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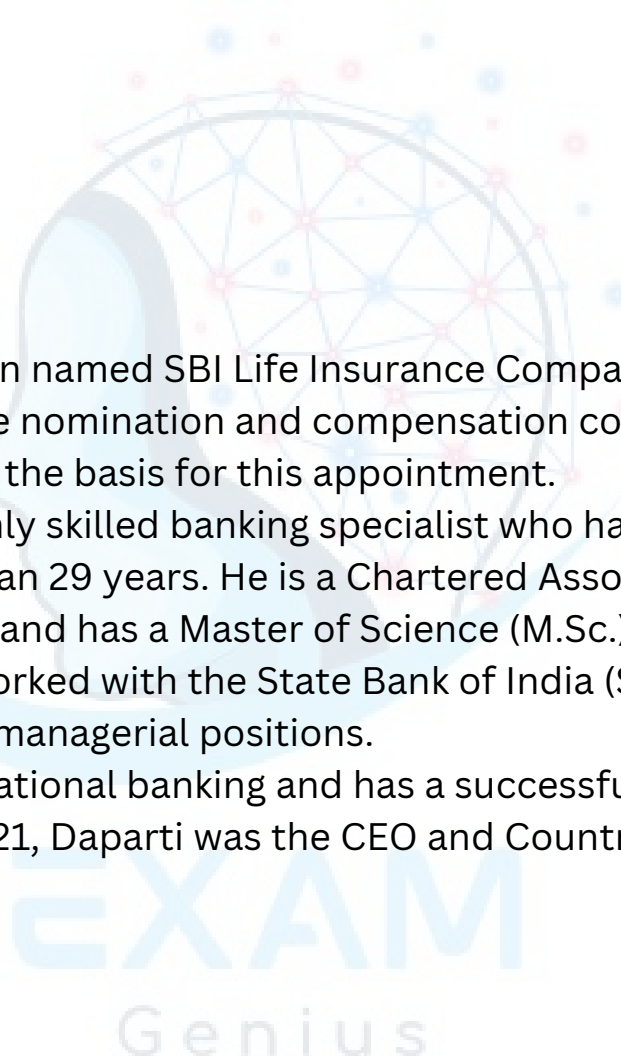
Ques : Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SBI Life Insurance Company?

- (a) Dorababu Daparti
- (b) Amitabh Chaudhry
- (c) Salila Pande
- (d) Shahrukh Todiwala
- (e) Deepak Parekh

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Dorababu Daparti has been named SBI Life Insurance Company's Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The nomination and compensation committee's recommendation served as the basis for this appointment.
- Dorababu Daparti is a highly skilled banking specialist who has worked in the financial sector for more than 29 years. He is a Chartered Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB) and has a Master of Science (M.Sc.).
- Since 1995, Daparti has worked with the State Bank of India (SBI), where he has held a number of executive and managerial positions.
- He is well-versed in international banking and has a successful track record. Beginning in September 2021, Daparti was the CEO and Country Head of SBI's activities in the Maldives.





Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **Finance Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey** : Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a three-year term
- **Shahrukh Todiwala** : MD, CEO of Kotak Mahindra Prime, a subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB)
- **Prabdev Singh (P.D.) Singh** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's operation of Standard Chartered of India based in Mumbai (Replaced Zarin Daruwala)
- **JP Morgan** : CEO for Standard Chartered (StanC) in India
- **Salila Pande** : MD and CEO of SBI Cards and Payment Services Board
- **Shreekant** : Administrator of New India Cooperative Bank
- **Dr. Madhavankutty G** : Chief economist of Canara Bank
- **Ashu Khullar** : Global co-head of Global Asset Managers (GAM)
- **Mr. Rajendra Narayan Das** : Inspector general (IG) of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- **Ms. Parul Kush** : Inspector general (IG) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- **Ms. Rani Bindu** : : Inspector general (IG) of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)
- **K Balasubramanian** : India subcontinent sub-cluster and banking head of Citibank (succeeding Ashu Khulla)
- **P. Suriaraj** : Executive Director of the Dhanlaxmi Bank
- **Rakesh Sharma** : Reappointment as MD and CEO of IDBI Bank
- **Alok Kumar Agarwal** : Managing Director and CEO of Zurich Kotak General Insurance
- **Binod Kumar** : MD and CEO of Indian Bank

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Ques : Which organization has imposed a penalty of Rs 66.60 lakh and Rs 33.10 lakh on The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) and IIFL Samasta Finance, respectively, for violating norms?

- (a) RBI
- (b) SEBI
- (c) NABARD
- (d) SIDBI
- (e) IRDAI

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed penalties of Rs 66.60 lakh and Rs 33.10 lakh on The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) and IIFL Samasta Finance, respectively, for violating regulations.
- Violations by HSBC included outsourcing AML alert closures, failing to report unhedged foreign currency exposures to CICs, and opening savings accounts for ineligible entities.
- IIFL Samasta Finance Violations: The company charged interest before loan disbursement, misclassified NPAs, and issued multiple customer IDs instead of a unique identification code

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Recent Penalties imposed on Banks by RBI :

- Citibank, Asirvad Micro Finance, and JM Financial Home Loans have all received monetary penalties from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for breaking regulatory standards. Citibank was fined Rs 39 lakh, Asirvad Micro was fined Rs 6.20 lakh and JM Financial Home Loans was fined Rs 1.50 lakh.
- Nainital Bank Ltd received a penalty of Rs.61.40 lakh for failing to follow guidelines on 'Interest Rate on Advances' and 'Customer Service in Banks
- The RBI assessed a Rs.6.70 lakh penalty on Ujjivan Small Finance Bank for failing to comply with its 'Loans and Advances - Statutory and Other Restrictions'
- Shriram Finance, a non-banking business, was fined Rs.5.80 lakh by the RBI for failing to comply with KYC standards and 'Data Format for Furnishing of Credit Information to Credit Information Companies'
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued penalties on Equitas Small Finance Bank and India Post Payments Bank for failing to comply with regulatory requirements
- Equitas Small Finance Bank has been fined Rs 65 lakh, India Post Payments Bank Ltd has been fined Rs 26.70 lakh and Aptus Finance India Pvt Ltd has also received a Rs 3.10 lakh
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) issued a Rs.1 crore penalty on Royal Sundaram General Insurance for violating outsourcing standards
- RBI Fines Canara (Rs.1.63 crore), BOI (Rs.1 crore), and J&K Bank (Rs.3.31 crore) for Non-Compliance
- RBI has terminated the registration of X10 Financial Services Ltd, a non-banking financial company (NBFC), citing irregularities in its digital lending operations.
- IndusInd Bank Limited was fined Rs.27.30 lakh by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for not following the 'Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016'.
- The Reserve Bank of India issued a monetary penalty of Rs.5 lakh on The Panchkula Central Co-operative Bank Limited, Haryana.
- Penalty of Rs 59.20 lakh Imposed on South Indian Bank by RBI Due to non-compliance with directives on interest rate on deposits and customer service standards.





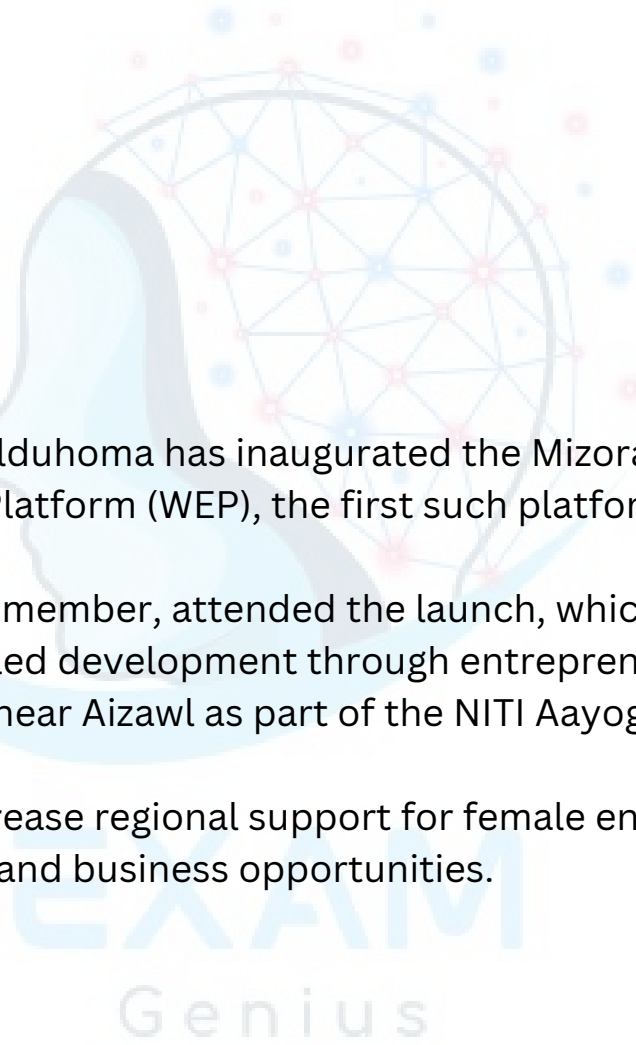
Ques : Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma has launched the Mizoram chapter of the Women Entrepreneurship Forum (WEP), the first such forum in the Northeast. Which organisation is supporting the Women Entrepreneurship Forum (WEP) in Mizoram?

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) Ministry of Home affairs
- (c) RBI
- (d) SEBI
- (e) Ministry of Education

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma has inaugurated the Mizoram branch of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), the first such platform in the Northeast under NITI Aayog.
- Dr. VK Paul, an NITI Aayog member, attended the launch, which took place during a state workshop on women-led development through entrepreneurship at Mizoram University (MZU) in Tanhril near Aizawl as part of the NITI Aayog state support mission project.
- This initiative seeks to increase regional support for female entrepreneurs by offering tools, mentorship, and business opportunities.





Ques : Corporate Profits Jump ____ in FY24 Despite Slow Sales.

- (a) 12%
- (b) 13.5%
- (c) 14.2%
- (d) 15.3%
- (e) 16%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Despite weak sales growth of about 5.5%, corporate profits increased by 15.3% in FY24 thanks to cost reduction, according to an RBI data.
- Operating expenses increased 3.4% in FY24 despite weak revenues, mostly as a result of slower rise in manufacturing costs.
- Additionally, employee pay increased more slowly, with a slowdown observed in both manufacturing and services.
- Because of this, operating profits increased by 15.3% in FY24 as opposed to 4.2% in FY23.
- Manufacturing's operating profit increased by 13.2%, but the services sector's increased by 15.5%.
- After double-digit increase the year before, manufacturing and services sales growth in FY24 fell to 4.1% and 6.8%, respectively.
- In FY24, profit after tax rose 16.3%, with manufacturing PAT increasing 7.6% and services sector PAT growing 38.1%.
- Improved financial stability was found by the RBI after analyzing data from 6,955 public non-financial enterprises.





Ques : What is the name of centralized database portal launched by SEBI for corporate bonds to create a single, authentic source of information on such securities ?

- (a) Bond share
- (b) Mega Bond
- (c) Bond Central /
- (d) SEBI Bonds
- (e) SEBI Funding

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- SEBI, the market regulator, has developed a centralized database portal for corporate bonds in an effort to offer a single, reliable source of information on such instruments.
- The Online Bond Platform Providers Association (OBPP Association) collaborated with Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs), such as stock exchanges and depositories, to create and run the Bond Central portal.
- The Bond Central strives to offer a single, authentic source of information on corporate bonds issued in India, serves as an information repository for the general public, and is free to use.
- To make more informed judgments, investors might compare corporate bond prices to Government Securities (G-Secs) and other fixed-income indices.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI imposed a total penalty of Rs 5.05 crore on Indian Clearing Corporation (ICCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of the BSE, for alleged violations of cyber security and system auditing standards.
- SEBI, the capital markets regulator, has imposed penalties totaling Rs 50 lakh on three foreign portfolio investors for breaching the short-term investment restrictions in debt securities. fined Nexpect Ltd and AIRD Investment Commercial LLC Rs 20 lakh apiece, while imposing a Rs 10 lakh penalty on Aviator Global Investment Fund.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has canceled the registrations of 19 foreign venture capital institutions (FVCI) after investigations revealed that they had violated capital market rules
- 'MITRA' (Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant) Launched by SEBI to help investors trace their unclaimed or inactive mutual fund folios
- SEBI is planning to introduce a new financial product that combines Mutual Funds (MFs) investments with Term Life Insurance (TLI)
- On India's 76th Republic Day, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched 'Dharohar - Milestones in the Indian Securities Market,' a digital knowledge repository
- SEBI, the market regulator, has created a web-based site for stock exchanges and other market infrastructure institutions to submit preliminary and final root cause analysis (RCA) reports on technical issues
- SEBI has collaborated with the National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) to offer an e-learning course on municipal bonds.
- Sebi has made significant modifications to the nomination requirements for mutual funds and demat accounts to reduce unclaimed assets.
- According to SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, total capital market fundraising in FY2025 is likely to increase by 21% to Rs.14.7 lakh crore from Rs.11.8 lakh crore in FY2024.
- Cosmea Financial Holdings (CFH) Private Limited, led by Sam Ghosh, was granted approval by the SEBI to sponsor a Mutual Fund (MF). CFH plans to invest Rs 200 crore (USD 23.3 million) in its Asset Management Company (AMC).





:Ques : Who unveiled a prototype of its first-ever in-house quantum computing chip called Ocelot ?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Tinder
- (c) Meta
- (d) Google
- (e) Amazon

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Amazon introduced the prototype of Ocelot, their first quantum computing chip developed in-house. Amazon's Ocelot chip aims to improve hardware efficiency.
- Ocelot is a nine-qubit semiconductor fabricated internally by Amazon.
- The AWS Center for Quantum Computing at the California Institute of Technology has developed a novel semiconductor that can lower quantum error correction expenses by up to 90%.

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Ques : Indian Olympic Association established in which year ?

- (a) 1924
- (b) 1927
- (c) 1935
- (d) 1942
- (e) 1954

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) formed an ad hoc committee to oversee the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) due to "administrative instability" inside the organization.
- The IOA ad hoc committee will be led by Jharkhand Olympic Association general secretary Madhukant Pathak.
- Other panel members include BFI vice-president Rajesh Bhandari, boxing officials DP Bhatt and Virendra Singh Thakur, and fighter Shiva Thapa.

About Indian Olympic Association :

- **Established** : 1927
- **HQ** : New Delhi
- **Chairman** : P. T. Usha

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Ques : According to projections by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) which International Airport claimed the top spot ?

- (a) Tokyo International (Haneda) Airport
- (b) London Heathrow Airport
- (c) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- (d) Dubai International Airport
- (e) Shanghai Pudong International Airport

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- By 2025, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) projects that there will be 5.2 billion passengers worldwide, a 6.7% increase from 2024.
- Interestingly, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (ATL) has lost ground to Dubai International Airport (DXB), which has regained the top rank.
- With an astounding 4.78 million tickets available, Dubai International Airport (DXB) has become the busiest airport in the world for 2025.
- With 4.6 million seats, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in the US comes in second. It shows a 2% increase in capacity over the previous year.
- Delhi Airport (DEL), also known as Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), was ranked eighth.

Top 5 Busiest Airports by Seats in 2025 :

- 1 Dubai International Airport , UAE
- 2 Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport , USA
- 3 Tokyo International (Haneda) Airport, Japan
- 4 Shanghai Pudong International Airport, China
- 5 London Heathrow Airport, UK
- 8 Indira Gandhi International Airport, India





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **World Reputation Rankings 2025 Published by Times Higher Education (THE) :** Harvard University, USA (1st)
- **Forbes' Women Billionaire List Published by Forbes :** Alice Walton \$112.5 billion (top)
- **FutureBrand Index 2024 Published by FutureBrand :** Samsung (South Korea) (1st), RIL (India) (2nd)
- **2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 ranking :** Reliance Industries (1st)
- **Asia's 20 richest families Published by Bloomberg :** Ambani family (top)
- **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for 2024 30th Edition Published by Transparency International :** India (96th), Denmark (1st)
- **Logistics Performance Index (LPI), 2023 Published by World Bank :** India (22nd), Singapore (1st)
- **2025 Henley Passport Index Published by Henley & Partners :** India (80th), Singapore (1st)
- **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)





Ques : Which state has reported the highest number of vulture populations in the country ?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Madhya Pradesh has the greatest vulture population in the country based on the first phase of the 2025 vulture census.
- The state Forest Department reported a total of 12,981 vultures. In the latest census, the state had 10,845 vultures.
- The state Forest Department plans to undertake the second phase of the vulture census on April 29, 2025.
- The Forest Department has conducted a vulture census in the state since 2016. In 2016, there were 6,999 vultures in the state.
- The next census was held in 2018, 2019, 2021, 2024, and 2025. throughout 2024, 10,845 vultures were recorded throughout the state.

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Ques : Exercise Desert Hunt 2025 Held in which state Conducted by Indian Air Force ?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Indian Air Force conducted an integrated Tri-Service Special Forces exercise known as Exercise Desert Hunt 2025 at Air Force Station Jodhpur.
- The drill included elite Para (Special Forces) from the Indian Army, Marine Commandos from the Indian Navy, and the Garud (Special Forces) from the Indian Air Force.
- This high-intensity drill aims to improve interoperability, coordination, and synergy among the three Special Forces groups, ensuring a quick and effective reaction to new security threats.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Defence

Exercise :

- Exercise Sagar Kavach 3rd Edition Held at State Coastal Security Operation Centre (SCSOC) at Headquarters Coast Guard District No. 8, Haldia, West Bengal. It is Coordinated by Kolkata based Coast Guard Region (North East)
- Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo 5th Edition Held at Benoa Port in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Theme 2025 Maritime Partnership for Peace and Stability
- Jal-Thal-Raksha 2025 Held at Bet Dwarka, Gujarat and Organised by Indian Army. 11 Ahmedabad and 31 Jamnagar Army units, as well as the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Marine Police Participate in it
- From February 25 to March 9, the Indian Army will conduct the sixth edition of Exercise Dharma Guardian alongside the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) atop Mount Fuji in Japan
- In the Eastern Theater, the Indian Army and Air Force collaborated to undertake a comprehensive training exercise known as EX Winged Raiders
- Exercise Cyclone 2025 3rd Edition Held at Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan between India-Egypt Joint Special Forces
- The 13th edition of the joint military exercise 'Ekuverin' between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force has begun in the island nation. It took place from June 11 to 24, 2023, at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Mumbai is taking part in the fourth edition of the multinational naval exercise La Perouse in the eastern Indian Ocean. France will lead the 2025 La Perouse exercise.
- Exercise 'Devil Strike' Held at Northern Borders of India between Indian Army, Indian Air Force, and Special Forces
- Indian and Nepalese Army contingents are taking part in the 18th round of Exercise Surya Kiran.





Ques : Uttam Mohanty passed away recently at the age of 66. In which field did Uttam Mohanty primarily work?

- (a) Literature
- (b) Film
- (c) Painting
- (d) Music
- (e) Theatre

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Uttam Mohanty, the legendary Odia film actor, died at the age of 66.
- Uttam Mohanty, 66, was a prominent personality in the Odia film industry, having starred in 135 films and making an unmistakable stamp on regional cinema. His talents went beyond Odisha, with performances in 30 Bengali films and one Hindi film, Naya Zahar.
- He is the only Odia actor to have won the Odisha State Film Award for Best Actor in three consecutive years (1982-1984). In 1999, he got the renowned Jaydev Puraskar, Odisha's top film award, and the Odisha Living Legend Award in 2012.

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Ques : Which Bengaluru-based startup launched India's first private hyperspectral satellite constellation?

- (a) Skyroot Aerospace
- (b) Agnikul Cosmos
- (c) TeamIndus
- (d) Bellatrix Aerospace
- (e) Pixxel

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Pixxel, a Bengaluru-based business, has launched India's first private hyperspectral satellite constellation through its Firefly project, making history.
- The system comprises of three satellites launched into a 550-kilometer low Earth orbit.
- The SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket launched from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.
- The Firefly satellites are the world's most high-resolution hyperspectral spacecraft.
- Pixxel satellites detect minute changes in chemical composition, vegetation, water quality, and atmospheric conditions.
- By mid-2025, the business aims to launch three more hyperspectral satellites and gradually expand to a 24-satellite constellation.

About Pixxel :

- **Established :** 2019
- **HQ :** Bengaluru
- **CEO :** Awais Ahmed





Ques : India and which country announced plans for new procurements and co-production of the Javelin anti-tank guided missile ?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Israel
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) China

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump agreed to jointly buy and produce the Javelin anti-tank guided missile.
- Raytheon and Lockheed Martin together developed the FGM-148 Javelin. Javelin has an effective range of 2.5 km.
- The missile has been employed frequently in battle, with over 5,000 engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Ques : Which ministry launched the Aadhaar Governance Portal ?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- (d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (e) Ministry of Law and Justice

Answer : option C

Explanation :

- The government has launched a new Aadhaar Governance Portal (<http://swik.meity.gov.in>) to streamline the approval procedure for Aadhaar authentication requests.
- The website was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in response to recent revisions to the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2025, which were made under the Aadhaar Act of 2016.
- According to the government, the portal is part of ongoing efforts to simplify processes, improve service delivery, and increase citizens' general ease of life.
- Aadhaar authentication can now be used by both government and private enterprises to provide public benefits such as innovation, knowledge sharing, and improved access to key services. This would improve individuals' access to services in sectors like as healthcare, education, e-commerce, and hospitality.
- The portal offers a detailed, step-by-step guide to help entities apply for Aadhaar authentication and seamlessly onboard. Face authentication can also be integrated into customer-facing apps, allowing for easy and convenient authentication at any time.



Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- The Maharashtra government has created the MAITRI 2.0 Portal to streamline the investment process and eliminate administrative and procedural bottlenecks
- The Government of India has taken considerable initiatives to improve the Haj pilgrimage experience, including the introduction of the 'Haj Suvidha App' and extensive healthcare services for Indian pilgrims, with a special emphasis on the elderly
- The Ministry of Railways has launched 'SwaRail', a new superapp. The app allows quick access to services like as reserved and unreserved ticket bookings, platform and parcel bookings, train queries, PNR inquiries, RailMadad assistance, and more.
- 'Samman Sanjeevani' app Launched by Haryana Cabinet Minister Shruti Choudhry. Its aimed at enhancing the efficiency of the 'Mahila Evam Kishori Samman Yojana'. which is designed to provide essential services to BPL (Below Poverty Line) women and girls between the ages of 10 and 45, particularly sanitary napkins.
- Building on DigiLocker's success, the government has launched 'Entity Locker,' a new digital platform designed to simplify the management and verification of corporate and organizational records
- Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan app Launched by Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defense (MoD). This app includes detailed information of 77 battlefield sites.
- The Karnataka Forest Department plans to implement the "Garudakshi" online FIR system to tackle forest and wildlife crimes.
- Swiggy has introduced a new standalone food delivery app called 'Snacc by Swiggy'. Snacc is a 15-minute food delivery app that serves short snacks and meals, comparable to Zepto's Zepto Café.
- NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) has developed EmpowHER Biz - Sapno Ki Udaan in collaboration with New Shop, India's largest 24/7 convenience shop chain, as part of its Award to Reward (ATR) program.





Ques : Which state government approved a new draft law banning people from outside the state from buying agricultural and horticultural land in 11 of the state's 13 districts ?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Uttarakhand cabinet approved a new draft law banning people from outside the state from buying agricultural and horticultural land in 11 of the state's 13 districts

Key features of the proposed land law include :

- The 2018 Trivendra Rawat government's provisions have been annulled.
- Outsiders will be unable to purchase horticultural and agriculture land in 11 districts, with the exception of Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar.
- Land consolidation and settlement will occur in the hills. District magistrates will no longer have the ability to approve land purchases.
- Affidavits will be required for non-residents purchasing land in the state.

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Ques : When was the Geological Survey of India (GSI) established?

- (a) 1851
- (b) 1859
- (c) 1865
- (d) 1869
- (e) 1871

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- One of the nation's oldest scientific institutions, the Geological Survey of India (GSI), is celebrating its 175th year of geoscientific heritage.
- On March 4, 2025, at Central Headquarters in Kolkata, Union Minister of Coal & Mines Shri G Kishan Reddy will kick off the Foundation Day festivities in honor of this momentous occasion.
- India's industrial and commercial development has been greatly aided by GSI, which was founded in 1851 by Sir Thomas Oldham and has been a pioneer in geological mapping, mineral prospecting, disaster investigations, and geoscientific research.
- On March 4, 2025, GSI will celebrate the 175th Foundation Day, showcasing its scientific contributions and rich legacy with a series of thought-provoking publications, engaging events, and the launch of two geoscientific mobile apps, My Stamp, and a Special Postal Cover.

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Ques : Neuve-Chapelle War Memorial, recently seen in the news, is located in which country?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), lay a wreath at the war memorial in Neuve-Chapelle, France, to commemorate the supreme sacrifice of Indian soldiers who served in World War I.
- The memorial is a strong symbol of India's long-standing commitment to global peace, serving as a moving tribute to the slain troops and a reminder of their unwavering bravery.
- The Neuve-Chapelle Memorial honors Indian soldiers who fought alongside Allied forces in World War I, particularly at the Battle of Neuve-Chapelle in 1915.

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Ques : Which edition of Invest Madhya Pradesh - Global Investors Summit 2025 Held at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya in Bhopal ?

- (a) 4th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 8th
- (d) 10th
- (e) 12th

Answer : option C

Explanation :

- Invest Madhya Pradesh - Global Investors Summit 2025 8th Edition Held at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya in Bhopal
- It is Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Madhya Pradesh investors' meet attracts Rs 26.6 trillion in commitments
- Reliance committed Rs.60,000 crore to establish biofuel projects in the state.
- Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani plans to invest more than Rs.1.10 lakh crore in Madhya Pradesh.
- Avaada Group has pledged to investing Rs.50,000 crore in solar and wind generating projects.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The first International Conference on Carbon Markets (Prakriti) was conducted in New Delhi. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) organised the event, which was inaugurated by Manohar Lal Khattar, Union Minister for Power, Housing, and Urban Affairs
- India is holding its first conference on women peacekeepers, titled "Women in Peacekeeping: A Global South Perspective," in New Delhi
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment & Infrastructure Summit 2025 in Guwahati, Assam. It consists of an opening session, seven ministerial sessions, and fourteen thematic sessions.
- The 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum for Asia and the Pacific will be held in India. The Forum will be held at the Rajasthan International Centre in Jaipur on March 3-5, 2025. The theme of the event will be "Realizing Circular Societies Towards Achieving SDGs and Carbon Neutrality in Asia-Pacific"
- The first edition of the SOUL Leadership Conclave will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- The 9th Asia Economic Dialogue has being held at Pune, Maharashtra. The Asia Economic Dialogue is the External Affairs Ministry's annual 'Track 1.5 Dialogue' on Geoeconomics
- All India Kinnar Mahasammelan 1st Edition Held at a private school in Vaishali Nagar, Ajmer. Organized in memory of Anita Bai, the mentor of Gaddipati Saloni Nayak, a respected figure in Ajmer's transgender community

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Ques : Which country Invests USD 16 Million to Strengthen Economic Ties with India ?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Ron Draper, the oldest living Test cricketer, died in Gqeberha at the age of 98.
- Draper, a top-order batsman and occasional wicketkeeper, appeared in two Tests for South Africa against Australia in 1950.
- Neil Harvey, one of his opponents, is now the oldest living Test player, at 96 years old. The previous two oldest Test cricketers were both South Africans: Norman Gordon, who died at the age of 103 in 2016, and John Watkins, who died at the age of 98 in 2021.

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Ques : Zero Discrimination Day is observed annually on which day ?

- (a) 26 February
- (b) 27 February
- (c) 28 February
- (d) 1 March
- (e) 2 March

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Zero Discrimination Day is observed yearly on March 1st to promote equality and combat all types of discrimination.
- Theme 2025: We Stand Together.
- UNAIDS established the day in 2014 to underline everyone's right to live with dignity, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, health status, disability, or other differences.

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Ques : World Wildlife Day is celebrated annually on which day ?

- (a) 26 February
- (b) 27 February
- (c) 28 February
- (d) 1 March
- (e) 3 March

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Every year on March 3rd, World animal Day is observed to promote awareness about the importance of animal conservation and habitat protection.
- Theme 2025: Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and the Planet.
- It was founded by the United Nations in 2013 to honor the amazing creatures and plants that live on our world.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards :** 1. Vaidya Tara Chand Sharma 2. Vaidya Maya Ram Uniyal 3. Vaidya Sameer Govind Jamadagni
- **“Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar (Golden Trophy)” in ‘Service Sector’ category :** Goa’s Manohar International Airport (GOX), also known as Mopa Airport
- **SKOCH Award :** Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP)
- **insignia of the Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) :** Sunil Bharti Mittal
- **Governor of Massachusetts’ Citation :** Nita Ambani, the Founder and Chairperson of Reliance Foundation
- **Grande Médaille award :** Hollywood star Tom Cruise
- **BBC Sportswoman of the Year :** Manu Bhaker
- **Emerging Athlete Award :** Archer Sheetal Devi
- **Lifetime Achievement Award :** Mithali Raj
- **Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) :** Chairman of Tata Group, Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- **Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 in the Water Resilience category :** NTPC Ltd
- **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





Important days :

- **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
- **12 February** : National Productivity Day (Theme 2025: "From Ideas to Impact: Protecting Intellectual Property for Competitive Startups.")
- **12 February** : International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism
- **12 February** : International Darwin Day
- **13 February** : World Radio Day (Theme 2025: Radio and Climate Change)
- **13 February** : National Women's Day
- **15 February** : International Childhood Cancer Day (Theme 2025 Inspiring Action)
- **15 February** (Third Saturday of February) : 14th World Pangolin Day
- **17 February** : Global Tourism Resilience Day
- **20 February** : World Day of Social Justice (Theme 2025: Empowering Inclusion: Bridging Gaps in Social Justice)
- **21 February** : 25th International Mother Language Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day)
- **22 February** : World Thinking Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Our Story)
- **23 February** : World Peace and Understanding Day
- **24 February** : Central Excise Day
- **27 February** : 6th World Protein Day 2025 (Theme 2025 #RightWayToProtein)
- **27 February** : World NGO Day (Theme 2025: Empowering grassroots movements for a sustainable future)
- **28 February** : National Science Day (Theme : 'Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat')
- **1 March** : World Seagrass Day





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Kerala government has launched Nayanamritham 2.0, an AI-powered eye screening effort for early diagnosis of chronic eye illnesses. In collaboration with Remidio, the government has launched the world's first AI-assisted screening program for glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy (DR), and age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

Loan Amount of USD 200 million given to Government of West Bengal, Kolkata Municipal Corporation Sustainability, Hygiene, and Resilience (Sector) Project (KSHARP) by Asian Development Bank (ADB) to improve the development of climate and disaster-resilient sewerage and drainage infrastructure in Kolkata, West Bengal

Suman Kumar Appointed as Indian Oil Corporation's Director (Planning & Business Development)

Union Minister JP Nadda has inaugurated the 9th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices in the Public Healthcare System in Odisha's city of Puri.

On World Wildlife Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) at Sasan Gir in Gujarat's Junagadh district. The NBWL comprises 47 members, including the Chief of Army Staff and representatives from other states.

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Tata Capital Limited (TCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Partnership for financing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

EPFO has chosen to keep the interest rate on employees' provident fund deposits at 8.25 percent for 2024-25, the same as the previous year. The interest rate on EPF is 8.15% in 2022-23 which increased to 8.25% in 2023-24

India and Japan have renewed their \$75 billion bilateral currency swap deal. The Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) is a two-way agreement in which both governments can exchange their native currencies for the US dollar.