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Ques : What was India's retail inflation rate in February 2025?

फरवरी 2025 में भारत की खुदरा मुद्रास्फीति दर क्या थी?

- (a) 2.8%
- (b) 3.2%
- (c) 3.6%
- (d) 3.8%
- (e) 4.2%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India's retail inflation fell to 3.6% in February 2025, marking the lowest level in seven months, primarily due to a decline in food prices, especially in vegetables, pulses, and eggs.
- The annual change in consumer prices was 4.26% in January 2025, showing a reduction in inflation.
- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), which tracks retail prices, has now shown a declining trend for the fourth consecutive month, and the inflation rate is currently below the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) target of 4%.
- This drop in inflation raises the likelihood of a 0.25% rate cut by the RBI in the coming month to further support economic growth.

Month-wise list of retail inflation :

- **January 2025** : 4.31%
- **December 2024** : 5.22%
- **November 2024** : 5.48%
- **October 2024** : 6.21%
- **September 2024** : 5.49%





Ques : Why is the RBI issuing new Rs.100 and Rs.200 banknotes?

आरबीआई Rs.100 और Rs.200 के नए नोट क्यों जारी कर रहा है?

- (a) To introduce new security features / नई सुरक्षा विशेषताएं शुरू करने के लिए
- (b) To change the design of Indian currency / भारतीय मुद्रा के डिजाइन को बदलने के लिए
- (c) To commemorate a special occasion / किसी विशेष अवसर को मनाने के लिए
- (d) To replace old banknotes / पुराने बैंक नोटों को बदलने के लिए
- (e) As a routine process following the appointment of a new RBI Governor / नए आरबीआई गवर्नर की नियुक्ति के बाद एक नियमित प्रक्रिया के रूप में

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will shortly produce Rs.100 and Rs.200 banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, with the signature of the newly appointed Governor, Shri Sanjay Malhotra.
- The new banknotes will have the same design as the current Rs.100 and Rs.200 notes from the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series. The introduction of these banknotes is a standard procedure following the appointment of a new RBI Governor.
- The central bank has declared that all previously issued ₹100 and ₹200 denomination banknotes will remain legal tender. There is no effect on the validity of old banknotes in circulation.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has launched DesignShaala™, an initiative that promotes financial innovation through Human-Centered Design (HCD)
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the establishment of an on-tap cohort focused on climate change risks and sustainable finance under its regulatory sandbox initiative
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the 5th Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW), a campaign to raise awareness about the importance of digital transactions and ensure their safe use
- The Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) chaired by Swaminathan J, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, held its 29th meeting in Ahmedabad to assess credit flows to the MSME sector
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported that 98.18% of the Rs.2,000 banknotes in circulation have been returned to the banking system, leaving only Rs.6,471 crore for the public
- On March 5th, 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced open market purchases of government assets and USD/INR swaps totaling Rs 1.9 lakh crore to boost banking liquidity
- In February 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the quarterly House Price Index (HPI) for the December quarter of 2024-25. The All-India HPI increased by 3.1% for the third quarter of the Financial Year 2024-25 (Q3 FY25)
- The Reserve Bank has reduced risk weights for bank financing to NBFCs and microfinance loans, resulting in increased credit availability.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the small loan ceiling for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) to Rs 3 crore per borrower
- The RBI eased restrictions on New India Co-operative Bank, allowing customers to withdraw up to Rs.25,000 from their savings accounts starting February 27
- During the Open Market Operation (OMO) buy auction, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) received bids for Rs 1.87 trillion versus the notified amount of Rs 40,000 crore
- The Reserve Bank of India launched the 2025 Financial Literacy Week, an annual program to raise financial awareness among the public. This year's campaign runs from February 24 to 28, with the theme "Financial Literacy—Women's Prosperity"
- RBI reported that outward remittances under its Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) decreased by 10.15% year on year to USD 22.82 billion from April to December of Financial Year 2024-25 (9MFY25), from USD 24.80 billion in 9M FY24



Ques : How much capital can Power Finance Corporation raise using Zero Coupon Bonds, as per the Finance Ministry's notification?

वित्त मंत्रालय की अधिसूचना के अनुसार, पावर फाइनेंस कॉर्पोरेशन जीरो कूपन बांड का उपयोग करके कितनी पूंजी जुटा सकता है?

- (a) Rs.10000 crore
- (b) Rs.15000 crore
- (c) Rs.18000 crore
- (d) Rs.20000 crore
- (e) Rs.22000 crore

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Finance Ministry has officially notified Zero Coupon Bonds (ZCB) for Power Finance Corporation (PFC), allowing the company to raise up to Rs.10,000 crore.
- Zero Coupon Bonds (ZCBs) do not pay periodic interest during their tenure. Instead, they are issued at a discount and redeemed at face value upon maturity.
- The bond is issued at a discount of Rs.49,546 for a face value of Rs.1 lakh, meaning an investor pays Rs.50,454 at issuance and receives Rs.1 lakh at maturity.
- These bonds have a maturity period of 121 months (10 years and 1 month).
- The total number of bonds issued has been capped at 10 lakh as per the government's notification.

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Ques : What was the total number of digital payment transactions in FY 2023-24?
वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 में डिजिटल भुगतान लेनदेन की कुल संख्या कितनी थी?

- (a) 8,839 crore
- (b) 13,116 crore
- (c) 20,000 crore
- (d) 18,737 crore
- (e) 15,432 crore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Between FY 2021-22 and FY 2023-24, digital payment transactions increased by 46% from 8,839 crore to 18,737 crore.
- Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions increased at a 69% CAGR, from 4,597 crore in FY 2021-22 to 13,116 crore in FY 2023-24.
- UPI accounts for approximately 70% of digital payment transactions in FY 2023-24.
- The government's DIGIDHAN mission aims to promote and enhance digital payments throughout the country.
- A special Incentive Scheme for Banks (ISB) portal has been built to raise awareness and facilitate data collecting.

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Ques : What is the final redemption price set by RBI for Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) maturing on March 17, 2025?

आरबीआई द्वारा 17 मार्च 2025 को परिपक्व होने वाले सॉवरेन गोल्ड बॉन्ड (SGBs) का अंतिम मोचन मूल्य क्या निर्धारित किया गया है?

- (a) Rs.7,500
- (b) Rs.8,000
- (c) Rs.8,624
- (d) Rs.9,200
- (e) Rs.9,500

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set the final redemption price for Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) maturing on March 17, 2025, at Rs.8,624 per unit.
- This price is determined based on the simple average of closing gold prices for the period of March 10-13, 2025, as published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA).
- The SGBs under the 2016-17 Series IV were issued on March 17, 2017, as part of the Union Government's Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme.
- These bonds have a maturity period of eight years, with the redemption scheduled for March 17, 2025.
- The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme was introduced to encourage investments in digital gold and reduce reliance on physical gold.





Ques : Which organization awarded RBI the Digital Transformation Award 2025?
आरबीआई को डिजिटल ट्रांसफॉर्मेशन अवॉर्ड 2025 किस संगठन द्वारा दिया गया?

- (A) International Monetary Fund (IMF) / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष (आईएमएफ) /
- (B) World Bank / विश्व बैंक
- (C) Central Banking, London / सेंट्रल बैंकिंग, लंदन
- (D) Financial Action Task Force (FATF) / वित्तीय कार्रवाई कार्य बल (एफएटीएफ)
- (E) Bank for International Settlements (BIS) / बैंक फॉर इंटरनेशनल सेटलमेंट्स (बीआईएस)

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been awarded the Digital Transformation Award 2025 by Central Banking, London, UK, for its innovative digital initiatives.
- The award acknowledges RBI's efforts in developing the Pravaah and Sarthi systems, which have enhanced both internal and external workflows.
- Sarthi, launched in January 2023, digitized RBI's internal operations, improving document storage, record management, and data analysis.
- Pravaah, introduced in May 2024, serves as a digital platform for external users to submit regulatory applications to RBI.
- This recognition highlights RBI's commitment to leveraging technology for efficient banking regulation and governance.

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Ques : Which ministry launched India's first Exploration Licence (EL) auction?
किस मंत्रालय ने भारत की पहली अन्वेषण लाइसेंस (EL) नीलामी शुरू की?

- (a) Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs / केंद्रीय आवास और शहरी मामलों का मंत्रालय
- (b) Union Ministry of Education / केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्रालय
- (c) Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship / केंद्रीय कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय
- (d) Union Ministry of Mines / केंद्रीय खान मंत्रालय
- (e) Union Ministry of Jal Shakti / केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्रालय

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Mines, in collaboration with the Goa government, launched India's first-ever Exploration Licence (EL) auction, marking a significant step in unlocking India's critical and deep-seated mineral reserves.
- Alongside, the AI Hackathon 2025 was inaugurated to leverage advanced datasets and artificial intelligence for identifying hidden mineral deposits.
- A total of 13 exploration license blocks were auctioned, covering minerals such as Rare Earth Elements (REEs), zinc, copper, and platinum.
- Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy emphasized the importance of a structured and transparent auction process to attract investors.
- The initiative aims to strengthen investor confidence and bolster India's energy and industrial ambitions through enhanced mineral exploration.

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annapurna Devi will lead India's delegation at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations headquarters in New York
- Union Health Minister J P Nadda has launched the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) flagship initiative 'Medical Innovations Patent Mitra' to enhance India's healthcare innovation ecosystem
- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has started a revolutionary project to promote gender-sensitive governance at the grassroots level. The program, which focuses on the building of Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats (MWFGP), was launched at a National Convention held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi
- The Ministry of Mines (MoM) has reclassified Barytes, Felspar, Mica, and Quartz as significant minerals to improve exploration and exploitation of these vital minerals
- RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel), a public sector business under the Ministry of Railways, has been awarded a Rs 288 crore contract to install the Kavach anti-collision system at 71 stations
- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan opened the 77th Session of the African-Asian Rural Development Organization's Executive Committee (EC-77) in New Delhi, which was attended by senior officials from AARDO member countries
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), and Intel India have launched the 'AI for Entrepreneurship' micro-learning module
- Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign for the elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis Launched by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadd.
- 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





Ques : How many new sites from India were added to UNESCO's tentative World Heritage List in March 2024?

मार्च 2024 में भारत के कितने नए स्थलों को यूनेस्को की अस्थायी विश्व धरोहर सूची में जोड़ा गया?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- UNESCO's World Heritage Centre has added six new sites from India to its tentative list, including Ashokan Edict Sites and Chausath Yogini Temples spread across multiple states.
- These sites were included on March 7, 2024, as announced by the Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO.
- The newly added sites are significant cultural and historical landmarks, featuring ancient temples, fortresses, and inscriptions.
- Inclusion in the tentative list is a prerequisite for future nomination to the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- With these additions, India now has a total of 62 sites on the tentative list, strengthening its cultural and heritage recognition globally.

The six newly added sites are:

1. Kanger Valley National Park (Chhattisgarh)
2. Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs (Telangana)
3. Ashokan Edict Sites (Multiple states)
4. Chausath Yogini Temples (Madhya Pradesh, Odisha)
5. Gupta Temples (Multiple states)
6. Palace-Fortresses of the Bundelas (Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh)





Ques : Which team won the WPL 2025 title?

WPL 2025 का खिताब किस टीम ने जीता?

- (a) Delhi Capitals / दिल्ली कैपिटल्स
- (b) Mumbai Indians / मुंबई इंडियंस
- (c) Royal Challengers Bangalore / रॉयल चैलेंजर्स बैंगलोर
- (d) UP Warriorz / यूपी वॉरियर्स
- (e) Gujarat Giants / गुजरात जायंट्स

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Mumbai Indians (MI) clinched their second Women's Premier League (WPL) title by defeating Delhi Capitals (DC) by 8 runs in the final.
- This victory marks MI's second championship win in WPL history, having previously secured the title in 2023.
- Delhi Capitals finished as runners-up for the third consecutive time (2023, 2024, 2025).
- Nat Sciver-Brunt (MI) won the Orange Cap for scoring the most runs in the tournament, amassing 523 runs.
- Amelia Kerr (MI) secured the Purple Cap for taking the most wickets, with a total of 18 dismissals.
- The win reinforces Mumbai Indians' dominance in the WPL, showcasing their consistent performances across seasons.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- England batsman Harry Brook has withdrawn from the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the second consecutive year, risking a potential twoyear ban under IPL regulations. He need to focus on preparations for England's upcoming series as the reason for his decision
- The Indian women's Kabaddi team won the '6th Edition of Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship championship', defeating Iran's team 32-25 in the final in Tehran, Iran.
- The 2026 FIFA World Cup, hosted by the US, Canada, and Mexico, will not include Russia, Pakistan, and Congo owing to individual controversies
- Rohit Sharma became the second-most successful Indian skipper after winning his second ICC title
- In tennis, Siddhant Banthia of India and Alexander Donski of Bulgaria won the ATP Kigali Challenger in Kigali, Rwanda. In the final, they defeated the third-seeded pair, Geoffrey Blancaneaux of France and Kolar Zdenek of Czechia. This is Banthia's first ATP Challenger title
- Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram has clinched the Prague Masters 2025 Chess title. He finished the tournament with six points after settling for a draw against Turkey's Ediz Gurel in the final round
- The All India Football Federation has announced that Sunil Chhetri, a former Indian captain, will return to the national squad for the FIFA International Window matches against Maldives and Bangladesh this month
- India won the ICC Champions Trophy for the third time. In a thrilling final versus New Zealand. India dominated the semi-final against Australia
- In chess, 18-year-old Indian Grandmaster Pranav Venkatesh dominated the FIDE World Junior Championship 2025, winning the championship in Montenegro
- At the 2025 Mountain West Indoor Track and Field Championships, India's Krishna Jayasankar became the first Indian woman to throw an indoor shot put over 16 meters. Her record-breaking throw was 16.03 meters
- In tennis, Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli of India and his Colombian partner Nicolas Barrientos won the Chile Open men's doubles tournament in Santiago. Last night, the Indian-Colombian combination defeated Argentina's top seeds Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2.





Ques : Chandrayaan-5 mission is also known as?
चंद्रयान-5 मिशन को किस नाम से भी जाना जाता है?

- (a) Mangalyaan-2 / मंगलयान-2
- (b) LUPEX / ल्यूपेक्स
- (c) AstroLunar / एस्ट्रोलूनर
- (d) Vikram Rover / विक्रम रोवर
- (e) None of the above / उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Indian government has approved the Chandrayaan-5 mission, also known as LUPEX (Lunar Polar Exploration), aimed at studying the Moon's surface.
- ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan announced the approval, highlighting the mission's advanced scientific objectives.
- Unlike Chandrayaan-3, which carried the 25-kg 'Prayagyaan' rover, Chandrayaan-5 will feature a significantly larger 250-kg rover for enhanced exploration.
- Chandrayaan-4 is expected to be launched in 2027 as part of India's continued lunar exploration roadmap.
- LUPEX is a joint mission between ISRO and Japan's space agency, JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency), focusing on lunar surface studies and resource utilization.

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Ques : Raisina Dialogue is associated with which field?

राइसीना डायलॉग किस क्षेत्र से संबंधित है?

- (a) Technology & Innovation / प्रौद्योगिकी एवं नवाचार
- (b) Geopolitics & Geo-economics / भू-राजनीति एवं भू-अर्थशास्त्र
- (c) Space Exploration / अंतरिक्ष अन्वेषण
- (d) Climate Change / जलवायु परिवर्तन
- (e) None of the above / उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 10th edition of the Raisina Dialogue, India's premier conference on geopolitics and geo-economics.
- The three-day event will witness participation from delegates representing 125 countries, including top global leaders and policymakers.
- Key attendees include New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, US Intelligence Director Tulsi Gabbard, and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha.
- For the first time, a delegation from Taiwan will be present at the conference, marking a significant geopolitical development.
- The Raisina Dialogue continues to serve as a global platform for discussing strategic affairs, international security, and economic policies.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, launched the second edition of Vividhta Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Rashtrapati Bhavan
- Dr. Uma Sharma Honored at '5th Annual Summit of BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Women's Entrepreneurship & Empowerment(WE) and Felicitations 2025' in New Delhi. Summit theme is 'Women Changemakers: Transforming the World, Shaping the Future'.
- Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, has opened the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2025 in New Delhi
- International Spice Conference (ISC) 2025 Held at Leela Bhartiya City in Bengaluru, Karnataka and Organised by All India Spices Exporters Forum (AISEF). Theme is "Building Trust Beyond Borders: Transparency, Sustainability, Conference"
- Invest Madhya Pradesh - Global Investors Summit 2025 8th Edition Held at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya in Bhopal.
- 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
- 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"





Ques : Which organization showcased India's agricultural and processed food excellence at AAHAR 2025?

किस संगठन ने आहार 2025 में भारत की कृषि और प्रसंस्कृत खाद्य उत्कृष्टता का प्रदर्शन किया?

- (a) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) / भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक प्राधिकरण (FSSAI)
- (b) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) / कृषि और प्रसंस्कृत खाद्य उत्पाद निर्यात विकास प्राधिकरण (APEDA)
- (c) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare / कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय
- (d) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) / भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ (CII)
- (e) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) / भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद (ICAR)

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) exhibited India's agricultural and processed food excellence at the 39th edition of AAHAR 2025, hosted by the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- The event was an important milestone in demonstrating India's agricultural and food manufacturing capabilities.
- APEDA facilitated the participation of 95 exhibitors, including Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), entrepreneurs, and manufacturing companies from 17 states, including Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Hyderabad, Kerala, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu, as well as Union Territories such as Delhi, Haryana, Chandigarh, and Jammu and Kashmir.
- The participation of states and union territories highlighted India's strength in agriculture and processed food sectors, as well as the collaborative spirit that drives industry innovation and success.



Ques : Which ministry is responsible for launching the PM-YUVA 3.0 initiative?
PM-YUVA 3.0 पहल को लॉन्च करने के लिए कौन सा मंत्रालय जिम्मेदार है?

- (a) Ministry of Culture / संस्कृति मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports / युवा मामले और खेल मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting / सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of External Affairs / विदेश मंत्रालय

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Education has introduced the third edition of the Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors (PM-YUVA 3.0) to nurture aspiring writers under the age of 30 and promote reading, writing, and book culture in India.
- The program provides mentorship and publishing opportunities to enhance Indian literature and expand its global reach.
- PM-YUVA 3.0 is based on the participation of young authors in 22 Indian languages and English from previous editions and focuses on three themes:

1. Role of the Indian Diaspora in Nation-Building
2. Indian Knowledge System
3. Makers of Modern India (1950-2025)

- The National Book Trust, India, is responsible for the scheme's implementation, ensuring that the selected manuscripts are published and translated into multiple Indian languages to promote literary exchange.
- The scheme includes an all-India contest on MyGov, running from March 11 to April 10, through which 50 young authors will be selected. These authors will receive mentorship from June 30 to December 30, 2025.
- A national camp will be organized for the authors at the New Delhi World Book Fair 2026, further enhancing their skills and providing a platform for literary engagement.





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Mahila Samriddhi Yojana was authorized by the Delhi government during a cabinet meeting. On International Women's Day, Delhi CM Rekha Gupta fulfilled her commitment of providing Rs.2,500 to qualified women. The national capital budget includes a provision of Rs.5,100 crore for the scheme's implementation
- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), the world's largest home rooftop solar scheme, has reached an important milestone by completing 10.09 lakh installations across the country as of March 10, 2025
- The Ministry of Culture is implementing a financial grant scheme known as 'Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields (SYA)' to assist young artists specializing in various cultural fields. Under this scheme component, a scholarship of Rs. 5,000/- per month is awarded to up to 400 scholars for a duration of two years in four equal six-monthly instalments
- The Government of India has introduced a modified Ethanol Interest Subvention Scheme to assist Cooperative Sugar Mills (CSMs) in converting their existing ethanol plants into multi-feedstock plants, allowing them to use grains like maize and damaged food grains (DFG) for ethanol production
- Gujarat is the national leader in mangrove afforestation, planting 19,020 hectares at a cost of about Rs 76 crore through the Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) initiative
- The government has modified the PM CARES plan to provide high-quality coaching to youngsters, including SC and OBC students. The free coaching system, introduced under the Sixth Five-Year Plan, has been updated to improve its effectiveness over time
- The Rajasthan government has established the Shiksha Sanjeevani Bima Yojana, which would give accidental insurance to schoolchildren in the state.
- The Nayab Singh Saini-led BJP government announced the "Haryana Witness Protection Scheme, 2025" to protect witnesses as the state prepares to adopt three new criminal legislation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 19th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) initiative from Bhagalpur, Bihar. The Prime Minister's installment was distributed to 9.8 crore eligible farmers via Direct Benefit Transfer
- The Government of India (GoI) launched the Soil Health Card (SHC) project to help state governments provide soil health cards to all farmers in the country. It has been successfully implemented for the past decade





Ques : Which Indian naval vessel arrived in Mauritius ahead of the country's 57th National Day celebrations?

देश के 57वें राष्ट्रीय दिवस समारोह से पहले कौन सा भारतीय नौसैनिक जहाज मॉरीशस पहुंचा?

- (a) INS Vikrant / आईएनएस विक्रान्त
- (b) INS Kolkata / आईएनएस कोलकाता
- (c) INS Imphal / आईएनएस इम्फाल
- (d) INS Chennai / आईएनएस चेन्नई
- (e) INS Arihant / आईएनएस अरिहंत

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- On March 12, the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Imphal landed at Port Louis, Mauritius, ahead of the country's 57th National Day celebrations, strengthening the two nations' nautical connections.
- INS Imphal will provide a marching contingent, a naval band, and a helicopter for the ceremonial flypast, with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi serving as the Chief Guest.
- INS Imphal, commissioned in December 2023, is a Project 15B (Visakhapatnam-class) indigenous destroyer with superior armament and technology that supports India's Neighbourhood First policy and the SAGAR vision for regional security.

EXAM
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Ques : Which organization has signed a Rs.2,906 crore contract with the Ministry of Defence for the procurement of Low-level Transportable Radar (LLTR)?

किस संगठन ने निम्न-स्तरीय परिवहन योग्य रडार (एलएलटीआर) की खरीद के लिए रक्षा मंत्रालय के साथ 2,906 करोड़ रुपये के अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited / हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड
- (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited / भारत हेवी इलेक्ट्रिकल्स
- (c) Indian Railways Finance Corporation / भारतीय रेलवे वित्त निगम
- (d) RailTel Corporation of India Limited / रेलटेल कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड
- (e) Bharat Electronics Limited / भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Union Ministry of Defence (MoD) has entered into a Rs.2,906 crore agreement with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Ghaziabad, for the acquisition of the Low-level Transportable Radar (LLTR) system, known as Ashwini.
- The Ashwini radar has been indigenously designed and developed by the Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE), a lab under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- This advanced radar is equipped to track a variety of aerial targets, ranging from high-speed fighter jets to slow-moving objects like Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and helicopters.
- The procurement of Ashwini will bolster the Indian Air Force's (IAF) surveillance and operational readiness, enhancing its capability to detect and track airborne threats effectively.





Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The Astra MK-III, India's most advanced air-to-air missile, has been formally christened Gandiva, after Arjuna's renowned bow from the Mahabharata
- The Ministry of Defence has inked a USD 248 million contract with Russian defense business Rosoboronexport (RoE) to purchase 1,000 horsepower (HP) engines for T-72 battle tanks in fully constructed, totally knocked-down, and semi-knocked-down configurations
- The Assam state government has announced intentions to launch its own satellite, ASSAMSAT, soon, with the goal of improving data availability for critical socioeconomic projects and border surveillance
- India's Aditya-L1 mission photographed a one-of-a-kind solar flare. The probe captured the first-ever photograph of a solar flare 'kernel'
- NASA plans to build a new telescope that will create the most detailed map of the universe. The SPHERE telescope, despite its modest size, is predicted to provide significant knowledge throughout its two-year mission
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd signed an MoU with the Indian Army for the construction of a 130-foot-long Single Lane Modular (SLM) Steel Bridge (70R) in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump agreed to jointly buy and produce the Javelin anti-tank guided missile
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bengaluru for the procurement of 149 Software Defined Radios for the Indian Coast Guard at a total cost of Rs 1220.12 crore under Buy (Indian-IDDMM) category
- The Indian Navy has given Ex INS Guldar, a decommissioned Landing Ship Tank (Medium), to the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation Limited (MTDC)
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)'s nodal training institute, HAL Management Academy (HMA), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) to bridge the gap between industry and academia.
- India and Malaysia have improved defense cooperation, particularly in maintaining and operating their Sukhoi-30 combat aircraft fleets, which are of Russian origin
- Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), one of India's leading defense shipbuilding yards, will display its indigenously designed Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) and Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) during NAVDEX 2025 in Abu Dhabi
- India is expected to obtain a \$200 million defense export contract with the Philippines for the supply of Akash short-range surface-to-air missiles





Ques : Which Union Minister launched the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) app?

किस केंद्रीय मंत्री ने प्रधान मंत्री इंटरनशिप योजना (पीएमआईएस) ऐप लॉन्च किया?

- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman / निर्मला सीतारमण
- (b) Hardeep Singh Puri / हरदीप सिंह पुरी
- (c) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (d) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (e) Dharmendra Pradhan / धर्मेंद्र प्रधान

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) app to make the application process easier for young candidates.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, in conjunction with the Confederation of Indian Industry, opened the first internship facilitation hub in Kolkata.
- The facilitation center will help and guide kids about the scheme.
- The software was created by Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG), a national institution under the Gujarat government that also manages the internship portal.
- The CII will establish facilitation desks at its 47 Model Career Centres across India to give further support.

EXAM
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Ques : The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and which government signed a landmark MoU under the BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment) Policy ?

जैव प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग (DBT) और किस सरकार ने BioE3 (अर्थव्यवस्था, पर्यावरण और रोजगार के लिए जैव प्रौद्योगिकी) नीति के तहत एक ऐतिहासिक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) Assam / असम
- (b) Meghalaya / मेघालय
- (c) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (d) Manipur / मणिपुर
- (e) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Government of Assam signed a historic MOU under the BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment) policy.
- This Centre-State partnership is the first of its type under the BioE3 framework, with the goal of accelerating high-performance biomanufacturing and building a sustainable biotechnology ecosystem in Assam.
- The signing of the MoU marks the culmination of intensive consultations, high-level talks, and coordinated efforts by the DBT and the Government of Assam.
- The BioE3 Policy, approved by the Union Cabinet on August 24, 2024, envisions India as a global leader in bio-based innovations, emphasizing sustainable biomanufacturing across various thematic areas including bio-based chemicals, APIs, biopolymers, enzymes, climate-resilient agriculture, functional foods, smart proteins, carbon capture and utilization, precision biotherapeutics (cell and gene therapy, mRNA therapeutics, and monoclonal antibodies), as well as futuris





Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and Armenia's Center of Drug and Medical Technology Expertise (CDMTE) Sign MoU to strengthen collaboration in diplomatic training and exchange programs. It focuses on cooperation in regulating medical products to ensure their quality and safety
- National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) and the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) inked a substantial MoU to establish a cutting-edge Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) & Government of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Signed MoU to enhance river cruise tourism on three National Waterways in J&K. they are River Chenab (NW-26), River Jhelum (NW-49), and River Ravi (NW-84) out of the 111 recognized national waterways in India.
- Coal India Limited (CIL) has inked an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H) for establishing a Centre of Clean Coal Energy and Net Zero (CLEANZ) at Hyderabad
- The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and Sustain Plus, a Bangalore-based NGO, have collaborated to launch a large-scale circular dairy scheme that would install 10,000 biogas plants in 15 Indian states, including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Bihar
- DPIIT and Mercedes-Benz India Private Limited have inked an agreement to strengthen India's industrial ecosystem, improve road safety, and promote environmental sustainability.
- The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), Tata Electronics Private Limited (TEPL), and Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing Private Limited (TSMPL) have signed a Fiscal Support Agreement (FSA) to build India's first commercial semiconductor fabrication unit in Dholera, Gujarat
- Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited & Ministry of Defence signed MOU of Worth Rs 239 crore For the supply of multi-mode hand grenade, to be completed within 1 year
- The governments of India and Nepal have signed a MOU to strengthen cooperation in the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector, which includes waste management
- Belgium's John Cockerill Defence (JCD), a prominent global maker of tank turrets, has formed a joint venture (JV) with Electro Pneumatics & Hydraulics (EPH), an Indian company headquartered in Pune





Ques : What is the main objective of the "Digital Address Code" initiative undertaken by the Department of Posts?

डाक विभाग द्वारा शुरू की गई "डिजिटल एड्रेस कोड" पहल का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

- (a) To develop a new postal code system / एक नई डाक कोड प्रणाली विकसित करना
- (b) To establish a standardized, geo-coded addressing system in India / भारत में एक मानकीकृत, जियो-कोडेड एड्रेसिंग सिस्टम स्थापित करना
- (c) To replace PIN codes with QR codes / पिन कोड को क्यूआर कोड से बदलना
- D) To create a private addressing database / एक निजी एड्रेसिंग डेटाबेस बनाना
- E) To introduce digital payment solutions for postal services / डाक सेवाओं के लिए डिजिटल भुगतान समाधान पेश करना

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Department of Posts launched the "Digital Address Code" initiative to create a standardized, geo-coded addressing system in India. This will simplify citizen-centric delivery of public and private services and establish Address as a Service (AaaS) in India.
- As part of this initiative, the Department of Posts (DoP), under the Ministry of Communications, has signed a MOU with the Foundation for Science Innovation and Development (FSID), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, to design and document the technology architecture for the Digital Address Digital Public Infrastructure.
- The collaboration between the Department of Posts and FSID, IISc, is a key step toward a seamless, efficient, and technology-driven addressing system, reaffirming India's leadership in digital innovation.



Ques : CISF Raising Day is celebrated every year on which day ?
सीआईएसएफ स्थापना दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- CISF Raising Day is observed every year on March 10th to commemorate the formation of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in 1969.
- The day celebrates the CISF's role in protecting India's essential infrastructure, public sector enterprises (PSUs), airports, metro networks, government buildings, and other strategic facilities.
- The CISF plays a vital role in ensuring national security and maintaining economic stability through its vigilance and operational efficiency.
- The day recognizes the dedication, bravery, and sacrifices of CISF personnel in securing the nation's assets and protecting citizens.

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Ques : When did the National Archives of India (NAI) celebrate its 135th Foundation Day?

भारतीय राष्ट्रीय अभिलेखागार (एनएआई) ने अपना 135वां स्थापना दिवस कब मनाया?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The National Archives of India (NAI) marked its 135th Foundation Day on 11th March 2025 with an exhibition titled “Indian Heritage through Architecture.”
- The exhibition was inaugurated by Union Minister of Culture & Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- It highlighted India’s rich cultural heritage through its diverse architectural styles, spanning different historical periods.
- The display featured structures from the Indus Valley Civilization, medieval temples, Mughal monuments, and colonial-era buildings, showcasing the nation’s spiritual, cultural, and historical journey.
- The National Archives of India (NAI) launched a book titled ‘Thumb Printed: Champaran, Indigo Peasants Speak to Gandhi Volume III’ during its 135th Foundation Day celebrations.
- This volume contains 423 testimonies, including 143 principal testators, among whom five were women and 11 were minors. Additionally, 76 individuals signed the documents, while four had neither a signature nor a thumb impression.
- The National Archives of India, originally called the Imperial Record Department, was established on 11 March 1891 in Kolkata (Calcutta).
- After the capital shifted to Delhi in 1911, the present NAI building, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, was completed in 1926, with the final transfer of records from Kolkata to Delhi in 1937.
- NAI also acts as the nodal agency for implementing the Public Records Act, 1993, and the Public Record Rules, 1997.





Important days :

- **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')
- **28 February (Last day of February, either 28 or 29 in leap years)** : Rare Disease Day 2025 (Theme 2025 More than you can imagine; an anthology of rare experiences)
- **1 March** : World Seagrass Day (Theme 2025 Harnessing Seagrass' Carbon Sequestration Potential Against the Climate Crisis)
- **1 March** : Zero Discrimination Day (Theme 2025: We Stand Together)
- **1 March** : World Civil Defence Day (Theme 2025 Civil Defence, Guarantee of Security for the Population)
- **3 March** : World Wildlife Day (Theme 2025: Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and the Planet)
- **3 March** : World Hearing Day (Theme 2025 – Changing mindsets: empower yourself to make ear and hearing care a reality for all)
- **4 March** : National Safety Day (Theme 2025 - Safety and well-being are crucial for Viksit Bharat (Developed India))
- **4 March** : 6th World Engineering Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Unleashing the power of engineers to advance the Sustainable Development Goals)
- **5 March** : International Day for Disarmament and Nonproliferation Awareness
- **6 March** : National Dentist's Day 2025
- **7 March** : 7th Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2025
- **1st to 7th March** : Jan Aushadhi Diwas Week
- **8 March** : International Women's Day (IWD) (Theme 2025: For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, and Empowerment)





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Central Council for scientific in Homoeopathy (CCRH), New Delhi, and Adamas University, Kolkata, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote academic and scientific collaboration in the field of homoeopathy.

Bharti Airtel Limited's stake of 69.94 percent in Airtel Payments Bank Limited is being transferred to the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary (Airtel Limited) following regulatory and corporate approvals.

The World Para Athletics Grand Prix (WPA GP) 2025 will begin at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. Praveen Kumar, Navdeep Singh, and Dharambir, who won gold medals at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, will lead the Indian delegation.

The Odisha government has distributed ₹5,000 crore for the Subhadra Yojana, benefiting 1.18 crore women in the state. The program intends to give financial aid to married women, thereby increasing their economic empowerment and social security.

The Awami Action Committee (AAC), led by Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, and Jammu and Kashmir Ittihadul Muslimeen (JKIM), led by Shia leader Masroor Abbas Ansari, were both banned by the Centre for alleged anti-national activities, including supporting terrorism and fueling secessionist activities.

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महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

होम्योपैथी के क्षेत्र में अकादमिक और वैज्ञानिक सहयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए केंद्रीय होम्योपैथी वैज्ञानिक परिषद (CCRH), नई दिल्ली और एडमास विश्वविद्यालय, कोलकाता ने एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

एयरटेल पेमेंट्स बैंक लिमिटेड में भारती एयरटेल लिमिटेड की 69.94 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी विनियामक और कॉर्पोरेट अनुमोदन के बाद कंपनी की पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनी (एयरटेल लिमिटेड) को हस्तांतरित की जा रही है।

विश्व पैरा एथलेटिक्स ग्रैंड प्रिक्स (WPA GP) 2025 नई दिल्ली के जवाहरलाल नेहरू स्टेडियम में शुरू होगा। पेरिस 2024 पैरालिंपिक में स्वर्ण पदक जीतने वाले प्रवीण कुमार, नवदीप सिंह और धरमबीर भारतीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल का नेतृत्व करेंगे।

ओडिशा सरकार ने सुभद्रा योजना के लिए 5,000 करोड़ रुपये वितरित किए हैं, जिससे राज्य की 1.18 करोड़ महिलाओं को लाभ मिलेगा। इस कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य विवाहित महिलाओं को वित्तीय सहायता देना है, जिससे उनका आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण और सामाजिक सुरक्षा बढ़ेगी।

हुरियत अध्यक्ष मीरवाइज उमर फारूक के नेतृत्व वाली अवामी एक्शन कमेटी (एएसी) और शिया नेता मसरूर अब्बास अंसारी के नेतृत्व वाली जम्मू-कश्मीर इत्तिहादुल मुस्लिमीन (जेकेआईएम) दोनों को केंद्र ने आतंकवाद का समर्थन करने और अलगाववादी गतिविधियों को बढ़ावा देने सहित कथित राष्ट्र-विरोधी गतिविधियों के लिए प्रतिबंधित कर दिया था।

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