

Current Affairs + Schemes: Notes and 140 MCQs

Kerala High Court Office Attendant | Last 12 months (Oct 2025 - Oct 2026)

Exam snapshot (what to expect)

Mode	Objective (OMR) written test for Office Attendant, reported as 100 marks in total. Pay scale reported as Rs 23,000 - 50,200.
General Knowledge	Follows the Kerala PSC Office Attendant style: History, Geography, Economics, Indian Constitution, Kerala administration, Biology and public health, Physics, Chemistry, plus current affairs . Current affairs is repeatedly flagged as an important section.
Other sections	Typically general English, basic arithmetic and mental ability. The exact split can change each cycle.
Negative marking	Not confirmed for this post. Check the latest notification before deciding how much to guess.
How to use this PDF	1) Read the notes (Part A, 8 minutes). 2) Attempt the 140 MCQs (Part B) without looking. 3) Check answers and one-line reasons (Part C). 4) Re-read the revision sheet (Part D) the night before.

Priority order for a Kerala exam: (1) Keralam name change and the 2026 election and government, (2) Kerala firsts, (3) national budget, census and appointments, (4) government schemes and policies (Kerala and Centre), (5) sports, (6) awards. Questions are usually direct fact questions, so numbers, dates and names matter most. The 2026 Nobel announcements run from 5 to 12 October 2026, so those results are not in this edition.

PART A - Quick Notes

1. Kerala / Keralam

Name change	Kerala is officially Keralam from 25 Aug 2026 under the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026. Timeline: Assembly resolution 24 Jun 2024, Union Cabinet approval 24 Feb 2026, Lok Sabha passed 11 Aug, Rajya Sabha passed 12 Aug (voice vote), then the President's assent. Power comes from Article 3 ; the First Schedule is amended.
2026 Assembly election	Polling 9 Apr, counting 4 May 2026. 140 seats: UDF 102 (Congress 63, IUML 22), LDF 35 , BJP 3 . UDF returned after 10 years in opposition.
New government	V.D. Satheesan (Paravur MLA since 2001) took oath as CM on 18 May 2026 at Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram, with 20 ministers, so the full cabinet was sworn in together for the first time in nearly six decades. Ministers include Ramesh Chennithala, Sunny Joseph (KPCC president), K. Muraleedharan, Mons Joseph and Shibu Baby John.
Assembly officers	Speaker Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan ; Deputy Speaker Shanimol Usman ; Chief Whip P.J. Joseph; Pro-tem Speaker G. Sudhakaran (20-22 May 2026). New Advocate General: Jaju Babu.
Constitutional heads	Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar . Chief Justice of Kerala High Court: Nitin Madhukar Jamdar .
Policy firsts (early 2026)	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> declared State Microbe; tide flooding declared a state-specific disaster; first comprehensive State Urban Policy; Women's Safety Pension launched; Nativity Card Bill approved.
Events	National Saras Mela 2026 at Chalissery (first time in Kerala); 9th International Spice Conference at Kochi (23-26 Feb 2026); Special Intensive Revision removed about 9 lakh names from Kerala's electoral roll.

2. India - Polity, Economy, Appointments

Union Budget 2026-27	Presented 1 Feb 2026 (a Sunday) , the first Sunday budget; Nirmala Sitharaman's 9th consecutive budget. Theme: Yuva Shakti. Fiscal deficit 4.3% of GDP; debt-to-GDP 55.6%; total expenditure Rs 53.5 lakh crore; capital expenditure Rs 12.2 lakh crore. Seven high-speed rail corridors; City Economic Regions at Rs 5,000 crore each.
Finance Commission	Sixteenth Finance Commission report for 2026-31 was tabled with the budget.
Census 2027	India's first digital census . Phase I is the Houselisting and Housing Census, with a self-enumeration portal (se.census.gov.in). CJI Surya Kant self-enumerated in April 2026.
Rural employment	VB-G RAM G scheme in force from 1 Jul 2026 : guaranteed days raised from 100 to 125 ; 60-day pause in peak farming seasons; average daily wage reported as Rs 327.4.
Appointments	CJI Surya Kant (53rd CJI). Army Chief Gen. Dhiraj Seth succeeded Gen. Upendra Dwivedi (Jul 2026). Suvendu Adhikari became West Bengal's first BJP Chief Minister (May 2026).
Trade	India signed a free trade agreement with the European Union (reported alongside the 2026 budget).

3. Sports

Women's ODI World Cup 2025	India won, beating South Africa in the final at Navi Mumbai (2 Nov 2025), captained by Harmanpreet Kaur. India's first Women's World Cup title.
Men's T20 World Cup 2026	Co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka (7 Feb - 8 Mar 2026). India beat New Zealand by 96 runs in the final at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad (255/5 vs 159 all out). First team to win 3 titles (2007, 2024, 2026) and to defend the title. Player of the final: Jasprit Bumrah (4/15).

IPL 2026	Royal Challengers Bengaluru beat Gujarat Titans by 5 wickets in the final (31 May, Ahmedabad); back-to-back titles; captain Rajat Patidar. Final POM Virat Kohli (75*). Orange Cap: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (776, age 15). Purple Cap: Kagiso Rabada (29).
FIFA World Cup 2026	Hosted by USA, Canada and Mexico. Spain beat Argentina in extra time in the final (19 Jul 2026, New York New Jersey Stadium); Ferran Torres scored the winner. Spain now holds both men's and women's titles.

4. Awards and Science

Nobel 2025	Peace: Maria Corina Machado (Venezuela). Literature: Laszlo Krasznahorkai (Hungary). Medicine: Mary Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, Shimon Sakaguchi for peripheral immune tolerance . Physics: John Clarke, Michel Devoret, John Martinis (quantum tunnelling in an electric circuit). Chemistry: Kitagawa, Robson, Yaghi (metal-organic frameworks). Economics: Mokyr, Aghion, Howitt (innovation-driven growth).
Nobel 2026	Announcements 5-12 Oct 2026; Peace on 9 Oct , Economics on 12 Oct; prize money raised to SEK 12 million per category; ceremony 10 Dec in Stockholm.

5. Government Schemes and Policies - Kerala

Indira Guarantees (UDF)	Five promises: (1) free KSRTC bus travel for women, (2) Rs 1,000 monthly stipend for girl college students, (3) welfare pension raised to Rs 3,000, (4) health insurance up to Rs 25 lakh per family (named after Oommen Chandy), (5) interest-free loans up to Rs 5 lakh for young entrepreneurs.
First cabinet (18 May 2026)	Approved two guarantees: free KSRTC travel for women from 15 June 2026 and a separate Department of Senior Citizens Welfare (a first of its kind, constituted 19 May via G.O. 63/2026/GAD, with Japan's elderly-care model studied). Also Rs 1,000 hikes for Anganwadi workers and helpers, school cooking staff, pre-primary teachers and ayahs.
Women's Safety Pension (Sthree Suraksha)	Announced 29 Oct 2025: Rs 1,000 a month for women and trans women aged 35-60 not covered by any pension. Applications from 22 Dec 2025 via ksmart.lsgkerala.gov.in; yellow (AAY) and pink (priority) ration cards eligible. Budget allocation Rs 3,820 crore.
Welfare pension and other sops (Oct 2025)	Social security pension raised from Rs 1,600 to Rs 2,000 (over 60 lakh people); 'Connect to Work' scholarship of Rs 1,000 a month for educated job seekers aged 18-30; ASHA honorarium up by Rs 1,000.
Kerala Budget 2026-27	Presented by Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal (29 Jan 2026): Rs 14,500 crore for welfare pensions.
Extreme poverty	Kerala was declared free of extreme poverty on 1 Nov 2025 (Kerala Piravi Day), the first Indian state to do so. Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme 2021-25, led by Kudumbashree with local governments.

6. Government Schemes and Policies - Centre

VB-G RAM G Act, 2025	Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) . In force 1 Jul 2026 ; repeals MGNREGA 2005 . Guarantee 125 days (was 100); national wage floor Rs 300/day ; 60-day pause in sowing and harvest seasons; Centre-state cost share 60:40 (90:10 for NE and Himalayan states); normative (top-down) allocation ; wages by DBT; AI fraud detection, GPS monitoring and twice-yearly social audits. Draft rules released 23 May 2026.
Labour Codes	Dozens of labour laws consolidated into four Labour Codes ; implementation highlighted in the President's address (Jan 2026) and Budget.
PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana	Employer hiring-incentive scheme run by the Ministry of Labour and Employment; target over 3.5 crore jobs , including 1.92 crore first-time workers.
India Semiconductor Mission 2.0	Announced in Budget 2026-27: focus on equipment, materials and full-stack Indian IP. Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme outlay raised from Rs 22,919 crore to Rs 40,000 crore .

Other Budget 2026-27 schemes	Scheme to revive 200 legacy industrial clusters ; City Economic Regions; seven high-speed rail corridors; High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat; a long tax holiday (to 2047) for foreign cloud services run from India.
Tax and finance	GST simplified to two main slabs (5% and 18%, plus a higher rate on demerit goods) from Sept 2025; new Income Tax Act, 2025 replaces the 1961 Act. Mudra Yojana lending crossed Rs 38 lakh crore.
Jan Suraksha schemes	PMJJBY, PMSBY and Atal Pension Yojana completed 10 years (launched 2015).
Parliament	Budget Session 2026: 28 Jan to 2 Apr, opened with the President's joint-sitting address.

PART B - 140 Practice MCQs

Choose the best option. Mark your answers on paper, then check Part C.

KERALA / KERALAM

1. From which date is Kerala officially known as Keralam?

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| (A) 1 November 2026 | (B) 24 February 2026 |
| (C) 11 August 2026 | (D) 25 August 2026 |

2. Under which Act was the state's name changed?

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| (A) Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026 | (B) Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2026 |
| (C) Kerala Naming Act, 2024 | (D) States Reorganisation Act, 1956 |

3. Which Article empowers Parliament to alter the name of a state?

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| (A) Article 3 | (B) Article 1 |
| (C) Article 2 | (D) Article 368 |

4. When did the Kerala Assembly pass its resolution seeking the name 'Keralam'?

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| (A) 1 November 2025 | (B) 11 August 2026 |
| (C) 24 June 2024 | (D) 24 February 2026 |

5. On which date did the Union Cabinet approve the rename proposal?

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| (A) 12 August 2026 | (B) 18 May 2026 |
| (C) 24 June 2024 | (D) 24 February 2026 |

6. The Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha on:

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| (A) 11 August 2026 | (B) 10 August 2026 |
| (C) 12 August 2026 | (D) 25 August 2026 |

7. When was polling held in the 2026 Kerala Assembly election?

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| (A) 1 April 2026 | (B) 4 May 2026 |
| (C) 9 April 2026 | (D) 18 May 2026 |

8. Results of the 2026 Kerala Assembly election were declared on:

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| (A) 4 May 2026 | (B) 18 May 2026 |
| (C) 9 April 2026 | (D) 14 May 2026 |

9. How many seats did the UDF win in 2026?

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| (A) 98 | (B) 102 |
| (C) 91 | (D) 35 |

10. How many seats did the LDF win in 2026?

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| (A) 63 | (B) 41 |
| (C) 35 | (D) 3 |

11. The BJP won how many seats in the 2026 Kerala Assembly election?

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| (A) 8 | (B) 3 |
| (C) 1 | (D) 5 |

12. How many seats did the Congress win on its own in 2026?

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| (A) 57 | (B) 102 |
| (C) 63 | (D) 22 |

13. Which UDF partner won 22 seats in 2026?

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| (A) Indian Union Muslim League | (B) Kerala Congress (Jacob) |
| (C) Kerala Congress (Joseph) | (D) RSP |

14. Who became Chief Minister of Kerala in May 2026?

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| (A) Pinarayi Vijayan | (B) K. Muraleedharan |
| (C) Ramesh Chennithala | (D) V.D. Satheesan |

15. V.D. Satheesan represents which constituency?

- (A) Kannur (B) Pala
(C) Vadakara (D) Paravur

16. On which date did the Satheesan ministry take oath?

- (A) 18 May 2026 (B) 14 May 2026
(C) 4 May 2026 (D) 24 May 2026

17. Where was the 2026 swearing-in ceremony held?

- (A) Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram (B) Raj Bhavan (Lok Bhavan)
(C) Kozhikode Beach (D) Kochi Marine Drive

18. Who is the Speaker of the 16th Kerala Legislative Assembly (2026)?

- (A) Shanimol Usman (B) A.N. Shamseer
(C) G. Sudhakaran (D) Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan

19. Who is the Deputy Speaker of the Kerala Assembly (2026)?

- (A) Mons Joseph (B) P.J. Joseph
(C) Shanimol Usman (D) Bindu Krishna

20. Who served as Pro-tem Speaker in May 2026?

- (A) Ramesh Chennithala (B) G. Sudhakaran
(C) Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan (D) K. Muraleedharan

21. Who is the Governor of Kerala (2026)?

- (A) Arif Mohammad Khan (B) P. Sathasivam
(C) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (D) Arif Alvi

22. Who is the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court (2026)?

- (A) Nitin Madhukar Jamdar (B) S. Manikumar
(C) A.J. Desai (D) Surya Kant

23. Which bacterium was declared Kerala's State Microbe?

- (A) Bacillus subtilis (B) Escherichia coli
(C) Rhizobium (D) Lactobacillus

24. Where was the National Saras Mela 2026 held in Kerala?

- (A) Chalissery (B) Kozhikode
(C) Kottayam (D) Alappuzha

25. How many seats are there in the Kerala Legislative Assembly?

- (A) 141 (B) 140
(C) 150 (D) 120

26. Kochi hosted the 9th International conference on which commodity in Feb 2026?

- (A) Tea (B) Spices
(C) Coir (D) Rubber

INDIA**27. On which date was the Union Budget 2026-27 presented?**

- (A) 1 April 2026 (B) 28 February 2026
(C) 31 January 2026 (D) 1 February 2026

28. The Union Budget 2026-27 was presented on a:

- (A) Friday (B) Sunday
(C) Saturday (D) Monday

29. Who presented her 9th consecutive Union Budget in 2026?

- (A) Nirmala Sitharaman (B) Smriti Irani
(C) Nirmala Seetharam (D) Droupadi Murmu

30. Fiscal deficit target for 2026-27 (Budget Estimate) is:

- (A) 4.3% of GDP (B) 5.1% of GDP
(C) 3.0% of GDP (D) 4.8% of GDP

31. Which constitutional article requires the Annual Financial Statement (Budget)?

- (A) Article 110 (B) Article 112
(C) Article 266 (D) Article 324

32. The Sixteenth Finance Commission report covers which period?

- (A) 2026-31 (B) 2026-36
(C) 2025-30 (D) 2024-29

33. Census 2027 is notable for being India's first:

- (A) Census with biometric ID (B) Mobile-only census
(C) Caste-only census (D) Digital census

34. Phase I of Census 2027 is called:

- (A) Caste Enumeration (B) Population Enumeration
(C) Houselisting and Housing Census (D) Economic Census

35. Under the VB-G RAM G scheme (from 1 July 2026), guaranteed work days rose from 100 to:

- (A) 150 (B) 120
(C) 125 (D) 110

36. Who is the Chief Justice of India (2026)?

- (A) D.Y. Chandrachud (B) Surya Kant
(C) B.R. Gavai (D) N.V. Ramana

37. Who became India's Army Chief in July 2026?

- (A) General Dhiraj Seth (B) General Anil Chauhan
(C) General Manoj Pande (D) General Upendra Dwivedi

38. Who became the first BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal in May 2026?

- (A) Sukanta Majumdar (B) Suwendu Adhikari
(C) Samik Bhattacharya (D) Dilip Ghosh

SPORTS

39. Which team won the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026?

- (A) England (B) New Zealand
(C) Pakistan (D) India

40. India won the 2026 T20 World Cup final by how many runs?

- (A) 65 (B) 110
(C) 78 (D) 96

41. Where was the 2026 T20 World Cup final played?

- (A) Eden Gardens, Kolkata (B) R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo
(C) Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad (D) Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai

42. The 2026 T20 World Cup was co-hosted by India and:

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

43. Who was Player of the Final in the 2026 T20 World Cup?

- (A) Ishan Kishan (B) Hardik Pandya
(C) Jasprit Bumrah (D) Sanju Samson

44. How many T20 World Cup titles has India now won?

- (A) 2 (B) 3
(C) 1 (D) 4

45. Who won IPL 2026?

- (A) Rajasthan Royals (B) Royal Challengers Bengaluru
(C) Mumbai Indians (D) Gujarat Titans

46. Who won the Orange Cap in IPL 2026?

- (A) Sai Sudharsan (B) Virat Kohli
(C) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (D) Shubman Gill

47. Who won the Purple Cap in IPL 2026?

- (A) Rasikh Salam Dar (B) Bhuvneshwar Kumar
(C) Kagiso Rabada (D) Mohammed Siraj

48. Who won the FIFA World Cup 2026?

- (A) France (B) Spain
(C) Argentina (D) Brazil

49. The 2026 FIFA World Cup was jointly hosted by USA, Mexico and:

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

50. Who won the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup?

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

51. Who captained India to the 2025 Women's World Cup title?

- (A) Deepti Sharma (B) Jemimah Rodrigues
(C) Smriti Mandhana (D) Harmanpreet Kaur

AWARDS AND SCIENCE**52. Who won the Nobel Peace Prize 2025?**

- (A) Greta Thunberg (B) Narges Mohammadi
(C) Abiy Ahmed (D) Maria Corina Machado

53. Who won the Nobel Prize in Literature 2025?

- (A) Laszlo Krasznahorkai (B) Han Kang
(C) Jon Fosse (D) Annie Ernaux

54. The 2025 Nobel Prize in Medicine was for discoveries on:

- (A) mRNA vaccines (B) Peripheral immune tolerance
(C) microRNA (D) Hepatitis C virus

55. The 2025 Nobel Chemistry Prize honoured work on:

- (A) Click chemistry (B) Metal-organic frameworks
(C) Lithium-ion batteries (D) CRISPR

56. The 2025 Nobel Physics Prize concerned:

- (A) Attosecond pulses (B) Macroscopic quantum tunnelling in circuits
(C) Higgs boson (D) Gravitational waves

57. On which date is the Nobel Peace Prize 2026 announced?

- (A) 9 October 2026 (B) 5 October 2026
(C) 12 October 2026 (D) 10 December 2026

58. The Nobel Prize money for 2026 per full category is:

- (A) SEK 11 million (B) SEK 12 million
(C) SEK 10 million (D) SEK 15 million

59. Nobel Prize award ceremony 2026 will be held in Stockholm on:

- (A) 10 October (B) 1 December
(C) 25 December (D) 10 December

KERALA / KERALAM**60. 'Keralam' is the name of the state in which language?**

- (A) Sanskrit (B) Tamil
(C) Kannada (D) Malayalam

61. Which alliance ended the LDF's 10-year rule in 2026?

- (A) NDA (B) BJP-led NDA
(C) INDIA bloc (D) UDF

62. Which two UDF parties won the most seats in 2026?

- (A) Congress and RSP (B) Congress and IUML
(C) IUML and Kerala Congress (D) Congress and CMP

63. The Satheesan ministry had how many members including the CM?

- (A) 20 (B) 21
(C) 19 (D) 25

64. Which leader submitted the cabinet list to the Governor on 17 May 2026?

- (A) P.J. Joseph (B) V.D. Satheesan
(C) Ramesh Chennithala (D) Sunny Joseph

65. The 2026 Kerala Chief Minister dispute within Congress lasted from 4 May to:

- (A) 31 May (B) 8 May
(C) 14 May (D) 18 May

66. Who is the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee president serving as minister in 2026?

- (A) Sunny Joseph (B) Mullappally Ramachandran
(C) K. Sudhakaran (D) V.M. Sudheeran

67. How many seats did the IUML win, making it the second-largest UDF party?

- (A) 30 (B) 15
(C) 22 (D) 18

INDIA**68. The 16th Finance Commission was constituted for award years from:**

- (A) 2024-25 (B) 2025-26
(C) 2026-27 (D) 2027-28

69. Which scheme replaced MGNREGA-style guarantee with 125 days from July 2026?

- (A) VB-G RAM G (B) PM Gati Shakti
(C) Jal Jeevan Mission (D) PM-KISAN

70. Budget 2026-27 total capital expenditure (reported) is:

- (A) Rs 12.2 lakh crore (B) Rs 15.5 lakh crore
(C) Rs 8.1 lakh crore (D) Rs 5.0 lakh crore

71. Budget 2026-27 proposed how many high-speed rail corridors?

- (A) 10 (B) 4
(C) 7 (D) 12

72. Each City Economic Region in Budget 2026-27 gets how much over five years?

- (A) Rs 50,000 crore (B) Rs 5,000 crore
(C) Rs 500 crore (D) Rs 1,000 crore

73. Debt-to-GDP ratio stated in Budget 2026-27 is:

- (A) 45.0% (B) 50.1%
(C) 55.6% (D) 61.2%

74. India's Census 2027 self-enumeration is done through:

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| (A) Aadhaar centres | (B) Anganwadi workers only |
| (C) Online portal | (D) Postal form |

SPORTS

75. How many titles has Spain won in the men's FIFA World Cup after 2026?

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| (A) 2 | (B) 1 |
| (C) 3 | (D) 4 |

76. Who scored in extra time for Spain in the 2026 final?

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| (A) Lamine Yamal | (B) Ferran Torres |
| (C) Rodri | (D) Alvaro Morata |

77. Where was the 2026 FIFA World Cup final played?

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| (A) Estadio Azteca | (B) BC Place |
| (C) Rose Bowl | (D) New York New Jersey Stadium |

78. Which captain led RCB to the 2026 IPL title?

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| (A) Virat Kohli | (B) Rajat Patidar |
| (C) Krunal Pandya | (D) Faf du Plessis |

79. Which side finished as IPL 2026 runners-up?

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| (A) KKR | (B) Punjab Kings |
| (C) Rajasthan Royals | (D) Gujarat Titans |

80. Who top-scored in the 2026 IPL final (not out 75)?

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| (A) Virat Kohli | (B) Shubman Gill |
| (C) Washington Sundar | (D) Rajat Patidar |

81. The runner-up of the 2026 T20 World Cup was:

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| (A) England | (B) New Zealand |
| (C) South Africa | (D) Australia |

AWARDS AND SCIENCE

82. The 2025 Nobel Economics Prize honoured work on:

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| (A) Behavioural finance | (B) Microcredit |
| (C) Auction theory | (D) Innovation-driven economic growth |

83. Nobel Peace 2025 laureate Maria Corina Machado is from:

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| (A) Colombia | (B) Brazil |
| (C) Venezuela | (D) Chile |

84. The Nobel Prize in Literature 2025 winner is from:

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| (A) Norway | (B) South Korea |
| (C) Poland | (D) Hungary |

85. Nobel announcements 2026 begin with Medicine on:

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| (A) 9 October | (B) 1 October |
| (C) 12 October | (D) 5 October |

INDIA

86. India signed a free trade agreement in early 2026 with which bloc?

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| (A) ASEAN | (B) European Union |
| (C) Gulf Cooperation Council | (D) EFTA only |

KERALA / KERALAM

87. Kerala was reported as the first state to declare which phenomenon a state-specific disaster?

- (A) Landslide (B) Tide flooding
(C) Lightning (D) Heat wave

88. Who was named Chief Whip of the UDF government in 2026?

- (A) Roji M. John (B) P.J. Joseph
(C) Mons Joseph (D) Sunny Joseph

89. Who was chosen as Kerala's Advocate General in May 2026?

- (A) Roji Babu (B) K. Gopalakrishna
(C) Gopalakrishna Kurup (D) Jaju Babu

90. Who gave assent to the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026?

- (A) Governor R.V. Arlekar (B) Vice President
(C) President Droupadi Murmu (D) Chief Minister Satheesan

91. Who spoke for the Government of India in the Rajya Sabha debate on the name change?

- (A) Ashwini Vaishnaw (B) J.P. Nadda
(C) Kiren Rijju (D) Nityanand Rai

INDIA

92. How many consecutive Union Budgets has Nirmala Sitharaman presented, including 2026?

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

93. Total expenditure (Budget Estimate) for 2026-27 is:

- (A) Rs 53.5 lakh crore (B) Rs 36.5 lakh crore
(C) Rs 48.2 lakh crore (D) Rs 60.0 lakh crore

94. The theme of Budget 2026-27 was driven by:

- (A) Kisan Samman (B) Nari Shakti
(C) Gareeb Kalyan (D) Yuva Shakti

SPORTS

95. What total did India score in the 2026 T20 World Cup final?

- (A) 255/5 (B) 240/3
(C) 198/6 (D) 212/4

96. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi plays for which IPL franchise?

- (A) RCB (B) Rajasthan Royals
(C) Gujarat Titans (D) Delhi Capitals

97. Who captained Gujarat Titans in IPL 2026?

- (A) Shubman Gill (B) Rashid Khan
(C) Hardik Pandya (D) Sai Sudharsan

98. Which nation held both the men's and women's FIFA World Cup titles simultaneously after July 2026?

- (A) Spain (B) USA
(C) Germany (D) France

AWARDS AND SCIENCE

99. On which date is the Nobel Prize in Literature 2026 announced?

- (A) 10 October (B) 5 October
(C) 12 October (D) 8 October

100. The Sveriges Riksbank (Economics) Prize 2026 is announced on:

- (A) 7 October (B) 8 October
(C) 9 October (D) 12 October

KERALA SCHEMES**101. How many 'Indira Guarantees' did the UDF announce for the 2026 election?**

- (A) 3 (B) 5
(C) 10 (D) 7

102. Free KSRTC bus travel for women began from:

- (A) 15 June 2026 (B) 1 November 2026
(C) 18 May 2026 (D) 1 July 2026

103. Monthly stipend promised to girl students in colleges is:

- (A) Rs 3,000 (B) Rs 500
(C) Rs 2,000 (D) Rs 1,000

104. The UDF promised to raise the welfare pension to:

- (A) Rs 5,000 (B) Rs 3,000
(C) Rs 2,000 (D) Rs 2,500

105. Health insurance cover per family promised under the Indira Guarantees is:

- (A) Rs 5 lakh (B) Rs 10 lakh
(C) Rs 50 lakh (D) Rs 25 lakh

106. Interest-free loans for young entrepreneurs under the guarantees go up to:

- (A) Rs 1 lakh (B) Rs 10 lakh
(C) Rs 25 lakh (D) Rs 5 lakh

107. Which new department did the first Satheesan cabinet approve?

- (A) Department of Senior Citizens Welfare (B) Department of Women Safety
(C) Department of Digital Governance (D) Department of Youth Affairs

108. The new elderly-care department's model draws on which country's system?

- (A) Sweden (B) Singapore
(C) Germany (D) Japan

109. The Women's Safety Pension gives how much per month?

- (A) Rs 1,000 (B) Rs 500
(C) Rs 1,600 (D) Rs 2,000

110. Women eligible for the Women's Safety Pension are aged:

- (A) 40 to 65 years (B) 18 to 35 years
(C) 35 to 60 years (D) 25 to 50 years

111. Applications for the Women's Safety Pension are made through:

- (A) umang.gov.in (B) kerala.gov.in/pension
(C) ksmart.lsgkerala.gov.in (D) services.india.gov.in

112. Which ration cards qualify for the Women's Safety Pension?

- (A) Only White (B) White and Blue only
(C) Only Blue (D) Yellow (AAY) and Pink (priority)

113. In Oct 2025 Kerala raised the social security pension from Rs 1,600 to:

- (A) Rs 1,800 (B) Rs 3,000
(C) Rs 2,000 (D) Rs 2,500

114. Kerala was declared free of extreme poverty on:

- (A) 26 January 2026 (B) 1 January 2026
(C) 15 August 2025 (D) 1 November 2025

115. Which agency led Kerala's Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme?

- (A) Kudumbashree (B) Kerala Social Security Mission
(C) KILA (D) Haritha Keralam Mission

116. Who presented the Kerala Budget 2026-27?

- (A) Thomas Isaac (B) P. Rajeev
(C) K.N. Balagopal (D) V.D. Satheesan

117. Kerala Budget 2026-27 earmarked how much for welfare pensions?

- (A) Rs 25,000 crore (B) Rs 14,500 crore
(C) Rs 5,000 crore (D) Rs 3,820 crore

118. The 'Connect to Work' scholarship gives job seekers aged 18-30 how much monthly?

- (A) Rs 1,000 (B) Rs 2,000
(C) Rs 500 (D) Rs 1,600

119. The new government raised Anganwadi worker and helper honorarium by:

- (A) Rs 250 (B) Rs 2,000
(C) Rs 500 (D) Rs 1,000

CENTRAL SCHEMES AND POLICIES**120. VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 replaced which Act?**

- (A) National Food Security Act (B) MGNREGA, 2005
(C) Right to Work Act, 1990 (D) PMAY Act

121. VB-G RAM G Act came into force on:

- (A) 1 January 2026 (B) 1 July 2026
(C) 2 October 2026 (D) 1 April 2026

122. Guaranteed rural wage employment under VB-G RAM G is:

- (A) 125 days (B) 100 days
(C) 150 days (D) 90 days

123. The national minimum daily wage under VB-G RAM G is:

- (A) Rs 300 (B) Rs 400
(C) Rs 327 (D) Rs 250

124. VB-G RAM G pauses works during peak sowing and harvest for:

- (A) 45 days (B) 30 days
(C) 60 days (D) 90 days

125. Centre-state fund sharing under VB-G RAM G for general states is:

- (A) 60:40 (B) 90:10
(C) 75:25 (D) 50:50

126. VB-G RAM G shifts funding from demand-driven to:

- (A) Normative allocation (B) Block grants
(C) Matching grants (D) Cess-based funding

127. Wages under VB-G RAM G are paid through:

- (A) Cheques (B) Food coupons
(C) Direct Benefit Transfer (D) Cash by panchayat

128. How many Labour Codes consolidate India's labour laws?

- (A) 3 (B) 4
(C) 6 (D) 2

129. PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana targets how many new jobs?

- (A) Over 3.5 crore (B) Over 1 crore
(C) Over 50 lakh (D) Over 10 crore

130. Which ministry administers the PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana?

- (A) Finance (B) Skill Development only
(C) MSME (D) Labour and Employment

131. India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 was announced in:

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| (A) Interim Budget 2024 | (B) Economic Survey 2026 |
| (C) Union Budget 2025-26 | (D) Union Budget 2026-27 |

132. Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme outlay was raised to:

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| (A) Rs 22,919 crore | (B) Rs 75,000 crore |
| (C) Rs 40,000 crore | (D) Rs 10,000 crore |

133. Budget 2026-27 proposed a scheme to revive how many legacy industrial clusters?

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| (A) 50 | (B) 500 |
| (C) 100 | (D) 200 |

134. Which is NOT one of the three Jan Suraksha schemes that completed 10 years?

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| (A) PMJJBY | (B) PM-KISAN |
| (C) Atal Pension Yojana | (D) PMSBY |

135. After the 2025 reform, GST has two main slabs of:

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| (A) 5% and 12% | (B) 5% and 18% |
| (C) 12% and 28% | (D) 18% and 28% |

136. Mudra Yojana lending crossed which figure by Jan 2026?

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| (A) Rs 10 lakh crore | (B) Rs 5 lakh crore |
| (C) Rs 80 lakh crore | (D) Rs 38 lakh crore |

137. The Budget Session 2026 ran from 28 January to:

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| (A) 2 April | (B) 14 April |
| (C) 31 March | (D) 1 February |

138. The new tax law that replaces the 1961 Act is the:

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| (A) Direct Tax Code, 2020 | (B) Revenue Code, 2025 |
| (C) Income Tax Act, 2025 | (D) Income Tax Act, 2026 |

139. VB-G RAM G draft rules were released by which ministry?

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| (A) Ministry of Rural Development | (B) NITI Aayog |
| (C) Ministry of Panchayati Raj | (D) Ministry of Labour |

140. The Gram Panchayat social audits under VB-G RAM G are held:

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| (A) Only on complaint | (B) Twice a year |
| (C) Once in five years | (D) Every month |

PART C - Answer Key with Reasons

No.	Ans.	Answer and reason
1	D	25 August 2026 - The Home Ministry notified the Act to come into force on 25 Aug 2026.
2	A	Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026 - It is the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026.
3	A	Article 3 - Article 3 covers name, area and boundaries of states.
4	C	24 June 2024 - The 2024 unanimous resolution started the process.
5	D	24 February 2026 - Cabinet approval came on 24 Feb 2026, before the Bill went to the Assembly.
6	C	12 August 2026 - Lok Sabha passed it on 11 Aug; Rajya Sabha on 12 Aug by voice vote.
7	C	9 April 2026 - Polling 9 Apr; counting 4 May.
8	A	4 May 2026 - Counting day was 4 May 2026.
9	B	102 - UDF 102 of 140 seats.
10	C	35 - The LDF was reduced to 35.
11	B	3 - BJP won three constituencies.
12	C	63 - Congress 63, the single largest party.
13	A	Indian Union Muslim League - IUML won 22 seats.
14	D	V.D. Satheesan - Satheesan was announced on 14 May and sworn in on 18 May.
15	D	Paravur - He has been MLA from Paravur since 2001.
16	A	18 May 2026 - The oath was on Monday, 18 May 2026.
17	A	Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram - Held at Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram.
18	D	Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan - Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan is Speaker; Shanimol Usman is Deputy Speaker.
19	C	Shanimol Usman - Shanimol Usman was named Deputy Speaker.
20	B	G. Sudhakaran - G. Sudhakaran was pro-tem Speaker from 20 to 22 May 2026.
21	C	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar - R.V. Arlekar is the Governor.
22	A	Nitin Madhukar Jamdar - Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar is the Chief Justice.
23	A	Bacillus subtilis - Kerala was reported as the first state to declare a State Microbe.
24	A	Chalissery - Chalissery (Palakkad); first time Kerala hosted it.
25	B	140 - The Assembly has 140 elected seats.
26	B	Spices - 9th International Spice Conference, 23-26 Feb 2026.
27	D	1 February 2026 - Presented on 1 Feb 2026.
28	B	Sunday - First time a Union Budget was presented on a Sunday.
29	A	Nirmala Sitharaman - Nirmala Sitharaman, 9th consecutive.
30	A	4.3% of GDP - The budget targets a 4.3% fiscal deficit.
31	B	Article 112 - Article 112 is the Annual Financial Statement.
32	A	2026-31 - Report for 2026-31 was tabled with the budget.
33	D	Digital census - India's first-ever digital census, with self-enumeration.
34	C	Houselisting and Housing Census - Phase I is houselisting and housing.
35	C	125 - Reported increase to 125 days.
36	B	Surya Kant - Surya Kant is the 53rd CJI.
37	A	General Dhiraj Seth - Succeeded Gen Upendra Dwivedi.
38	B	Suvendu Adhikari - Suvendu Adhikari was sworn in in May 2026.
39	D	India - India beat New Zealand in the final.

No.	Ans.	Answer and reason
40	D	96 - 255/5 vs 159 all out.
41	C	Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad - The final was in Ahmedabad on 8 Mar 2026.
42	A	Sri Lanka - India and Sri Lanka co-hosted.
43	C	Jasprit Bumrah - Bumrah took 4/15.
44	B	3 - 2007, 2024, 2026.
45	B	Royal Challengers Bengaluru - RCB beat GT by 5 wickets.
46	C	Vaibhav Sooryavanshi - 776 runs, age 15.
47	C	Kagiso Rabada - 29 wickets for Gujarat Titans.
48	B	Spain - Spain beat Argentina in extra time.
49	B	Canada - USA, Canada and Mexico.
50	D	India - India beat South Africa in the final at Navi Mumbai.
51	D	Harmanpreet Kaur - Harmanpreet Kaur led India.
52	D	Maria Corina Machado - The Venezuelan opposition leader won in Oct 2025.
53	A	Laszlo Krasznahorkai - Hungarian author.
54	B	Peripheral immune tolerance - Brunkow, Ramsdell and Sakaguchi.
55	B	Metal-organic frameworks - Kitagawa, Robson and Yaghi.
56	B	Macroscopic quantum tunnelling in circuits - Clarke, Devoret and Martinis.
57	A	9 October 2026 - Peace on 9 Oct; Economics on 12 Oct.
58	B	SEK 12 million - Raised from SEK 11 million in 2025.
59	D	10 December - Always on 10 December, Nobel's death anniversary.
60	D	Malayalam - The Assembly said Keralam is the Malayalam name.
61	D	UDF - UDF won 102 seats.
62	B	Congress and IUML - Congress 63, IUML 22.
63	B	21 - The CM plus 20 ministers.
64	B	V.D. Satheesan - CM-designate Satheesan met the Governor on 17 May.
65	C	14 May - The high command announced Satheesan on 14 May.
66	A	Sunny Joseph - Sunny Joseph is KPCC chief and minister.
67	C	22 - IUML: 22 seats.
68	C	2026-27 - The report applies from 2026-27 to 2030-31.
69	A	VB-G RAM G - VB-G RAM G took effect on 1 July 2026.
70	A	Rs 12.2 lakh crore - Capex rose about 9% to Rs 12.2 lakh crore.
71	C	7 - Seven corridors.
72	B	Rs 5,000 crore - Rs 5,000 crore per CER.
73	C	55.6% - Reported figure.
74	C	Online portal - Self-enumeration portal se.census.gov.in.
75	A	2 - 2010 and 2026.
76	B	Ferran Torres - Ferran Torres scored against 10-man Argentina.
77	D	New York New Jersey Stadium - Held at East Rutherford on 19 Jul 2026.
78	B	Rajat Patidar - Patidar led RCB.
79	D	Gujarat Titans - GT lost the final.
80	A	Virat Kohli - Kohli 75* off 42 balls and POM.

No.	Ans.	Answer and reason
81	B	New Zealand - India beat NZ.
82	D	Innovation-driven economic growth - Mokyr, Aghion and Howitt.
83	C	Venezuela - She is a Venezuelan opposition leader.
84	D	Hungary - Krasznahorkai is Hungarian.
85	D	5 October - 5 to 12 October 2026.
86	B	European Union - The India-EU FTA was reported alongside the 2026 budget.
87	B	Tide flooding - Declared in Feb 2026.
88	B	P.J. Joseph - Kerala Congress chief P.J. Joseph.
89	D	Jaju Babu - The cabinet decided to appoint senior High Court advocate Jaju Babu.
90	C	President Droupadi Murmu - Presidential assent turned the Bill into law.
91	D	Nityanand Rai - MoS Home Nityanand Rai spoke on the Bill.
92	C	9 - 2026 was her ninth in a row.
93	A	Rs 53.5 lakh crore - Non-debt receipts are Rs 36.5 lakh crore.
94	D	Yuva Shakti - Described as a Yuva Shakti-driven budget.
95	A	255/5 - The highest total in a T20 World Cup final.
96	B	Rajasthan Royals - He won the Orange Cap for Rajasthan Royals.
97	A	Shubman Gill - Gill led GT.
98	A	Spain - Spain won the women's title in 2023 and men's in 2026.
99	D	8 October - Literature on 8 Oct; Peace on 9 Oct.
100	D	12 October - Economics closes the week, 12 Oct.
101	B	5 - Five guarantees announced by Rahul Gandhi in March 2026.
102	A	15 June 2026 - Approved at the first cabinet on 18 May, effective 15 June.
103	D	Rs 1,000 - Rs 1,000 per month.
104	B	Rs 3,000 - Rs 3,000 per month.
105	D	Rs 25 lakh - Named after former CM Oommen Chandy.
106	D	Rs 5 lakh - Up to Rs 5 lakh.
107	A	Department of Senior Citizens Welfare - A first-of-its-kind department for the elderly.
108	D	Japan - The CM said it would be modelled on Japan's system.
109	A	Rs 1,000 - Rs 1,000 for women aged 35-60.
110	C	35 to 60 years - Women and trans women aged 35-60 not covered by other pensions.
111	C	ksmart.lsgkerala.gov.in - Applications opened 22 Dec 2025 on the K-SMART portal.
112	D	Yellow (AAY) and Pink (priority) - AAY and priority household cards.
113	C	Rs 2,000 - An increase of Rs 400.
114	D	1 November 2025 - Announced on Kerala Piravi Day.
115	A	Kudumbashree - Kudumbashree with local governments.
116	C	K.N. Balagopal - Presented on 29 Jan 2026.
117	B	Rs 14,500 crore - Rs 14,500 crore for welfare pensions.
118	A	Rs 1,000 - Announced in Oct 2025.
119	D	Rs 1,000 - Announced after the first cabinet meeting.
120	B	MGNREGA, 2005 - MGNREGA stood repealed from 1 Jul 2026.
121	B	1 July 2026 - In force across India from 1 Jul 2026.

No.	Ans.	Answer and reason
122	A	125 days - Raised from 100 to 125 days.
123	A	Rs 300 - A national wage floor of Rs 300.
124	C	60 days - A 60-day pause protects farm labour supply.
125	A	60:40 - 90:10 applies to NE and Himalayan states.
126	A	Normative allocation - The Centre decides state allocations by set parameters.
127	C	Direct Benefit Transfer - DBT to bank or post office accounts.
128	B	4 - Dozens of laws merged into four codes.
129	A	Over 3.5 crore - Including 1.92 crore first-time workers.
130	D	Labour and Employment - Employer incentive scheme under the Labour Ministry.
131	D	Union Budget 2026-27 - Announced on 1 Feb 2026.
132	C	Rs 40,000 crore - From Rs 22,919 crore.
133	D	200 - 200 legacy industrial clusters.
134	B	PM-KISAN - The Jan Suraksha trio is PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY.
135	B	5% and 18% - Plus a higher rate on demerit goods.
136	D	Rs 38 lakh crore - Mentioned in the President's address.
137	A	2 April - A recess ran from 14 Feb to 8 Mar.
138	C	Income Tax Act, 2025 - The Income Tax Act 2025.
139	A	Ministry of Rural Development - Draft rules came out on 23 May 2026.
140	B	Twice a year - The Act provides twice-yearly social audits for every Gram Panchayat.

PART D - Last-Minute Revision Sheet

Numbers to memorise	140 seats UDF 102 LDF 35 BJP 3 INC 63 IUML 22 21-member ministry 25 Aug 2026 (Keralam) 18 May 2026 (oath) 4 May (results) 9 Apr (polling)
Names to memorise	CM V.D. Satheesan Speaker Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan Deputy Speaker Shanimol Usman Governor R.V. Arlekar Chief Justice N.M. Jamdar CJI Surya Kant Army Chief Dhiraj Seth
Dates	24 Jun 2024 Assembly resolution 24 Feb 2026 Cabinet nod 11 Aug LS 12 Aug RS 25 Aug Act in force 1 Feb 2026 Budget (Sunday)
Sports	T20 WC 2026: India (96 runs vs NZ, Ahmedabad) IPL 2026: RCB FIFA 2026: Spain Women's WC 2025: India
Awards	Nobel Peace 2025: Machado Literature 2025: Krasznahorkai 2026 Peace announced 9 Oct
Schemes	VB-G RAM G: 1 Jul 2026 125 days Rs 300 wage floor 60:40 60-day pause replaces MGNREGA. Kerala: Women's Safety Pension Rs 1,000 (age 35-60) welfare pension Rs 2,000 free KSRTC for women from 15 Jun 2026 Senior Citizens Welfare Dept extreme-poverty-free 1 Nov 2025.
Memory trick	Keralam: 24-24-11-12-25. Remember 2024 (resolution), 24 Feb (Cabinet), 11 and 12 Aug (Houses), 25 Aug (in force).

Note: A few items (Army Chief, West Bengal CM, VB-G RAM G figures, early-2026 Kerala policy firsts, Advocate General) came from single news sources. Cross-check them with the latest PSC-style monthly compilations. Before the exam, add the results of the 2026 Nobel Prizes and any new Kerala government announcements.