

TNPSC WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS (June 14 to 20)

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. As per the White Paper on State Finances 2026, what is Tamil Nadu's total outstanding debt, including PSU liabilities?

- (a) ₹10 lakh crore
- (b) ₹13.18 lakh crore
- (c) ₹7.52 lakh crore
- (d) ₹3.18 lakh crore

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The White Paper puts total outstanding debt (including PSUs) at ₹13.18 lakh crore, whereas ₹10 lakh crore is only the headline direct-borrowing figure; ₹7.52 lakh crore refers to the CAG's all-India State debt figure, and ₹3.18 lakh crore is the combined PSU debt component.

2. The Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS) provides an assured pension of what percentage of last-drawn basic pay?

- (a) 30%
- (b) 40%
- (c) 50%
- (d) 60%

Answer: (c)

Explanation: TAPS assures 50% of last-drawn basic pay as pension. 30% (plus DR) is the interim payout figure for those retiring before TAPS is fully operational, and 60% refers to the family pension/DR percentage – easy to mix these up.

3. Which of the following statements about the Shishupal Judgment 2026 is/are correct? 1. It fixed a minimum notional income of ₹30,000 per month for homemakers. 2. It created a new compensation head called 'loss of domestic care'. 3. It directed a 10% enhancement of this amount every three years.

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation: All three statements are correct as per the Supreme Court's ruling in Shishupal @ Shish Ram vs Surjeet (2026), which fixed ₹30,000/month notional income, created the 'loss of domestic care' head, and mandated a 10% cumulative enhancement every three years.

4. REC Limited is being merged with which institution as approved by the President in 2026?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- (c) IREDA
- (d) SIDBI

Answer: (b)

Explanation: REC Limited is merging with Power Finance Corporation (PFC), which had earlier acquired the Government's 52.63% stake in REC in 2019. The other options are unrelated NBFCs/financial institutions.

5. The 158th Regular Course passing-out parade at IMA Dehradun was notable because it included:

- (a) The first batch of women NDA cadets commissioned into the Army
- (b) The largest-ever batch of foreign cadets
- (c) The first all-women passing-out parade
- (d) The merger of NDA and IMA training

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Nine women cadets from the first women batch of the NDA were commissioned as Army officers in this parade – a historic first, not an all-women parade (which would imply no male cadets).

6. Uzbekistan became the 10th member of the New Development Bank (NDB) and the first member from which region?

- (a) South Asia
- (b) Central Asia
- (c) West Asia
- (d) Southeast Asia

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Uzbekistan is the first Central Asian country to join the NDB. It is not in South, West, or Southeast Asia, so those options are geographically incorrect distractors.

7. The 52nd G7 Summit 2026 was hosted by which country?

- (a) Italy
- (b) Canada
- (c) France
- (d) Japan

Answer: (c)

Explanation: France hosted the 52nd G7 Summit in Évian-les-Bains and also holds the G7 presidency for 2026. Italy, Canada and Japan are G7 members but were not hosting this summit.

8. Which of the following statements about the ILO's Convention No. 193 is/are correct? 1. It is the first global treaty on decent work in the platform economy. 2. It was adopted at the 114th Session of the International Labour Conference. 3. It comes into force immediately upon adoption.

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct. Statement 3 is incorrect — the convention comes into force 12 months after ratification by at least two member states, not immediately.

9. Switzerland's referendum on capping the population at 10 million was rejected by approximately what margin?

- (a) 45% for, 55% against
- (b) 50% for, 50% against
- (c) 60% for, 40% against
- (d) 30% for, 70% against

Answer: (a)

Explanation: The proposal was rejected with about 55% voting against and 45% in favour — a close but clear rejection, not the more lopsided margins in the other options.

10. As per the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2026, India's rank fell to which position?

- (a) 115th
- (b) 119th
- (c) 127th
- (d) 133rd

Answer: (c)

Explanation: India's GPI rank fell to 127th in 2026 from 115th in 2025 (with a 2.9% decline in peacefulness score). 115th was last year's rank, not this year's, making it a common distractor.

11. The Greater Hog Badger, subject of Kaziranga's first scientific assessment report, is locally known in Assam as:

- (a) Mati Gahori
- (b) Ban Bilai
- (c) Jal Manush
- (d) Pahari Suar

Answer: (a)

Explanation: It is locally called 'Mati Gahori' (Earth Pig) due to its pig-like snout and digging behaviour. The other terms are plausible-sounding but not the actual local name used in the source.

12. The Zoological Survey of India identified new coral translocation sites in Great Nicobar due to the impact of which project?

- (a) Galathea transshipment port
- (b) Sagarmala port project
- (c) Chennai-Kanyakumari expressway
- (d) Great Nicobar Airport expansion

Answer: (a)

Explanation: *The proposed transshipment port at Galathea is the project affecting coral colonies and giant clams, prompting the four new translocation sites. The other options are unrelated infrastructure projects.*

13. India's first-ever carbon credits under Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement were issued for a clean-cooking project in which country?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Sri Lanka

Answer: (b)

Explanation: *The clean-cooking project is in Myanmar, involving Myanmar (host) and South Korea (buyer of a portion of credits). This is the first-ever issuance under Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement, not linked to the other South Asian countries listed.*

14. The five new millisecond pulsars discovered using India's uGMRT were found in which globular clusters?

- (a) Messier 4 and Messier 5
- (b) Messier 69 and Messier 70
- (c) Messier 13 and Messier 15
- (d) Messier 22 and Messier 30

Answer: (b)

Explanation: *The pulsars were discovered in globular clusters Messier 69 (2 pulsars) and Messier 70 (3 pulsars) — the first-ever pulsar detection in both. The other cluster pairs are real Messier objects but not the ones involved here.*

15. LVM3, whose technology transfer to private companies was invited by IN-SPACe, is also known by which nickname?

- (a) Bahubali
- (b) Vikram
- (c) Agni
- (d) Trishul

Answer: (a)

Explanation: *LVM3 is nicknamed Bahubali, being India's heaviest operational launch vehicle. Vikram, Agni and Trishul are names associated with other Indian space/missile programmes, making them plausible but incorrect distractors.*

16. India's workers' remittances in FY 2025-26 reached approximately what value?

- (a) USD 90 billion
- (b) USD 100 billion
- (c) USD 110.47 billion
- (d) USD 151.71 billion

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Workers' remittances reached USD 110.47 billion (a 26% rise). USD 151.71 billion refers to private transfers (a broader category), not workers' remittances specifically — a key distinction tested here.

17. Which digital wallet became the world's most downloaded app in 2025, per the Sensor Tower report?

- (a) Paytm
- (b) BHIM
- (c) PhonePe
- (d) Google Pay

Answer: (c)

Explanation: PhonePe became the world's most downloaded digital wallet application in 2025. Paytm and BHIM remained among India's leading platforms but were not the top global download.

18. Which Indian port was ranked as the country's top container port in the Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) 2025, placing 22nd globally?

- (a) Mundra Port
- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)
- (c) Visakhapatnam Port
- (d) Pipavav Port

Answer: (b)

Explanation: JNPA, Maharashtra, was ranked India's best-performing container port (22nd globally). Mundra (30th) and Pipavav (28th) ranked lower, and Visakhapatnam ranked 104th.

19. Which of the following pairs of State and newly granted GI tag(s) is/are correctly matched?

1. Jharkhand – Bhagaiya silk

2. Tripura – Tripura Sarinda

3. Assam – Munda jewellery

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Bhagaiya silk (Jharkhand) and Tripura Sarinda (Tripura) are correctly matched. Munda jewellery is also a Jharkhand GI product, not Assam's — making statement 3 incorrect.

20. Under Kerala's Vision 2031, the Priyadarshini scheme provides free travel on KSRTC ordinary buses to which groups, effective from 15 June 2026?

- (a) Senior citizens only
- (b) Students only
- (c) Women and transgender persons
- (d) Differently-abled persons only

Answer: (c)

Explanation: *The Priyadarshini scheme provides free KSRTC ordinary bus travel specifically for women and transgender persons, as part of Kerala's Vision 2031 to become the most women-friendly state.*