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Ques : Until when has the RBI deferred the LCR and project financing norms?
आरबीआई ने एलसीआर और परियोजना वित्तपोषण मानदंडों को कब तक के लिए स्थगित कर दिया है?

- a) March 31, 2024 / 31 मार्च, 2024
- b) December 31, 2025 / 31 दिसंबर, 2025
- c) March 31, 2026 / 31 मार्च, 2026
- d) April 1, 2025/ 1 अप्रैल, 2025
- e) No fixed timeline has been given / कोई निश्चित समयसीमा नहीं दी गई है

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- RBI Governor **Sanjay Malhotra** suspended the implementation of the proposed Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) and project financing requirements until March 31, 2026.
- These regulations were formerly planned to take effect on April 1, 2025.
- Banks would have needed to have more high-quality liquid assets (**HQLAs**) on hand to handle unexpected withdrawals under these standards.
- The guidelines included an additional 5% run-off component for retail savings accessed via internet and mobile banking.
- Banks would have been obliged to shift cash worth over ₹4 lakh crore from lending to purchase government securities.

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Ques : What does "CNP" stand for in the context of digital transactions?
डिजिटल लेनदेन के संदर्भ में "सीएनपी" का क्या अर्थ है?

- (a) Card Number Protection / कार्ड नंबर सुरक्षा
- (b) Contactless Network Processing / संपर्क रहित नेटवर्क प्रोसेसिंग
- (c) Card Not Present / कार्ड मौजूद नहीं है
- (d) Cashless Net Payment / कैशलेस नेट भुगतान
- (e) Cardholder Name Protection / कार्डधारक के नाम की सुरक्षा

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposes to use Additional Factor Authentication (**AFA**) for cross-border "**Card Not Present**" transactions.
- This ruling ensures that foreign digital transactions using Indian-issued cards follow the same security standards as domestic ones
- **AFA** reduces fraud in domestic online payments by demanding additional verification, such as OTP or biometric authentication.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) is introducing unique internet domains 'bank.in' and 'fin.in' for Indian financial institutions to improve digital banking trust and reduce fraud threats
- RBI has formed a nine-member Working Group to conduct a complete assessment of financial market trading and settlement schedules. The Working Group will be chaired by **Radha Shyam Ratho**, Executive Director of the RBI.
- The RBI has approved two voluntary amalgamations in the urban co-operative bank (**UCB**) space: The Citizen Co-operative Bank (Vasco-De-Gama, Goa) with TJSB Sahakari Bank (Thane, Maharashtra), and Pune Commercial Co-operative Bank (Satara, Maharashtra) with Pimpri Chinchwad Sahakari Bank (Pune, Maharashtra)
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has developed a Regulatory Sandbox (RS) to test the "**On Tap**" application for retail payments
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Tata Communications' intention to sell its full stake in Tata Communications Payment Solutions (TCPSP) to Transaction Solutions International (TSI), the Indian subsidiary of Findi, an Australian fintech business
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI), conducted a dollar-rupee buy/sell swap FX swap auction for USD 5.1 billion
- The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has granted **RMBS** (Residential Mortgage-Backed Securitisation) Development Company Limited (**RDCL**) a Certificate of Registration (**CoR**), a significant milestone for India's housing finance sector
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) plans to inject approximately Rs 1.5 lakh crore into the banking system gradually
- According to the Reserve Bank of India's Payments System Report, the United Payments Interface (UPI) would account for 83% of total payment volume by 2024, up from 34% in 2019.





Ques : Who has approved the voluntary amalgamation of two urban co-operative banks in Hyderabad, Telangana ?

हैदराबाद, तेलंगाना में दो शहरी सहकारी बैंकों के स्वैच्छिक एकीकरण को किसने मंजूरी दी है?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) / भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई)
- (b) State Bank of India (SBI) / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (एसबीआई)
- (c) NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) / एनपीसीआई इंटरनेशनल पेमेंट्स लिमिटेड (एनआईपीएल)
- (d) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) / भारतीय बीमा विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (IRDAI)
- (e) National Housing Bank (NHB) / राष्ट्रीय आवास बैंक (एनएचबी)

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The RBI has approved a voluntary merger of two urban co-operative banks in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The RBI approved the merger of Twin Cities Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd. with Kranti Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd. in Hyderabad.
- Another merger has been allowed between The Navinirman Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd. and Rajadhani Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd., both headquartered in Hyderabad.

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Ques : Under which ministry 'Swavalambini' initiative is started ?

'स्वावलंबिनी' पहल किस मंत्रालय के तहत शुरू की गई है?

- (a) Union Ministry of Home Affairs / केंद्रीय गृह मंत्रालय
- (b) Union Ministry of Education / केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्रालय
- (c) Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship / केंद्रीय कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय
- (d) Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment / केंद्रीय सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय
- (e) Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry / केंद्रीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- **'Swavalambini'**, a new initiative focused on women entrepreneurship launched by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (**MSDE**), **NITI Aayog** in Northeastern states of Assam, Meghalaya, and Mizoram
- It is equip women with essential business skills, mentorship, and financial support to help them start and sustain their own ventures.
- It is Implemented in Select Higher Education Institutions (**HEIs**).

Facilities provided Under the Initiative :

- **Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme** : A two-day session for 600 female students to introduce them to the basics of entrepreneurship
- **Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme** : A 40-hour training for 300 selected students
- **Mentorship Support** : Post-training, participants will receive six months of mentorship to help turn their ideas into successful businesses





Ques : What is the Rank of India in 2025 Henley Passport Index Published by Henley & Partners ?

हेनले एंड पार्टनर्स द्वारा प्रकाशित 2025 हेनले पासपोर्ट इंडेक्स में भारत का रैंक क्या है?

- (a) 75th
- (b) 78th
- (c) 80th
- (d) 82nd
- (e) 84th

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 2025 Henley Passport Index Published by Henley & Partners
- Singapore tops the list, with India ranking 80th, among Algeria, Equatorial Guinea, and Tajikistan.
- Indian passport holders can travel to 56 countries without a visa or with a visa on arrival.

Ranking of top 5 and last countries :

- 1 Singapore (193)
- 2 Japan, South Korea (190)
- 3 Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain (189)
- 4 Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden (188)
- 5 Greece, New Zealand, Switzerland (187)
- 99 Afghanistan (25)

Ranking of India and its neighbouring countries :

- 59th China
- 80th India
- 83rd Bhutan
- 91st Sri Lanka
- 93rd Bangladesh
- 94th Nepal
- 96th Pakistan





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **USGBC's LEED green building certification global rankings by 2024** : India (3rd), China (1st)
- **Full-year and December 2024 international passenger market performance data Published by International Air Transport Association (IATA)** : India (1st), United States of America (2nd)
- **2025 list of the world's 10 most powerful countries Published by Forbes** : India (12th), United States (1st)
- **Forbes "50 Over 50" Women Global list 2025 1st Edition Published by Forbes** : Quarraisha Abdool Karim (top)(South Africa), Urmila Asher (3rd) (India)
- **World's Billionaires List 2025 Published by Forbes** : Elon Musk (top), Mukesh Ambani (9th)
- **World University Rankings by Subject 2025 Published by Times Higher Education (THE)** : Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru, Karnataka (96th), University of Oxford (UK) (1st)
- **Global Firepower Index 2025 Published by Globalfirepower.com** : India (4th), US (top)
- **Global 500 2025 report 19th Edition Published by Brand Finance** : Apple (top), Tata Group (15th)
- **World Future Skills Index 2025 Published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)** : India (25th), USA (top)
- **HSBC Hurun Global Indians List 2024 Published by Hurun** : Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft (Top)
- **Annual India Fintech Report 2024 Published by Tracxn Technologies Limited** : India (3rd), United States of America (USA) (1st)
- **Henley Passport Index 2025 Published by Henley** : India (85th), Singapore (top)
- **ThreatLandscape Report 2024 Published by CloudSEK** : India (2nd), United States (top)
- **Global Aging Index Published by National University of Singapore (NUS) & Columbia University** : India (123rd), Switzerland (top)





Ques : Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated Asia's biggest 15th Aero India show in which city ?

केंद्रीय रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने किस शहर में एशिया के सबसे बड़े 15वें एयरो इंडिया शो का उद्घाटन किया है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Noida / नोएडा
- (e) Gurugram / गुरुग्राम

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh opened Asia's largest 15th Aero India event in Bengaluru.
- The five-day expo, themed "**Runway to a Billion Opportunities**," will highlight India's defense capabilities and indigenous inventions.
- Indian **MSMEs** and start-ups have the opportunity to form joint ventures or collaborations with global manufacturers, resulting in a resilient supply chain.
- The show includes indigenously developed light combat aircraft Tejas, light combat helicopter Prachand, advanced light helicopter, and C **295** transport aircraft produced in India.
- **ADA** demonstrated a newly developed prototype of an Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft with fifth-generation technologies.

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Ques : What is the name of India's first indigenous Automated Biomedical Waste Treatment Rig launched by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh?

केंद्रीय मंत्री डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए भारत के पहले स्वदेशी स्वचालित बायोमेडिकल अपशिष्ट उपचार रिग का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Aarogyam / आरोग्यम
- (b) Srjanam / सृजनम
- (c) SwachhMed / स्वच्छमेड
- (d) MedClean / मेडक्लीन
- (e) BioSecure / बायोसिक्योर

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister of State (**MoS**) (Independent Charge, IC) of the Ministry of Science and Technology (**MoS&T**), inaugurated India's first Indigenous Automated Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Plant (BMWTP) called "Srjanam" at All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi.
- Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (**CSIR**) -National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (**NIIST**), situated in Thiruvananthapuram, developed it.
- With a daily capacity of 400 kg, it can initially treat 10 kg of biodegradable medical waste each day.

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**Recent News Headlines Related to First in India
and world :**

- The PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School in **Namchi, Sikkim**, has become the first Green-Rated school in the Northeast for 2025
- Scientists successfully developed the first kangaroo embryos through in vitro fertilization (**IVF**), potentially preserving the species from extinction
- Panama's President, Jose Raul Mulino Quintero, announced the country's withdrawal from China's Belt and Road Initiative (**BRI**), becoming the first Latin American nation to do so
- The United Kingdom has become the first country to pass legislation prohibiting the use of artificial intelligence techniques to generate sexually explicit photographs of youngsters
- The Central Zoo Authority (**CZA**), Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (**MoEFCC**), has authorized a proposal to establish India's first white tiger breeding center in the Govindgarh area of Rewadistrict in Madhya Pradesh (MP)
- Maharashtra will create the country's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) university, with a task force formed to plan and implement the project
- The 32.78-hectare Guneri village in Lakhtar tehsil of Kutch district, which is a natural inland mangrove region, has been awarded Gujarat's first Biodiversity Heritage region
- The World Health Organization recognizes Niger as the first African country to eliminate onchocerciasis (river blindness)
- Indian Air Force Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla will be the first Indian astronaut to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) on a private mission
- Tata Steel has become the first Indian company to manufacture hydrogen transportation pipes, helping India achieve its sustainable energy aspirations
- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has launched India's first fully integrated disaster warning system, **KaWaCHaM** (Kerala Warnings, Crisis and Hazard Management System).
- The Uttarakhand cabinet has cleared the norms and regulations for the Uniform Civil Code (**UCC**), which would be implemented within the next 10 days. first state to adopt UCC since independence.
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, India's Science and Technology Minister, dedicated India's first-ever CSIR Innovation Complex in Mumbai via virtual mode.
- Google-backed Indian space start-up company Pixxel has become the first Indian private company to launch its commercial satellite constellation named Firefly on board a **Space X** rocket.





Ques : The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed defence contracts of how much to enhance the Indian Army's firepower ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय (MoD) ने भारतीय सेना की मारक क्षमता को बढ़ाने के लिए कितने के रक्षा अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) Rs 10,147 crore
- (b) Rs 11,110 crore
- (c) Rs 10,120 crore
- (d) Rs 12,145 crore
- (e) Rs 13,140 crore

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The **MoD** secured defence contracts worth Rs 10,147 crore to strengthen the Indian Army's firepower.
- Economic Explosive Limited (**EEL**), Munitions India Limited (**MIL**), and Bharat Electronics Limited (**BEL**) were granted contracts through this effort.
- Economic Explosive Limited (**EEL**) has obtained a contract for **ADM Type-1** rockets.
- Munitions India Limited (**MIL**) received a contract for **HEPF Mk-1** (Enhanced) rockets.
- Bharat Electronics Limited (**BEL**) will enhance the **SHAKTI** Software for improved performance.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS) ships, **INS Sujata**, **INS Shardul**, and **ICGS Veera**, have landed at Changi Naval Base in Singapore for Long-Range Training Deployment to Southeast Asia
- The Indian Army renamed Kolkata's Fort **William**, the headquarters of its Eastern Command, Vijay Durg as part of the Central Government's anti-colonial activities
- **Sunita Williams**, an Indian-origin astronaut, has broken Peggy Whitson's record for the longest female spacewalk
- Group Captain **Shubhanshu Shukla**, an Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) astronaut and fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF), has been named the pilot for Axiom Mission 4 (**Ax-4**), a private trip to the International Space Station (ISS)
- Purchased 31 MQ-9B Predator drones from General Atomics (USA) for USD 3.99 billion, and developed two nuclear-powered assault submarines (SSNs) in-house
- The Cabinet Committee on Security (**CCS**), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the procurement of nearly Rs 10,000 crore in ammunition for the Indian Army's Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher Systems (**MBRLs**)
- Chennai-based Garuda Aerospace, a drone manufacturer, has announced an investment of Rs.100 crore for the development of Andhra Pradesh as India's first '**Drone City**'. Agnishwar Jayaprakash is Founder & CEO of Garuda Aerospace
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched '**SANJAY** - The Battlefield Surveillance System (**BSS**)' from South Block in New Delhi.
- M/s L&T Shipyard's second Multi-Purpose Vessel (**MPV**) for the Indian Navy was launched at its Kattupalli, Chennai, facility. The vessel, named 'Utkarsh'.
- The indigenously built micro missile system Bhargavastra was successfully tested at the Gopalpur Seaward firing range in Odisha.
- The Ministry of Defence (**MoD**) has inked a Rs. 2,960 crore contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) to provide Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (MRSAM) to the Indian Navy.
- On Indian Army Day, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated three frontline naval combatants to the nation: INS Surat, INS Nilgiri, and INS Vaghsheer, which were commissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- India successfully evaluated its indigenously built third-generation Anti-Tank Fire-and-Forget Guided Missile (Nag **Mk 2**) at Rajasthan's Pokhran Field Firing Range.



Ques : The Indian Army launched the 51-day Pir Panjal Winter Festival in which state ?

भारतीय सेना ने किस राज्य में 51 दिवसीय पीर पंजाल शीतकालीन महोत्सव शुरू किया?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
- (c) Nagaland / नागालैंड
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Indian Army has inaugurated the 51-day **Pir Panjal** Winter Festival in the border district of Poonch.
- The event, which will end on March 31, focuses on the army's commitment to young development, cultural preservation, and attempts to tackle concerns such as drug usage.
- The event will include a U-25 men's cricket tournament, volleyball competitions for men under 25 and women under 21, an open kho-kho competition for females, Gujarati and Pahari folk dances, and a dance talent hunt.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- **38th edition of the Surajkund International Crafts Mela** : in Faridabad
- **world's largest Jhumur dance, also known as Jhumoir** : Assam
- **Nagoba Jatara** : second biggest festival in Telangana Held at Keslapur village, Indravelli mandal
- **10th Sci-Fi Science Film Festival of India** : Panaji in Goa
- **seven-day "International Saraswati Mahotsav 2025"** : "Adi Badri" in Haryana's Yamunagar district
- **New Delhi World Book Fair 2025** : Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan
- **Pangsau Pass International Festival (PPIF) 2025** : Nampong, Arunachal Pradesh on 3rd week of January
- **18th edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival** : Jaipur
- **Flamingo Festival 2025** : Andhra Pradesh
- **Avaniyapuram Jallikattu Festival** : Avaniyapuram village, near the Sri Bathrakaliamman Temple, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. 1,100 bulls and 900 bull-tamers participate.
- **Thalai Pongal** : the first day of the Tamil month, is a significant harvest festival
- **Gaan Ngai celebration** : Kabui/Rongmei Naga group in Manipur
- **Elephant and Tourism Festival 18th Edition** : Held at Baghmara Intermediate Community Forest near the renowned Chitwan National Park, Sauraha, Chitwan, Nepal
- **Kagyad Dance event** : Sikkim at Gangtok's Tsuklakhang Palace
- **Ladakhi Losar** : Celebrated in Ladakh to mark the New Year according to the Tibetan calendar
- **Viraasat Sari Festival 2024** : 3rd Edition Hosted by Ministry of Textiles at Handloom Haat, Janpath, New Delhi
- **Eaglenest Bird Festival** : Arunachal Pradesh in Kellong and Thongre village, West Kameng District
- **International Gita Mahotsav** : Kurukshetra, Haryana
- **Asthalakshmi Mahotsav** : New Delhi, It will focus on India's eight north-eastern states
- **Cherry Blossom Festival** : Shillong, Meghalaya





Ques : Which two companies have signed an MoU to advance carbon capture and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in India?

भारत में कार्बन कैप्चर और टिकाऊ विमानन ईंधन (SAF) को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए किन दो कंपनियों ने एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Tata Power & Reliance Industries / टाटा पावर और रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज
- (b) Larsen & Toubro & BPCL / लार्सन एंड टुब्रो और बीपीसीएल
- (c) ONGC & Indian Oil / ओएनजीसी और इंडियन ऑयल
- (d) Adani Group & NTPC / अदानी समूह और एनटीपीसी
- (e) Honeywell & AM Green / हनीवेल और एएम ग्रीन

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- **Honeywell** and **AM Green** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop carbon capture and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in India.
- This comes as India intends to attain a 1% SAF blend in jet fuel for international flights by 2027, increasing to 2% by 2028, representing a substantial step towards decreasing the country's aviation emissions.
- This target is part of India's larger goal of reaching net zero by 2070.
- The **MoU** seeks effective solutions to decarbonize the aviation and maritime industries, and it will help India establish itself as a global leader in alternative fuel production.
- The partnership aims to evaluate the techno-economic feasibility of creating sustainable aviation fuel (**SAF**) from ethanol, green methanol from CO₂ emission sources, and green hydrogen.



Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- **Amazon & CleanMax** Partner to develop a 100 MW renewable energy project in India, which is Expected to be functional by Q2 2026. Expected Electricity Generation 355 million kWh annually
- During the Cities in Action Forum 2025, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) signed a MOU with Expo City Dubai to promote international urban cooperation
- Indian Army's 4 Corps (Tezpur, Assam) & IIT Guwahati Collaborate and Signed by **Maj. Gen. Rohin Bawa** (GOC, Red Horns Division) and **Prof. Devendra Jalihal** (Director, IIT Guwahati) to enhance sustainability, reduce weight, and improve deployability in high-altitude regions like Arunachal Pradesh
- The Madhya Pradesh government has developed a strategic collaboration with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (**AIIMS**) in Delhi to seek frequent help
- Technology Hub (**T-Hub**) & Indo-Turkiye Friendship Association (ITFA) sign MOU to strengthen collaboration between the innovation ecosystems of both countries, as they emerge as global leaders in economy and technology
- Air India and Kenya Airways Limited signed a Codeshare agreement to expand its network and offer more travel options for passengers.
- Government of Tripura and Digital India Bhashini Division (**DIBD**) of MeitY signed an MOU to increase the usage of the rich regional languages of Tripura and to facilitate citizen's digital participation by using these languages in governance
- **Thomas Cook** (India), an omnichannel travel organization, has partnered with the national government to provide housing, food, and transportation services for the National Games of India 2025, which will be hosted in Uttarakhand
- **KPI Green Energy** Limited has inked an agreement with Coal India Limited to create a 300 MW AC grid-connected solar PV facility in Gujarat's Khavda district. The Rs.1,311.40 crore project will be installed in **GIPCL's** Solar Park and include 5 years of operation and maintenance services
- **Elon Musk's** social networking platform X is cooperating with Visa to launch a real-time payment system, a step toward transforming the platform into a "**everything app.**" Visa was named as the first partner for the platform's planned "X Money Account" service



Ques : Which former Sri Lankan cricketer retired from international cricket after playing his 100th Test against Australia?

किस पूर्व श्रीलंकाई क्रिकेटर ने ऑस्ट्रेलिया के खिलाफ अपना 100वां टेस्ट खेलने के बाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास ले लिया?

- (a) Angelo Mathews / एंजेलो मैथ्यूज
- (b) Dimuth Karunaratne / दिमुथ करुणारत्ने
- (c) Dinesh Chandimal / दिनेश चंडीमल
- (d) Mahela Jayawardene / महेला जयवर्धने
- (e) Kumar Sangakkara / कुमार संगकारा

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Dimuth Karunaratne**, former Sri Lankan captain and experienced opener, retired from international cricket after his 100th Test against Australia in Galle.
- The 36-year-old struck 36 and 14 in his final match, which Australia won by nine wickets and swept the two-match series.
- **Karunaratne** retires as one of Sri Lanka's most accomplished Test openers, scoring 7,222 runs and 16 hundreds.

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Recently Retired Players :

- **Marcelo (Brazil)** : retirement from football
- **Marcus Stoinis** : End his ODI career
- **Simona Halep (Romanian)** : retired from tennis
- **Tamim Iqbal (Bangladesh)** : Retirement from international cricket
- **Varun Aaron (India)** : Retirement from all kinds of cricket
- **Martin Gupthill (New Zealand)** : Retirement from international cricket
- **Rishi Dhawan** : Retirement from Indian limited overs cricket
- **Ravichandran Ashwin (Indian)** : International cricket
- **Imad Wasim (Pakistan)** : International cricket
- **Siddarth Kaul (Indian)** : cricket
- **Emma McKeon (Australia)**: professional swimming
- **Rafael Nadal (Spain)** : professional tennis
- **Tim Southee (New Zealand)** : international cricket
- **Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan)** : Retire from ODI Cricket
- **Wriddhiman Saha (India)** : retired from all cricket formats
- **Rani Rampal** : Retirement from Hockey
- **Wicketkeeper-Batter Matthew Wade** : Retires from International Cricket
- **Andres Iniesta (Spain)** : Retirement from professional football

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Ques : What is the primary purpose of assigning an HS code for GI-recognized rice?
जीआई-मान्यता प्राप्त चावल के लिए एचएस कोड निर्दिष्ट करने का प्राथमिक उद्देश्य क्या है?

- a) To impose export restrictions on rice / चावल पर निर्यात प्रतिबंध लगाना
- b) To facilitate proper classification and tracking of exports / निर्यात के उचित वर्गीकरण और ट्रैकिंग की सुविधा प्रदान करना
- c) To increase import duties on rice / चावल पर आयात शुल्क बढ़ाना
- d) To limit domestic rice consumption / घरेलू चावल की खपत को सीमित करना
- e) To encourage illegal rice trading / अवैध चावल व्यापार को प्रोत्साहित करना

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Nirmala Sitharaman**, India's Finance Minister, has proposed a change to the Customs Tariff Act that would include an **HS** (Harmonised System) code for the export of geographical indication (GI)-recognised rice.
- For the first time in the world, an HS code has been introduced for GI-recognized rice.
- On February 1, the change was included in the budget proposals for the fiscal year 2025-26 under HS Codes 1006-30-11 (parboiled) and 1006-30-91 (white).
- The Indian Patent Office has granted a GI designation to 20 rice types. The rice varieties with GI tags are **Navara, Palakkadan Matta, Pokkali, Wayanad Jeerakasala, Wayanad Gandhakasala, Kalanamak, Kaipad, Ajara Ghansal, Ambemohar, Joha, Gobindobog, Tulapanji, Katarni, and Chokuwa**. These types received the GI marking before March 2020.

About HS :

- The World Customs Organization (**WCO**) established HS, a global product classification system. HS assigns particular six-digit codes to different classifications and commodities.
- Countries might add lengthier codes to the first six digits for additional classification.
- HS follows the rules of "**The International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System**".
- The HS Committee, comprised of member countries, administers the HS classification system and modifies it every 5 - 6 years.





Ques : Indian Students Win Bronze at Global Best M-Gov Award 2025 in which country ?

भारतीय छात्रों ने किस देश में ग्लोबल बेस्ट एम-गॉव अवार्ड 2025 में कांस्य पदक जीता?

- (a) Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
- (b) Sweden / स्वीडन
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Dubai / दुबई

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Three New Delhi-based Indian computer science students earned the Bronze Award at the Global Best M-Gov Award 2025 at the World Government Summit (WGS) in Dubai.
- **Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Vice President of the United Arab Emirates, gave the award, along with a \$10,000 cash prize, on the summit's opening day.
- The winning team consisted of Sagar Teotia (team leader), **Abhinav Mishra**, and **Anushka Singh**, all fourth-semester computer science students at the Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology in Delhi.
- They were honored for their application AccessWay, an AI-powered platform that combines augmented reality (AR), artificial intelligence, and crowdsourced data to provide accessible navigation, social connections, and emergency solutions to people with impairments.
- The UAE government presents the coveted M-Gov Award and GovTech Award each year as part of the World Government Summit. With submissions from 74 nations, over 3,500 entries, and 60 shortlisted finalists, the awards acknowledged six winners for their pioneering achievements.





Ques : Who won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 for Dogri language?
डोगरी भाषा के लिए साहित्य अकादमी पुरस्कार 2024 किसने जीता?

- (a) Padma Sachdev / पद्मा सचदेव
- (b) Chaman Arora / चमन अरोड़ा
- (c) Ved Rahi / वेद राही
- (d) Shiv Mehta / शिव मेहता
- (e) Narsingh Dev Jamwal / नरसिंह देव जम्वाल

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Winner Late **Chaman Arora** honored with **Sahitya Akademi Award** 2024 in the Dogri language for His short story book 'Ik Hor **Ashwthama**' (Short Stories).
- It is awarded by Madhav Kaushik, president of Sahitya Akademi.
- **Prize** : A casket containing an engraved copper plaque, a shawl, and a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh
- The winners of the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2024 include 8 books of Poetry, 3 Novels, 2 short stories, 3 Essays, 3 Literary Criticism, 1 Play and 1 Research

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **NETPAC Award at the 2025 International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) :** Bad Girl, filmmaker Varsha Bharath's maiden feature film
- **'CA in Public Service' award by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) :** Deepak Kumar Kedia
- **The University of Sussex has conferred an honorary doctorate :** Noel Tata
- **First Grammy Award in the 'Best New Age Album, Ambient or Chant Album category' :** Chandrika Tandon
- **BCCI's Lifetime Achievement Award :** Sachin Tendulkar
- **Maharaja Hari Singh Award :** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha
- **Nomination for a Japan Academy Film Prize :** Kiran Rao's directorial feature Laapataa Ladies
- **Best tableau award at the Republic Day Parade :** Uttar Pradesh's tableau, based on the theme 'Mahakumbh 2025 - Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas'
- **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award from India :** Christine Carla Kangaloo, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- **Nominated for 'Best Live-Action Short Film' at the 97th Academy Awards 2025 :** Indian short film 'Anuja'
- **Indian Banks Association (IBA) Banking Technology Awards in seven categories :** City Union Bank (CUB)
- **Australian Cricket Hall of Fame :** Former Australian cricket captain Michael Clarke
- **Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2025 under Institutional Category :** Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)
- **Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025 :** Prof. Urbasi Sinha

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Ques : On which date is the International Day of Women and Girls in Science celebrated annually?

विज्ञान में महिलाओं और लड़कियों का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 10 February
- (b) 11 February
- (c) 12 February
- (d) 13 February
- (e) 14 February

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Every year on February 11, the International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed.
- The United Nations recognizes this day to encourage women's full and equal engagement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics **(STEM)**.
- On March 14, 2011, during its 55th session, the Commission on the Status of Women approved a report that included agreed-upon conclusions on women's and girls' participation in education, training, and science and technology.
- The International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGS), which takes place every year on February 11th, will celebrate its tenth anniversary in 2025.

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Important days :

- **24 January** : International Day of Education 2025 (Theme 2025 AI and Education: Preserving Human Agency in a World of Automation)
- **24 January** : National Girl Child Day (Theme 2025: Empowering Girls for a Bright Future)
- **25 January** : National Voters' Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure)
- **25 January** : National Tourism Day (Theme 2025: Tourism for Inclusive Growth)
- **26 January** : 76th Republic Day 2025 (Theme 2025 "Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas" (Golden India: Heritage and Development))
- **26 January** : International Customs Day (Theme 2025: Customs Delivers on its Commitment to Efficiency, Security, and Prosperity)
- **26 January** : International Day of Clean Energy 2025 (Theme 2025 Climate Change: The Need for a Global Energy Transition)
- **26 January (last Sunday of January) : World Leprosy Day (Theme 2025: Unite. Act. Eliminate)**
- **27 January** : International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (Theme 2025 Holocaust remembrance and education for dignity and human rights)
- **27 January** : National Geographic Day 2025
- **29 January** : Indian Newspaper Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Role of Print Media in the Digital Age)
- **30 January** : Martyrs' Day, also known as Shaheed Diwas
- **30 January** : World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day (Theme 2025: Unite. Act. Eliminate)
- **1 February** : Indian Coast Guard Day
- **2 February** : World Wetlands Day (Theme 2025: Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future)
- **4 February** : International Day of Human Fraternity (Theme 2025: Human fraternity for global peace and coexistence)
- **4 February** : World Cancer Day (Theme 2024: United by Unique)
- **6 February** : The International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation
- **1 – 7 February** : World Interfaith Harmony Week (Theme 2025: Uniting for Peace)
- **2 – 8 February (First full week of February) : International Development Week 2025 (Theme 2025 Cooperation for a Sustainable Future: Celebrating 35 Years of IDW)**
- **10 February** : International Day of the Arabian Leopard





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Nawaf Salam Appointed as 53rd Prime Minister of Lebanon. He is appointed by President Joseph Aoun and Replaced Najib Mikati.

The Indian squad gave **Varun Chakravarthy** his first ODI cap in the second game of the three-match series. Varun, 33 years and 164 days old, became India's second-oldest ODI debutant, trailing only legendary wicketkeeper Farokh Engineer, who made his debut in 1974 at 36 years and 138 days.

Bikashita Gaon Bikashita Odisha Launched by Odisha chief minister **Mohan Charan Majhi** For rural infrastructure development projects in the state with an Outlay of Rs.5,000 crore budget for five years.

US President Donald Trump has officially renamed the Gulf of Mexico as the “**Gulf of America**” and designated February 9 as “**Gulf of America Day**” through an executive order.

Meghalaya will host the 39th National Games in February/March 2027. Meghalaya, the host state for the next edition, will be presented with the IOA flag at the 38th Games' closing ceremony in Uttarakhand.

The National Statistics Office (**NSO**), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India, has organized events at the national and state levels to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the National Sample Surveys (**NSS**).

India's most accomplished player Pankaj Advani secured his 36th overall national title and 10th men's snooker crown at the Yashwant Club in Madhya Pradesh.

The Fraunhofer Institute for Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology (IGB), IIT Ropar, and Birla Institute of Technology and Science (**BITS**) Pilani have signed a MoU to enhance best practices for optimizing the water-energy-food nexus and promoting a sustainable and climate-neutral economy.





महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

नवाफ सलाम लेबनान के 53वें प्रधानमंत्री नियुक्त किये गये। उन्हें राष्ट्रपति जोसेफ औन द्वारा नियुक्त किया गया है और उनकी जगह नजीब मिकाती ने ली है।

भारतीय टीम ने तीन मैचों की श्रृंखला के दूसरे गेम में वरुण चक्रवर्ती को उनकी पहली वनडे कैप दी। 33 साल और 164 दिन के वरुण, भारत के दूसरे सबसे उम्रदराज वनडे डेब्यूटेंट बन गए, उन्होंने केवल महान विकेटकीपर फारुख इंजीनियर को पीछे छोड़ दिया, जिन्होंने 1974 में 36 साल और 138 दिन की उम्र में डेब्यू किया था।

बिकाशिता गांव बिकाशिता ओडिशा, ओडिशा के मुख्यमंत्री मोहन चरण माझी द्वारा राज्य में ग्रामीण बुनियादी ढांचा विकास परियोजनाओं के लिए पांच वर्षों के लिए 5,000 करोड़ रुपये के बजट के साथ लॉन्च किया गया।

अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प ने आधिकारिक तौर पर मैक्सिको की खाड़ी का नाम बदलकर "अमेरिका की खाड़ी" कर दिया है और एक कार्यकारी आदेश के माध्यम से 9 फरवरी को "अमेरिका की खाड़ी दिवस" के रूप में नामित किया है।

मेघालय फरवरी/मार्च 2027 में 39वें राष्ट्रीय खेलों की मेजबानी करेगा। अगले संस्करण के लिए मेजबान राज्य मेघालय को उत्तराखंड में 38वें खेलों के समापन समारोह में आईओए ध्वज प्रदान किया जाएगा।

राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय (NSO), सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय (MoSPI), भारत सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय नमूना सर्वेक्षण (NSS) की 75वीं वर्षगांठ मनाने के लिए राष्ट्रीय और राज्य स्तर पर कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए हैं।

भारत के सबसे निपुण खिलाड़ी पंकज आडवाणी ने मध्य प्रदेश के यशवंत क्लब में अपना 36वां समग्र राष्ट्रीय खिताब और 10वां पुरुष स्नूकर खिताब हासिल किया।

फ्रौनहोफर इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर इंटरफेशियल इंजीनियरिंग एंड बायोटेक्नोलॉजी (आईजीबी), आईआईटी रोपड़ और बिड़ला इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी एंड साइंस (बीआईटीएस) पिलानी ने जल-ऊर्जा-खाद्य संबंधों को अनुकूलित करने और एक टिकाऊ और जलवायु-तटस्थ अर्थव्यवस्था को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सर्वोत्तम प्रथाओं को बढ़ाने के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

