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1. Buddhist Stupas, Caves & Monasteries — State-wise

- **Sanchi Stupa — Madhya Pradesh** (Raisen district; discover kiya Sir Henry Taylor ne 1818 mein, UNESCO World Heritage Site 1989). **Bharhut Stupa — Madhya Pradesh** (Satna district, discover Major General Alexander Cunningham ne 1873 mein kiya). **Dhamek Stupa — Uttar Pradesh** (Sarnath, Varanasi, Ashoka ne 249 BC mein banaya). **Kesariya Stupa — Bihar** (Champaran). [Q1395, Q1396, Q1414]
- **Nalanda University — Bihar** (world ki pehli residential university, Kumaragupta ne banayi, Gupta dynasty). **Bagh Caves — Madhya Pradesh** (Dhar district, 9 Buddhist caves, 6th century AD, Bagh/Baghani river). **Barabar Caves — Bihar** (India ki sabse purani rock-cut caves, Ashoka ne Ajivaka ascetics ke liye banwayi). [Q1415, Q1417, Q1418]
- **Pandav Leni Caves — Maharashtra** (Tri Rashmi hill, 250 BC-600 AD Buddhist caves). **Uparkot Buddhist Caves — Junagadh, Gujarat**. **Kye Gompa — Himachal Pradesh** (Western Himalayas mein sabse bada Buddhist learning centre; doosre monasteries: Hemis-Ladakh, Tabo-HP, Tawang-Arunachal Pradesh, Ghoom-West Bengal, Lingdum-Sikkim). [Q1424, Q1452, Q1426]
- **Tibetan Buddhist Golden Temple (Namdroling) — Karnataka** (Mysore). [Q1454]

2. Forts, Palaces & Historic Monuments

- **Vijay Stambh — Rajasthan** (Chittor Fort, Chittorgarh; Maharana Kumbha ne 1440-1448 AD mein banaya, Gujarat-Malwa ki combined armies par jeet ki yaad mein, Lord Vishnu ko dedicated). **Bidar Fort — Karnataka**. **Janjira Fort — Maharashtra** (Arabian Sea, Murud ke paas, Mumbai se 165 km south). [Q1400, Q1445, Q1447]
- **Buxa Fort — West Bengal** (Buxa Tiger Reserve, Alipurduar). **Chitradurga Fort — Karnataka** (Chalukyas/Hoysalas/Vijayanagar Nayakas ne banaya). **Kumbhalgarh Fort — Rajasthan** (India ki longest continuous wall, world ki 2nd longest, Great Wall of China ke baad). [Q1450, Q1489, Q1505]
- **Ravan Phadi Cave (early Chalukya style) — Karnataka** (Aihole). **Meguti Temple — Karnataka** (Aihole, 634 AD, Dravidian style). **Kailasa Temple (Ellora) — Maharashtra** (world ki largest monolithic structure, single rock se carved, Lord Shiva ko dedicated). **Elephanta Caves — Maharashtra** (UNESCO 1987). **Ganesh-rath — Tamil Nadu** (Mahabalipuram, Pallava Period rathas). [Q1413, Q1483, Q1419, Q1420, Q1422]

- **Vivekanand Rock Memorial** — **Tamil Nadu** (Kanyakumari, 1970 complete hua). **Rajghat memorial** — **New Delhi** (doosre Delhi memorials: Shanti Van-Nehru, Vijay Ghat-Shastri, Shakti Sthal-Indira Gandhi, Sadaiv Atal-Vajpayee). **Aga Khan Palace** — **Pune, Maharashtra** (1892, Sultan Muhammed Shah Aga Khan III ne banaya). [Q1404, Q1402, Q1427]
- **Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace)** — **Kerala**. **Kanakakunnu Palace** — **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**. **Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium** — **Odisha** (Rourkela, world ka largest fully-seated hockey stadium). **Nehru Memorial Museum and Library** — **New Delhi**. **Humayun's Library (Sher Mandal)** — **Delhi** (Purana Qila). [Q1473, Q1461, Q1401, Q1506, Q1508]
- **Akhal Takht Sahib** — Golden Temple isi ke premises mein hai. **Guru Hemkund Sahib** — **Uttarakhand** (Chamoli district, rooftop upturned lotus shape). **Charar-e-Sharief (Sufi shrine)** — **Srinagar** (Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani). [Q1455, Q1453, Q1491]

3. State Schemes & Government Initiatives

- **Semiconductor Policy 2022-27** — **Gujarat** (2,00,000 naye employment opportunities). **Kashi Yatra Scheme** — **Karnataka** (Kashi Vishwanath Temple pilgrims ko Rs. 5,000 cash assistance). **Kudumbashree** — **Kerala** (1998, women-oriented poverty-reduction SHG programme). **India's first AI-powered digital Lok Adalat** — **Rajasthan**. [Q1399, Q1440, Q1436, Q1437]
- **First 'smoke-free state'** — **Sikkim** (Ujjwala Scheme 2016 + Grahini Suvidha Yojana 2018; Chandigarh — first smoke-free city). **Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa** — **Tripura** (tea garden workers ke liye, 5th largest tea-producing state). **Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP)** — **Odisha** (Naveen Patnaik, Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust ke saath). [Q1438, Q1439, Q1441]
- **District Investment Promotion Agencies (DIPA)** — **Odisha**. **Ralegan Siddhi (watershed development)** — **Ahmednagar, Maharashtra**. **Mandatory rooftop rainwater harvesting** — **Mizoram** (pehla state). **Goa — 100% rural tap water connection wala pehla state**. **Mid-day Meal Scheme** — **Tamil Nadu** (pehla state introduce karne wala). **Saffron Mission (2010)** — **Jammu and Kashmir**. [Q1444, Q1442, Q1409, Q1451, Q1511, Q1514]
- **New Education Policy** — **pre-primary level pehli baar implement** — **Karnataka** (higher education mein bhi pehla state). **First carbon-free state** — **Himachal Pradesh** (world ka doosra; first carbon-neutral district — Majuli, Assam; first carbon-free panchayat — Pali village, J&K). [Q1423, Q1406]

4. State Symbols, Cuisine & Culture

- **Rajasthan**: State bird — **Son Chiraiya (Great Indian Bustard)**, State animal — Chinkara/Camel, State dance — Ghoomer, State tree — Khejri, State flower — Rohida. **Maharashtra state tree** — **Mango**. **Karnataka state tree** — **Sandalwood** (Mysore 'Sandalwood city' kehlata hai). **Manipur state flower** — **Shirui Lily** (Assam — Foxtail Orchid/Kopou Flower; Himachal — Pink Rhododendron). [Q1472, Q1471, Q1498, Q1492]
- **Regional cuisine**: **Litti Chokha** — **Bihar** (wheat+sattu). **Kafuli (leafy greens dish)** — **Uttarakhand** (Dhapdi bhi kehlata hai Garhwal mein). **Yakhni** — **Jammu & Kashmir** (yogurt-based mutton gravy). **Dhuska** — **Jharkhand** (doosre Jharkhand foods: Handia, Mirchi Ka Salan). **Muya Awandru** — **Tripura** (bamboo shoots dish). **Balchao/Sorpotel** — **Goa**. **Aloo Posto** — **West Bengal**. [Q1456, Q1457, Q1459, Q1425, Q1464, Q1477, Q1500]
- **Traditional arts/dress**: **Tolu Bommalata (leather shadow puppet)** — **Andhra Pradesh**. **Pochampally Ikat sarees** — **Telangana**. **Panche (dhoti-style sarong)** — **Karnataka**. **Rahide (scarf)** — **Himachal Pradesh**. **Thang-Ta (martial art, sword+spear)** — **Manipur**. **Janapada Geete (Basavanna vachanas)** — **Karnataka**. [Q1478, Q1463, Q1481, Q1495, Q1429, Q1462]
- **Folk music/dance**: **Dr. Teejan Bai (Pandavani singer)** — **Chhattisgarh**. **Lotia (regional music)** — **Rajasthan** (Chaitra month folk song). **Dogri language** — **Jammu and Kashmir**. **Churahi/Mandeali/Keonthali dialects** — **Himachal Pradesh**. **'Living root bridges'** — **Meghalaya** (Khasi/Jaintia tribes, Indian rubber tree). [Q1403, Q1410, Q1499, Q1470, Q1433]

- **Official sport of Maharashtra (2022) — Dahi Handi** (Krishna Janmashtami se associated). **Banni buffalo breed — Gujarat** (Kutch district, 'Kutchi'/'Kundi' bhi kehlate hain). [Q1432, Q1458]

5. Geography — Lakes, Wetlands, Falls & Islands

- **Chandratal wetland — Himachal Pradesh** (doosre wetlands: Pong Dam-HP, Tampara Lake-Odisha, Shallbugh-J&K, Thane Creek-Maharashtra). **Pookode Lake — Kerala** (doosri Kerala lakes: Ashtamudi, Periyar, Vembanad, Sasthamkotta). **Weinia Falls — Meghalaya** (highest waterfall India — Kunchikal Falls, Karnataka). [Q1443, Q1468, Q1469]
- **Salsette Island — Maharashtra** (west coast, Kanheri peak-Borivali National Park). **Pamban Island (Rameswaram Island) — Tamil Nadu**. **Kavaratti — Lakshadweep ki capital** (India ka smallest UT, 36 islands, 32 sq km). **Agumbe ('Cobra Capital') — Karnataka** (7640mm annual rainfall, UNESCO site). [Q1507, Q1485, Q1476, Q1449]
- **Stanley Reservoir (Mettur dam) — Tamil Nadu** (River Kaveri). **'Kulh' canal irrigation — Himachal Pradesh** (doosri traditional water-harvesting: Kattas/Surangams-Kerala/Karnataka, Bandharas/Tals-Maharashtra, Eris-Tamil Nadu). **Dibang Valley (India ka sabse kam densely populated district) — Arunachal Pradesh**. [Q1467, Q1407, Q1486]

6. Mining, Power Plants & Industry

- **Limestone (highest production) — Rajasthan** (Indian Minerals Yearbook 2020). **Kudremukh iron ore mine — Karnataka** (Panambur, Mangalore). **Rubber — Kerala sabse bada producer** (2018-19). **Coffee — Karnataka sabse bada producer** (Kodagu/Chikmagalur/Hassan districts). **Tea industry — Darjeeling** se associated (India ka pehla GI-tag product, October 2004; Kangra Tea-HP ko bhi GI tag mila). [Q1408, Q1487, Q1398, Q1474, Q1421]
- **Nuclear power plants:** Kakrapar (Gujarat, 1993), Kalpakkam (TN, 1984), Narora (UP, 1991), Kaiga (Karnataka, 2000), Rawatbhata (Rajasthan, 1973), **Tarapur (Maharashtra, 1969 — India ka pehla)**, Kudankulam (TN, 2013 — India ka largest). **Chutka Atomic Power Plant — Madhya Pradesh** (Mandla). **Vijayawada mein nuclear plant NAHI hai** (trap). [Q1435, Q1480]
- **HVJ pipeline (Hazira-Vijaipur-Jagdishpur) — Gujarat/MP/Rajasthan/UP/Haryana/NCT** se guzarti hai (Karnataka se NAHI guzarti — trap). **Kakinada (gas pipeline network) — Andhra Pradesh** (East-West pipeline, Bharuch-Gujarat tak jaati hai). **National Highway 18 — Bihar se NAHI guzarti** (WB/Jharkhand/Odisha se guzarti hai). [Q1446, Q1475, Q1513]
- **NABARD HQ — Mumbai** (12 July 1982, B. Sivaraman Committee ki recommendation par). **India's first open Rock Museum — Hyderabad**. [Q1416, Q1430]

7. City Nicknames & Twin Cities

- **'Queen of Deccan' — Pune, Maharashtra**. **City nicknames:** Agra — City of Taj; Ahmedabad — Boston/Manchester of India; Allahabad — Sangam City; Bengaluru — Garden City; Chennai — Detroit of Asia; Coimbatore — Manchester of South India; Coorg — Scotland of India; Darjeeling — Queen of the Hills. [Q1428]
- **Nasik — 'Wine Capital of India'** (Godavari river ke kinare, Kumbh Mela har 12 saal). **Surat — 'Diamond City'** ('Silk City'/'Green City'/'Gateway to Mecca' bhi, old name Suryapur, River Tapi). **Madurai — 'Athens of the East'** (River Vaigai). [Q1431, Q1434, Q1516]
- **Ramoji Film City — Hyderabad** ke paas (world ka largest integrated film city, Guinness Record). **Twin cities of India:** Hyderabad-Secunderabad, Vijayawada-Amaravati, Kochi-Ernakulam, Kolkata-Howrah, Jalpaiguri-Siliguri (**Thrissur-Thiruvalla twin city NAHI hai** — trap). [Q1503, Q1515]

8. State Formation & Reorganisation Years

- **EVM pehli baar general elections mein use — Kerala (1982)** (Ernakulam, Parvur Vidhan Sabha). **Bombay state split — Maharashtra aur Gujarat (1960)** (States Reorganisation Committee report 1956 implement hua). [Q1412, Q1466]
- **Nagaland — 1963 mein separate state bana** (16th state, 1 December). Doosre: Mizoram/Arunachal Pradesh (20 Feb 1987), Tripura (21 Jan 1972). **Mysore state — 1953 mein bana, Karnataka renamed 1973** mein (Mysore formation — 1 November 1956). [Q1493, Q1494]
- **Uttar Pradesh — United Provinces (1 April 1937)** se bana (British era mein). **Himachal Pradesh — 25 January 1971** mein bana (18th state of Indian Union, State of HP Act 18 Dec 1970 mein pass hua). [Q1496, Q1497]
- **Most literate district (Census 2011) — Serchhip, Mizoram (97.91%)** (highest-literacy state — Kerala; lowest — Bihar). [Q1484]

9. Sports Stadiums & Tourist Places

- **Barabati Sports Stadium — Odisha** (Cuttack, 1958, Odisha Cricket Association). **Matheran hill station — Maharashtra** (doosre: Lonavala, Khandala, Mahabaleshwar). **Vailankanni — Tamil Nadu** (Nagapattinam district, 'Lourdes of the East'). **Manali — winter mein igloo experience** ke liye jaana jaata hai. [Q1501, Q1502, Q1504, Q1509]
- **Char-Dham Highway (Yamunotri/Gangotri/Kedarnath/Badrinath) — Uttarakhand** (825 km, 27 Dec 2016 foundation, PM Modi, Dehradun Parade Ground). **Kaziranga National Park — Assam** (UNESCO site, one-horned Rhinoceros ke liye famous). [Q1510, Q1397]
- **Rann Utsav — Gujarat** (Dhordo village, Rann of Kutch, 100-day celebration). **Pushkar Fair — Ajmer ke paas** (camel/horse/cattle fair). **Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Temple — Andhra Pradesh** (Srisailem, Kurnool district, Shiva-Parvati temple). [Q1405, Q1482, Q1490]

10. Miscellaneous State Facts

- **Aus/Boro/Aman paddy — West Bengal** mein saal mein teen baar ugaye jaate hain (Aman-rainy season, Aus-summer, Boro-winter/spring rice). **Maski inscription — Karnataka** (Ashoka's minor rock edict, Brahmi script, discover — C. Beadon 1915). [Q1394, Q1411]
- **Limestone cave — Borra Caves, Andhra Pradesh** (Araku Valley, Ananthagiri hills). **Burzahom — archaeological importance, Jammu and Kashmir**. **Yadgir/Bidar/Gadag districts — Karnataka**. **Bhusawal — Karnataka ka town NAHI hai** (Maharashtra, Tapi river — trap). [Q1448, Q1479, Q1512, Q1465]
- **India's highest Meteorological Centre — Ladakh** (Kargil aur Leh — 2 districts). **Tsunami 26 Dec 2004 ka sabse zyada asar — Tamil Nadu** (magnitude 9.1). [Q1488, Q1460]