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Ques : CreditAccess Grameen has secured approval for how much amount commitment from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) ?

- (a) USD 20 million
- (b) USD 30 million
- (c) USD 40 million
- (d) USD 50 million
- (e) USD 60 million

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- CreditAccess Grameen has received approval from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to commit USD 50 million.
- This deal demonstrates CA Grameen's continuous efforts to strengthen its asset liability management (ALM) position through flexible repayment structures and regional diversification to mitigate market volatility.
- The IFC's investment will improve access to finance for microentrepreneurs, with a special emphasis on women borrowers involved in agricultural and agri-related industries.
- The money will enable CA Grameen to reach 3-4 million new women borrowers during the course of the project.

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RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS

- USD 30 million for **JK Tyre & Industries Limited** and up to USD 70 million for Cavendish Industries Limited (CIL) loan given by International Finance Corporation (**IFC**) to boost local supply chains, encourage the development of energy-efficient tyre production, and create employment.
- Tata Capital Ltd, the Tata group's financial services arm, raised \$400 million through a maiden international bond with a 5.38 percent interest rate.
- USD 35 million Given to Meghalaya Multisectoral Project for Adolescent Wellbeing, Empowerment and Resilience (**MPOWER**) by World Bank.
- The Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) successfully raised \$1 billion (Rs. 8,570 crore) in overseas bond issuance at competitive rates, a notable achievement for Indian issuers in global capital markets.
- The Government of India (GoI) and the Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) agreed to a \$42 million loan for the Maharashtra Sustainable Climate-Resilient Coastal Protection and Management Project.
- The World Bank has approved the Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Growth and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening (**UP-AGREES**) Project, a \$325.10 million initiative aimed at increasing farmers' incomes in Uttar Pradesh by improving crop productivity, implementing digital and climate-resilient practices, and improving market access.
- The Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) has approved a \$500 million loan to support India's economic growth by promoting environmentally sustainable infrastructure
- World Bank give \$200 million loan to help Kerala farmers to adapt to climate change and to boost agri entrepreneurship.
- **Varthana** has successfully secured \$15 million (Rs.120 crores) from the BlueOrchard Microfinance Fund, managed by global impact investor BlueOrchard, through the External Commercial Borrowings (**ECB**) framework.
- The Asian construction Bank (**ADB**) has approved a USD 788.8 million (more than Rs 6,600 crore) results-based loan to Andhra Pradesh for the construction of Amaravati as a green and smart capital city with world-class infrastructure.
- Deutsche Bank AG, India, has provided a €91 million (about Rs.814 crore) sustainability-linked loan to **SMFG India Credit (SMICC)**. The loan was facilitated via the Bank's Gift City Branch
- **ADB** approves USD 350 Million Loan to Boost India's Logistics Sector and Export Competitiveness.



Ques : How much has the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) raised through 15-year bonds?

- (a) Rs 2,000 crore
- (b) Rs 3,000 crore
- (c) Rs 4,000 crore
- (d) Rs 5,000 crore
- (e) Rs 6,000 crore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The state-owned National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (**NaBFID**) raised Rs 5,000 crore through 15-year bonds with a 7.25 percent cut-off rate.
- Furthermore, the state-owned Power Finance Corporation (**PFC**) obtained Rs 3,950 crore through bonds due in about ten and twenty years, with cut-off rates of 7.24 percent and 7.25 percent, respectively.
- State-owned REC raised Rs 1,620 crore with bonds expiring in 10 years at a very advantageous 7.10 percent discount. During this period, the 10-year government bond yield fell from 6.74% at the end of November to 6.67% as of February 4.

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Ques : What is the target amount to be generated under the second Asset Monetization Plan announced in the Union Budget 2025?

- (a) Rs.2 lakh crore
- (b) Rs.5 lakh crore
- (c) Rs.7 lakh crore
- (d) Rs.9 lakh crore
- (e) Rs.10 lakh crore

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- In the Union Budget 2025, Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** announced the launch of the second Asset Monetization Plan for 2025-30.
- The strategy intends to raise Rs 10 lakh crore by selling government-owned assets and reinvesting the proceeds in new infrastructure projects.
- At the plan's announcement, the Prime Minister stated "Building on the success of the first Asset Monetization Plan announced in 2021, the second Plan for 2025-30 will be launched to plough back capital of ' 10 lakh crore in new projects" .
- Aside from the Asset Monetization Plan, the government has proposed a financial investment of Rs 1.5 lakh crore in interest-free loans to states. These 50-year loans are intended to increase capital expenditures and incentivize state-level infrastructure changes.
- The program builds on the first Asset Monetisation Plan, which was announced in the Union Budget 2021-22. Under that strategy, the National Monetisation Pipeline (**NMP**) was created to identify prospective core assets for monetization by Central Government Ministries and Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) between 2021-22 and 2024-25.





Ques : Who has approved Tata Communications' plan to sell its entire stake in Tata Communications Payment Solutions (TCP SL) to Transaction Solutions International (TSI) ?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) RBI
- (c) EPFO
- (d) SEBI
- (e) NPCI

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has approved Tata Communications' intention to sell its full stake in Tata Communications Payment Solutions (**TCP SL**) to Transaction Solutions International (TSI), the Indian subsidiary of Findi, an Australian fintech business.
- The contract, which was first announced in November 2024, is worth Rs 330 crore, with an additional Rs 75 crore due to interchange rate modifications.
- TSI now operates over 7,500 "**brown label**" ATMs in collaboration with institutions including SBI, PNB, Central Bank of India, and **HDFC**.
- It also runs back-end operations for over 10,000 "**white label**" ATMs and accepts digital payments from over 50,000 merchants under the FindiPay brand.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- 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.
- According to the Reserve Bank of India's Annual Report on Ombudsman Scheme, the integrated Ombudsman Scheme received 32.81% more complaints from banking customers in **FY2024**, totaling 9.34 lakh.
- Business correspondents (**BCs**), who process millions of crores of rupees daily in domestic remittances, have urged RBI to ease the 14-year-old restrictions on monthly and daily transactions. They have asked the RBI to increase the monthly transfer limit to Rs.50,000.
- RBI has updated instructions for settling dues owed by borrowers to Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) under the Master Direction- Reserve Bank of India (Asset Reconstruction Companies), 2024.
- **Skydo Technologies**, a cross-border payments startup, has been granted in-principle authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to function as a Payment Aggregator-Cross Border entity.
- The RBI has revealed the names of the members of the Standing External Advisory Committee (**SEAC**), which will evaluate applications for Universal Banks and Small Finance Banks. The SEAC's tenure will be three years.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has published the list of Non-Banking Finance Companies (**NBFCs**) in the Upper Layer (UL) category under Scale-Based Regulation (SBR) for **FY24-25**.
- RBI in cooperation with the government, has proposed amendments to the existing Foreign Exchange Management Act (**FEMA**) regulations to encourage cross-border transactions in the Indian rupee (**INR**) and local / national currencies.
- RBI has instructed banks and other regulated entities (REs) to use the '1600xx' phone numbering series exclusively for making transactional calls to customers.



Ques : Which ministry is responsible for implementing the "Watershed Yatra" campaign?

- (a) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Minister of Rural Development
- (e) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **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 carried out in project areas under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana's Watershed Development Component (WDC-PMKSY 2.0).
- The **Watershed Yatra** launch program drew over 800 Gram Panchayats and over one lakh people. The Watershed Yatra will involve van transportation for 60-90 days over 805 projects, covering 6673 GPs (13587 villages) in 26 states and 2 union territories.
- The Department has created a Learning Management System (**LMS**) on Watershed Development that is hosted on the DoLR website and linked to the MY Bharat portal for additional youth engagement.

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News Headlines Related to Ministry

- **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.
- **Piyush Goyal**, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, presented the '**Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform**', which the Centre described as a "initiative designed to enhance India's cleantech value chains in the solar, wind, hydrogen, and battery storage sectors".
- **Piyush Goyal**, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, has started the 8th edition of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) at the Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium (**NASC Complex**), Pusa in New Delhi.

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Ques : Which Indian cricketer surpassed MS Dhoni in the list of leading T20 run-scorers?

- (a) Virat Kohli /
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) Dinesh Karthik
- (d) Suryakumar Yadav
- (e) Rishabh Pant

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Dinesh Karthik eclipsed MS Dhoni as the highest run-scorer in T20 cricket while playing for Paarl Royals in the present SA20 season against Durban Super Giants.
- Karthik set a new record in the shortest format of cricket by scoring 21 runs off 15 deliveries, including two sixes, with only three runs needed to surpass Dhoni.
- The 39-year-old has scored 7451 runs in 361 T20 innings, with an average of 26.99 and a strike rate of 136.84. He has 34 half-centuries to his name.
- Dhoni has scored 7432 runs in 342 innings, with an average of 38.11 and a strike rate of 135.64, including 28 fifties, 517 fours, and 338 sixes.

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Recent records in Cricket

- **Smriti Mandhana** : the first Indian woman to score 10 ODI century and Scored a century in just 70 balls
- **Jasprit Bumrah** : the bowler with the highest average among those with 200 or more Test wickets
- **Richa Ghosh** : India's wicket keeper-batter, made history by hitting the joint-fastest fifty in women's T20Is
- **Nat SciverBrunt** : Fastest Test Century in just 96 balls
- Shaheen Afridi (Pakistani) : country's first bowler to take 100 wickets in all formats of international cricket
- **Virat Kohli** : became the fastest cricketer to amass 27000 international runs, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's previous record.
- **Ravindra Jadeja** : became the first Indian left arm spinner to reach 300 test wickets
- **Jasprit Bumrah** : 10th Indian bowler to reach the illustrious milestone of 400 international wickets
- **Kagiso Rabada** : Fastest bowler to reach 300 Test wickets based on balls bowled, achieving the milestone in just 11,817 deliveries
- **Harmanpreet Kaur** : top run-scorer in women's T20I cricket for India
- **Ravindra Jadeja** : Climbs to 5th Spot in India's Test Wicket List
- Rohit Sharma : First cricketer in the world to hit 600 sixes in international cricket

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Ques : Which language has the Maharashtra government made mandatory for all officials to speak in government and semi-government offices?

- (a) Hindi
- (b) Marathi
- (c) Bengali
- (d) English
- (e) Sanskrit

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Maharashtra government has mandated that all officials in government and semi-government offices speak only Marathi.
- The planning agency issued the notice, warning that staff who do not obey the directive might face disciplinary action. The decision applies to all communication, official signage, and paperwork within the state.
- The rule is applicable to all government offices, semi-government offices, local self-governing bodies, government corporations, and government-aided establishments.

About Maharashtra :

- Capital – Mumbai
- Chief Minister – Devendra Fadnavis (3rd time)
- Deputy Chief Minister – Eknath Sindhe & Ajit Pawar
- Governor – C P Radhakrishnan





Ques : Tshego Gaelae makes history as first black woman to win Mrs World. She belongs to which country ?

- (a) England
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) Australia
- (d) South Africa
- (e) Ireland

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Tshego Gaelae of South Africa has been crowned Mrs World 2025, making her the competition's first black woman to win the title in 40 years.
- The 33-year-old Soweto model was crowned in Las Vegas after defeating contestants from Sri Lanka and Thailand.
- This success comes in the footsteps of Candice Abrahams, who was the first South African to win the global title in 2016.

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Ques : Which country has become the first to introduce laws against AI tools used to create sexual images of children?

- (a) Spain
- (b) China
- (c) USA
- (d) France
- (e) UK

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- 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 government announced that possessing, creating, or distributing AI technologies that generate abusive images will be criminal, punishable by up to five years in prison.
- AI techniques are used to create child sexual assault photos by "**nudeifying**" real-life images of youngsters or "**stitching the faces of other children onto existing images.**"

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Ques : Which IIT Collaborate with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to launch 'AgriHub' ?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) and Indian Institute of Technology Indore (**IIT-I**) collaborate to launch '**AgriHub**'.
- Launch of 'AgriHub', an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven Centre of Excellence (CoE) with an aim to foster technological innovation, startup incubation, and industry collaboration in agritech sector
- It is Supported by MP government, **ICAR-IISR** Indore(MP), **ICAR-CIAE** Bhopal(MP), and **C-DAC** Pune(Maharashtra)
- It is Funded by MeitY and the government of MP for a period of 5 years and Led by Professor Aruna Tiwari and Professor Pavan Kankar, both are faculties of IIT-I

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Recent News Headlines Related to IITs

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (**C-DOT**), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**), GoI, has signed an agreement with **IIT Mandi**, in collaboration with **IIT Jammu**, for the development of "**Wideband Spectrum-Sensor ASIC-Chip, for Enhancing Spectrum Utilization**".
- IIT-Madras has successfully commissioned Asia's largest shallow wave basin at its Discovery campus at Thaiyur.
- IIT Madras, has worked with the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on a project to increase the efficiency and efficacy of the agricultural extension system through digitization.
- **IIT Madras** has completed a 410-meter Hyperloop test track, marking a big step forward in India's pursuit of futuristic transportation solutions.
- **Hyundai Motor** Group has partnered with three IITs to build a joint research system in the domains of batteries and electrification, involving a USD 7 million investment over five years.
- **IIT Guwahati** will host the 10th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024 from November 30 to December 3.
- Samsung R&D Institute, Noida (SRI-Noida) has signed a MOU with the famed Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (**IIT Bombay**).
- **IIT Madras** and ISRO Collaborate to create a Centre of Excellence focused on research in 'Fluid and Thermal Sciences'. ISRO will provide seed funding of Rs 1.84 Crore to establish this center.
- The **IIT Madras** aims to establish a worldwide flagship center in Dubai to promote research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
- **IIT Delhi** and the International Energy Agency (**IEA**) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on clean energy transition.
- **IIT Indore** has developed a new technology for early detection of breast cancer that is specifically geared to assist women in rural and remote places.
- **IIT Delhi** and the Indian Air Force's Headquarters Maintenance (**HQ**) Command in Nagpur have signed a MOU to collaborate on the development of novel technologies for aviation textiles, with an emphasis on parachutes and other safety equipment.
- US Government Partner with **IIT Madras** Research Park in Chennai to work in 4 broad areas namely, Solar energy (SE), Green Hydrogen (GH), Electric Vehicles (EVs), and Batteries, and Green Buildings (GBs).





Ques : India's nuclear energy sector, the government has launched how much amount for Nuclear Energy Mission ?

- (a) Rs.10,000 crore
- (b) Rs.20,000 crore
- (c) Rs.30,000 crore
- (d) Rs.40,000 crore
- (e) Rs.50,000 crore

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- India's government has announced a ₹20,000 crore Nuclear Energy Mission to create Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), a significant step towards expanding its nuclear energy sector.
- In her Union Budget speech for 2025-26, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced plans to operationalize at least five indigenous SMRs by 2033.
- India wants to have 100 GW of nuclear energy capacity by 2047.
- SMRs are smaller nuclear reactors (less than 300 MW) compared to conventional nuclear facilities that generate 500 MW or more.
- Leading countries in SMR building include the United States, China, Russia, and South Korea. India plans to create its own SMRs (Bharat SMRs).

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Ques : Which Indian-born American musician won her first Grammy award at the 67th Grammy Awards 2025?

- (a) A. R. Rahman
- (b) Ricky Kej
- (c) Chandrika Tandon
- (d) Anoushka Shankar
- (e) Shankar Mahadevan

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Chandrika Tandon, an Indian-born American musician, received her first Grammy in the 'Best New Age Album, Ambient or Chant Album category' for her album Triveni at the 67th Grammy Awards in 2025.
- The 67th Grammy Awards ceremony was held at Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles, California, USA.
- The Grammy accolades are considered one of the most important accolades in the music industry and are presented annually by the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences in the United States of America. The inaugural Grammy award was granted in 1959.

List of Important Grammy Winners in 2025 :

- **Album of the Year** : Beyoncé – “Cowboy Carter”
- **Record of the Year** : Kendrick Lamar – “Not Like Us”
- **Best Pop Solo Performance** : Sabrina Carpenter – “Espresso”
- **Best Pop Vocal Album** : Sabrina Carpenter – “Short n’ Sweet”
- **Song of the Year** : Kendrick Lamar – “Not Like Us”
- **Best New Artist** : Chappell Roan
- **Best Country Album** : Beyoncé – “Cowboy Carter”
- **Best Dance/Electronic Performance** : Justice & Tame Impala – “We Are the People”
- **Best Score Soundtrack** : Bear McCreary – “God of War Ragnarök: Valhalla”
- **Dr. Dre Global Impact Award** : Alicia Keys
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- **Best Country Duo/Group Performance** : Beyoncé & Miley Cyrus – “II MOST WANTED”
- **Best Rap Album** : J. Cole – “The Off-Season”
- **Best Rock Album** : The Black Crowes – “Shake Your Money Maker”
- **Best R&B Song** : Kehlani – “After Hours”



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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **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
- **Singapore's highest honor for non-citizens, the Honorary Citizen Award** : Tarun Das, former Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- **'Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award'** : Eminent director Aparna Sen
- **Blue Flag certification** : Kappad beach in Kozhikode and Chal beach in Kannur in Kerala
- **Best javelin thrower of 2024 by American publication Track and Fields News** : India's Neeraj Chopra
- **India's 1st and world's 3rd airport to receive the prestigious Level 5 Accreditation** : Mumbai (Maharashtra)-based Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)





Ques : Suruchi wins gold in the women's 10 metre air pistol at the 38th National Games with a score of 245.7. She is from which state ?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Haryana
- (e) Maharashtra

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Suruchi of Haryana wins gold in the women's 10 metre air pistol at the 38th National Games with a score of 245.7.
- Haryana also won silver to secure the top spot. In rowing, Services won the gold medal in the men's double sculls and finished first in the men's coxless four sculls.
- Nagidi Gayatri of Andhra Pradesh performed admirably in the women's K-1 slalom event, winning the gold medal and demonstrating her abilities.
- Uttarakhand demonstrated exceptional success in lawn bowls. In the Under-25 Boys division, Uttarakhand defeated Assam 21-20 to win the gold medal. In the compound men's team archery event, Delhi earned gold, while Haryana grabbed silver.

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Ques : The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in which year ?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- On January 23, the International Big Cat Alliance (**IBCA**) was officially established as a treaty-based intergovernmental organization, becoming a fully functional international legal entity.
- The Ministry of External Affairs (**MEA**), which serves as the Framework Agreement's Depository, confirmed that five countries - the Republic of Nicaragua, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Republic of India, the Federal Republic of Somalia, and the Republic of Liberia - have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, or approval, establishing them as founding members of the IBCA.

What is the Big Cat Alliance?

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveiled the **IBCA** on April 9, 2023, during an event honoring the 50th anniversary of Project Tiger. The initiative's primary goal is to protect seven key big cat species: the tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, and puma.
- The **IBCA**, with its headquarters in India, was officially approved by the government in a cabinet meeting on February 29 of last year.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (**NTCA**), a nodal organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, spearheaded the IBCA's establishment.
- Currently, 27 countries, including India, have consented to join the **IBCA**, together with a number of international and national wildlife organizations.



Ques : Centre Launches how much for Power Reform Scheme to Boost State Infrastructure and Attract Private Investment ?

- (a) Rs.16,021 Crore
- (b) Rs.15,000 Crore
- (c) Rs.16,000 Crore
- (d) Rs.14,040 Crore
- (e) Rs.11,021 Crore

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Central Government has implemented a program to motivate states to improve their power infrastructure and open it up to private investment.
- The initiative permits governments to borrow an additional 0.5% of GSDP if they implement power transmission and distribution changes.
- A "**Reforms Linked Distribution Scheme**" worth Rs.16,021 crore attempts to attract private investment in power transmission and distribution.
- The scheme supports state-level changes to establish a financially viable distribution industry and ensure 24/7 sustainable power supply.

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Ques : Indian Railways revealed the plan to manufacture how many Vande Bharat Express trains in next two to three years ?

- (a) 100
- (b) 150
- (c) 200
- (d) 250
- (e) 300

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Indian Railways wants to produce 100 **Amrit Bharat**, 50 Namo Bharat, and 200 Vande Bharat trains, including sleeper and chair car variations, within the next two to three years, as announced in the 2025 Budget.
- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced plans to manufacture 17,500 Non-AC General and Sleeper Coaches to enhance rail connectivity nationwide.
- The government has boosted the funding for rail safety from Rs 1.08 lakh crore to Rs 1.14 lakh crore, with a further rise to Rs 1.16 lakh crore in the upcoming fiscal year.

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Ques : International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is observed every year on which day ?

- (a) 3 February
- (b) 4 February
- (c) 5 February
- (d) 6 February
- (e) 7 February

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is commemorated every year on February 6.
- The day's goal is to raise awareness and encourage action to prevent Female Genital Mutilation (**FGM**), a terrible practice that affects millions of women and girls worldwide.
- Theme 2025: Step Up the Pace.
- In 2012, the UN General Assembly declared February 6th as International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, with the goal of amplifying and directing efforts to eradicate this practice.
- Since 2008, **UNFPA** has led the world's largest initiative to eliminate female genital mutilation in collaboration with **UNICEF**.

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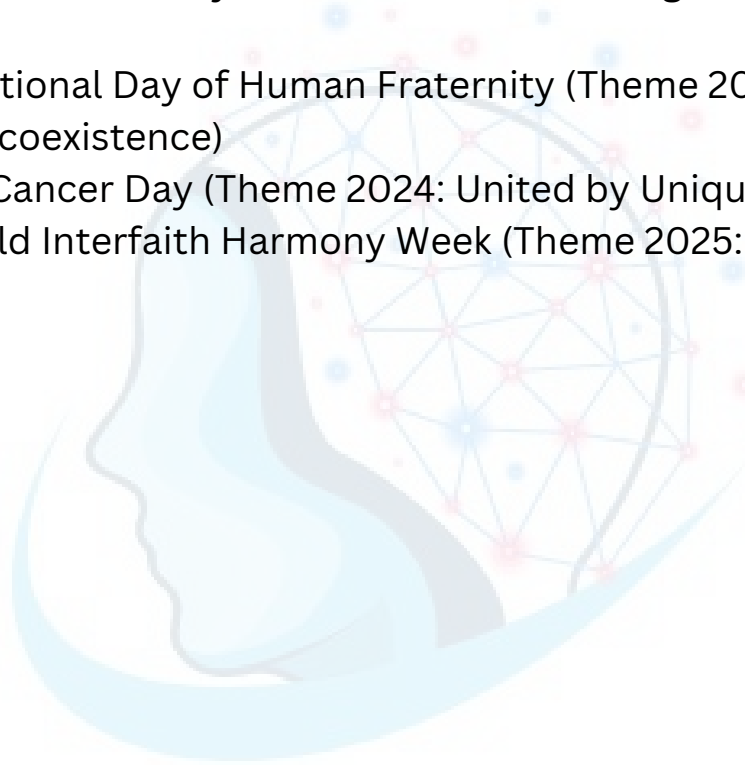


Important days :

- **12 January** : National Youth Day (Theme 2025: Youth for a Sustainable Future: Shaping the Nation with Resilience and Responsibility)
- **14 January** : 9th Armed Forces Veterans' Day 2025 (Celebrates to Commemorates The retirement of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa on January 14, 1953)
- **15 January** : Indian Army Day (Theme 2025: Samarth Bharat, Saksham Sena (Capable India, Empowered Army))
- **16 January** : National Startup Day
- **11 to 17 January** : National Road Safety Week 2025
- **January 18 to February 17** : National Road Safety Month 2025 (Theme 2025 Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha)
- **20 January** : National Penguin Awareness Day
- **21 January** : Northeastern states of Manipur, Meghalaya, and Tripura celebrate Statehood Day
- **23 January** : Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti, also known as 'Parakram Diwas' or Courage Day
- **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)
- **1 – 7 February** : World Interfaith Harmony Week (Theme 2025: Uniting for Peace)



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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

In **Belgium**, Bart De Wever has been sworn in as the country's new prime minister. The oath-taking ceremony took place before King Philippe of Belgium at the Royal Palace.

TVS Holdings Ltd. acquired 80.74% equity ownership in Home Credit India Finance Private Ltd. for Rs.554 crore. Premji Invest and TVS Holdings' partners have purchased the remaining 19.26% ownership share. Sudarshan Venu is MD of TVS Holdings.

A compelling and futuristic effort by the Election Commission of India (ECI) has been turning heads and generating enthusiasm in West Delhi. At a special polling station in **Vikaspuri**, voters are greeted with a memorable theme: "India's Flight from Chandrayaan to Election."

Lift insurance firm **PNB MetLife** has partnered with Policybazaar to launch the PNB MetLife Smart Invest Pension Plan, a Unit-Linked, Non-Participating Individual Pension Plan, designed to help individuals plan for their golden years.

Doordarshan, India's national broadcaster wins an award in the Electronic Media category for "**Chunav Ka Parv Desh Ka Garv**", a special series broadcast during the Lok Sabha Elections 2024. It is awarded to Kanchan Prasad, Director-General of Doordarshan by President Droupadi Murmu.

Vikram Kasbekar Appointed as Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hero MotoCorp (HMC) Limited. He Replaced Niranjana Gupta.

Argentina has announced its decision to resign from the World Health Organization (**WHO**), following the United States. President Milei noted "deep differences" in the WHO's treatment of health crises, specifically the COVID-19 epidemic.

