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Ques : What does CKYC stand for in the context of Decentro's latest solution?

- (a) Central Know Your Compliance
- (b) Common Know Your Credit
- (c) Central Know Your Customer
- (d) Customer Knowledge & Compliance
- (e) Certified Know Your Credentials

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Decentro, a leading fintech infrastructure platform, has introduced India's first completely compliant, self-hosted CKYC (Central Know Your Customer) solution, allowing financial institutions to adapt smoothly to the new CERSAI compliance framework.
- This invention reduces third-party dependencies, allowing banks, NBFCs, and insurers to onboard consumers more quickly while maintaining regulatory compliance.
- Furthermore, the Union Budget 2025 focuses on AI-driven KYC changes, emphasizing the importance of a safe, transparent, and centralized CKYC system.
- The changing **CKYC** market poses problems such as compliance risks, operational disruptions, and considerable time and cost implications for institutions that lack the requisite infrastructure.
- **Rohit Taneja** is the co-founder and CEO of Decentro.

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Ques : Which bank gets board approval to raise up to Rs 8,500 crore equity ?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Karnataka Bank
- (c) Bank of baroda
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The board of public sector lender Bank of Baroda has approved the bank's intention to issue up to Rs 8,500 crore in common equity shares to promote business expansion and comply with regulatory requirements.
- The Mumbai-based lender would use multiple modalities, including Qualified Institutional Placement (**QIP**), in appropriate tranches till March 2028 and beyond, as needed.
- The bank's capital adequacy was 15.96 percent, with Common Equity **Tier-I (CET-I)** at 12.38 percent as of December 31, 2024. During fiscal year 21, BoB raised Rs 4,500 crore using a QIP.

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Ques : What type of investment products has Union Mutual Fund recently launched?

- (a) Real estate mutual funds
- (b) Union Gold ETF and Union Gold ETF Fund of Fund
- (c) Cryptocurrency exchange-traded funds
- (d) Green energy investment funds
- (e) Union Silver ETF and Union Silver ETF Fund of Fund

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- According to the business, Union Mutual Fund has launched two new funds that will invest in gold "at a time when investors are looking for diversified solutions".
- Union Gold **ETF** and Union Gold **ETF** Fund of Fund subscriptions are now open and will continue till February 24, with a minimum investment of Rs 1,000.
- Gold is important for portfolio diversification because of its low connection with other asset classes and potential as an inflation hedge. Central banks around the world are big buyers of gold, which drives up demand and prices.
- The schemes provide significant benefits, including low-cost exposure to gold without the need for charges or storage.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Beacon Launches India Bill Pay for NRIs to pay bills directly in India using Canadian dollars from their Beacon Money account. Beacon becomes the 1st North American company to integrate with Bharat Connect
- South Indian Bank Launches Two Specialized Startup Current Account Products to Support India's Startup Ecosystem. They are SIB Business Startup Current Account and SIB Corporate Startup Current Account Launched by South Indian Bank (SIB).
- HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, has announced the 8th edition of its Parivartan Start-Up Grants initiative, with a total investment of up to Rs.20 crore
- L & T Finance Limited (**LTF**) has launched Knowledgeable AI (KAI), an AI-powered virtual home loan advisor aimed to simplify and personalize the home loan process, which is available on their newly updated corporate website
- Canara Crest Launched by Canara Bank in two Categories. They are CREST and CREST PLUS
- SBI Patrons Launched by State Bank of India (SBI) as Term Deposit (**TD**) Scheme for Super Senior Citizens (residents aged 80 years or above). Interest rates are From 4.10% to 7.60%
- Shriram General Insurance (SGIC) has launched its first indemnity health insurance plan, Shri Health Suraksha Insurance, which aims to provide complete coverage at an affordable price
- Receive Money QR Widget Launched by Paytm for Enabling instant payment collection directly from a smartphone's home screen
- CRED has become the first fintech startup to introduce a beta version of its e-rupee wallet, which allows for transactions using India's central bank digital currency (CBDC)
- **MobiKwik**, one of India's leading digital wallet providers, has unveiled a fully operational version of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) e-rupee wallet in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India and Yes Bank
- **HSBC** TravelOne Credit Card Launched by HSBC India. It is Powered by Mastercard
- Frictionless Finance Accelerator Programme Launched by YES Bank Limited, Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) & S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research (**SPJIMR**)
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) is the first Indian bank to use Clari5's National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (**NCRP**) Integration Solution, advancing fraud prevention and complaint handling.



Ques : Which Indian family holds the top position in Bloomberg's Top 20 Richest Families in Asia?

- (a) Birla family
- (b) Tata family
- (c) Adani family
- (d) Ambani family
- (e) Mittal family

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Asia's 20 richest families Published by Bloomberg
- Six Indian families made it to Bloomberg's Top 20 Richest Families in Asia, indicating their strong presence in the region's wealth rankings.
- The Ambani family tops the list with \$90.5 billion, followed by Thailand's Chearavanont family with \$42.6 billion.

Ranking of top 5 in the Asia's 20 richest families :

1. Ambani (India) 90.5bn
2. Chearavanont (Thailand) 42.6bn
3. Hartono (Indonesia) 42.2bn
4. Mistry (India) 37.5bn
5. Kwok (Hong Kong) 35.6bn

Ranking of top 6 Indian families :

- 1 Ambani 90.5bn
- 4 Mistry 37.5bn
- 7 Jindal 28.1bn
- 9 Birla 23.0bn
- 13 Bajaj 20.1bn
- 18 Hinduja 15.2bn





Ques : Who launched the Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign for the elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis in India?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- (e) Narendra Modi

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Mass Drug Administration (**MDA**) campaign for the elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis Launched by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda
- Area covered is 111 districts of 13 states where the Lymphatic Filariasis disease is endemic
- 13 states are Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal
- Its target is to eliminate the incidence of Lymphatic Filariasis disease in the country by 2027
- The Government of India is a signatory to the 1997 World Health Assembly Resolution for Global Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis

About Mass Drug Administration (MDA) :

- **Launched :** 2004
- **Administered by :** National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control
- **Aim :** to prevent the transmission of the disease.
- The MDA program involves trained health workers going door-to-door to administer recommended oral medicine in endemic regions.



News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The agriculture ministry has revised guidelines for the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), increasing the procurement limit of crops to 25% from 20%
- **'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
- **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, Union Minister of Rural Development, has launched a national-level mass outreach campaign called "Watershed Yatra" in Hybrid mode to encourage people to participate and raise awareness about the Watershed Development activities
- At the '**Energize India: Catalyzing Growth Through Startup Innovation** conference', Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) revealed the winners of two startup contests, 'Avinya'25' and 'Vasudha'.
- The Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has teamed with Open Network for Digital Commerce to launch MSME Trade Enablement And Marketing (**TEAM**) with an INR 277.35 Cr budget.
- The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (**MoA&FW**) has launched the first edible oil consumption survey on the "My Gov" site to examine consumption patterns in India.
- Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** has inaugurated the registration page for the third edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam, a 10-day festival taking place in Varanasi.
- **Piyush Goyal**, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, has launched the National Turmeric Board at **Vanijya Bhawan** in New Delhi, which will benefit cultivators in 20 states.

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Ques : The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced prize money for the 2025 Champions Trophy, starting on February 19 in Pakistan. How much prize money will the winning team receive in the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy?

- (a) 1.04 million USD
- (b) 2.24 million USD
- (c) 2.52 million USD
- (d) 3.20 million USD
- (e) 2.70 million USD

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The International Cricket Council (**ICC**) has announced the prize money for the 2025 Champions Trophy, which begins on February 19 in Pakistan.
- The overall prize fund for this event has been increased by an amazing 53% over the 2017 edition, to US 4.5 million dollars.
- The champions will receive \$2.24 million, and the runners-up will receive \$1.12 million. Losing semi-finalists will receive \$560,000 apiece.
- Every group match win is worth more than US \$34,000, while teams placing fifth or sixth will get \$350,000. The seventh and eighth-place teams will receive 140,000 US dollars. All eight teams are guaranteed 125,000 US dollars for competing.
- This marks the first ICC event in Pakistan since 1996. The event will last 19 days, with 15 matches being contested in Pakistan and the UAE.
- **The eight teams are separated into two groups:** Group A contains Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and New Zealand, and Group B includes Afghanistan, England, Australia, and South Africa.





Ques : Who has been appointed as the captain of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) for the upcoming IPL season?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Faf du Plessis
- (c) Glenn Maxwell
- (d) Rajat Patidar
- (e) Dinesh Karthik

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **Rajat Patidar**, a 31-year-old middle-order batsman, has been named the captain of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (**RCB**) for the next Indian Premier League season.
- After releasing Faf du Plessis, who had captained the side in previous seasons, the Bengaluru franchise was without a captaincy contender for the 2025 season.
- Patidar, who led Madhya Pradesh to the **Syed Mushtaq Ali** Trophy final earlier this season, would be the eighth player to captain RCB.
- Patidar made his IPL debut in 2021 and has been with the franchise ever then. He has played 27 games for RCB, scoring 799 runs at a strike rate of 158.85, and is equally adept at dominating pace and spin.
- He was one of three RCB retainers ahead of the mega auction, along with **Virat Kohli** and **Yash Dayal**. He was retained for INR 11 crore.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- India won the most medals at the 2025 **Para Archery Asia Cup** in Thailand, with six golds, three silvers, and three bronze
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has released the official song for the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025, titled "Jeeto Baazi Khel Ke" and performed by Atif Aslam
- **Kyrrian Jacquet** of France won the 2025 Chennai Open Tennis Men's Singles title, defeating Elias Ymer of Sweden in the final
- 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
- 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
- **Jil Teichmann** of Switzerland defeated Mananchaya Sawangkaew of Thailand to win the singles championship in the 2025 Mumbai Open tennis competition
- Ahead of the third One-Day International against England at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Indian team members, including former captain Virat Kohli, asked fans to support the 'Donate Organs, Save Lives' initiative and promise to donate organs
- The International Football Federation (**FIFA**) has suspended the Pakistan Football Federation (**PFF**) for failing to alter its constitution in order to ensure the smooth and equitable governance of the sport in the country. This is the third suspension the Pakistan Football Federation has issued since 2017

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Ques : Which country's Shenzhou-19 crew successfully conducted the first in-orbit demonstration of artificial photosynthesis technology?

- (a) United States
- (b) China
- (c) India
- (d) South Korea
- (e) Germany

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- China's **Shenzhou-19** crew successfully demonstrated "**artificial photosynthesis**" technology in orbit, advancing space exploration.
- This breakthrough enables the production of oxygen and rocket fuel in space, enhancing future missions such as a planned crewed moon landing in 2030.
- The technique developed by the Shenzhou-19 crew utilises semiconductor catalysts to convert carbon dioxide and water into oxygen and hydrocarbon fuels.
- The crew conducted 12 trials with a drawer-shaped gadget.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- China's **Shenzhou-19** crew successfully demonstrated "artificial photosynthesis" technology in orbit, advancing space exploration
- **Hindustan Jet** Trainer **HJT-36**, the flagship training aircraft of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), has been renamed 'Yashas' following major upgrades to improve departure characteristics
- 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**"
- The MoD secured defence contracts worth Rs 10,147 crore to strengthen the Indian Army's firepower
- 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.



Ques : Who has been appointed as the CEO of Navi Technologies?

- (a) Abhishek Dwivedi
- (b) Rajiv Naresh
- (c) Sachin Bansal
- (d) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- (e) Deepak Shenoy

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Navi Group, a major technology-driven financial services provider, has named **Rajiv Naresh** and **Abhishek Dwivedi** as CEOs of Navi Technologies and Navi Finserv, respectively.
- **Sachin Bansal**, the co-founder and outgoing CEO of both companies, will serve as the Navi Group's executive chairman.
- **Bansal** will be responsible for the group's overall strategic vision, expansion activities, funding, mergers and acquisitions, and compliance frameworks.
- **Rajiv Naresh**, a former member of Navi's founding team, will effectively oversee NTL's non-lending operations, while Dwivedi, another founding member, will supervise the lending vertical.

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Charanjot Singh Nanda** : President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the term 2025-26
- **Maimun Alam** : Director in the Ministry of Steel under the Central Staffing Scheme
- **Justin Hotard** : CEO of Nokia (Replaced Pekka Lundmark)
- **Vikram Kasbekar** : Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hero MotoCorp (HMC) Limited (Replaced Niranjan Gupta)
- **Gopal Vittal** : acting head of the GSMA (Groupe Spécial Mobile Association) board
- **Hiroki Totoki** : Chief Executive Officer of Sony Group (Replaced Kenichiro Yoshida)
- **Allahabad High Court Justice Harsh Kumar** : heading the three-member judicial committee set up to inquire into the stampede incident at Maha Kumbh 2025
- **Rajesh Nirwan** : Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)
- **Deshnee Naidoo** : first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Vedanta Resources Ltd (VRL)
- **Hisashi Takeuchi** : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Maruti Suzuki India
- **Janet Petro** : 15th Acting NASA administrator (Replaced 14th NASA administrator, Bill Nelson)
- **Jay Shah** : Board member of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) Advisory Board
- **Neeraj Parakh** : Chief Executive Officer of Reliance Power
- **Dhananjay Shukla** : President of Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)
- **Robert Jerard Ravi** : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
- **Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya** : Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court (Replaced Justice Vibhu Bakhru)
- **Justice Alok Aradhe** : Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court (Replaced Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya)
- **Marco Rubio** : 72nd US Secretary of State



Ques : ISRO and which IIT have developed an indigenous microprocessor named 'SHAKTI' ?

- (a) IIT Guwahati
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) IIT Indore
- (e) IIT Roorkee

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- IIT Madras and ISRO have developed an indigenous microprocessor for space applications that can be utilized in command and control systems as well as other vital operations in space.
- The **SHAKTI** microprocessor project is being led by IIT Madras Director V Kamakoti at the Prathap Subrahmanyam Centre for Digital Intelligence and Secure Hardware Architecture (**PSCDISHA**) at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.
- The SHAKTI family of computers is built on RISC-V, an open-source Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) for creating bespoke processors.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology supports "SHAKTI" through its 'Digital India **RISC-V**' program (**DIRV**). It seeks to encourage indigenous development of microprocessor-based products that provide best-in-class security and visibility to users of RISC-V technology.
- The ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (**IISU**) in Thiruvananthapuram proposed the concept of a **64-bit RISC-V-based** controller and partnered with IIT Madras to define the specifications and construct the semiconductor chip.





Recent News Headlines Related to ISRO

- **ISRO** unveiled the latest edition of the Finite Element Analysis of Structures (FEAST) software during the 8th National Finite Element Developers' Meeting at the IIT Hyderabad
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) successfully launched its new generation satellite, NVS-02, from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (**GSLV-F15**) carried the NVS-02
- **ISRO** successfully grew black-eyed pea seeds in orbit using its Compact Research Module for Orbital Plant Studies (CROPS). The CROPS project studies plant growth in space.
- The Union Cabinet approved establishing a third launchpad at Isro's **Satish** Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota at a cost of Rs.3,985 crore.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) has successfully launched the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) mission. **ISRO's PSLV-C60** rocket, carrying two spacecraft for space docking demonstrations, launched from **Sriharikota's** Satish Dhawan Space Centre
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) successfully launched the European Space Agency (**ESA**) Probe 3 spacecraft from the First Launch Pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed an Implementation Agreement (**IA**) with the Australian Space Agency (**ASA**) for further strengthening of cooperation in space activities between the two countries
- ISRO has launched its analogue space mission in Leh, Ladakh.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) and the Department of Biotechnology (**DBT**) Objective To develop and conduct biological and environmental experiments for the planned Bharatiya Antariksh Station (**BAS**), expected to be operational by 2028-2035
- ISRO has launched India's first analog space mission from Leh, Ladakh. The mission involves ISRO, the University of Ladakh, IIT Bombay, AAKA Space Studio, and the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.





Ques : International conference for dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge exchange to highlight the pivotal role of Unani held in which state ?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Noida
- (e) Gurugram

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- International conference for dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge exchange to highlight the pivotal role of **Unani** Held at New Delhi
- It is Inaugurated by President **Droupadi Murmu** and Hosted by Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (**CCRUM**) under the Ministry of Ayush
- **Theme** : Innovations in Unani Medicine for Integrative Health Solutions -- A Way Forward

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- International conference for dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge exchange to highlight the pivotal role of Unani Held at New Delhi
- The 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (**14AFAF**) with the topic "Greening the Blue Growth in Asia-Pacific" has been held in New Delhi
- MRO Middle East and AIME 2025 is the largest edition yet, taking place in Dubai and focuses on aircraft modernization and MRO services
- Union Minister Dr. **Jitendra Singh** presided over the 12th All India Pension Adalat in New Delhi
- AI Summit 2025 3rd Edition Held at Paris. It is Chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, along with French President **Emmanuel Macron**
- Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, presided over a meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Home Affairs on '**Cyber Security** and Cyber Crime' in New Delhi
- The ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) in Kozhikode will host a startup summit titled Rise Up from February 19 to 21. The event's goal is to spark innovative ideas and encourage entrepreneurship in spice farming, processing, and value addition
- The Second India-France AI Policy Roundtable was conducted at Sciences Po University in Paris as a prelude to the AI Action Summit 2025
- The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, is hosting the **BIMSTEC** Youth Summit in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from February 7 to 11, 2025
- The third edition of the **Kashi Tamil Sangamam** will take place beginning February 15th. This year's theme will be 'Sage Agasthiyar'
- The 32nd session of the Indian Art History Congress opens in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, opened the three-day event
- Global Justice, Love & Peace Summit Held at Dubai Exhibition Centre, Expo City 2,800 peacekeepers and 72 distinguished speakers, including 10 Nobel Laureates, heads of state, and religious leaders Participates in it
- The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, will host the BRICS Youth Council Entrepreneurship Working Group Meeting from March 3rd to March 7th, 2025
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 'Utkarsh Odisha, Make in Odisha Conclave' in Bhubaneswar. The two-day conclave aims to promote investment, boost industrial growth, and position Odisha as a key economic hub in Eastern India





Ques : Who was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for January 2025?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Jomel Warrican
- (c) Pat Cummins
- (d) Babar Azam
- (e) Joe Root

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- ICC Men's player of the month for January 2025 Jomel Warrican (West Indies)
- ICC Women's player of the month for January 2025 Beth Mooney (Australia)

Recent ICC players of the month :

- **December 2024** : Jasprit Bumrah (India) (Men), Annabel Sutherland (Australia) (Women)
- **November 2024** : Haris Rauf (Pakistan) (Men), Danni Wyatt-Hodge (England) (Women)
- **October 2024** : Amelia Kerr (New Zealand) (Men), Noman Ali (Pakistan) (Women)
- **September 2024** : Kamindu Mendis (Sri Lanka) (Men), Tammy Beaumont (England) (Women)
- **August 2024** : Dunith Wellalage (Sri Lanka) Harshitha Samarawickrama (Sri Lanka) (Women)

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Ques : Who is the first female cricketer to be banned for corruption?

भ्रष्टाचार के आरोप में प्रतिबंधित होने वाली पहली महिला क्रिकेटर कौन है?

- (a) Ellyse Perry
- (b) Mithali Raj
- (c) Sophie Devine
- (d) Smriti Mandhana
- (e) Shohely Akhter

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- **Shohely Akhter**, a Bangladesh offspinner, has become the first female cricketer to be suspended for corruption.
- **Akhter**, who has appeared in two ODIs and 13 T20Is, was found guilty of attempting to fix, offering a bribe, failing to reveal full details of an approach to the ICC's Anti-Corruption Code (**ACU**), and impeding the inquiry.
- She has been banned from all cricket for five years after admitting to violating five articles of the anti-corruption code.
- The claims against her revolve around an approach she made to a Bangladeshi cricketer at the 2023 Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa. Akhter, 36, was not part of Bangladesh's World Cup roster, having last played in October 2022.

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Ques : Which company received the Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 in the Water Resilience category?

- (a) NTPC Limited
- (b) Adani Power
- (c) Wipro
- (d) BHEL
- (e) Reliance Power

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- NTPC Ltd., India's largest integrated power company, has received the Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 in the Water Resilience category.
- The prize was presented in Chennai during an event organized by the UN Global Compact Network India (**UN GCNI**).
- The Forward Faster Sustainability Awards recognize Indian organizations who have made substantial progress toward sustainability and corporate responsibility in accordance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- This accolade underscores NTPC's commitment to incorporating sustainable practices into its operations and contributing to global sustainability objectives.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Social Responsibility** : Coal India Limited (CIL)
- **Bronze Award at the Global Best M-Gov Award 2025 at the World Government Summit (WGS) in Dubai** : Sagar Teotia (team leader), Abhinav Mishra, and Anushka Singh for application AccessWay
- **Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 in the Dogri language** : Late Chaman Arora for His short story book 'Ik Hor Ashwthama'(Short Stories)
- **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)



Ques : PM Surya Ghar : Muft Bijli Yojana Launched in which year ?

- (a) 2021
- (b) 2022
- (c) 2023
- (d) 2024
- (e) 2020

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY) will celebrate its first anniversary on February 13, 2025. The program aims to provide affordable solar energy to homes and accelerate India's transition to a more sustainable future.
- The PMSGMBY, India's largest rooftop solar initiative, aims to provide solar power to one crore families by March 2027, transforming the country's energy landscape.
- As of January 27, 2025, the project has helped 8.46 lakh homes with rooftop solar panels.

About the PM Surya Ghar : Muft Bijli Yojana

- **Launched** : February, 2024
- **Aim** : to boost sustainable development and ensure the well-being of people by offering free electricity
- **Outlay** : Rs.75,000 crores
- Scheme offers up to 300 units of free electricity every month
- **Subsidy** : Rs 30,000 subsidy for a 1 kw system, Rs 60,000 for 2 kw systems and Rs 78,000 for 3 kw systems or higher



Ques : Who is the author of the book "The New Icon: Savarkar and the Facts"?

- (a) Ramachandra Guha
- (b) Shashi Tharoor
- (c) Vikram Sampath
- (d) Arun Shourie
- (e) Jairam Ramesh

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **Arun Shourie**, a highly known Indian thinker, has authored a strong new book called The New Icon: Savarkar and the Facts.
- The book critically examines **Vinayak Damodar** Savarkar's life and legacy.
- One important revelation in the book is Savarkar's alleged complicity in Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, which caused the release to be delayed by a day to prevent controversy.

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Ques : National Women's Day observed annually on which day ?

- (a) 12 February
- (b) 13 February
- (c) 14 February
- (d) 15 February
- (e) 16 February

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- National Women's Day is held yearly in India on February 13th to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Sarojini Naidu**, a well-known political leader, poet, and advocate for women's rights.
- **Sarojini Naidu**, also known as the "**Nightingale of India**," was born on this day in 1879.
- The day commemorates women's unique hardships and goals, while also advocating gender equality and leadership.
- The All India Women's Conference (**AIWC**) elected Naidu as its fourth president in 1930. She was an outspoken supporter of women's voting rights, which were eventually enshrined into India's constitution.
- She also asked British authorities to give women the opportunity to vote, emphasizing her commitment to gender equality.

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Important days :

- **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)
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- **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
- **10 February** : World Pulses Day
- **10 February (2nd Monday of February)** : International Epilepsy Day 2025 (Theme 2025 My Epilepsy journey)
- **11 February** : World Unani Day (Theme 2025: Innovations in Unani Medicine for Integrative Health Solutions. A Way Forward)
- **11 February** : International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- **11 February** : Anti-Smuggling Day 2025





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Sri Lankan cricket icon **Muttiah Muralitharan** Appointed as Brand ambassador for sports hydration drink brand 'Spinner' of Reliance

Bharti Airtel has entered into a contract with Nokia to expand 5G Fixed Wireless Access (**FWA**) and Wi-Fi solutions for regions with low or nil fiber connectivity.

The board of directors of General Insurance Corporation of India (**GIC Re**) has approved the formation of GIC Re, India Service Company, a wholly owned subsidiary in the United Kingdom. The company has no minimum capital requirement and can be established with a capital of £1.

Book I Am? Authored by **Gopichand P Hinduja**, Chairman of the **Hinduja** Group. It is released by India's Vice President, **Jagdeep Dhankhar**

Klaus Iohannis Resigned as Romania's President. Bucharest is the capital of Romania and Romanian Leu is its Currency.

The Export Import Bank of India will provide lines of credit totalling \$300 million to Vietnam for procuring high-speed guard boats and offshore patrol vessels.

International Darwin Day celebrated on 12th February to commemorate the birth anniversary of Charles Robert Darwin, the 19th-century British Naturalist and Geologist renowned for formulating the "**Theory of Evolution by Natural Selection**".

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shipping Corporation of India (**SCI**). According to the agreement, the two corporations will work together to develop a specialized, efficient, and future-ready maritime infrastructure.