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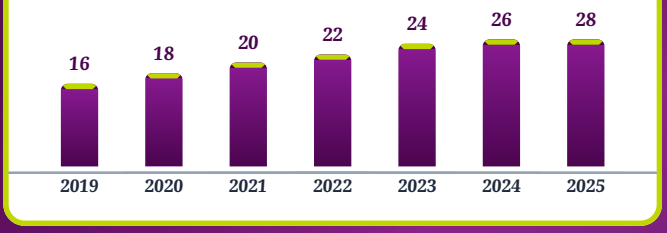
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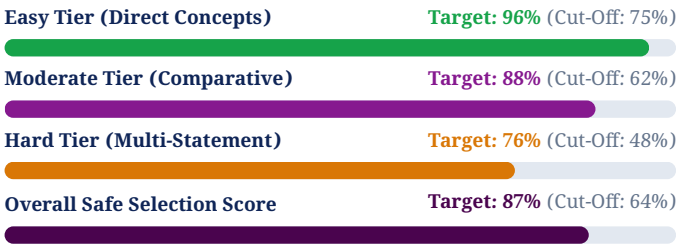
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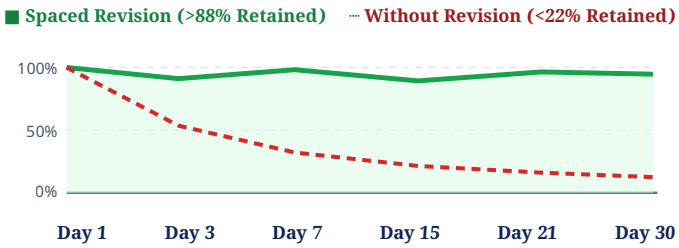
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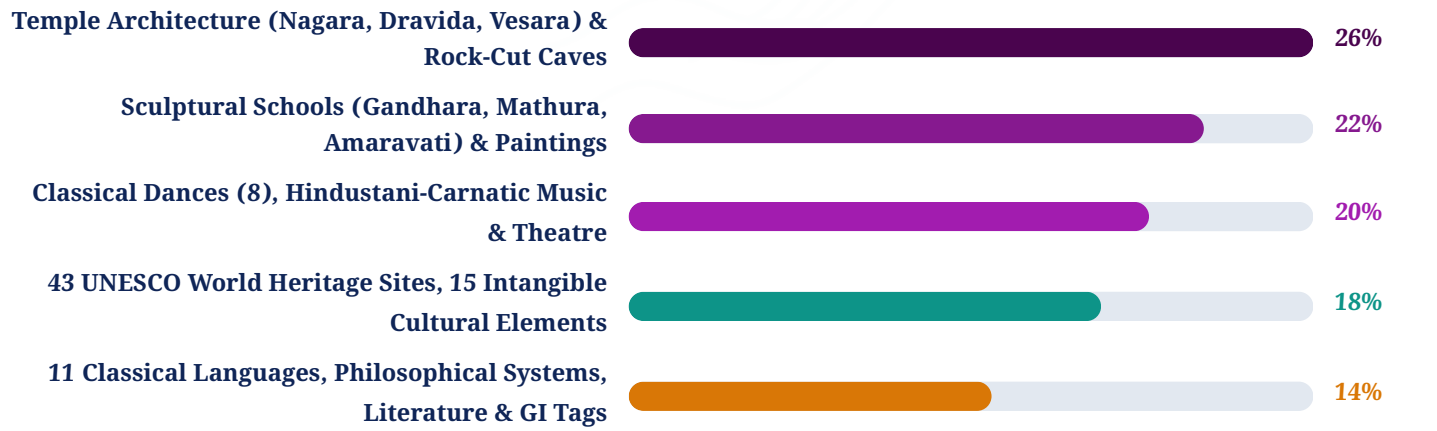
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- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) (https://asi.nic.in/)
- NCERT Fine Arts & Heritage (https://ncert.nic.in/textbook.php)
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Chapter *1:* Prehistoric Rock Art, Indus Valley Civilization & Mauryan-Post Mauryan Art

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 1: Prehistoric Rock Art, Indus Valley Civilization & Mauryan-Post Mauryan Art

Key Study Pillar 1
Prehistoric Rock Paintings & Bhimbetka Petroglyphs

Key Study Pillar 2
Comparative Analysis of Gandhara, Mathura, and Amaravati Schools of Art

1.1 Prehistoric Rock Paintings & Bhimbetka Petroglyphs

• **Chronological Evolution of Prehistoric Cave Art:** Verified by the Archaeological Survey of India and NCERT Fine Arts Textbooks, India's earliest rock paintings span the Upper Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Chalcolithic eras across the Vindhya and Satpura ranges.

• **Upper Palaeolithic Phase:** Characterized by linear representations in green and dark red mineral pigments (hematite/geru and chalcedony), depicting large stick-like human figures and bison, elephant, and tiger silhouettes.

• **Mesolithic Phase (Peak Artistic Proliferation):** Noted for smaller, highly dynamic stylized scenes of communal hunting, honey collection, family gatherings, and rhythmic group dances at Lakhudiyar (Uttarakhand), Kupgallu (Telangana), Piklihal, and Tekkalkota (Karnataka).

• **Indus Valley Civilization (Harappan) Artistic Traditions:** Encompassed lost-wax (*Cire Perdue*) bronze casting (the Dancing Girl from Mohenjo-daro), steatite intaglio seals (Pashupati Seal, Unicorn Seal), red terracotta figurines (Mother Goddess with fan-shaped headdress), and polychrome wheel-turned pottery.

• **Mauryan Court Art vs. Popular Art:** As classified in NCERT Class XI Fine Arts, Mauryan Court Art comprised monolithic Chunar sandstone pillars (Sarnath Lion Capital, Lauriya Nandangarh, Rampurva Bull) and royal palaces at Pataliputra, whereas Popular Art included independent Yaksha-Yakshini sculptures (Didarganj Yakshini) and rock-cut caves at Barabar and Nagarjuni Hills (Lomas Rishi Cave with its carved chaitya arch facade donated by Ashoka to the Ajivika sect).

• **Post-Mauryan Sculptural Schools:** Divided into three major regional idioms—Gandhara (Greco-Roman/Indo-Greek influence in grey/bluish-grey schist along the northwestern frontier), Mathura (indigenous spotted red sandstone spanning Buddhism, Jainism, and Brahmanism under Kushana patronage), and Amaravati (white limestone narrative medallions in the Krishna-Godavari delta patronized by the Satavahanas).

1.2 Chronological Flowchart of Early Indian Artistic Evolution

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Upper Palaeolithic & Mesolithic Bhimbetka Rock Art

STEP 2
Harappan Lost-Wax Bronze & Steatite Seals

STEP 3
Mauryan Monolithic Chunar Sandstone Pillars

STEP 4
Post-Mauryan Gandhara, Mathura & Amaravati Schools

1.3 Comparative Analysis of Gandhara, Mathura, and Amaravati Schools of Art

Attribute / Dimension	Gandhara School of Art	Mathura School of Art	Amaravati School of Art
Primary Patron Dynasty	Kushana Rulers (especially Kanishka)	Kushana Rulers (indigenous ateliers)	Satavahana & Ikshvaku Rulers
External / Indigenous Influence	Strong Greco-Roman (Hellenistic) influence	Purely Indigenous Indian artistic tradition	Purely Indigenous South Indian idiom
Material Used	Bluish-Grey Schist & Stucco plaster	Spotted Red Sandstone (Sikri quarries)	White Marble-like Limestone (Palnad)
Religious Affiliation	Exclusively Mahayana Buddhism	Buddhism, Jainism (Tirthankaras), Hinduism	Primarily Buddhism (Jataka narratives)
Depiction of Buddha	Wavy hair, muscular torso, heavy drapery, Yogi posture	Delighted facial expression, shaven head, Padmasana, Abhaya Mudra	Dynamic narrative medallions, Tribhanga postures, collective scenes
Official Reference Source	NCERT Fine Arts Portal	Archaeological Survey of India	ASI Monuments Directory

Did You Know?: The Bhimbetka rock shelters in Raisen district, Madhya Pradesh—documented by Archaeological Survey of India archaeologist V.S. Wakankar in 1957–58—preserve up to 20 superimposed layers of paintings on the exact same rock canvas, demonstrating continuous artistic habitation from the Upper Palaeolithic to the medieval period.

Exam Trap Alert: Candidates frequently confuse the material of Mauryan pillars with Mathura sculptures; remember that Mauryan pillars were carved from buff-colored **Chunar sandstone** as single monolithic shafts, whereas Mathura sculptures utilized **spotted red sandstone** from Sikri.

★ **Memory Trick:** Use the acronym **"G-M-A = B-R-W"** for sculptural stone materials: **G**andhara = **B**luish-grey schist, **M**athura = **R**ed spotted sandstone, and **A**maravati = **W**hite limestone.

Chapter *1* Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (Archaeological Survey of India (ASI))
Prehistoric Rock Paintings & Bhimbetka Petroglyphs	**Chronological Evolution of Prehistoric Cave Art**	Verified by the Archaeological Survey of India and NCERT Fine Arts Textbooks, India's earliest rock paintings span the Upper Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Chalcolithic eras across the Vindhya and Satpura ranges.
Chronological Flowchart of Early Indian Artistic Evolution	**Upper Palaeolithic Phase**	Characterized by linear representations in green and dark red mineral pigments (hematite/geru and chalcedony), depicting large stick-like human figures and bison, elephant, and tiger silhouettes.
Comparative Analysis of Gandhara, Mathura, and Amaravati Schools of Art	**Mesolithic Phase (Peak Artistic Proliferation)**	Noted for smaller, highly dynamic stylized scenes of communal hunting, honey collection, family gatherings, and rhythmic group dances at Lakhudiyar (Uttarakhand), Kupgallu (Telangana), Piklihal, and Tekkalkota (Karnataka).
Prehistoric Rock Paintings & Bhimbetka Petroglyphs	**Indus Valley Civilization (Harappan) Artistic Traditions**	Encompassed lost-wax (*Cire Perdue*) bronze casting (the Dancing Girl from Mohenjo-daro), steatite intaglio seals (Pashupati Seal, Unicorn Seal), red terracotta figurines (Mother Goddess with fan-shaped headdress), and polychrome wheel-turned pottery.
Chronological Flowchart of Early Indian Artistic Evolution	**Mauryan Court Art vs. Popular Art**	As classified in NCERT Class XI Fine Arts, Mauryan Court Art comprised monolithic Chunar sandstone pillars (Sarnath Lion Capital, Lauriya Nandangarh, Rampurva Bull) and royal palaces at Pataliputra, whereas Popular Art included independent Yaksha-Yakshini sculptures (Didarganj Yakshini) and rock-cut caves at Barabar and Nagarjuni Hills (Lomas Rishi Cave with its carved chaitya arch facade donated by Ashoka to the Ajivika sect).
Comparative Analysis of Gandhara, Mathura, and Amaravati Schools of Art	**Post-Mauryan Sculptural Schools**	Divided into three major regional idioms—Gandhara (Greco-Roman/Indo-Greek influence in grey/bluish-grey schist along the northwestern frontier), Mathura (indigenous spotted red sandstone spanning Buddhism, Jainism, and Brahmanism under Kushana patronage), and Amaravati (white limestone narrative medallions in the Krishna-Godavari delta patronized by the Satavahanas).

Chapter *1* Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 1 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Chronological Evolution of Prehistoric Cave Art): Verified by the Archaeological Survey of India and NCERT Fine Arts Textbooks, India's earliest rock paintings span the Upper Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Chalcolithic eras across the Vindhya and Satpura ranges.

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✓ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 1 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Mesolithic Phase (Peak Artistic Proliferation)): Noted for smaller, highly dynamic stylized scenes of communal hunting, honey collection, family gatherings, and rhythmic group dances at Lakhudiyar (Uttarakhand), Kupgallu (Telangana), Piklihal, and Tekkalkota (Karnataka).

Statement-II (Indus Valley Civilization (Harappan) Artistic Traditions): Encompassed lost-wax (*Cire Perdue*) bronze casting (the Dancing Girl from Mohenjo-daro), steatite intaglio seals (Pashupati Seal, Unicorn Seal), red terracotta figurines (Mother Goddess with fan-shaped headdress), and polychrome wheel-turned pottery.

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Chapter 1 Statement-Verification Drill #3 — Both Statements Verified Correct

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Chapter *2:* Indian Temple Architecture — Nagara, Dravida, Vesara & Regional Styles

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 2: Indian Temple Architecture — Nagara, Dravida, Vesara & Regional Styles

Key Study Pillar 1
Structural Anatomy & Evolution of Hindu Temple Architecture

Key Study Pillar 2
Comparative Matrix of Nagara, Dravida, and Vesara Temple Styles

2.1 Structural Anatomy & Evolution of Hindu Temple Architecture

• **Gupta Era Formative Phase (Stages I to V):** Documented by the Archaeological Survey of India, temple architecture progressed from flat-roofed square shrines (Temple 17 at Sanchi) to Panchayatana-style shikharas (Dashavatara Temple at Deogarh, Uttar Pradesh) and brick temples (Bhitargaon in Kanpur and Sirpur Lakshmana Temple in Chhattisgarh).

• **Nagara Style (Northern India):** Built on an elevated stone platform (*Jagati*) without elaborate boundary walls or gateways; comprises the *Garbhagriha* (sanctum), *Mandapa* (assembly halls: Ardha-mandapa, Maha-mandapa), and a curving curvilinear tower (*Rekha-Prasada* or *Latina*), stepped pyramidal roof (*Phamsana*), or vaulted wagon-roof (*Valabhi*) crowned by a ribbed stone disc (*Amalaka*) and water-pot (*Kalasha*).

• **Regional Sub-Schools of Nagara Architecture:**

• **Odisha School (Kalinga Style):** Exterior walls (*Bada*) are lavishly carved while interiors remain plain; iron girders support roof slabs instead of pillars; the *Mandapa* is called *Jagamohana*, the main tower is *Rekha Deul*, and the boundary wall plays a prominent role (Lingaraja Temple, Konark Sun Temple, Jagannath Temple).

• **Khajuraho School (Chandela Style):** Both interior and exterior walls feature erotic and celestial sculptures (*Mithuna* and *Surasundari*); built on high platforms following the *Panchayatana* layout with subsidiary *Urushringas* (Kandariya Mahadeva, Lakshmana, and Vishvanatha Temples).

• **Solanki School (Maru-Gurjara Style):** Patronized by Chalukya/Solanki rulers of Gujarat and Rajasthan; features stepped water tanks (*Surya Kund* at Modhera Sun Temple) with miniature shrines and intricately carved white marble ceilings at Dilwara Jain Temples (Mount Abu).

• **Dravida Style (Southern India):** Evolved from Pallava rock-cut *Rathas* (Mahendravarman and Narasimhavarman/Mamalla phases at Mamallapuram) and structural temples (Shore Temple, Kailasanatha at Kanchipuram) to Imperial Chola grandeur; characterized by high enclosure walls, monumental entrance gateways (*Gopurams*), stepped pyramidal spire (*Vimana*) strictly over the main sanctum, octagonal/dome-shaped crowning block (*Shikhara*/*Stupika*), temple tank (*Kalyani*/*Pushkarini*), and fierce *Dvarapalas* guarding the sanctum.

• **Vesara (Karnata-Dravida) & Hoysala Styles:** Synthesized Nagara curvilinear rhythm with Dravida storeyed tiers under the Badami Chalukyas (Aihole, Pattadakal, Badami), Rashtrakutas (Kailasa Temple at Ellora), and Hoysalas (stella/star-shaped *Jagati* platforms carved in soft chloritic schist/soapstone at Belur, Halebidu, and Somnathpur).

2.2 Flowchart of Dravida Temple Architectural Progression

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Pallava Rock-Cut Mandapas & Monolithic Rathas

STEP 2
Pallava Structural Shore & Kanchi Temples

STEP 3
Imperial Chola Towering Vimanas (Thanjavur)

STEP 4
Vijayanagara & Nayaka Monumental Gopurams & Mandapas

2.3 Comparative Matrix of Nagara, Dravida, and Vesara Temple Styles

Architectural Feature	Nagara Style (North India)	Dravida Style (South India)	Vesara / Hoysala Style (Deccan)
Main Superstructure	Curvilinear *Shikhara* (*Latina, Phamsana, Valabhi*)	Stepped Pyramidal *Vimana* (only over main sanctum)	Hybrid tiered tower with star-shaped (*Stellate*) plan
Crowning Element	Ribbed *Amalaka* & *Kalasha*	Octagonal cupola (*Stupika* / *Shikhara*)	Bell-shaped or tiered lotus finial
Boundary Walls & Gateways	Generally absent (except Odisha School)	High compound walls with towering *Gopurams*	Open *Jagati* platform for circumambulation (*Pradakshina*)
Sanctum Entrance Guards	River Goddesses *Ganga* and *Yamuna*	Fierce guardian figures (*Dvarapalas*)	Intricate *Makara Torana* and Vaishnava/Shaiva guardians
Water Tank Inside Complex	Rarely present (except Modhera *Surya Kund*)	Essential ritual tank (*Kalyani* / *Pushkarini*)	Stepwells (*Kalyani*) in select Chalukyan complexes

Architectural Feature	Nagara Style (North India)	Dravida Style (South India)	Vesara / Hoysala Style (Deccan)
Landmark Examples	Kandariya Mahadeva, Konark, Modhera (ASI)	Brihadisvara (Thanjavur), Gangaikondacholapuram (ASI)	Lad Khan (Aihole), Chennakeshava (Belur), Hoysaleswara (PIB)

Did You Know?: The Brihadisvara Temple at Thanjavur (built by Chola Emperor Rajaraja I in 1010 CE and maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India) features a 66-meter-high *Vimana* built entirely through interlocking granite masonry without any binding mortar!

Exam Trap Alert: In Nagara architecture, multiple *Shikharas* rise over both the main sanctum and the *Mandapas*, whereas in classic Dravida architecture, only the main *Garbhagriha* has a high *Vimana*, and the outer *Gopurams* eventually grew taller than the central *Vimana* during the Vijayanagara and Nayaka eras.

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember **"N-G-Y vs. D-D-G"**: **N**agara has **G**anga-**Y**amuna at the sanctum door and no boundary wall; **D**ravida has **D**varapalas at the sanctum door and grand **G**opurams.

Chapter *2* Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

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Structural Anatomy & Evolution of Hindu Temple Architecture	**Gupta Era Formative Phase (Stages I to V)**	Documented by the Archaeological Survey of India, temple architecture progressed from flat-roofed square shrines (Temple 17 at Sanchi) to Panchayatana-style shikharas (Dashavatara Temple at Deogarh, Uttar Pradesh) and brick temples (Bhitargaon in Kanpur and Sirpur Lakshmana Temple in Chhattisgarh).
Flowchart of Dravida Temple Architectural Progression	**Nagara Style (Northern India)**	Built on an elevated stone platform (*Jagati*) without elaborate boundary walls or gateways; comprises the *Garbhagriha* (sanctum), *Mandapa* (assembly halls: Ardha-mandapa, Maha-mandapa), and a curving curvilinear tower (*Rekha-Prasada* or *Latina*), stepped pyramidal roof (*Phamsana*), or vaulted wagon-roof (*Valabhi*) crowned by a ribbed stone disc (*Amalaka*) and water-pot (*Kalasha*).
Comparative Matrix of Nagara, Dravida, and Vesara Temple Styles	**Odisha School (Kalinga Style)**	Exterior walls (*Bada*) are lavishly carved while interiors remain plain; iron girders support roof slabs instead of pillars; the *Mandapa* is called *Jagamohana*, the main tower is *Rekha Deul*, and the boundary wall plays a prominent role (Lingaraja Temple, Konark Sun Temple, Jagannath Temple).
Structural Anatomy & Evolution of Hindu Temple Architecture	**Khajuraho School (Chandela Style)**	Both interior and exterior walls feature erotic and celestial sculptures (*Mithuna* and *Surasundari*); built on high platforms following the *Panchayatana* layout with subsidiary *Uru-shringas* (Kandariya Mahadeva, Lakshmana, and Vishvanatha Temples).
Flowchart of Dravida Temple Architectural Progression	**Solanki School (Maru-Gurjara Style)**	Patronized by Chalukya/Solanki rulers of Gujarat and Rajasthan; features stepped water tanks (*Surya Kund* at Modhera Sun Temple) with miniature shrines and intricately carved white marble ceilings at Dilwara Jain Temples (Mount Abu).

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (Archaeological Survey of India (ASI))
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Chapter *2* Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

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Statement-I (Gupta Era Formative Phase (Stages I to V)): Documented by the Archaeological Survey of India, temple architecture progressed from flat-roofed square shrines (Temple 17 at Sanchi) to Panchayatana-style shikharas (Dashavatara Temple at Deogarh, Uttar Pradesh) and brick temples (Bhitargaon in Kanpur and Sirpur Lakshmana Temple in Chhattisgarh).

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Chapter 2 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

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Chapter 2 Statement-Verification Drill #3 — Both Statements Verified Correct

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Chapter *3:* Indo-Islamic, Provincial, Mughal & Colonial Architecture

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 3: Indo-Islamic, Provincial, Mughal & Colonial Architecture

Key Study Pillar 1
Trabeate vs. Arcuate Construction & Delhi Sultanate Architecture

Key Study Pillar 2
Comparative Overview of Delhi Sultanate, Provincial & Mughal Architecture

3.1 Trabeate vs. Arcuate Construction & Delhi Sultanate Architecture

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• **Imperial Delhi Sultanate Phases:**

• **Mamluk (Slave) Dynasty:** Reused temple pillars in Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque (Delhi) and Adhai Din Ka Jhonpra (Ajmer); initiated Qutb Minar (dedicated to Sufi saint Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki) and built Sultan Ghari (first Islamic mausoleum in India) and Balban's Tomb (first true arch).

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• **Provincial Indo-Islamic Styles:** Jaunpur (*Sharqi* style with massive sloping *Pylons* and no minarets, e.g., Atala Masjid), Bengal (sloping *Bangla* roofs and terracotta bricks at Adina Masjid and Qadam Rasul), Mandu/Malwa (Hindola Mahal, Jahaz Mahal, Hoshang Shah's Tomb), and Bijapur (*Adil Shahi* bulbous dome with whispering gallery at Gol Gumbaz).

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3.2 Flowchart of Indo-Islamic & Mughal Structural Innovations

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Mamluk Corbelled Reuse & Balban's True Arch

STEP 2
Khilji Alai Darwaza True Dome & Tughlaq Sloping Walls

STEP 3
Lodi Double Dome & Humayun's Charbagh Tomb

STEP 4
Pietra Dura Marble Mastery at Itimad-ud-Daulah & Taj Mahal

3.3 Comparative Overview of Delhi Sultanate, Provincial & Mughal Architecture

Era / Architectural School	Defining Structural Innovation	Primary Building Material	Landmark Monuments (ASI)
Mamluk & Khilji Dynasties	Corbelled arches transitioning to True Arch & True Dome	Reused temple stone, Red Sandstone, Marble trim	Qutb Minar, Alai Darwaza, Siri Fort
Tughlaq Dynasty	Sloping walls (*Batter*) combined with arch-lintel-beam	Grey Quartzite rubble with thick stucco plaster	Tughlaqabad Fort, Tomb of Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq
Lodi Dynasty	Introduction of Double Dome & Octagonal Tomb plans	Dressed stone with blue/green glazed tiles	Tomb of Sikandar Lodi, Moth Ki Masjid (Delhi)
Sharqi School (Jaunpur)	Lofty Propylons (sloping screens) without minarets	Yellow-grey sandstone	Atala Masjid, Jami Masjid (Jaunpur)
Adil Shahi (Bijapur)	Intersecting pendentives supporting hemispherical dome	Dark basalt stone and lime plaster	Gol Gumbaz, Ibrahim Rauza (Bijapur)
Mughal Empire (Akbar–Shah Jahan)	*Charbagh*, *Pietra Dura* (*Parchin Kari*), bulbous double domes	Red Sandstone (Akbar) to Makrana White Marble	Fatehpur Sikri, Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah, Taj Mahal

Did You Know?: According to the Archaeological Survey of India, the **Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah** in Agra—commissioned by Empress Nur Jahan for her father Mirza Ghiyas Beg between 1622 and 1628—was the first Mughal structure built completely of white marble and the first to feature *Pietra Dura* inlay, earning it the title "Jewel Box" or "Baby Taj."

Exam Trap Alert: Do not credit the Taj Mahal as the first monument in India with a double dome or *Charbagh* layout; the **Double Dome** was pioneered during the Lodi period (Sikandar Lodi's Tomb) and perfected in **Humayun's Tomb** (1570 CE), which also introduced the first monumental *Charbagh* garden tomb in the Indian subcontinent.

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember **"B-A-T-L"** for Delhi Sultanate architectural milestones: **B**alban = First True Arch, **A**lauddin (Alai Darwaza) = First True Dome, **T**ughlaq = Sloping Batter Walls, **L**odi = Double Dome.

Chapter *3* Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

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Chapter *3* Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

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Chapter 3 Statement-Verification Drill #4 — Both Statements Verified Correct

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Chapter *4:* UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India *(*Tangible & Intangible*)*

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 4: UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India (Tangible & Intangible)

Key Study Pillar 1
Tangible UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India (43 Sites)

Key Study Pillar 2
Master Reference Table of Key UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India

4.1 Tangible UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India *(43* Sites*)*

• **Official Classification (ASI & PIB):** India currently hosts **43 UNESCO World Heritage Sites**, comprising **35 Cultural Sites**, 7 **Natural Sites**, and **1 Mixed Site** (Khangchendzonga National Park, Sikkim, inscribed in 2016).

• **First Inscribed Sites (1983):** Ajanta Caves, Ellora Caves, Agra Fort, and Taj Mahal were the first four Indian monuments inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

• **Recent Inscriptions (2021–2024) per PIB Official Releases:**

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• **7 Natural UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Kaziranga National Park (Assam), Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (Assam), Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan), Sundarbans National Park (West Bengal), Nanda Devi and Valley

of Flowers National Parks (Uttarakhand), Western Ghats (spanning Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala), and Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area (Himachal Pradesh).

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Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
2021 — Ramappa Temple (39th) & Dholavira (40th)

STEP 2
2023 — Santiniketan, West Bengal (41st)

STEP 3
2023 — Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas, Karnataka (42nd)

STEP 4
2024 — Charaideo Moidams of Ahom Dynasty, Assam (43rd)

4.3 Master Reference Table of Key UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India

UNESCO Site Name	State / Location	Year & Category	Distinctive Architectural / Ecological Significance
Ajanta & Ellora Caves	Maharashtra	1983 (Cultural)	29 Buddhist rock-cut caves (Ajanta) & 34 multi-faith caves (Ellora) (ASI)
Khangchendzonga National Park	Sikkim	2016 (Mixed)	India's **sole Mixed Heritage Site** combining sacred *Beyul* & alpine biodiversity
Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa)	Telangana	2021 (Cultural)	13th-century Kakatiya temple with sandbox foundation & lightweight floating bricks
Dholavira: A Harappan City	Gujarat	2021 (Cultural)	Tripartite urban layout, stepped reservoirs, and Tropics of Cancer location (ASI)
Santiniketan	West Bengal	2023 (Cultural)	Open-air pan-Asian modernist pedagogy & Kala Bhavana art movement (PIB)
Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas	Karnataka	2023 (Cultural)	12th–13th century soapstone stellate temples at Belur, Halebidu & Somnathpur (PIB)
Moidams of Ahom Dynasty	Assam (Charaideo)	2024 (Cultural)	600-year Tai-Ahom royal vaulted burial mounds at Charaideo (PIB)

Did You Know?: Maharashtra holds the highest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites among Indian states (Ajanta Caves, Ellora Caves, Elephanta Caves, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai, and the Western Ghats serial sites), as cataloged by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Exam Trap Alert: Khangchendzonga National Park (Sikkim) is India's **only Mixed UNESCO World Heritage Site** (fulfilling both Cultural and Natural criteria), whereas **Charaideo Moidams** (2024) is the **first Cultural UNESCO World Heritage Site** in Northeast India (Kaziranga and Manas are Natural sites).

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember the last five UNESCO Tangible additions (39th to 43rd) with **"R-D-S-H-M"**: **R**amappa (39), **D**holavira (40), **S**antiniketan (41), **H**oysalas (42), and **M**oidams (43).

Chapter 4 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

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Chapter *5:* Indian Paintings — Mural, Miniature, Mughal, Rajput, Pahari & Folk Traditions

5.1 Six Limbs of Indian Painting *(Shadanga)* & Mural Traditions

• **Chitrasutra & Shadanga Theory:** Vatsyayana's *Kamasutra* (commented upon by Yashodhara Pandit in *Jayamangala*) codifies the **Six Limbs of Indian Painting (*Shadanga*)**: *Rupabheda* (knowledge of appearances), *Pramanam* (correct proportion), *Bhava* (emotion), *Lavanya Yojanam* (infusion of grace), *Sadrisyam* (similitude), and *Varnikabhanga* (artistic manner of using brush and color), as taught in **NCERT Class XI & XII Fine Arts**.

• **Classical Mural Paintings:**

• **Ajanta Caves (Caves 1, 2, 9, 10, 16, 17):** Executed using the **Fresco-Secco** (tempera on dry lime-plastered mud/rice-husk layer) technique; iconic masterpieces include *Padmapani* and *Vajrapani* Bodhisattvas (Cave 1), *Dying Princess* (Cave 16), and *Mother and Child before Buddha* (Cave 17).

• **Ellora, Bagh, Sittanavasal & Lepakshi Murals:** Bagh Caves (Madhya Pradesh, Buddhist secular scenes), Sittanavasal (Tamil Nadu, Pandya/Pallava Jain *Samavasarana* lotus pond), Brihadisvara Chola murals (Thanjavur), and Vijayanagara murals at **Lepakshi Veerabhadra Temple** (Andhra Pradesh, devoid of primary blue pigment).

• **Early Miniature Schools (Pala & Apabhramsa):** The **Pala School** (8th–12th century, Nalanda, Odantapuri, Vikramshila) painted Buddhist *Ashtasahasrika Prajnaparamita* palm-leaf manuscripts in sinuous lines and muted tones; the **Western Indian / Apabhramsa School** (Gujarat and Mewar) illustrated Jain *Kalpasutra* and *Kalakacharya-Katha* texts with protruding further-eye profiles and gold/ultramarine pigments.

• **Mughal Miniature School:** Founded under Humayun (who brought Persian masters Mir Sayyid Ali and Abd us-Samad), expanded into the *Taswirkhana* under Akbar (*Hamzanama*, *Razmnama*, *Tutinama* by Daswant and Basawan), reached naturalistic zenith under Jahangir (*Ayar-i-Danish*, *Muraqqa* albums, floral/avian studies by **Ustad Mansur** and portraits by **Bishandas** and **Abul Hasan**), and shifted toward gilt borders under Shah Jahan.

• **Rajasthani & Pahari Miniature Schools:**

• **Rajasthani Schools:** Mewar (*Chaurapanchasika* and *Ragamala* by Sahibdin), Kishangarh (**Bani Thani** / Radha of Savant Singh painted by **Nihal Chand**), Bundi-Kota (hunting and lush vegetation), and Marwar/Amber.

• **Pahari Schools:** Basohli (earliest Pahari school, bold colours and beetle-wing emerald jewellery in *Rasamanjari* by Devi Das), Guler, and **Kangra School** (lyrical *Gita Govinda* and *Bhagavata Purana* under Raja Sansar Chand by Nainsukh).

5.2 Flowchart of Indian Painting Traditions Across Ages

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Classical Fresco-Secco Murals (Ajanta, Bagh, Sittanavasal)

STEP 2
Pala Palm-Leaf & Jain Apabhramsa Miniatures

STEP 3
Imperial Mughal Taswirkhana (Akbar & Jahangir)

STEP 4
Regional Rajasthani (Kishangarh) & Pahari (Kangra) Schools

5.3 Comparative Table of Regional Folk & Traditional Paintings of India

Folk Painting Tradition	State / Region	Base Material & Natural Pigments	Characteristic Themes & GI Status (PIB)
Madhubani (Mithila)	Bihar (Mithila region)	Mud walls, handmade paper, rice paste, turmeric, indigo	*Kohbar* (wedding chamber), *Aripan*, double-line borders (Zero empty space)
Warli Painting	Maharashtra (Palghar/ Thane)	Cow-dung & red mud base with white rice-paste pigment	*Chauk* (Palaghata fertility goddess), Tarpa dance using triangles, circles & lines
Pattachitra	Odisha (Raghurajpur)	Treated cotton gauze (*Patta*) coated with tamarind seed gum & chalk	Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, Subhadra, *Krishnalila* with floral borders
Kalamkari (Srikalahasti & Machilipatnam)	Andhra Pradesh	Cotton fabric treated with myrobalan & buffalo milk; bamboo pen (*Kalam*)	Hindu epics (Srikalahasti freehand pen; Machilipatnam wooden block-print)
Thangka Painting	Sikkim, Ladakh, Himachal, Arunachal	Cotton canvas framed in silk brocade	Tibetan Buddhist *Mandala*, *Bhavachakra* (Wheel of Life), Bodhisattvas
Gond & Pithora Art	Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat	Mud walls and canvas using dot-and-dash patterns	Nature spirits (Gond) and ritual seven-horse murals (Rathwa tribe Pithora)

Did You Know?: According to NCERT Class XII Fine Arts, **Bani Thani** of the Kishangarh School—painted by master artist **Nihal Chand** under the patronage of Raja Savant Singh (Nagari Das)—is celebrated as the "Mona Lisa of India" and was featured on an official Indian postage stamp in 1973.

Exam Trap Alert: Ajanta murals are **NOT true Fresco (*Fresco-Buono*)** paintings where pigments are applied to wet lime plaster; as confirmed by the Archaeological Survey of India, Ajanta artists used the **Tempera / Fresco-Secco** method on dry plaster coated over a layer of ferruginous clay, cow dung, and rice husk.

★ **Memory Trick:** Associate **"K-N-S"** for India's most famous miniature portrait: **K**ishangarh School = **N**ihal Chand (Artist) = **S**avant Singh (Patron of *Bani Thani*).

Chapter *5* Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (Archaeological Survey of India (ASI))
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Flowchart of Indian Painting Traditions Across Ages	**Ajanta Caves (Caves 1, 2, 9, 10, 16, 17)**	Executed using the **Fresco-Secco** (tempera on dry lime-plastered mud/rice-husk layer) technique; iconic masterpieces include *Padmapani* and *Vajrapani* Bodhisattvas (Cave 1), *Dying Princess* (Cave 16), and *Mother and Child before Buddha* (Cave 17).
Comparative Table of Regional Folk & Traditional Paintings of India	**Ellora, Bagh, Sittanavasal & Lepakshi Murals**	Bagh Caves (Madhya Pradesh, Buddhist secular scenes), Sittanavasal (Tamil Nadu, Pandya/Pallava Jain *Samavasarana* lotus pond), Brihadisvara Chola murals (Thanjavur), and Vijayanagara murals at **Lepakshi Veerabhadra Temple** (Andhra Pradesh, devoid of primary blue pigment).
Six Limbs of Indian Painting (Shadanga) & Mural Traditions	**Early Miniature Schools (Pala & Apabhramsa)**	The **Pala School** (8th–12th century, Nalanda, Odantapuri, Vikramshila) painted Buddhist *Ashtasahasrika Prajnaparamita* palm-leaf manuscripts in sinuous lines and muted tones; the **Western Indian / Apabhramsa School** (Gujarat and Mewar) illustrated Jain *Kalpasutra* and *Kalakacharya-Katha* texts with protruding further-eye profiles and gold/ultramarine pigments.
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Six Limbs of Indian Painting (Shadanga) & Mural Traditions	**Pahari Schools**	Basohli (earliest Pahari school, bold colours and beetle-wing emerald jewellery in *Rasamanjari* by Devi Das), Guler, and **Kangra School** (lyrical *Gita Govinda* and *Bhagavata Purana* under Raja Sansar Chand by Nainsukh).

Chapter *5* Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

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Chapter 5 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

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Chapter *6:* Indian Classical Dances, Folk Dances & Theatre Forms

6.1 Natyashastra Foundations & Eight Classical Dances of India

• **Textual Pillar (NCERT & Sangeet Natak Akademi):** Bharata Muni's **Natyashastra** (c. 200 BCE–200 CE, termed the *Panchama Veda*) and Nandikeshvara's **Abhinaya Darpana** classify classical dance into three core elements: **Nritta** (pure rhythmic footwork devoid of narrative meaning), **Nritya** (expressive mime using *Mudras* and facial expressions), and **Natya** (dramatic storytelling).

• **Dual Expressive Aspects: Tandava** (vigorous, cosmic masculine energy of Shiva) and **Lasya** (graceful, lyrical feminine expression associated with Parvati), conveying the **Nine Rasas (*Navarasas*)** through four forms of

Abhinaya: *Angika* (body), *Vachika* (speech/song), *Aharya* (costume/make-up), and *Sattvika* (inner psychological state).

• **Eight Sangeet Natak Akademi Classical Dances:**

• **Bharatanatyam (Tamil Nadu):** Evolved from *Sadir Attam* / *Dasi Attam* revived by E. Krishna Iyer and Rukmini Devi Arundale; solo *Ekaharya* format progressing from *Alarippu*, *Jatiswaram*, *Shabdam*, *Varnam*, *Padam* to *Tillana*; features bent knees (*Aramandi*) and fire-like geometric precision.

• **Kathak (Uttar Pradesh):** Derived from *Kathika* storytellers; patronized in Lucknow (Nawab Wajid Ali Shah, Pandit Birju Maharaj), Jaipur, and Banaras *Gharanas*; features *Thaat*, *Aamad*, *Tukra*, *Toda*, *Jugalbandi*, fast pirouettes (*Chakkar*), and intricate footwork (*Tatkar*) in straight-legged posture.

• **Kathakali (Kerala):** All-male dance-drama drawing from *Ramanattam* and *Krishnanattam*; uses elaborate facial make-up (*Pacha* green for noble heroes, *Kathi* for arrogant villains, *Thadi* beards, *Kari* black) and subtle eye/eyebrow movements (*Navarasas*), concluding at dawn with the triumph of dharma.

• **Kuchipudi (Andhra Pradesh):** Founded by 17th-century Vaishnava ascetic **Siddhendra Yogi** (*Bhama Kalapam*); combines *Manduka Shabdam*, *Jala Chitra Nrityam* (drawing pictures on the floor with toes), and **Tarangam** (dancing on the rim of a brass plate while balancing a water pot on the head).

• **Odissi (Odisha):** Rooted in *Mahari* (temple dancers) and *Gotipua* (young boys dressed as women) traditions; defined by the three-bend **Tribhanga** and square **Chowk** postures, mirroring Konark and Udayagiri-Khandagiri sculptures (*Mangalacharan*, *Batu Nritya*, *Pallavi*, *Moksha*).

• **Manipuri (Manipur):** Devotional Vaishnava *Ras Leela* (Radha-Krishna) combined with ancient *Lai Haraoba* and martial *Thang-Ta* / *Pung Cholom* (cymbal/drum dances); characterized by flowing figure-of-eight movements, veiled faces, and barrel-shaped skirts (*Kumil*).

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6.2 Flowchart of Bharatanatyam Recital Sequence (Margam)

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Alarippu (Invocation) & Jatiswaram (Melody)

STEP 2
Shabdam (Dramatic Lyric) & Varnam (Core Climax)

STEP 3
Padam & Javali (Expressive Abhinaya)

STEP 4
Tillana (Pure Rhythmic Finale) & Shlokam

6.3 Comparative Table of India's Eight Classical Dances & Traditional Theatre

Classical Dance Form	State of Origin	Key Technical Posture / Element	Pioneering Proponents & Revivalists (PIB)
Bharatanatyam	Tamil Nadu	*Aramandi* (half-sitting), *Karanas*, *Katakamukha Mudra*	Rukmini Devi Arundale, Balasaraswati, Yamini Krishnamurthy
Kathak	Uttar Pradesh	*Tatkar* (footwork), *Chakkar* (spins), *Jugalbandi*, *Thumri*	Pandit Birju Maharaj, Lachhu Maharaj, Sitara Devi
Kathakali	Kerala	*Chuttikuthu* make-up (*Pacha*/*Kathi*), *Kalasams*, *Mudras*	Kalamandalam Gopi, Vallathol Narayana Menon, Kottakal Sivaraman
Kuchipudi	Andhra Pradesh	*Tarangam* (brass plate rim), *Vachika Abhinaya* (dialogues)	Siddhendra Yogi, Vempati Chinna Satyam, Raja & Radha Reddy
Odissi	Odisha	*Tribhanga* (tri-bent body) and *Chowk* (square stance)	Kelucharan Mohapatra, Sanjukta Panigrahi, Sonal Mansingh
Manipuri	Manipur	*Nagabandha Mudra* (figure of 8), *Pung Cholom*, *Kumil* skirt	Guru Bipin Singh, Jhaveri Sisters (Darshana, Nayana, Ranjana, Suverna)
Mohiniyattam	Kerala	Swaying palm-leaf *Lasya* movements, 40 *Atavakul*, *Kasavu* saree	Kalamandalam Kalyanikutty Amma, Sunanda Nair, Jayaprabha Menon
Sattriya	Assam	*Ankiya Naat*, *Borgeet*, *Mati-Akhora* exercises	Srimanta Sankardev, Ghanakanta Bora, Indira PP Bora

Did You Know?: While the **Sangeet Natak Akademi** officially recognizes **8 Classical Dances**, the **Ministry of Culture** (PIB) additionally recognizes **Chhau** (comprising Seraikella Chhau of Jharkhand, Mayurbhanj Chhau of Odisha, and Purulia Chhau of West Bengal) as a 9th classical/semi-classical dance tradition; notably, **Mayurbhanj Chhau** is the only variant performed **without masks**.

Exam Trap Alert: Do not confuse the Jhaveri Sisters with Bharatanatyam or Odissi; the **Jhaveri Sisters** (Nayana, Ranjana, Suverna, and Darshana) are globally celebrated exponents of **Manipuri** classical dance, whereas **Kelucharan Mohapatra** is the legendary architect of modern **Odissi**.

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember **"M-O-T"** for **O**dissi's signature: **M**ahari-Gotipua roots, **O**disha origin, and **T**ribhanga posture.

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Chapter 7: Indian Classical Music (Hindustani & Carnatic), Bhakti-Sufi & Literature

Chapter Key Study Pillars — Chapter 7: Indian Classical Music (Hindustani & Carnatic), Bhakti-Sufi & Literature

Key Study Pillar 1
Evolution & Grammar of Indian Classical Music

Key Study Pillar 2
Comparative Matrix of Hindustani vs. Carnatic Classical Music

7.1 Evolution & Grammar of Indian Classical Music

• **Vedic & Textual Origins (NCERT):** Rooted in the **Samaveda** (chanted using *Udatta*, *Anudatta*, and *Svarita* tones); systematized in Matanga's **Brihaddeshi** (6th–8th century CE, first text to define the word *Raga*), Sarangadeva's **Sangita Ratnakara** (13th century CE, describing 264 *Ragas* and honored by both Northern and Southern systems), and Venkatamakhin's **Chaturdandi Prakashika** (17th century CE, establishing the 72 *Melakarta Raga* scheme of Carnatic music).

• **Core Structural Pillars: Swara** (7 notes: *Sa, Re, Ga, Ma, Pa, Dha, Ni* divided into 22 microtonal intervals called *Shrutis*), **Raga** (melodic framework requiring at least 5 notes—*Odava* = 5, *Shadava* = 6, *Sampoorna* = 7—bound by *Vadi* [king note] and *Samvadi* [queen note]), and **Tala** (rhythmic cycle).

• **Hindustani Classical Music (North India):** Diverged approximately the 13th–14th centuries with Amir Khusrau's Persian-Hindavi synthesis; organized into **10 Thaats** by Pandit Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande (*Bilawal, Khamaj, Kafi, Asavari, Bhairavi, Bhairav, Kalyan, Marwa, Poorvi, Todi*); major vocal forms include **Dhrupad** (oldest surviving austere form with *Alap, Jod, Jhala*, and *Pakhawaj* accompaniment; 4 *Vanis*—Dagar, Darbhanga, Bettiah, Talwandi), **Khayal** (imaginative composition in *Bada Khayal* and *Chhota Khayal* across Gwalior [oldest], Kirana, Agra, Patiala, and Jaipur-Atrauli *Gharanas*), **Thumri**, **Tappa**, and **Tarana**.

• **Carnatic Classical Music (South India):** Purely indigenous, Kriti-based devotional music unified across all South Indian states without regional *Gharanas*; structured through *Pallavi*, *Anupallavi*, and *Charanam* with *Ragam-Tanam-Pallavi*; reached its pinnacle under the **Trinity of Carnatic Music—Tyagaraja** (1767–1847, *Pancharatna Kritis* in Telugu), **Muthuswami Dikshitar** (Sanskrit compositions with *Vainika* style), and **Syama Sastri** (complex *Swarajatis* dedicated to Goddess Kamakshi)—preceded by **Purandara Dasa** (*Pitamaha* of Carnatic Music).

• **Classical Languages of India (PIB Official Cabinet Approval):** Following the Union Cabinet's October 2024 notification, India now officially recognizes **11 Classical Languages**: Tamil (2004), Sanskrit (2005), Kannada (2008), Telugu (2008), Malayalam (2013), Odia (2014), and five languages added in **October 2024—Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali**.

7.2 Flowchart of Classical Indian Music Evolution

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Samaveda Chants & Bharata's Natyashastra

STEP 2
Matanga's Brihaddeshi & Sarangadeva's Sangita Ratnakara

STEP 3
14th-Century Divergence into Hindustani & Carnatic Systems

STEP 4
Bhatkhande's 10 Thaats (North) & Venkatamakhin's 72 Melakartas (South)

7.3 Comparative Matrix of Hindustani vs. Carnatic Classical Music

Musical Parameter	Hindustani Classical Music	Carnatic Classical Music
Historical Synthesis	Vedic *Samaveda* + Persian/Central Asian Turko-Afghan idioms	Purely Indigenous South Indian Vedic & Dravidian tradition
Parent Scale Classification	**10 Thaats** (codified by Pandit V.N. Bhatkhande)	**72 Melakarta Ragas** (codified by Venkatamakhin)
Primary Structural Focus	Improvisation-centric (*Raga*-driven, time & season bound)	Composition-centric (*Kriti*-based with high rhythmic *Tala* rigor)
Institutional Sub-Divisions	Multiple **Gharanas** (Gwalior, Kirana, Agra, Patiala, Banaras)	Single unified style across South India (No *Gharanas*)
Core Accompanying Instruments	Tabla, Pakhawaj, Sarangi, Harmonium, Sitar, Sarod, Shehnai	Mridangam, Ghatam, Kanjira, Veena, Violin, Nadaswaram
Landmark Exponents	Tansen, Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, Pandit Jasraj, Ustad Bismillah Khan	Purandara Dasa, Tyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar, Syama Sastri, M.S. Subbulakshmi

Did You Know?: Per Press Information Bureau (PIB), **M.S. Subbulakshmi** became the first musician in Indian history to be awarded the **Bharat Ratna** (1998) and the first Indian musician to receive the Ramon Magsaysay Award (1974), as well as performing before the United Nations General Assembly in 1966.

Exam Trap Alert: Candidates often still answer "6 Classical Languages" based on pre-2024 books; after the Union Cabinet's October 2024 notification (PIB), India officially has **11 Classical Languages** (with **Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali** joining Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, and Odia).

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember the Carnatic Trinity birthplace by **"T-M-S = Thiruvarur"**: **T**yagaraja, **M**uthuswami Dikshitar, and **S**yama Sastri were all born in the exact same town—**Thiruvarur** in Tamil Nadu!

Chapter 7 Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (Archaeological Survey of India (ASI))
Evolution & Grammar of Indian Classical Music	**Vedic & Textual Origins (NCERT)**	Rooted in the **Samaveda** (chanted using *Udatta*, *Anudatta*, and *Svarita* tones); systematized in Matanga's **Brihaddeshi** (6th–8th century CE, first text to define the word *Raga*), Sarangadeva's **Sangita Ratnakara** (13th century CE, describing 264 *Ragas* and honored by both Northern and Southern systems), and Venkatamakhin's **Chaturdandi Prakashika** (17th century CE, establishing the 72 *Melakarta Raga* scheme of Carnatic music).
Flowchart of Classical Indian Music Evolution	**Core Structural Pillars**	Swara **(7 notes: *Sa*, *Re*, *Ga*, *Ma*, *Pa*, *Dha*, *Ni* divided into 22 microtonal intervals called *Shrutis*)**, Raga **(melodic framework requiring at least 5 notes—*Odava* = 5, *Shadava* = 6, *Sampoorna* = 7—bound by *Vadi* [king note] and *Samvadi* [queen note]), and** Tala** (rhythmic cycle).
Comparative Matrix of Hindustani vs. Carnatic Classical Music	**Hindustani Classical Music (North India)**	Diverged approximately the 13th–14th centuries with Amir Khusrau's Persian-Hindavi synthesis; organized into **10 Thaats** by Pandit Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande (*Bilawal*, *Khamaj*, *Kafi*, *Asavari*, *Bhairavi*, *Bhairav*, *Kalyan*, *Marwa*, *Poorvi*, *Todi*); major vocal forms include **Dhrupad** (oldest surviving austere form with *Alap*, *Jod*, *Jhala*, and *Pakhawaj* accompaniment; 4 *Vanis*—Dagar, Darbhanga, Bettiah, Talwandi), **Khayal** (imaginative composition in *Bada Khayal* and *Chhota Khayal* across Gwalior [oldest], Kirana, Agra, Patiala, and Jaipur-Atrauli *Gharanas*), **Thumri**, **Tappa**, and **Tarana**.
Evolution & Grammar of Indian Classical Music	**Carnatic Classical Music (South India)**	Purely indigenous, Kriti-based devotional music unified across all South Indian states without regional *Gharanas*; structured through *Pallavi*, *Anupallavi*, and *Charanam* with *Ragam-Tanam-Pallavi*; reached its pinnacle under the **Trinity of Carnatic Music**—**Tyagaraja** (1767–1847, *Pancharatna Kritis* in Telugu), **Muthuswami Dikshitar** (Sanskrit compositions with *Vainika* style), and **Syama Sastri** (complex *Swarajatis* dedicated to Goddess Kamakshi)—preceded by **Purandara Dasa** (*Pitamaha* of Carnatic Music).
Flowchart of Classical Indian Music Evolution	**Classical Languages of India (PIB Official Cabinet Approval)**	Following the Union Cabinet's October 2024 notification, India now officially recognizes **11 Classical Languages**: Tamil (2004), Sanskrit (2005), Kannada (2008), Telugu (2008), Malayalam (2013), Odia (2014), and five languages added in **October 2024—Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali**.

Chapter 7 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 7 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Vedic & Textual Origins (NCERT)): Rooted in the **Samaveda** (chanted using *Udatta*, *Anudatta*, and *Svarita* tones); systematized in Matanga's **Brihaddeshi** (6th–8th century CE, first text to define the word *Raga*), Sarangadeva's **Sangita Ratnakara** (13th century CE, describing 264 *Ragas* and honored by both Northern and Southern systems), and Venkatamakhin's **Chaturdandi Prakashika** (17th century CE, establishing the 72 *Melakarta Raga* scheme of Carnatic music).

Statement-II (Core Structural Pillars): Swara **(7 notes: *Sa*, *Re*, *Ga*, *Ma*, *Pa*, *Dha*, *Ni* divided into 22 microtonal intervals called *Shrutis*),** Raga **(melodic framework requiring at least 5 notes—*Odava* = 5, *Shadava* = 6, *Sampoorna* = 7—bound by *Vadi* [king note] and *Samvadi* [queen note]), and** Tala** (rhythmic cycle).

✓ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 7 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Hindustani Classical Music (North India)): Diverged approximately the 13th–14th centuries with Amir Khusrau's Persian-Hindavi synthesis; organized into **10 Thaats** by Pandit Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande (*Bilawal*, *Khamaj*, *Kafi*, *Asavari*, *Bhairavi*, *Bhairav*, *Kalyan*, *Marwa*, *Poorvi*, *Todi*); major vocal forms include **Dhrupad** (oldest surviving austere form with *Alap*, *Jod*, *Jhala*, and *Pakhawaj* accompaniment; 4 *Vanis*—Dagar, Darbhanga, Bettiah, Talwandi), **Khayal** (imaginative composition in *Bada Khayal* and *Chhota Khayal* across Gwalior [oldest], Kirana, Agra, Patiala, and Jaipur-Atrauli *Gharanas*), **Thumri**, **Tappa**, and **Tarana**.

Statement-II (Carnatic Classical Music (South India)): Purely indigenous, Kriti-based devotional music unified across all South Indian states without regional *Gharanas*; structured through *Pallavi*, *Anupallavi*, and *Charanam* with *Ragam-Tanam-Pallavi*; reached its pinnacle under the **Trinity of Carnatic Music—Tyagaraja** (1767–1847, *Pancharatna Kritis* in Telugu), **Muthuswami Dikshitar** (Sanskrit compositions with *Vainika* style), and **Syama Sastri** (complex *Swarajatis* dedicated to Goddess Kamakshi)—preceded by **Purandara Dasa** (*Pitamaha* of Carnatic Music).

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Chapter 8: Indian Handicrafts, Textiles, GI Tags, Martial Arts & Fairs

8.1 Geographical Indications (GI Tags) & Statutory Framework

• **Legal & Institutional Basis (PIB):** Governed by the **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999** (enforced from September 15, 2003) in compliance with Article 22 of the WTO TRIPS Agreement; administered by the **Geographical Indications Registry headquartered in Chennai** under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

• **Validity & First GI Product:** A GI registration is valid for **10 years** and can be renewed indefinitely for successive 10-year periods; **Darjeeling Tea** (West Bengal) became India's **first GI-tagged product** in 2004–05.

• **Traditional Indian Textiles & Weaves:**

• **Ikat (Resist-Dyeing before Weaving):** *Patola* of Patan (Gujarat, double Ikat silk), *Pochampally Ikat* (Telangana), and *Sambalpuri Bandha* (Odisha).

• **Brocade & Zari Weaves:** *Banarasi Brocade* (Uttar Pradesh), *Kanjeevaram Silk* (Tamil Nadu), *Paithani* (Maharashtra, peacock-and-lotus pallu), *Chanderi* and *Maheshwari* (Madhya Pradesh), *Muga* golden silk (Assam), and *Baluchari* (West Bengal, mythological scenes on pallu).

• **Embroidery Traditions:** *Chikankari* (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh—introduced by Nur Jahan), *Phulkari* (Punjab—darn stitch from reverse side on *Khaddar*), *Kashida* (Jammu & Kashmir), *Kantha* (West Bengal & Odisha—running stitch on layered saris), *Zardozi* (metallic gold/silver thread), and *Toda Embroidery* (*Pukhoor*, Tamil Nadu).

• **Indigenous Martial Arts of India: Kalaripayattu** (Kerala, oldest surviving martial art in India with *Northern* and *Southern* styles), **Silambam** (Tamil Nadu, bamboo staff combat referenced in Sangam texts), **Thang-Ta & Sarit Sarak** (Manipur, armed sword-spear vs. unarmed combat), **Gatka** (Punjab, Sikh martial art introduced by Guru Hargobind), **Mardani Khel** (Maharashtra, Maratha sword-and-corded-lance *Vita*), **Sqay** (Kashmir), **Musti Yuddha** (Varanasi), and **Pari-Khanda** (Bihar, shield and sword foundation of Chhau dance).

8.2 Flowchart of Geographical Indication (GI) Registration & Renewal Lifecycle

Step-by-Step Conceptual Process Flowchart

STEP 1
Producer Association Files Application at GI Registry, Chennai

STEP 2
Examination & Publication in GI Journal

STEP 3
Registration Certificate Issued under GI Act, 1999

STEP 4
10-Year Statutory Protection & Periodic Renewal

8.3 Comparative Table of Iconic GI-Tagged Crafts, Textiles & Martial Arts

Craft / Textile / Martial Art	State / UT	Core Craftsmanship / Technique	Official Status & Cultural Significance (PIB)
Patan Patola	Gujarat	Double-Ikat silk weave (warp and weft both tie-dyed before weaving)	Reversible identical design on both sides; GI Tagged
Lucknow Chikankari	Uttar Pradesh	White-on-white shadow-work embroidery (*Tepchi*, *Murri*, *Phanda*)	Mughal court heritage under Nur Jahan; GI Tagged
Bidriware	Karnataka (Bidar)	Zinc-copper alloy blackened and inlaid with pure silver (*Tarkashi*)	Bahmani Sultanate origin; requires Bidar fort soil for oxidation
Channapatna Toys	Karnataka	Ivory-wood (*Wrightia tinctoria*) turned on lathe with vegetable lac dyes	Known as *Gombegala Ooru* (Toy-town); eco-friendly GI craft
Pembarthi & Budithi Brassware	Telangana & Andhra Pradesh	Sheet-metal embossing (*Pembarthi*) and bell-metal alloy (*Budithi*)	Kakatiya temple chariot & icon ornamentation
Kalaripayattu & Silambam	Kerala & Tamil Nadu	Oil-massage agility (*Uzhichil*) & bamboo-staff footwork	Recognised under Khelo India indigenous sports (PIB)

Did You Know?: While individual handicrafts receive GI tags for a **10-year validity period**, a **Patent** under the Indian Patents Act, 1970 is valid for **20 years** and **cannot be renewed**, whereas a **GI Tag** is a collective community right that can be renewed every 10 years in perpetuity!

Exam Trap Alert: Do not confuse **Single Ikat** (*Pochampally*) with **Double Ikat** (*Patan Patola* of Gujarat); in Double Ikat, both warp (lengthwise) and weft (widthwise) threads are resist-dyed with mathematical precision before weaving so that both sides of the fabric have identical intensity.

★ **Memory Trick:** Remember **"G-S-K-T"** for Martial Arts: **G**atka = Punjab, **S**ilambam = Tamil Nadu, **K**alaripayattu = Kerala, **T**hang-Ta = Manipur.

Chapter *8* Comprehensive Analytical & Statutory Revision Matrix

Core Sub-Domain	Key Concept / Provision	Verified Analytical Parameters & Exam Distinctions (Archaeological Survey of India (ASI))
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Comparative Table of Iconic GI-Tagged Crafts, Textiles & Martial Arts	**Ikat (Resist-Dyeing before Weaving)**	Patola *of Patan* (*Gujarat*, *double Ikat silk*), Pochampally Ikat (*Telangana*), *and* Sambalpuri Bandha* (Odisha).
Geographical Indications (GI Tags) & Statutory Framework	**Brocade & Zari Weaves**	Banarasi Brocade (*Uttar Pradesh*), Kanjeevaram Silk (*Tamil Nadu*), Paithani (*Maharashtra*, *peacock-and-lotus pallu*), Chanderi *and* Maheshwari (*Madhya Pradesh*), Muga *golden silk* (*Assam*), *and* Baluchari* (West Bengal, mythological scenes on pallu).
Flowchart of Geographical Indication (GI) Registration & Renewal Lifecycle	**Embroidery Traditions**	Chikankari (*Lucknow*, *Uttar Pradesh—introduced by Nur Jahan*), Phulkari (*Punjab—darn stitch from reverse side on* Khaddar), Kashida (*Jammu & Kashmir*), Kantha (*West Bengal & Odisha—running stitch on layered saris*), Zardozi (*metallic gold/silver thread*), *and* Toda Embroidery (Pukhoor*, Tamil Nadu).
Comparative Table of Iconic GI-Tagged Crafts, Textiles & Martial Arts	**Indigenous Martial Arts of India**	Kalaripayattu **(Kerala, oldest surviving martial art in India with *Northern* and *Southern* styles),** Silambam **(Tamil Nadu, bamboo staff combat referenced in Sangam texts),** Thang-Ta & Sarit Sarak **(Manipur, armed sword-spear vs. unarmed combat),** Gatka **(Punjab, Sikh martial art introduced by Guru Hargobind),** Mardani Khel **(Maharashtra, Maratha sword-and-corded-lance *Vita*),** Sqay **(Kashmir),** Musti Yuddha **(Varanasi), and** Pari-Khanda** (Bihar, shield and sword foundation of Chhau dance).

Chapter 8 Multi-Statement Exam Verification Drills

Chapter 8 Statement-Verification Drill #1 — Both Statements Verified Correct

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Chapter 8 Statement-Verification Drill #2 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Ikat (Resist-Dyeing before Weaving)): Patola *of Patan* (*Gujarat*, *double Ikat silk*), Pochampally Ikat (*Telangana*), *and* Sambalpuri Bandha* (Odisha).

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✓ **Exam Verification Key: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are factually accurate as per Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy.**

Chapter 8 Statement-Verification Drill #3 — Both Statements Verified Correct

Statement-I (Embroidery Traditions): Chikankari (*Lucknow*, *Uttar Pradesh—introduced by Nur Jahan*), Phulkari (*Punjab—darn stitch from reverse side on* Khaddar), Kashida (*Jammu & Kashmir*), Kantha (*West Bengal & Odisha—running stitch on layered saris*), Zardozi (*metallic gold/silver thread*), *and* Toda Embroidery (Pukhoor*, Tamil Nadu).

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Solved Exam Practice Questions (MCQs)

Practice Question #1 — Solved Exam MCQ

Q1. Which rock-cut cave at the Barabar Hills in Bihar features a finely carved semicircular arch facade imitating timber construction and was donated by Emperor Ashoka to the Ajivika sect?
(A) Karna Chaupar Cave
(B) Lomas Rishi Cave
(C) Visvakarma Cave
(D) Udayagiri Cave 19
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** Lomas Rishi Cave at Barabar Hills (Jehanabad, Bihar) features the famous chaitya arch frieze of elephants worshipping stupas and was gifted to the Ajivikas (ASI).

Practice Question #2 Solved Exam MCQ

Q2. The 'Cire Perdue' technique employed by artisans of the Indus Valley Civilization at Mohenjo-daro refers to which metallurgical process?
(A) Iron smelting in blast furnaces
(B) Lost-wax process for casting bronze figures
(C) Repoussé embossing on gold sheets
(D) Zinc-copper Bidri inlay
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** The bronze 'Dancing Girl' of Mohenjo-daro was cast using the *Cire Perdue* (lost-wax) casting technique (NCERT).

Practice Question #3 Solved Exam MCQ

Q3. Which Post-Mauryan school of art exclusively used white marble-like limestone (Palnad stone) and focused on collective narrative medallions rather than solitary icons?
(A) Gandhara School
(B) Mathura School
(C) Amaravati School
(D) Sarnath School
Ans: (C) | **Explanation:** The Amaravati School in the Krishna-Godavari basin used white limestone to depict dynamic Jataka scenes under Satavahana and Ikshvaku patronage (NCERT).

Practice Question #4 Solved Exam MCQ

Q4. In the context of Odisha (Kalinga) temple architecture, what is the specific architectural term used for the assembly hall (*Mandapa*) situated directly in front of the main sanctum (*Rekha Deul*)?
(A) Gopuram
(B) Jagamohana
(C) Antarala
(D) Kalyana Mandapa
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** In the Kalinga style (e.g., Lingaraja and Konark temples), the main sanctum is the *Rekha Deul* and the pillared assembly hall is the *Jagamohana* (ASI).

Practice Question #5 Solved Exam MCQ

Q5. Which Gupta-era temple in Uttar Pradesh is recognized as one of the earliest surviving Hindu stone temples to feature a Panchayatana layout and a rudimentary Shikhara?
(A) Temple 17 at Sanchi
(B) Dashavatara Temple at Deogarh
(C) Bhitargaon Temple at Kanpur
(D) Parvati Temple at Nachna Kuthara
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** The 6th-century Dashavatara Vishnu Temple at Deogarh (Lalitpur, UP) showcases *Sheshashayi Vishnu*, *Gajendramoksha*, and a Panchayatana plan (ASI).

Practice Question #6 Solved Exam MCQ

Q6. The famous monolithic Kailasa Temple (Cave 16) at Ellora, excavated vertically from the top down out of a single basalt cliff, was commissioned by which Rashtrakuta ruler?
(A) Dantidurga
(B) Krishna I
(C) Amoghavarsha I
(D) Govinda III
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** Rashtrakuta King Krishna I (756–773 CE) commissioned the monolithic Kailasa Temple at Ellora (ASI).

Practice Question #7 Solved Exam MCQ

Q7. Which monument in Delhi is credited by architectural historians as the earliest surviving Islamic structure in India to employ a scientifically constructed 'True Arch'?
(A) Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque
(B) Tomb of Ghiyasuddin Balban
(C) Sultan Ghari
(D) Bara Gumbad
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** Balban's Tomb (c. 1287 CE) inside the Mehrauli Archaeological Park marks the first appearance of a true voussoir arch in India (NCERT).

Practice Question #8 Solved Exam MCQ

Q8. The architectural technique 'Pietra Dura' (*Parchin Kari*), involving the inlay of semi-precious stones into marble, was used on a full-scale Mughal monument for the first time in:
(A) Humayun's Tomb, Delhi
(B) Akbar's Tomb, Sikandra
(C) Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah, Agra
(D) Bibi Ka Maqbara, Aurangabad
Ans: (C) | **Explanation:** Nur Jahan commissioned the Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah (1622–28) in Agra, the first full white-marble Mughal structure adorned with *Pietra Dura* (ASI).

Practice Question #9 Solved Exam MCQ

Q9. Which provincial Indo-Islamic architectural school is distinguished by massive sloping pylon facades (*Propylons*) and the complete absence of minarets?
(A) Sharqi Style of Jaunpur
(B) Adil Shahi Style of Bijapur
(C) Ilyas Shahi Style of Bengal
(D) Bahmani Style of Gulbarga
Ans: (A) | **Explanation:** The Sharqi rulers of Jaunpur built the Atala Masjid and Jami Masjid featuring towering sloping pylons without minarets.

Practice Question #10 Solved Exam MCQ

Q10. Which cultural site from Northeast India was inscribed in July 2024 as India's 43rd UNESCO World Heritage Site?
(A) Majuli River Island
(B) Unakoti Rock Reliefs
(C) Moidams — Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty
(D) Kangla Fort
Ans: (C) | **Explanation:** Charaideo Moidams in Assam became India's 43rd UNESCO World Heritage Site at the 46th World Heritage Committee session in July 2024 (PIB).

Practice Question #11 Solved Exam MCQ

Q11. Which of the following is the ONLY 'Mixed' UNESCO World Heritage Site in India, recognized for both its natural biodiversity and sacred cultural significance?
(A) Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers
(B) Simlipal National Park
(C) Khangchendzonga National Park
(D) Great Himalayan National Park
Ans: (C) | **Explanation:** Khangchendzonga National Park (Sikkim), inscribed in 2016, is India's sole Mixed World Heritage Site (PIB).

Practice Question #12 Solved Exam MCQ

Q12. The 42nd UNESCO World Heritage Site of India, 'Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas' (2023), comprises temples located at which three places in Karnataka?
(A) Badami, Aihole, and Pattadakal
(B) Belur, Halebidu, and Somnathpur
(C) Hampi, Lepakshi, and Sringeri
(D) Shravanabelagola, Talakadu, and Melukote
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** The Hoysala sacred ensembles include Chennakeshava at Belur, Hoysaleswara at Halebidu, and Keshava at Somnathpur (PIB).

Practice Question #13 Solved Exam MCQ

Q13. Which vibrant folk dance of India was inscribed in December 2023 as the 15th Indian element on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?
(A) Bihu of Assam
(B) Garba of Gujarat
(C) Lavani of Maharashtra
(D) Ghoomar of Rajasthan
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** Garba of Gujarat was inscribed as India's 15th Intangible Cultural Heritage element by UNESCO in December 2023 (PIB).

Practice Question #14 Solved Exam MCQ

Q14. In which Ajanta Cave are the world-famous mural paintings of the Bodhisattvas 'Padmapani' (holding a blue lotus) and 'Vajrapani' located?
(A) Cave No. 1
(B) Cave No. 9
(C) Cave No. 10
(D) Cave No. 26
Ans: (A) | **Explanation:** Ajanta Cave No. 1 (a Vihara from the Vakataka period) houses the murals of Padmapani and Vajrapani (ASI).

Practice Question #15 Solved Exam MCQ

Q15. According to Yashodhara Pandit's commentary on the 'Shadanga' (Six Limbs of Indian Painting), which term specifically denotes the 'infusion of grace and artistic beauty'?
(A) Rupabheda
(B) Pramanam
(C) Lavanya Yojanam
(D) Varnikabhanga
Ans: (C) | **Explanation:** *Lavanya Yojanam* denotes the infusion of grace and luster in a painting, while *Pramanam* refers to proportion (NCERT).

Practice Question #16 Solved Exam MCQ

Q16. Who was the renowned wildlife and floral painter at Emperor Jahangir's court, honoured with the title 'Nadir-ul-Asr' (Wonder of the Age)?
(A) Abd us-Samad
(B) Daswant
(C) Ustad Mansur
(D) Mir Sayyid Ali
Ans: (C) | **Explanation:** Ustad Mansur excelled in natural history paintings (such as the Siberian Crane and Bengal Florican) and received the title *Nadir-ul-Asr* from Jahangir (NCERT).

Practice Question #17 Solved Exam MCQ

Q17. The iconic miniature painting 'Bani Thani' (portraying Radha with elongated lotus eyes and pointed chin) belongs to which Rajasthani school of painting?
(A) Mewar School
(B) Bundi School
(C) Kishangarh School
(D) Marwar School
Ans: (C) | **Explanation:** *Bani Thani* was painted by Nihal Chand under the patronage of Raja Savant Singh of the Kishangarh School (NCERT).

Practice Question #18 Solved Exam MCQ

Q18. Which Pahari school of miniature painting was the earliest to emerge in the 17th century and used shiny emerald-green fragments of beetle wings to depict jewellery?
(A) Kangra School
(B) Basohli School
(C) Guler School
(D) Chamba School
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** The Basohli School (Jammu & Kashmir) under Raja Kirpal Pal used bold primary colors and real beetle wings in Bhanudatta's *Rasamanjari* (NCERT).

Practice Question #19 Solved Exam MCQ

Q19. Which traditional textile-painting art of Andhra Pradesh derives its name from the bamboo pen wrapped in wool used to apply natural vegetable dyes onto myrobalan-treated cloth?
(A) Pattachitra
(B) Kalamkari
(C) Pichhwai
(D) Manjusha
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** *Kalamkari* (practiced at Srikalahasti and Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh) means freehand drawing with a bamboo pen (*Kalam*).

Practice Question #20 Solved Exam MCQ

Q20. In classical Indian dance treatise 'Abhinaya Darpana', the element that combines rhythmic footwork with expressive hand gestures (*Mudras*) to convey a narrative meaning is called:
(A) Nritta
(B) Nritya
(C) Lasya
(D) Karanas
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** *Nritta* is pure abstract rhythm, *Nritya* is expressive dance using *Bhava* and *Rasa*, and *Natya* is complete drama (NCERT).

Practice Question #21 Solved Exam MCQ

Q21. Performing 'Tarangam'—where the dancer balances on the edges of a brass plate while holding a pot of water (*Kalasha*) on the head—is a signature feature of which classical dance?
(A) Bharatanatyam
(B) Kuchipudi
(C) Mohiniyattam
(D) Odissi
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** *Tarangam* (drawn from Narayana Teertha's *Krishna Leela Tarangini*) is the hallmark of Kuchipudi from Andhra Pradesh.

Practice Question #22 Solved Exam MCQ

Q22. Which 15th-century Vaishnava saint-scholar introduced the 'Sattriya' classical dance form alongside 'Ankiya Naat' and 'Borgeet' in Assam?
(A) Chaitanya Mahaprabhu
(B) Srimanta Sankardev
(C) Vallabhacharya
(D) Ramanujacharya
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** Srimanta Sankardev institutionalised Sattriya inside Vaishnava monasteries (*Sattras*) in Assam.

Practice Question #23 Solved Exam MCQ

Q23. Among the three regional styles of Chhau dance recognized by the Ministry of Culture, which one is uniquely performed WITHOUT facial masks?
(A) Purulia Chhau (West Bengal)
(B) Seraikella Chhau (Jharkhand)
(C) Mayurbhanj Chhau (Odisha)
(D) Manbhum Chhau
Ans: (C) | **Explanation:** Mayurbhanj Chhau of Odisha relies entirely on facial expressions and martial body language without wearing masks (**PIB**).

Practice Question #24 Solved Exam MCQ

Q24. Which ancient Sanskrit treatise written by Matanga Muni (c. 6th–8th century CE) was the first musicological text to explicitly define the term 'Raga' and distinguish 'Marga' from 'Desi' music?
(A) Natyashastra
(B) Brihaddeshi
(C) Sangita Ratnakara
(D) Swaramelakalanidhi
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** Matanga's *Brihaddeshi* was the first treatise to formally discuss *Raga* as a melodic framework coloring the mind of listeners.

Practice Question #25 Solved Exam MCQ

Q25. Who codified the Hindustani classical music system into 10 parent scales known as 'Thaats' in the early 20th century?
(A) Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar
(B) Pandit Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande
(C) Ustad Allauddin Khan
(D) Tansen
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** Pandit V.N. Bhatkhande classified Hindustani Ragas under 10 parent *Thaats* (*Bilawal, Kalyan, Khamaj, Bhairav, Poorvi, Marwa, Kafi, Asavari, Bhairavi, Todi*).

Practice Question #26 Solved Exam MCQ

Q26. Which of the following is the oldest and most prominent Gharana of Khayal singing in Hindustani Classical Music, patronized by Raja Man Singh Tomar's lineage?
(A) Kirana Gharana
(B) Gwalior Gharana
(C) Patiala Gharana
(D) Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** The Gwalior Gharana (founded by Nathan Pir Bakhsh and Hassu-Haddu Khan) is termed the "Mother of all Khayal Gharanas."

Practice Question #27 Solved Exam MCQ

Q27. Following the Union Cabinet's approval in October 2024, how many Indian languages now hold the official status of 'Classical Language' in India?
(A) 6
(B) 9
(C) 11
(D) 14
Ans: (C) | **Explanation:** With the addition of Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali in October 2024 to the existing 6 languages, India now has 11 Classical Languages (**PIB**).

Practice Question #28 Solved Exam MCQ

Q28. Which of the following sets of languages represents the exact five languages granted 'Classical Language' status by the Government of India in October 2024?
(A) Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, Bengali
(B) Marathi, Maithili, Bhojpuri, Assamese, Bengali
(C) Pali, Prakrit, Dogri, Konkani, Manipuri
(D) Gujarati, Marathi, Bengali, Punjabi, Assamese
Ans: (A) | **Explanation:** On October 3, 2024, the Union Cabinet approved Classical Language status for Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali (**PIB**).

Practice Question #29 Solved Exam MCQ

Q29. Where is the headquarters of the Geographical Indications (GI) Registry of India located under the Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999?
(A) New Delhi
(B) Mumbai
(C) Chennai
(D) Kolkata
Ans: (C) | **Explanation:** The GI Registry is headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**PIB**).

Practice Question #30 Solved Exam MCQ

Q30. For how many years is a Geographical Indication (GI) registration initially valid in India before requiring renewal?
(A) 5 years
(B) 10 years
(C) 15 years
(D) 20 years
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** Under Section 18 of the GI Act, 1999, registration of a GI is valid for 10 years and can be renewed indefinitely every 10 years.

Practice Question #31 Solved Exam MCQ

Q31. 'Bidriware', a famous GI-tagged metal handicraft involving pure silver inlay on a blackened alloy of zinc and copper, belongs to which state?
(A) Telangana
(B) Karnataka
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Rajasthan
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** Bidriware originated in Bidar, Karnataka, during the Bahmani Sultanate and uses alkaline soil from Bidar Fort to oxidize the metal matte black.

Practice Question #32 Solved Exam MCQ

Q32. Which ancient Buddhist text, composed in the form of philosophical dialogues between Indo-Greek King Menander I and Buddhist sage Nagasena, survives in Pali?
(A) Visuddhimagga
(B) Milinda Panha
(C) Dipavamsa
(D) Lalitavistara
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** *Milinda Panha* (Questions of King Milinda) records the philosophical dialogue between Menander I and Nagasena (NCERT).

Practice Question #33 Solved Exam MCQ

Q33. Who authored the Sanskrit historical chronicle 'Rajatarangini' (River of Kings) in the 12th century CE, documenting the dynastic history of Kashmir?
(A) Bilhana
(B) Kalhana
(C) Somadeva
(D) Banabhatta
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** Kalhana composed *Rajatarangini* in 1148–50 CE in 8 *Tarangas* (cantos) of Sanskrit verse (NCERT).

Practice Question #34 Solved Exam MCQ

Q34. Which traditional folk theatre form of Karnataka combines dance, music, dialogue, and elaborate headgear based on episodes (*Prasangas*) from the Mahabharata and Ramayana?
(A) Therukoothu
(B) Yakshagana
(C) Bhavai
(D) Jatra
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** *Yakshagana* (incorporating *Tenkutittu* and *Badagutittu* styles) is the signature traditional dance-drama of coastal and Malnad Karnataka.

Practice Question #35 Solved Exam MCQ

Q35. The Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple in Telangana, inscribed as India's 39th UNESCO World Heritage Site, was constructed in 1213 CE by General Recharla Rudra under which Kakatiya monarch?
(A) Rudrama Devi
(B) Ganapati Deva
(C) Prataparudra
(D) Prola II
Ans: (B) | **Explanation:** General Recharla Rudra built the Ramappa Temple in 1213 CE during the reign of Kakatiya Emperor Ganapati Deva (ASI).

Extended Comparative & Analytical Practice Set (Questions *36* to *75*)

Practice Question #36 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q36. With reference to Attribute / Dimension and Gandhara School of Art, which of the following is accurately matched with "Primary Patron Dynasty"?

(A) Kushana Rulers (especially Kanishka)
(B) Strong Greco-Roman (Hellenistic) influence
(C) Bluish-Grey Schist & Stucco plaster
(D) Exclusively Mahayana Buddhism

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Primary Patron Dynasty** (Attribute / Dimension), the verified Gandhara School of Art is **Kushana Rulers (especially Kanishka)**. Furthermore, Kushana Rulers (indigenous ateliers). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #37 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q37. With reference to Attribute / Dimension and Gandhara School of Art, which of the following is accurately matched with "External / Indigenous Influence"?

(A) Bluish-Grey Schist & Stucco plaster
(B) Strong Greco-Roman (Hellenistic) influence
(C) Exclusively Mahayana Buddhism
(D) Wavy hair, muscular torso, heavy drapery, Yogi posture

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **External / Indigenous Influence** (Attribute / Dimension), the verified Gandhara School of Art is **Strong Greco-Roman (Hellenistic) influence**. Furthermore, Purely Indigenous Indian artistic tradition. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #38 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q38. With reference to Attribute / Dimension and Gandhara School of Art, which of the following is accurately matched with "Material Used"?

(A) Exclusively Mahayana Buddhism
(B) Wavy hair, muscular torso, heavy drapery, Yogi posture
(C) Bluish-Grey Schist & Stucco plaster
(D) NCERT Fine Arts Portal

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Material Used** (Attribute / Dimension), the verified Gandhara School of Art is **Bluish-Grey Schist & Stucco plaster**. Furthermore, Spotted Red Sandstone (Sikri quarries). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #39 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q39. With reference to Attribute / Dimension and Gandhara School of Art, which of the following is accurately matched with "Religious Affiliation"?

(A) Wavy hair, muscular torso, heavy drapery, Yogi posture
(B) NCERT Fine Arts Portal
(C) Curvilinear *Shikhara* (*Latina, Phamsana, Valabhi*)
(D) Exclusively Mahayana Buddhism

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Religious Affiliation** (Attribute / Dimension), the verified Gandhara School of Art is **Exclusively Mahayana Buddhism**. Furthermore, Buddhism, Jainism (Tirthankaras), Hinduism. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #40 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q40. With reference to Attribute / Dimension and Gandhara School of Art, which of the following is accurately matched with "Depiction of Buddha"?

(A) Wavy hair, muscular torso, heavy drapery, Yogi posture
(B) NCERT Fine Arts Portal
(C) Curvilinear *Shikhara* (*Latina, Phamsana, Valabhi*)
(D) Ribbed *Amalaka* & *Kalasha*

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Depiction of Buddha** (Attribute / Dimension), the verified Gandhara School of Art is **Wavy hair, muscular torso, heavy drapery, Yogi posture**. Furthermore, Delighted facial expression, shaven head, Padmasana, Abhaya Mudra. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #41 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q41. With reference to Attribute / Dimension and Gandhara School of Art, which of the following is accurately matched with "Official Reference Source"?

(A) Curvilinear *Shikhara* (*Latina, Phamsana, Valabhi*)
(B) NCERT Fine Arts Portal
(C) Ribbed *Amalaka* & *Kalasha*
(D) Generally absent (except Odisha School)

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **Official Reference Source** (Attribute / Dimension), the verified Gandhara School of Art is **NCERT Fine Arts Portal**. Furthermore, Archaeological Survey of India. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #42 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q42. With reference to Architectural Feature and Nagara Style (North India), which of the following is accurately matched with "Main Superstructure"?

(A) Ribbed *Amalaka* & *Kalasha*
(B) Generally absent (except Odisha School)
(C) Curvilinear *Shikhara* (*Latina, Phamsana, Valabhi*)
(D) River Goddesses *Ganga* and *Yamuna*

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Main Superstructure** (Architectural Feature), the verified Nagara Style (North India) is **Curvilinear *Shikhara* (*Latina, Phamsana, Valabhi*)**. Furthermore, Stepped Pyramidal *Vimana* (only over main sanctum). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #43 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q43. With reference to Architectural Feature and Nagara Style (North India), which of the following is accurately matched with "Crowning Element"?

(A) Generally absent (except Odisha School)

(B) River Goddesses *Ganga* and *Yamuna*

(C) Rarely present (except Modhera *Surya Kund*)

(D) Ribbed *Amalaka* & *Kalasha*

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Crowning Element** (Architectural Feature), the verified Nagara Style (North India) is **Ribbed *Amalaka* & *Kalasha***. Furthermore, Octagonal cupola (*Stupika* / *Shikhara*). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #44 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q44. With reference to Architectural Feature and Nagara Style (North India), which of the following is accurately matched with "Boundary Walls & Gateways"?

(A) Generally absent (except Odisha School)

(B) River Goddesses *Ganga* and *Yamuna*

(C) Rarely present (except Modhera *Surya Kund*)

(D) Kandariya Mahadeva, Konark, Modhera (ASI)

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Boundary Walls & Gateways** (Architectural Feature), the verified Nagara Style (North India) is **Generally absent (except Odisha School)**. Furthermore, High compound walls with towering *Gopurams*. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #45 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q45. With reference to Architectural Feature and Nagara Style (North India), which of the following is accurately matched with "Sanctum Entrance Guards"?

(A) Rarely present (except Modhera *Surya Kund*)

(B) River Goddesses *Ganga* and *Yamuna*

(C) Kandariya Mahadeva, Konark, Modhera (ASI)

(D) Corbelled arches transitioning to True Arch & True Dome

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **Sanctum Entrance Guards** (Architectural Feature), the verified Nagara Style (North India) is **River Goddesses *Ganga* and *Yamuna***. Furthermore, Fierce guardian figures (*Dvarapalas*). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #46 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q46. With reference to Architectural Feature and Nagara Style (North India), which of the following is accurately matched with "Water Tank Inside Complex"?

(A) Kandariya Mahadeva, Konark, Modhera (ASI)

(B) Corbelled arches transitioning to True Arch & True Dome

(C) Rarely present (except Modhera *Surya Kund*)

(D) Sloping walls (*Batter*) combined with arch-lintel-beam

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Water Tank Inside Complex** (Architectural Feature), the verified Nagara Style (North India) is **Rarely present (except Modhera *Surya Kund*)**. Furthermore, Essential ritual tank (*Kalyani* / *Pushkarini*). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #47 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q47. With reference to Architectural Feature and Nagara Style (North India), which of the following is accurately matched with "Landmark Examples"?

(A) Corbelled arches transitioning to True Arch & True Dome

(B) Sloping walls (*Batter*) combined with arch-lintel-beam

(C) Introduction of Double Dome & Octagonal Tomb plans

(D) Kandariya Mahadeva, Konark, Modhera (ASI)

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Landmark Examples** (Architectural Feature), the verified Nagara Style (North India) is **Kandariya Mahadeva, Konark, Modhera (ASI)**. Furthermore, Brihadisvara (Thanjavur), Gangaikondacholapuram (ASI). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #48 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q48. With reference to Era / Architectural School and Defining Structural Innovation, which of the following is accurately matched with "Mamluk & Khilji Dynasties"?

(A) Corbelled arches transitioning to True Arch & True Dome

(B) Sloping walls (*Batter*) combined with arch-lintel-beam

(C) Introduction of Double Dome & Octagonal Tomb plans

(D) Lofty Propylons (sloping screens) without minarets

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Mamluk & Khilji Dynasties** (Era / Architectural School), the verified Defining Structural Innovation is **Corbelled arches transitioning to True Arch & True Dome**. Furthermore, Reused temple stone, Red Sandstone, Marble trim. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #49 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q49. With reference to Era / Architectural School and Defining Structural Innovation, which of the following is accurately matched with "Tughlaq Dynasty"?

(A) Introduction of Double Dome & Octagonal Tomb plans

(B) Sloping walls (*Batter*) combined with arch-lintel-beam

(C) Lofty Propylons (sloping screens) without minarets

(D) Intersecting pendentives supporting hemispherical dome

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **Tughlaq Dynasty** (Era / Architectural School), the verified Defining Structural Innovation is **Sloping walls (*Batter*) combined with arch-lintel-beam**. Furthermore, Grey Quartzite rubble with thick stucco plaster. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #50 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q50. With reference to Era / Architectural School and Defining Structural Innovation, which of the following is accurately matched with "Lodi Dynasty"?

(A) Lofty Propylons (sloping screens) without minarets

(B) Intersecting pendentives supporting hemispherical dome

(C) Introduction of Double Dome & Octagonal Tomb plans

(D) *Charbagh*, *Pietra Dura* (*Parchin Kari*), bulbous double domes

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Lodi Dynasty** (Era / Architectural School), the verified Defining Structural Innovation is **Introduction of Double Dome & Octagonal Tomb plans**. Furthermore, Dressed stone with blue/green glazed tiles. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #51 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q51. With reference to Era / Architectural School and Defining Structural Innovation, which of the following is accurately matched with "Sharqi School (Jaunpur)"?

(A) Intersecting pendentives supporting hemispherical dome

(B) *Charbagh*, *Pietra Dura* (*Parchin Kari*), bulbous double domes

(C) Maharashtra

(D) Lofty Propylons (sloping screens) without minarets

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Sharqi School (Jaunpur)** (Era / Architectural School), the verified Defining Structural Innovation is **Lofty Propylons (sloping screens) without minarets**. Furthermore, Yellow-grey sandstone. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #52 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q52. With reference to Era / Architectural School and Defining Structural Innovation, which of the following is accurately matched with "Adil Shahi (Bijapur)"?

(A) Intersecting pendentives supporting hemispherical dome

(B) *Charbagh*, *Pietra Dura* (*Parchin Kari*), bulbous double domes

(C) Maharashtra

(D) Sikkim

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Adil Shahi (Bijapur)** (Era / Architectural School), the verified Defining Structural Innovation is **Intersecting pendentives supporting hemispherical dome**. Furthermore, Dark basalt stone and lime plaster. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #53 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q53. With reference to Era / Architectural School and Defining Structural Innovation, which of the following is accurately matched with "Mughal Empire (Akbar–Shah Jahan)"?

(A) Maharashtra

(B) *Charbagh*, *Pietra Dura* (*Parchin Kari*), bulbous double domes

(C) Sikkim

(D) Telangana

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **Mughal Empire (Akbar–Shah Jahan)** (Era / Architectural School), the verified Defining Structural Innovation is ***Charbagh*, *Pietra Dura* (*Parchin Kari*), bulbous double domes**. Furthermore, Red Sandstone (Akbar) to Makrana White Marble. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #54 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q54. With reference to UNESCO Site Name and State / Location, which of the following is accurately matched with "Ajanta & Ellora Caves"?

(A) Sikkim

(B) Telangana

(C) Maharashtra

(D) Gujarat

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Ajanta & Ellora Caves** (UNESCO Site Name), the verified State / Location is **Maharashtra**. Furthermore, 1983 (Cultural). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #55 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q55. With reference to UNESCO Site Name and State / Location, which of the following is accurately matched with "Khangchendzonga National Park"?

(A) Telangana
(B) Gujarat
(C) West Bengal
(D) Sikkim

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Khangchendzonga National Park** (UNESCO Site Name), the verified State / Location is **Sikkim**. Furthermore, 2016 (Mixed). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #56 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q56. With reference to UNESCO Site Name and State / Location, which of the following is accurately matched with "Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa)"?

(A) Telangana
(B) Gujarat
(C) West Bengal
(D) Karnataka

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa)** (UNESCO Site Name), the verified State / Location is **Telangana**. Furthermore, 2021 (Cultural). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #57 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q57. With reference to UNESCO Site Name and State / Location, which of the following is accurately matched with "Dholavira: A Harappan City"?

(A) West Bengal
(B) Gujarat
(C) Karnataka
(D) Assam (Charaideo)

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **Dholavira: A Harappan City** (UNESCO Site Name), the verified State / Location is **Gujarat**. Furthermore, 2021 (Cultural). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #58 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q58. With reference to UNESCO Site Name and State / Location, which of the following is accurately matched with "Santiniketan"?

(A) Karnataka
(B) Assam (Charaideo)
(C) West Bengal
(D) Bihar (Mithila region)

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Santiniketan** (UNESCO Site Name), the verified State / Location is **West Bengal**. Furthermore, 2023 (Cultural). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #59 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q59. With reference to UNESCO Site Name and State / Location, which of the following is accurately matched with "Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas"?

(A) Assam (Charaideo)
(B) Bihar (Mithila region)
(C) Maharashtra (Palghar/Thane)
(D) Karnataka

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas** (UNESCO Site Name), the verified State / Location is **Karnataka**. Furthermore, 2023 (Cultural). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #60 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q60. With reference to UNESCO Site Name and State / Location, which of the following is accurately matched with "Moidams of Ahom Dynasty"?

(A) Assam (Charaideo)
(B) Bihar (Mithila region)
(C) Maharashtra (Palghar/Thane)
(D) Odisha (Raghurajpur)

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Moidams of Ahom Dynasty** (UNESCO Site Name), the verified State / Location is **Assam (Charaideo)**. Furthermore, 2024 (Cultural). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #61 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q61. With reference to Folk Painting Tradition and State / Region, which of the following is accurately matched with "Madhubani (Mithila)"?

(A) Maharashtra (Palghar/Thane)
(B) Bihar (Mithila region)
(C) Odisha (Raghurajpur)
(D) Andhra Pradesh

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **Madhubani (Mithila)** (Folk Painting Tradition), the verified State / Region is **Bihar (Mithila region)**. Furthermore, Mud walls, handmade paper, rice paste, turmeric, indigo. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #62 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q62. With reference to Folk Painting Tradition and State / Region, which of the following is accurately matched with "Warli Painting"?

(A) Odisha (Raghurajpur)
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra (Palghar/Thane)
(D) Sikkim, Ladakh, Himachal, Arunachal

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Warli Painting** (Folk Painting Tradition), the verified State / Region is **Maharashtra (Palghar/Thane)**. Furthermore, Cow-dung & red mud base with white rice-paste pigment. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #63 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q63. With reference to Folk Painting Tradition and State / Region, which of the following is accurately matched with "Pattachitra"?

(A) Andhra Pradesh
(B) Sikkim, Ladakh, Himachal, Arunachal
(C) Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat
(D) Odisha (Raghurajpur)

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Pattachitra** (Folk Painting Tradition), the verified State / Region is **Odisha (Raghurajpur)**. Furthermore, Treated cotton gauze (*Patta*) coated with tamarind seed gum & chalk. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #64 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q64. With reference to Folk Painting Tradition and State / Region, which of the following is accurately matched with "Kalamkari (Srikalahasti & Machilipatnam)"?

(A) Andhra Pradesh
(B) Sikkim, Ladakh, Himachal, Arunachal
(C) Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat
(D) Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Kalamkari (Srikalahasti & Machilipatnam)** (Folk Painting Tradition), the verified State / Region is **Andhra Pradesh**. Furthermore, Cotton fabric treated with myrobalan & buffalo milk; bamboo pen (*Kalam*). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #65 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q65. With reference to Folk Painting Tradition and State / Region, which of the following is accurately matched with "Thangka Painting"?

(A) Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat
(B) Sikkim, Ladakh, Himachal, Arunachal
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **Thangka Painting** (Folk Painting Tradition), the verified State / Region is **Sikkim, Ladakh, Himachal, Arunachal**. Furthermore, Cotton canvas framed in silk brocade. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #66 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q66. With reference to Folk Painting Tradition and State / Region, which of the following is accurately matched with "Gond & Pithora Art"?

(A) Tamil Nadu
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat
(D) Kerala

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Gond & Pithora Art** (Folk Painting Tradition), the verified State / Region is **Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat**. Furthermore, Mud walls and canvas using dot-and-dash patterns. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #67 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q67. With reference to Classical Dance Form and State of Origin, which of the following is accurately matched with "Bharatanatyam"?

(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) Kerala
(C) Andhra Pradesh
(D) Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Bharatanatyam** (Classical Dance Form), the verified State of Origin is **Tamil Nadu**. Furthermore, *Aramandi* (half-sitting), *Karanas*, *Katakamukha Mudra*. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #68 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q68. With reference to Classical Dance Form and State of Origin, which of the following is accurately matched with "Kathak"?

(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) Kerala
(C) Andhra Pradesh
(D) Odisha

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Kathak** (Classical Dance Form), the verified State of Origin is **Uttar Pradesh**. Furthermore, *Tatkar* (footwork), *Chakkar* (spins), *Jugalbandi*, *Thumri*. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #69 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q69. With reference to Classical Dance Form and State of Origin, which of the following is accurately matched with "Kathakali"?

(A) Andhra Pradesh
(B) Kerala
(C) Odisha
(D) Manipur

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **Kathakali** (Classical Dance Form), the verified State of Origin is **Kerala**. Furthermore, *Chuttikuthu* make-up (*Pacha*/*Kathi*), *Kalasams*, *Mudras*. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #70 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q70. With reference to Classical Dance Form and State of Origin, which of the following is accurately matched with "Kuchipudi"?

(A) Odisha
(B) Manipur
(C) Andhra Pradesh
(D) Kerala

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Kuchipudi** (Classical Dance Form), the verified State of Origin is **Andhra Pradesh**. Furthermore, *Tarangam* (brass plate rim), *Vachika Abhinaya* (dialogues). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #71 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q71. With reference to Classical Dance Form and State of Origin, which of the following is accurately matched with "Odissi"?

(A) Manipur
(B) Kerala
(C) Assam
(D) Odisha

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Odissi** (Classical Dance Form), the verified State of Origin is **Odisha**. Furthermore, *Tribhanga* (tri-bent body) and *Chowk* (square stance). (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #72 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q72. With reference to Classical Dance Form and State of Origin, which of the following is accurately matched with "Manipuri"?

(A) Manipur
(B) Kerala
(C) Assam
(D) Vedic *Samaveda* + Persian/Central Asian Turko-Afghan idioms

Correct Answer: (A) | **Explanation:** For **Manipuri** (Classical Dance Form), the verified State of Origin is **Manipur**. Furthermore, *Nagabandha Mudra* (figure of 8), *Pung Cholom*, *Kumil* skirt. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #73 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q73. With reference to Classical Dance Form and State of Origin, which of the following is accurately matched with "Mohiniyattam"?

(A) Assam
(B) Kerala
(C) Vedic *Samaveda* + Persian/Central Asian Turko-Afghan idioms
(D) 10 Thaats (codified by Pandit V.N. Bhatkhande)

Correct Answer: (B) | **Explanation:** For **Mohiniyattam** (Classical Dance Form), the verified State of Origin is **Kerala**. Furthermore, Swaying palm-leaf *Lasya* movements, 40 *Atavakul*, *Kasavu* saree. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #74 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q74. With reference to Classical Dance Form and State of Origin, which of the following is accurately matched with "Sattriya"?

(A) Vedic *Samaveda* + Persian/Central Asian Turko-Afghan idioms
(B) 10 Thaats (codified by Pandit V.N. Bhatkhande)
(C) Assam
(D) Improvisation-centric (*Raga*-driven, time & season bound)

Correct Answer: (C) | **Explanation:** For **Sattriya** (Classical Dance Form), the verified State of Origin is **Assam**. Furthermore, *Ankiya Naat*, *Borgeet*, *Mati-Akhora* exercises. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Practice Question #75 High-Yield Comparative MCQ

Q75. With reference to Musical Parameter and Hindustani Classical Music, which of the following is accurately matched with "Historical Synthesis"?

(A) 10 Thaats (codified by Pandit V.N. Bhatkhande)

(B) Improvisation-centric (*Raga*-driven, time & season bound)

(C) Multiple Gharanas (Gwalior, Kirana, Agra, Patiala, Banaras)

(D) Vedic *Samaveda* + Persian/Central Asian Turko-Afghan idioms

Correct Answer: (D) | **Explanation:** For **Historical Synthesis** (Musical Parameter), the verified Hindustani Classical Music is **Vedic *Samaveda* + Persian/Central Asian Turko-Afghan idioms**. Furthermore, Purely Indigenous South Indian Vedic & Dravidian tradition. (Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & IUC Academy).

Rapid-Fire Last-Minute One-Liner Revision Capsule

1. **Bhimbetka Rock Shelters** (Raisen, MP) were discovered in 1957–58 by archaeologist **V.S. Wakankar** and inscribed by UNESCO in 2003 (**ASI**).

2. The **Dancing Girl of Mohenjo-daro** is a 4.5-inch bronze statuette cast using the **Cire Perdue (Lost-Wax)** process (**NCERT**).

3. The **Pashupati Seal** excavated from Mohenjo-daro is carved in **Steatite** and depicts a cross-legged figure flanked by an elephant, tiger, rhinoceros, and buffalo, with two antelopes below.

4. The **Sarnath Lion Capital**, India's National Emblem, features four Asiatic lions atop an abacus showing a **Bull, Horse, Elephant, and Lion** separated by 24-spoked Dharmachakras.

5. The national motto **"Satyameva Jayate"** inscribed below the National Emblem is taken from the **Mundaka Upanishad** (part of the Atharvaveda).

6. **Didarganj Yakshini** holding a *Chauri* (fly-whisk) is carved in highly polished **Chunar sandstone** from the Mauryan era (**NCERT**).

7. The **Gandhara School** depicted Buddha with wavy hair, Apollo-like facial features, and heavy Roman toga-like drapery in bluish-grey schist.

8. The **Mathura School** created the earliest headless standing portrait statue of **Emperor Kanishka** in spotted red sandstone.

9. **Dashavatara Temple at Deogarh** (UP) belongs to the **Panchayatana** style, where the main shrine is flanked by four subsidiary shrines at the corners (**ASI**).

10. In Nagara temples, the sanctum sanctorum is the **Garbhagriha**, the narrow vestibule connecting it to the hall is the **Antarala**, and the crowning stone disc is the **Amalaka**.

11. The **Konark Sun Temple** (Odisha), known as the **Black Pagoda**, was built in the 13th century by Eastern Ganga King **Narasimhadeva I** with 12 pairs of carved stone wheels (**ASI**).

12. The **Jagannath Temple at Puri** was termed the **White Pagoda** by European mariners and was constructed by **Anantavarman Chodaganga Deva**.

13. The **Kandariya Mahadeva Temple** at Khajuraho (MP) was built by Chandela ruler **Vidyadhara** approximately 1025–1050 CE (**ASI**).

14. The **Modhera Sun Temple** in Gujarat was built in 1026–27 CE by Solanki ruler **Bhima I** and stands exactly on the **Tropic of Cancer**.

15. The **Dilwara Jain Temples** at Mount Abu (Rajasthan), famous for *Vimal Vasahi* and *Luna Vasahi*, were built by Solanki ministers **Vimal Shah** and **Vastupala-Tejpala**.

16. The **Pancha Rathas** at Mamallapuram (Dharmaraja, Bhima, Arjuna, Nakula-Sahadeva, and Draupadi Rathas) were carved under Pallava ruler **Narasimhavarman I (Mamalla)**.

17. The **Brihadisvara Temple at Gangaikondacholapuram** was built by **Rajendra Chola I** to commemorate his victorious campaign up to the Ganga River (ASI).

18. The **Vittala Temple at Hampi** (Vijayanagara) features the iconic monolithic **Stone Chariot** (Garuda shrine) and 56 musical *Saptaswara* pillars, built under **Krishnadevaraya**.

19. **Aihole** in Karnataka is celebrated as the **"Cradle of Indian Temple Architecture"** and houses the apsidal **Durga Temple** and **Lad Khan Temple** (ASI).

20. The **Gol Gumbaz** at Bijapur (Karnataka), the mausoleum of **Mohammed Adil Shah**, features the largest dome in India supported by intersecting pendentive arches.

21. **Buland Darwaza** at Fatehpur Sikri (54 meters high) was built by **Akbar** in 1601 CE to commemorate his conquest of **Gujarat** (ASI).

22. **Humayun's Tomb** in Delhi was designed by Persian architect **Mirak Mirza Ghiyas** and commissioned by Empress **Bega Begum (Haji Begum)**.

23. The chief architect of the **Taj Mahal** was **Ustad Ahmad Lahori**, and its calligraphy was executed by **Amanat Khan Shirazi**.

24. The **Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib)** in Amritsar rests on land granted to Guru Ram Das, with its *Adi Granth* installed by **Guru Arjan Dev** in 1604 and gold-plating funded by **Maharaja Ranjit Singh**.

25. India currently has **43 UNESCO World Heritage Sites**: **35 Cultural, 7 Natural, and 1 Mixed Site** (PIB).

26. **Dholavira** (Gujarat, 40th UNESCO site) is the only Harappan city divided into **three distinct zones** (Citadel, Middle Town, Lower Town) with an advanced rock-cut water harvesting network.

27. **Charaideo Moidams** (Assam, 43rd UNESCO site, 2024) are vaulted brick-and-earth burial mounds of the **Tai-Ahom royalty** spanning 600 years (PIB).

28. **Garba of Gujarat** was inscribed in December 2023 as India's **15th UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage** element (PIB).

29. **Ajanta Caves** (29 caves on the Waghora River gorge, Maharashtra) belong exclusively to **Buddhism**, whereas **Ellora Caves** (34 caves) represent **Buddhism (1–12), Hinduism (13–29), and Jainism (30–34)**.

30. **Elephanta Caves** (*Gharapuri* island near Mumbai) feature the monumental 20-foot three-headed **Trimurti Sadashiva (Maheshamurti)** sculpture (ASI).

31. The **Lepakshi Veerabhadra Temple** murals in Andhra Pradesh (Vijayanagara era) are famous for the complete **absence of blue colour** and India's largest monolithic Nandi.

32. **Sittanavasal Cave Paintings** in Pudukkottai (Tamil Nadu) are associated with **Jainism** and depict the *Samavasarana* lotus tank scene (NCERT).

33. Emperor Akbar established the **Taswirkhana** (royal painting atelier) and commissioned the *1,400*-illustration **Hamzanama** and the Persian Mahabharata translation **Razmnama**.

34. **Bishandas** was praised by Emperor Jahangir as "unrivalled in the art of portraiture" and sent on a diplomatic mission to the court of the **Shah of Persia**.

35. The **Kangra School** of Pahari painting reached its golden age under **Raja Sansar Chand** and was led by master artists **Nainsukh and Manaku**.

36. **Pattachitra** scroll painting belongs to **Odisha** (and West Bengal), while **Phad** scroll painting (narrating Pabuji and Devnarayan epics) belongs to **Rajasthan**.

37. **Manjusha Art** (also known as Angika or Snake Painting executed exclusively in pink, green, and yellow) belongs to the **Bhagalpur region of Bihar**.

38. **Cheriyal Scroll Painting** (GI-tagged narrative nakashi art on khadi treated with tamarind seed paste) belongs to **Telangana**.

39. **Bharata Muni's Natyashastra** consists of *36* chapters and *6,000* poetic verses and is revered as the **Fifth Veda (Panchama Veda)** (NCERT).

40. **Rukmini Devi Arundale** founded the **Kalakshetra Foundation** in Chennai in *1936* to revive **Bharatanatyam**.

41. **Kathak** is the only Indian classical dance form associated with both **Hindu devotional Bhakti** and **Indo-Persian Mughal/ Awadh court traditions**.

42. **Pandit Birju Maharaj** belonged to the **Kalka-Bindadin Gharana of Lucknow** in Kathak.

43. In **Kathakali**, the green facial paint (**Pacha**) signifies noble and divine characters (like Rama, Krishna, and Arjuna), while black (**Kari**) signifies demonesses.

44. **Gotipua** is the traditional precursor of **Odissi**, in which young boys dress in female attire to perform acrobatic *Bandha Nritya* praising Jagannath and Krishna.

45. **Kalbelia** (serpentine folk dance of the snake-charmer community of Rajasthan) was inscribed on the **UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list in 2010**.

46. **Ghoomar** is danced originally by the Bhil tribe and Rajput women of **Rajasthan**, whereas **Ghumura** is an ancient martial folk dance of **Kalahandi, Odisha**.

47. **Yakshagana** belongs to **Karnataka**, **Therukoothu** to **Tamil Nadu**, **Koodiyattam** to **Kerala**, **Bhand Pather** to **Jammu & Kashmir**, and **Ankiya Naat / Bhaona** to **Assam**.

48. **Sarangadeva** wrote the 13th-century musicological encyclopedia **Sangita Ratnakara** at the Yadava court of Devagiri.

49. **Amir Khusrau** (*1253–1325* CE), styled *Tuti-e-Hind* (Parrot of India), is credited with pioneering **Qawwali, Tarana, Khayal**, and evolving the **Sitar and Tabla**.

50. **Mian Tansen** (original name **Ramtanu Pandey**), disciple of **Swami Haridas**, composed classic Dhrupad ragas like *Mian Ki Todi*, *Mian Ki Malhar*, and *Darbari Kanada*.

51. **Purandara Dasa** (*1484–1564* CE) of the Haridasa movement is revered as the **Pitamaha (Grandfather) of Carnatic Music** and structured the beginner *Mayamalavagowla* exercises.

52. **Venkatamakhin** formulated the **72 Melakarta Raga** classification in his 17th-century Sanskrit work **Chaturdandi Prakashika**.

53. The **11 Classical Languages of India** (as of October 2024) are **Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Odia, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali** (**PIB**).

54. **Sangam Literature** was patronized by the **Pandya Kings** at Madurai across three academies (*Sangams*), producing the grammar treatise **Tolkappiyam**, **Ettuthokai**, **Pattuppattu**, and the twin epics **Silappadikaram** (by Ilango Adigal) and **Manimekalai** (by Sattanar).

55. **Kalidasa** authored three great Sanskrit dramas (*Abhijnanashakuntalam*, *Vikramorvashiyam*, *Malavikagnimitram*), two *Mahakavyas* (*Raghuvamsham*, *Kumarasambhavam*), and two lyric poems (*Meghadutam*, *Ritusamhara*).

56. **Sudraka** authored the social Sanskrit play **Mrichchhakatika** (The Little Clay Cart), while **Visakhadatta** wrote the political play **Mudrarakshasa** on Chandragupta Maurya and Chanakya.

57. **Darjeeling Tea** (West Bengal) was the **first Indian product to receive a GI Tag** in 2004–05 under the GI Act, 1999 (**PIB**).

58. **Kalaripayattu** is the ancient martial art of **Kerala**, **Silambam** of **Tamil Nadu**, **Thang-Ta** of **Manipur**, **Gatka** of **Punjab**, and **Mardani Khel** of **Maharashtra**.

59. The **Hornbill Festival** ("Festival of Festivals") is celebrated annually from **December 1 to 10** at **Kisama Heritage Village in Nagaland** (**PIB**).

60. **Medaram Jatara** (*Sammakka Saralamma Jatara*), celebrated biennially by the **Koya tribe in Mulugu district, Telangana**, is India's largest tribal festival after the Kumbh Mela (**PIB**).

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