cabinet approval, making it relevant for farmers and state policy watchers.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5946-jharkhand-paddy-procurement-msp-plus-109-quintal-bonus

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11 November 2026 | Economy | UPSC | SSC

14. ₹2.11 Lakh Crore Cost Overrun on 25 Mega Projects, Paimana Portal Report Reveals

- Portal name: Paimana Portal
- Report date: October 2026
- Total cost overrun (all projects): ₹3.22 lakh crore
- Cost overrun on 25 mega projects: ₹2.11 lakh crore
- Share of 25 mega projects in total overrun: 65%

The Paimana Portal's October 2026 report has quantified the massive cost overrun on central infrastructure projects, with 25 mega projects alone accounting for ₹2.11 lakh crore in cost overruns, highlighting a persistent fiscal and governance challenge.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5928-211-lakh-crore-cost-overrun-25-mega-projects

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11 November 2026 | Environment | UPSC

15. COP31: Universal affluent lifestyles would have caused 2.5-5°C warming; LDC lifestyles only 0.6°C

- COP31 venue: Antalya, Turkey
- Actual global warming by 2022: ~1.3°C
- Warming if world lived like US: 3.7°C
- Warming if world lived like Qatar: 5+°C
- Warming if world lived like LDCs: 0.6°C

COP31 has opened in Antalya, Turkey, and a new peer-reviewed framework soon to be published in Climate Policy is challenging the conventional view of climate responsibility, arguing that small super-affluent countries like Qatar and Luxembourg must also lead on net-negative emissions and climate finance.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5909-cop31-universal-affluent-lifestyles-would-have-caused-25

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11 November 2026 | Economy | UPSC

16. World Bank pegs India's extreme poverty at 2.6% but Thali Index shows 30% cannot afford two meals

- World Bank extreme poverty estimate (India): 2.6%
- Data source used: NSS Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) 2023-24
- Thali Index price per thali: ₹30 (home-cooked vegetarian, CRISIL estimate 2023-24)
- Rural Indians unable to afford two thalis/day: Up to 50% (40% after imputing subsidised food)
- Urban Indians unable to afford two thalis/day: Up to 20% (10% after imputing subsidised food)

The World Bank's release of a 2.6% extreme poverty estimate for India has been challenged by the Thali Index, which uses the same survey data to show that 30% of Indians cannot afford two meals a day, raising questions about the adequacy of the poverty line and the risk of policy complacency.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5907-world-bank-pegs-india-s-extreme-poverty-26

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11 November 2026 | Social Issues | BPSC | BSSC

17. Bihar Pulse Polio Campaign: Target to Vaccinate 1.56 Crore Children Across 31 Districts from November 22

- Campaign name: Pulse Polio Campaign
- Start date: November 22, 2026
- Target children: 1.56 crore
- Vaccine doses received: 1.98 crore
- Polio workers deployed: About 64,000

The Bihar State Health Society has announced the Pulse Polio campaign dates and targets for November 2026, making it a fresh operational update for a key public health drive in a high-risk state.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5943-bihar-pulse-polio-campaign-target-vaccinate-156-crore

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11 November 2026 | Polity | BPSC | BSSC

18. E-Gram Kachahri Portal Resolves Over 49,000 Disputes in Bihar Since January 2025

- Portal Name: e-Gram Kachahri
- Total Disputes Resolved: Over 49,000
- Civil Cases: Over 25,000
- Criminal Cases: About 24,000
- Time Period: January 2025 to November 2026

The Bihar government's e-Gram Kachahri portal has released data showing it resolved over 49,000 disputes involving families in less than two years, highlighting the platform's growing role in rural alternative dispute resolution.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5945-e-gram-kachahri-portal-resolves-49000-disputes-bihar

11 November 2026 | Polity | MPPSC | MPESB

19. ₹183 Crore Education Tax Collected in Bhopal, Only ₹16.63 Crore Spent on Schools

- Total education cess collected: Over ₹183 crore (in 4.5 years)
- Amount spent on school works: ₹16.63 crore
- Amount unaccounted: Over ₹166 crore
- City: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Body responsible: Bhopal Municipal Corporation

The Bhopal Municipal Corporation's own documents show that over ₹166 crore of education cess collected in four and a half years is unaccounted for, with both the revenue and mechanical departments refusing to provide details. The issue came to light after a councillor's question in the municipal council, prompting the commissioner to order a financial audit.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5948-183-crore-education-tax-collected-bhopal-only-1663

11 November 2026 | Polity | JPSC | JSSC

20. SAFEMA Tribunal Upholds ED Attachment of ₹60 Crore Property in Madhu Koda Money Laundering Case

- Full form of SAFEMA: Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act
- Nodal body for PMLA enforcement: Enforcement Directorate (ED), under Ministry of Finance
- Property attached value: ₹60 crore (market value); registered value ₹9.57 crore
- Loan amount from Union Bank of India: ₹30 crore
- Current context: SAFEMA Tribunal, November 2026, upholds ED's attachment in Madhu Koda case

The SAFEMA Tribunal's November 2026 order upholding the ED's attachment of ₹60 crore properties in the Madhu Koda case is in news because it dismisses Union Bank of India's appeal, setting a legal precedent on the priority between a secured creditor's claim and the state's power to attach proceeds of crime under PMLA.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5947-safema-tribunal-upholds-ed-attachment-60-crore-property

11 November 2026 | Polity | BPSC | BSSC

21. Bihar Reviews Technical Education: Focus on NBA Accreditation, Skill-Based Courses & Placement

- Nodal Department: Science, Technology and Technical Education Department, Bihar
- Minister Presiding: Sheela Kumari

- Accreditation Body: National Board of Accreditation (NBA)
- Key Focus Areas: Quality, NBA accreditation, skill-based courses, placement, apprenticeship
- Current Context: Departmental review meeting chaired by Minister Sheela Kumari in November 2026

A departmental review meeting chaired by Minister Sheela Kumari in November 2026 assessed the performance of Bihar's state-run engineering colleges and polytechnics, signalling a renewed push for quality, NBA accreditation and employability.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5942-bihar-reviews-technical-education-focus-nba-accreditation-skill

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11 November 2026 | International Relations | Defence

22. Pakistan Deploys Over 50 Anti-Drone Units on LoC After Operation Sindoor, Focus on PoK Sectors

- Total anti-drone units deployed: Over 50
- New units added in Nov 2026: 20
- Key PoK sectors of deployment: Rawalkot, Kotli, Bhimber
- Opposite Indian sectors: Poonch, Rajouri, Nowshera, Sunderbani
- Chinese navigation system used: BeiDou

Pakistan's deployment of over 50 anti-drone units along the LoC, with 20 added in November 2026, signals a strategic shift after Operation Sindoor, making drone warfare its first line of defence and attack, which directly impacts India's surveillance and strike capabilities in the region.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5941-pakistan-deploys-50-anti-drone-units-loc-operation

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11 November 2026 | International Relations

23. US Seeks G7 Support for Maritime Security in the Strait of Hormuz Amid Iranian Threats

- US Secretary of State: Marco Rubio
- Venue of G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting: Paris, France
- Key Chokepoint: Strait of Hormuz
- Nature of Threat: Drone and missile attacks on ships
- US Allies' Stance: Need ceasefire before providing naval support

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's public appeal to G7 nations for maritime security in the Strait of Hormuz, and the lack of a positive response from allies, highlights a growing strategic deadlock over protecting a critical global energy chokepoint from Iran-linked attacks.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5922-us-seeks-g7-support-maritime-security-strait-hormuz

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11 November 2026 | Science & Tech

24. India's Starlink Policy: Balancing Satellite Broadband Reach with National Security and Licensing

- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications)
- Key Policy Principle: Strategic autonomy in satellite communications licensing
- Starlink's Strength: Reach to remote areas without towers/cables
- Starlink's Limitation: Limited users per region (capacity-constrained)

Elon Musk’s social-media accusations and the government’s rebuttal have brought the Starlink licensing debate into the open, but the deeper issue is how much regulatory control India will retain over the satellite operator for national security and strategic autonomy.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5905-india-s-starlink-policy-balancing-satellite-broadband-reach

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Practice questions

1. Which department issued the 2004 'clarification' that was used to deny OBC candidates reservation benefits based on parent salary?

(A) Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT)

(B) Department of Public Enterprises

(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

(D) Ministry of Law and Justice

2. Consider the following statements regarding the creamy layer in OBC reservation:

1. The concept of creamy layer was introduced in the Indra Sawhney (1992) judgment.

2. The Supreme Court in Rohith Nathan (2026) ruled that the government can use a parent's salary alone to exclude OBC candidates from reservation benefits.

3. The Justice G. Rohini Commission report on sub-categorisation of OBCs was submitted in 2023.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

3. Which article of the Indian Constitution directs the state to secure a Uniform Civil Code for its citizens?

(A) Article 21

(B) Article 44

(C) Article 51A

(D) Article 14

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4. Consider the following statements:

1. The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is a Directive Principle of State Policy under Article 44 of the Indian Constitution.

2. Directive Principles of State Policy are enforceable by courts in India.

3. Goa is the only Indian state that currently has a Uniform Civil Code in the form of the Portuguese Civil Code.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

5. Under which Act are minor minerals like sand regulated in India?

(A) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957
(B) Forest Conservation Act, 1980
(C) Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
(D) Environment Protection Act, 1986

6. Consider the following statements:

1. The CEC has recommended a complete ban on river sand mining across India within three years.

2. The CEC recommends desilting dams as an alternative source of construction sand.

3. The Ministry of Jal Shakti is to lead a national desilting framework.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 2 and 3
(D) All three

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7. Which bank has proposed to provide free accidental insurance to beneficiaries of the Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana in Jharkhand?

(A) State Bank of India
(B) Jharkhand Gramin Bank
(C) Reserve Bank of India
(D) Bank of India

8. Consider the following statements regarding the proposed insurance coverage for Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana beneficiaries in Jharkhand:

1. Jharkhand Gramin Bank has proposed to provide Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (accidental insurance) free of cost to all beneficiaries.

2. The bank will immediately provide Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (life insurance) to all beneficiaries along with the accident insurance.

3. The bank has already disbursed loans worth ₹251 crore to about 30,000 Maiyaan beneficiaries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

9. Which ministry is the nodal ministry for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin?

(A) Ministry of Rural Development
(B) Ministry of Finance
(C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(D) Ministry of Home Affairs

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10. Consider the following statements:

1. The Bihar Cabinet approved ₹1,399.60 crore from the Bihar Contingency Fund for PMAY-G.

2. The central share in this approval is ₹949.45 crore and the state share is ₹450.16 crore.

3. The fund is meant to accelerate construction of houses sanctioned under PMAY-G.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

11. Which ministry or department is responsible for the implementation of the Delhi government's scheme providing LPG cylinder assistance to ration cardholders?

(A) Ministry of Finance
(B) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
(C) Delhi Government's Department of Food and Supplies
(D) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

12. Consider the following statements regarding the Delhi government's LPG assistance scheme:

1. The scheme provides financial assistance for LPG cylinders to ration cardholders on Holi and Diwali.

2. All beneficiary families received an equal amount of ₹942.

3. The assistance was transferred through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

13. Which state regulatory commission approved the 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA) for 200 MW renewable power from SJVN?

(A) Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC)
(B) Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC)
(C) Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)
(D) Jharkhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (JSERC)

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14. Consider the following statements regarding Bihar's 200 MW renewable power procurement:

1. The power will be supplied by SJVN under a 25-year power purchase agreement.

2. The tariff of ₹4.25 per unit was determined through a competitive bidding process and approved by BERC.

3. The project will supply 200 MW of power for 6 hours during the evening peak, extendable to 8 hours.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) All three

15. Which constitutional body is responsible for the preparation and revision of voter lists in India?

(A) Ministry of Law and Justice
(B) Election Commission of India
(C) Registrar General of India
(D) State Election Commission

16. Consider the following statements regarding the voter list discrepancy in Uttar Pradesh:

1. The UP Assembly voter list has 3.38 crore fewer voters than the combined Panchayat and local body election rolls.

2. The gender ratio in the UP Assembly voter list is 834 women per 1,000 men.

3. The Election Commission has ordered the deletion of all names from the Panchayat list to resolve the discrepancy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) All three

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17. Which state has received the highest number (14) of the 100 plug-and-play industrial parks planned by the central government?

(A) Madhya Pradesh
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra
(D) Gujarat

18. Consider the following statements regarding the Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2027 in Madhya Pradesh:

1. The theme of GIS-2027 is 'Shakti Ki Saptadhara'.

2. Madhya Pradesh has been allocated 14 plug-and-play industrial parks.

3. Roadshows will be held in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Singapore and South Korea before December 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

19. Which section of the Jharkhand State University Act 2026 deals with the formation of student unions?

(A) Section 115
(B) Section 100
(C) Section 101
(D) Section 77

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20. Consider the following statements regarding the Jharkhand State University Act 2026:

1. The Act bans outsiders and bodies affiliated with political parties from participating in student union elections.

2. The maximum penalty for indiscipline under the Act is automatic expulsion from the university.

3. A student must be given an opportunity to present his/her case before a suspension of more than one year.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

21. Which state government has decided to link the salary of government school teachers to e-attendance from December 2026?

(A) Bihar
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh
(D) Rajasthan

22. Consider the following statements regarding the Madhya Pradesh government's new e-attendance policy for teachers:

1. The new system will link the salary of approximately 2.90 lakh government school teachers to e-attendance.

2. The e-attendance data will be integrated with the IFMIS treasury portal for automated salary processing.

3. The policy covers only regular teachers and excludes guest teachers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) All three

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23. Which department of the Bihar government is the nodal agency for implementing the advanced AI training program?

(A) Department of Education
(B) Department of Labour Resources
(C) Department of Information Technology
(D) Department of Science and Technology

24. Consider the following statements regarding the Bihar government's AI training initiative:

1. The training program is a 5-month advanced AI certification program.

2. The program is exclusively for postgraduate students with a science background.

3. The digital sandbox platform will benefit over 100 startups in Bihar.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

25. Which agency is the nodal agency for paddy procurement under the Jharkhand state bonus scheme?

(A) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
(B) Jharkhand State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (JSFCL)
(C) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
(D) Jharkhand State Cooperative Bank

26. Consider the following statements regarding Jharkhand's paddy procurement scheme:

1. The scheme has been operational since 2011-12.

2. For the 2026-27 season, the state bonus has been increased by ₹28 per quintal compared to the previous year.

3. The procurement target for 2026-27 is 60 lakh quintals.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) All three

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27. Consider the following statements regarding the Paimana Portal report (October 2026):

1. The total cost overrun on 1,853 ongoing central projects is ₹3.22 lakh crore.

2. The 25 mega projects account for 50% of the total cost overrun.

3. The Hubli-Ankola rail line in Karnataka is 25 years behind schedule.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

28. According to the Paimana Portal report, how many schools (at ₹50 crore each) could have been built with the cost overrun on just the 25 mega projects?

(A) Over 6,300

(B) Over 4,200

(C) Over 2,100

(D) Over 8,400

29. Which international body is the parent organisation of the Conference of the Parties (COP)?

(A) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

(B) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

(C) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

(D) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

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30. Consider the following statements about the news's climate framework:

1. If the whole world lived like the average US citizen, global warming would be about 3.7°C.

2. The historical lifestyles of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) would have led to about 0.8°C of warming.

3. Small super-affluent countries like Qatar and Luxembourg also bear responsibility for climate solutions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

31. Which organisation conducts the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) in India?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Reserve Bank of India
(C) National Statistical Office (NSO)
(D) Ministry of Finance

32. Consider the following statements regarding the World Bank's poverty estimate for India:

1. The World Bank estimates India's extreme poverty at 2.6% based on the HCES 2023-24 data.

2. The Thali Index shows that about 50% of urban Indians cannot afford two thali meals a day.

3. The authors argue that non-food expenses like rent and medicines are often prioritised, reducing food to a residual item.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

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33. Which body is responsible for conducting the Pulse Polio campaign in Bihar?

(A) Indian Council of Medical Research

(B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

(C) World Health Organization

(D) State Health Committee (state-level committee that reviewed preparations)

34. Consider the following statements regarding the Pulse Polio campaign in Bihar:

1. The campaign will cover all 38 districts of Bihar.

2. The campaign targets approximately 1.56 crore children.

3. About 64,000 polio workers will be deployed.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 2 and 3

(D) All three

35. Which Indian state launched the e-Gram Kachahri portal for village-level dispute resolution?

(A) Uttar Pradesh

(B) Bihar

(C) Rajasthan

(D) Madhya Pradesh

36. Consider the following statements regarding Bihar's e-Gram Kachahri portal: 1. The portal has resolved over 49,000 disputes involving families since January 2025. 2. The number of criminal cases resolved (about 24,000) is higher than the number of civil cases resolved (over 25,000). 3. Katihar district led in resolving criminal cases through the portal. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

37. Which body is responsible for the collection of education cess in Bhopal?

(A) Ministry of Education, Government of India

(B) Bhopal Municipal Corporation

(C) State Government of Madhya Pradesh

(D) Madhya Pradesh Board of Secondary Education

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38. Consider the following statements regarding the education cess in Bhopal:

1. The Bhopal Municipal Corporation collected over ₹183 crore as education cess in 4.5 years.

2. All the collected education cess was spent on school infrastructure projects.

3. The municipal commissioner ordered a financial audit of the education cess accounts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

39. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) functions under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
(C) Ministry of Law and Justice
(D) Ministry of Finance

40. Consider the following statements regarding the Madhu Koda case:

1. The SAFEMA Tribunal upheld the ED's attachment of properties worth ₹60 crore in Mumbai.

2. The Tribunal allowed Union Bank of India to directly auction the attached properties to recover its loan.

3. The case originated from a 2009 Income Tax Department raid that uncovered secret documents.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

41. Which body accredits technical programs (engineering, management, pharmacy) in India?

(A) National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)
(B) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
(C) National Board of Accreditation (NBA)
(D) University Grants Commission (UGC)

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42. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Board of Accreditation (NBA) is a statutory body under the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

2. The Bihar review meeting chaired by Minister Sheela Kumari focused only on placement and apprenticeship.

3. The meeting emphasised starting employment-oriented new courses in technical institutions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 3
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

43. What is the Line of Control (LoC)?

(A) A border between India and Nepal
(B) A military control line between India and Pakistan in Kashmir
(C) A ceasefire line between India and Bangladesh
(D) A boundary between India and China

44. Consider the following statements regarding Pakistan's recent anti-drone deployment:

1. Pakistan has deployed over 50 anti-drone units along the LoC, mostly in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

2. The anti-drone units are deployed opposite the Indian sectors of Poonch, Rajouri, Nowshera and Sunderbani.

3. Pakistan is using the US GPS system for its military drone navigation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) All three

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45. Which waterway is considered the world's most important oil chokepoint, connecting the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman?

(A) Strait of Hormuz
(B) Suez Canal
(C) Strait of Malacca
(D) Bab-el-Mandeb

46. Consider the following statements regarding the Strait of Hormuz:

1. It connects the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman.

2. The US Secretary of State appealed to the G20 for security in the strait.

3. France and other allies demanded a ceasefire before providing naval support.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

47. Which department under the Ministry of Communications is responsible for licensing satellite communication services in India?

(A) Department of Space
(B) Department of Science and Technology
(C) Department of Telecommunications
(D) Department of Electronics and Information Technology

48. Consider the following statements regarding Starlink and traditional telecom infrastructure:

1. Starlink is optimised for reach to remote areas without towers or cables.

2. Fibre and mobile networks are optimised for density and can serve many users in one area.

3. Starlink can replace fibre and mobile networks in all areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) All three

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Answer key

1. (A) Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT)

The DoPT issued the 2004 'clarification' that was used from around 2015 to deny OBC candidates reservation benefits based solely on their parents' salaries. The Supreme Court in Rohith Nathan (2026) rejected this practice. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment handles social welfare policies, not central government employment rules. The Ministry of Law and Justice advises on legal matters, while the Department of Public Enterprises deals with public sector undertakings.

2. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the creamy layer concept was upheld in the Indra Sawhney (1992) judgment. Statement 2 is incorrect: the Court in Rohith Nathan (2026) ruled that salary alone cannot determine creamy layer status, not that it can be used. Statement 3 is correct: the Justice G. Rohini Commission submitted its report in 2023. Hence option C is correct.

3. (B) Article 44

Article 44, part of the Directive Principles of State Policy (Part IV), states that the state shall endeavour to secure a uniform civil code. Article 14 deals with equality, Article 21 with right to life, and Article 51A with fundamental duties.

4. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: UCC is a DPSP under Article 44. Statement 2 is incorrect: DPSPs are non-justiciable and not enforceable by courts. Statement 3 is correct: Goa follows the Portuguese Civil Code of 1867, which serves as a UCC. Hence option C is correct.

5. (A) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957

Minor minerals, including sand and gravel, are regulated under the MMDR Act, 1957. Their regulation is a state subject. The other Acts deal with environment, forests, and wildlife respectively, not mineral regulation.

6. (C) Both 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect: the CEC recommended phasing out 'unsustainable' sand extraction, not a complete ban. Statement 2 is correct: desilting dams is a key alternative. Statement 3 is correct: the Ministry of Jal Shakti is to lead the framework. Hence option C is correct.

7. (B) Jharkhand Gramin Bank

Jharkhand Gramin Bank, a regional rural bank, has proposed to provide Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana free of cost to over 51 lakh Maiyaan beneficiaries. SBI, Bank of India, and RBI are not the proposing bodies in this context.

8. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the bank proposed PMSBY free of cost. Statement 2 is incorrect: the bank said it will consider providing PMJJBY only after one year of linking beneficiaries, not immediately. Statement 3 is correct: ₹251 crore in loans have been disbursed to about 30,000 beneficiaries.

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9. (A) Ministry of Rural Development

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. The Ministry of Finance provides budget allocation but is not the nodal ministry. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs handles the urban version (PMAY-U).

10. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the total approved amount is ₹1,399.60 crore from the Bihar Contingency Fund. Statement 2 is incorrect: the central share is ₹450.16 crore and the state share is ₹949.45 crore, not the other way around. Statement 3 is correct: the purpose is to speed up construction of approved houses. Hence option C is correct.

11. (C) Delhi Government's Department of Food and Supplies

The scheme is a state government initiative of the Government of NCT of Delhi, implemented through its Department of Food and Supplies, which oversees ration cards and PDS in Delhi.

12. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct as the scheme provides assistance on Holi and Diwali. Statement 2 is incorrect because PMUY families received ₹642 and non-PMUY families received ₹942. Statement 3 is correct as the transfer was done via DBT. Hence option C is correct.

13. (B) Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC)

The Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC) approved the PPA. The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) had earlier approved the tariff, but the state-level approval for procurement was done by BERC. The other options include a central commission and two commissions of other states.

14. (C) Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: the 25-year PPA is with SJVN. Statement 2 is correct: the tariff was determined through competitive bidding and approved by BERC. Statement 3 is incorrect: the project will supply 200 MW for 4 hours during the evening peak, extendable to 6 hours, not 6 hours extendable to 8 hours.

15. (B) Election Commission of India

The Election Commission of India (ECI) is the autonomous constitutional authority responsible for preparing and revising electoral rolls for all parliamentary and state assembly elections. The State Election Commission handles local body elections. The Ministry of Law and Justice and Registrar General are not directly responsible for voter lists.

16. (C) Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: the gap is 3.38 crore names. Statement 2 is correct: the gender ratio is 834 women per 1,000 men. Statement 3 is incorrect: the EC ordered a matching and verification of the three lists, not deletion of names from the Panchayat list. Hence option C is correct.

17. (C) Maharashtra

Maharashtra has received 14 of the 100 plug-and-play industrial parks, the highest in the country. Madhya Pradesh is second with 11 parks.

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18. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the theme is 'Shakti Ki Saptadhara'. Statement 2 is incorrect: MP has 11 parks, not 14. Statement 3 is correct: roadshows are planned in these cities and countries before December 2026.

19. (D) Section 77

Section 77 of the Jharkhand State University Act 2026 mandates the formation of university and college student unions at the start of each academic session. Section 100 deals with student grievance committees, Section 101 with staff grievance committees, and Section 115 with disciplinary penalties.

20. (A) Only 1

Only statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is incorrect: the maximum penalty under the Act is a five-year debarment from examinations, not automatic expulsion. Statement 3 is incorrect as written: the Act requires giving the student an opportunity to be heard before expulsion for more than one year, not before suspension of more than one year.

21. (C) Madhya Pradesh

The Directorate of Public Instruction (DPI) of Madhya Pradesh is implementing the new system covering 2.90 lakh teachers. The other options are incorrect as this reform is specific to Madhya Pradesh.

22. (C) Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct as the policy covers 2.20 lakh regular and 70,000 guest teachers, totalling 2.90 lakh. Statement 2 is correct as the e-attendance software will directly connect to the IFMIS treasury portal. Statement 3 is incorrect because the policy covers both regular (2.20 lakh) and guest teachers (70,000). Hence option C is correct.

23. (D) Department of Science and Technology

Student selection for the training will be done with the help of the 'Vigyan Evam Pravaidhik Vibhag' (Department of Science and Technology) of Bihar.

24. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the training is a 5-month advanced AI certification program. Statement 2 is incorrect: both science and non-science graduate and postgraduate students are eligible. Statement 3 is correct: the digital sandbox platform will directly benefit over 100 startups.

25. (B) Jharkhand State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (JSFCL)

JSFCL, Ranchi, has been made the nodal agency for paddy procurement and bonus payment. FCI is a central agency, NAFED deals with marketing, and the cooperative bank is not the procurement body.

26. (C) Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: the scheme started in 2011-12. Statement 2 is correct: bonus increased from ₹81 to ₹109, a rise of ₹28. Statement 3 is incorrect: the target is 40 lakh quintals, not 60 lakh (which was last year's target). Hence option C is correct.

27. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the total cost overrun is ₹3.22 lakh crore. Statement 2 is incorrect: the 25 mega projects account for 65% (not 50%) of the total cost overrun. Statement 3 is correct: the Hubli-Ankola rail line is 25 years behind its original schedule. Hence option C is correct.

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28. (B) Over 4,200

The cost overrun on 25 mega projects is ₹2.11 lakh crore. At ₹50 crore per school, this amount could build over 4,200 schools (₹2,11,000 crore / ₹50 crore = 4,220). The other options are mathematical miscalculations of the same division.

29. (A) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

The COP is the supreme decision-making body of the UNFCCC. The IPCC provides scientific assessments but is not the parent body. UNEP and WMO are related but not the parent organisation of COP.

30. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the US lifestyle would cause 3.7°C warming. Statement 2 is incorrect: LDCs would cause 0.6°C, not 0.8°C (India's figure is 0.8°C). Statement 3 is correct: the responsibility framework also includes small super-affluent countries.

31. (C) National Statistical Office (NSO)

The Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) is conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

32. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the World Bank estimate is 2.6%. Statement 2 is incorrect: the Thali Index shows up to 20% of urban Indians cannot afford two thalis, not 50% (50% is for rural). Statement 3 is correct: non-food expenses are met first, making food a residual item. Hence option C is correct.

33. (D) State Health Committee (state-level committee that reviewed preparations)

Preparations were reviewed by the State Health Committee chaired by the Executive Director.

34. (C) Both 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect because the campaign covers only 31 districts, excluding 7 districts. Statement 2 is correct: the target is 1.56 crore children. Statement 3 is correct: about 64,000 polio workers will be deployed. Hence option C is correct.

35. (B) Bihar

The e-Gram Kachahri portal is an initiative of the Government of Bihar to resolve family and property disputes digitally at the village level. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan have not launched this specific portal.

36. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: over 49,000 disputes were resolved. Statement 2 is incorrect: civil cases (over 25,000) outnumber criminal cases (about 24,000). Statement 3 is correct: Katihar led in criminal case resolution. Hence option C is correct.

37. (B) Bhopal Municipal Corporation

The education cess in Bhopal is levied and collected by the Bhopal Municipal Corporation, which is the local urban body for the city. The state government or central ministry does not collect this particular cess at the municipal level.

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38. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the corporation collected ₹183 crore. Statement 2 is incorrect: only ₹16.63 crore was spent, not the entire amount. Statement 3 is correct: the commissioner ordered a financial audit. Hence option C is correct.

39. (D) Ministry of Finance

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is a multi-disciplinary organization under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance. It enforces PMLA, FEMA, and other economic laws. The Ministry of Home Affairs handles internal security, not financial crimes enforcement.

40. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the SAFEMA Tribunal upheld the ED's attachment of ₹60 crore properties. Statement 2 is incorrect: the Tribunal ruled that the bank cannot directly auction the properties but must approach the special PMLA court for recovery. Statement 3 is correct: the 2009 Income Tax raid provided the initial documents that led to the investigation.

41. (C) National Board of Accreditation (NBA)

NBA is the autonomous body under AICTE that accredits technical programs. NAAC accredits higher education institutions overall. AICTE is the regulatory body for technical education, not the accreditation body. UGC oversees university education, not technical accreditation.

42. (A) Only 3

Statement 1 is incorrect: the NBA is an autonomous body under AICTE, not a statutory body. Statement 2 is incorrect. Statement 3 is correct, so only statement 3 is true.

43. (B) A military control line between India and Pakistan in Kashmir

The Line of Control (LoC) is the military control line between the Indian and Pakistani controlled parts of the former princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, established after the Shimla Agreement of 1972. It is not a border with China, Nepal or Bangladesh.

44. (C) Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: Pakistan deployed over 50 anti-drone units, mostly in PoK. Statement 2 is correct: these units are opposite Indian sectors of Poonch, Rajouri, Nowshera and Sunderbani. Statement 3 is incorrect: Pakistan uses China's BeiDou navigation system, not the US GPS, for its military drones.

45. (A) Strait of Hormuz

The Strait of Hormuz is the most important oil chokepoint due to the massive volume of oil and LNG from the Persian Gulf that transits through it. The Strait of Malacca is in Southeast Asia, the Suez Canal connects the Mediterranean to the Red Sea, and Bab-el-Mandeb connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden.

46. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman. Statement 2 is incorrect: Marco Rubio appealed to the G7, not the G20. Statement 3 is correct: France and other allies stated that assistance requires a prior cessation of hostilities. Hence option C is correct.

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47. (C) Department of Telecommunications

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) under the Ministry of Communications handles licensing and regulation of telecom and satellite communication services in India. The Department of Space deals with space exploration, not telecom licensing.

48. (C) Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: Starlink is optimised for reach to remote areas. Statement 2 is correct: fibre and mobile networks are optimised for density. Statement 3 is incorrect: Starlink complements rather than replaces fibre/mobile networks, as it is capacity-constrained per region.

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