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Ques: According to Morgan Stanley, by which year will India become the world's third-largest economy?

मॉर्गन स्टेनली के अनुसार, किस वर्ष तक भारत दुनिया की तीसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बन जाएगा?

- (a) 2027
- (b) 2028
- (c) 2029
- (d) 2030
- (e) 2031

**Answer**: Option B

- According to Morgan Stanley, India will be the world's third-largest economy by 2028 as it becomes the world's most sought-after consumer market and gains share of global output, owing to macroeconomic stability, favorable policies, and improved infrastructure.
- By 2028, India's economy will have grown to \$5.7 trillion, surpassing Germany. The Indian economy is anticipated to grow from \$3.5 trillion in 2023 to \$4.7 trillion in 2026, making it the world's fourth largest behind the United States, China, and Germany.
- According to Morgan Stanley, India was the world's 12th largest economy in 1990, dropped to 13th in 2000, then rose to 9th in 2020 and 5th in 2023.

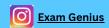


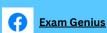
















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Ques: Which company owns the flagship payment gateway brand CCAvenue? प्रमुख भुगतान गेटवे ब्रांड CCAvenue का स्वामित्व किस कंपनी के पास है?

- (a) Infibeam Avenues Ltd / इन्फीबीम एवेन्यूज लिमिटेड
- (b) BillDesk / बिलडेस्क
- (c) Paytm / पेटीएम
- (d) PayU / पेयू
- (e) Razorpay / रेजरपे

**Answer**: Option A

- CCAvenue, Infibeam Avenues Ltd's premier payment gateway, has teamed with The Sutex Co-operative Bank Ltd to improve the bank's online banking services.
- This agreement will allow Sutex Co-operative Bank to conduct safe direct debit digital payments for its merchants, including multi-currency transactions, so making the payment process more efficient.
- The Sutex Co-operative Bank was founded to benefit retailers at the Surat Textile Market by offering financial services and assisting them in starting and managing their companies.

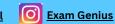


















## Recently signed banking agreements

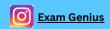
- HDFC Bank Limited, the Indian Army's Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV), and Common Service Centres Academy (under CSC e-Governance Services India Limited) have renewed their MoU to expand Project NAMAN
- Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Limited ("Canara HSBC Life Insurance") has teamed up with GIC Housing Finance Limited ("GICHF") to offer credit life insurance options to house loan borrowers
- The Bank of India (BOI) has signed MoU with the Indian Army (IA) to provide the 'Rakshak Salary Package' to Army personnel, veterans, and Agniveers recruited through the Agnipath Scheme in New Delhi
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and the Federal Bank have struck an agreement to provide financial assistance to micro, small, and mediumsized firms (MSMEs).
- Magma General Insurance Limited (Magma) has formed a strategic relationship with Hyundai India Insurance Broking Pvt. Ltd. (HIIB) to improve motor insurance accessibility throughout the country.
- City Union Bank Ltd, a historic private sector bank, has teamed with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to establish a co-branded credit card.
- YES BANK, India's sixth-largest private sector bank, collaborated with the World Trade Center (WTC) Mumbai to present the Export Conclave 2025 at YES BANK House.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Tata Capital Limited (TCL) signed a MoU for Partnership for financing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- Paytm has teamed with Perplexity AI to provide users with real-time financial support. The payment gateway will integrate the AI startup's search engine to expand access to Paytm's user base of 100 million active customers across the country
- At the Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit, the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Government of Assam inked an MoU to execute a student skilling plan for Assam's youth in the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector.
- Go Digit General Insurance Limited (Digit Insurance) and K.M. Dastur Reinsurance Brokers (KMD) have developed India's first parametric insurance plans based on Air Quality Index (AQI)
- IndusInd Bank Limited announced its partnership with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) as its official Banking Partner.

















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Ques: Which private sector bank has introduced a Goods and Services Tax (GST) payment facility?

किस निजी क्षेत्र के बैंक ने माल एवं सेवा कर (जीएसटी) भुगतान सुविधा शुरू की है?

- (a) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (b) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक
- (c) Dhanlaxmi Bank / धनलक्ष्मी बैंक
- (d) RBL Bank / आरबीएल बैंक
- (e) Yes Bank / यस बैंक

**Answer**: Option E

- YES Bank Ltd, a private sector lender, has introduced a GST payment facility to improve its digital banking services.
- This project, approved by the Government of India, enables businesses and individuals to make GST payments easily via YES Bank's NetBanking platform and branch network.
- The tool, which integrates directly with the GST portal, allows corporates and single proprietors to discharge their tax responsibilities conveniently and securely through YES Bank's Retail and Corporate Internet Banking platforms or any of its branches.















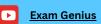




## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

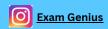
- Avanse Financial Services Ltd. (Avanse) has launched 'SWALAKSH', a specialised education loan tailored for female students aspiring to study abroad
- SheTARA campaign Launched by Star Health Insurance at Tamil Nadu. Its aim is to promote preventive healthcare among women while also encouraging more women to join as insurance agents
- Axis Bank has become the first Indian bank to carry out an aircraft finance transaction through its International Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City IFSC
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) is the first public sector bank to offer the 'bob Global Women Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) Savings Account' for female NRIs
- PhonePe has launched the 'insuring HEROES' campaign in honor of International Women's Day
- Project HAKK (Hawai Anubhavi Kalyan Kendra-Serving those who have served) Launched By HDFC Bank Limited
- HDFC Bank Limited was the first domestic bank to trade 5 kg of gold at the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- Paytm, owned by One 97 Communications, now offers a technology that allows brokerage apps to freeze cash directly in users' bank accounts using its Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The feature uses the NPCI infrastructure
- Poonawalla Fincorp Limited has launched a new digital personal loan product called "PL Prime Digital 24×7" for salaried professionals
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru GIFT Select, a new long-term savings plan designed to provide consumers with assured immediate income as they manage the current market's uncertainty.
- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has introduced a new feature that allows customers to download their home loan interest certificates directly from DigiLocker
- Annuity Deposit Launched by Federal Bank Limited for Resident customers offering stable income for a period of 5 to 20 years. Minimum investment required is Rs. 15 lakh and Maximum investment limit is Rs. 2 crore
- Anmol Savings Account Launched by HDFC Bank Limited. It is India's first Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Salary Account with a cyber-fraud protection.

















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Ques: Who has signed a MoU with Jammu -based J&K Grameen Bank for the promotion and financing of 2,000 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)? 2,000 संयुक्त देयता समूहों (जेएलजी) के प्रचार और वित्तपोषण के लिए जम्मू स्थित जेएंडके ग्रामीण बैंक के साथ किसने समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) SEBI / सेबी
- (b) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (c) National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) / राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय शिक्षा केंद्र (NCFE)
- (d) Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय
- (e) NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग

**Answer**: Option B

## **Explanation:**

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Regional Office has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with J&K Grameen Bank to promote and finance 2,000 Joint Liability Groups.
- According to the MoU, J&K Grameen Bank would establish and fund 2,000 JLGs in the Union Territories (UTs) of J&K and Ladakh.
- NABARD would provide a promotional grant of Rs 4,000 to each JLG through J&K Grameen Bank, increasing financial empowerment in the region.

#### **About NABARD:**

• Established: 12 July 1982 (Under recommendations of B. Sivaraman Committee)

HQ: Mumbai

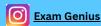
• Chairman : K V Shaji

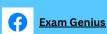
















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Ques: What was the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rate in February 2024? फरवरी 2024 में थोक मूल्य सूचकांक (WPI) मुद्रास्फीति दर कितनी थी?

A) 3.6%

B) 2.3%

C) 2.4%

D) 5.9%

E) 7.5%

**Answer**: Option C

- The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rose to 2.4% in February, up from 2.3% in January, primarily due to higher prices of food products, textiles, and manufactured goods.
- Food prices saw a decline, with food articles falling by -2.05%, crude petroleum & natural gas by -1.46%, and minerals by -1.26% compared to January. This contributed to easing retail inflation (CPI) to a 7-month low of 3.6% in March.
- ICRA reported that WPI food inflation softened to a 6-month low of 5.9%, compared to 7.5% in the previous month, driven by a sharp correction in vegetable prices.
- Looking ahead, ICRA predicts WPI inflation will remain around 2.3% in FY25. However, global crude oil fluctuations may impact WPI crude & fuel inflation in the coming months, while rising temperatures could push food inflation higher despite strong output.

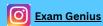


















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Ques: Which fintech company has been approved by RBI as a Payment Aggregator -**Cross Border (PA-CB)?** 

किस फिनटेक कंपनी को RBI द्वारा पेमेंट एग्रीगेटर – क्रॉस बॉर्डर (PA-CB) के रूप में अनुमोदित किया गया है?

- (a) Razorpay / रेज़रपे
- (b) PayU / पेयू
- (c) BRISKPE / ब्रिस्कपे
- (d) Instamojo / इंस्टामोजो
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer**: Option C

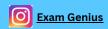
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved BRISKPE as a Payment Aggregator -Cross Border (PA-CB) for import and export transactions in India.
- This approval allows BRISKPE to facilitate cross-border payments for MSMEs and businesses, reducing reliance on foreign payment service providers.
- The decision aligns with RBI's 2023 guidelines under the Payments and Settlement Act, aimed at ensuring transparency and security in international transactions.
- This move supports India's growing digital payment ecosystem and strengthens the country's fintech infrastructure for global trade.

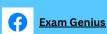
















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Ques: Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) recently expanded its branch network to how many total branches?

करूर वैश्य बैंक (KVB) ने हाल ही में अपनी शाखा नेटवर्क को कितनी कुल शाखाओं तक बढ़ाया है?

- (a) 480
- (b) 580
- (c)680
- (d) 780
- (e) 880

**Answer**: Option E

- Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) has expanded its branch network to 880 by inaugurating three new branches in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Vellore.
- The newly opened branches are located in Ongole (Andhra Pradesh), Bengaluru (Karnataka), and Bagayam (Vellore).
- With these additions, KVB has opened a total of 38 new branches in the current financial year.
- This expansion strengthens KVB's presence in key regions, enhancing accessibility and customer outreach.

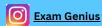


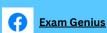
















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Ques: Which of the following is NOT an option available under Tata AIA Shubh Flexi **Income Plan?** 

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा टाटा एआईए शुभ फ्लेक्सी इनकम प्लान के तहत उपलब्ध विकल्प नहीं है?

- (a) Endowment Option / एंडोमेंट विकल्प
- (b) Early Income Option / प्रारंभिक आय विकल्प
- (c) Deferred Income Option / आस्थगित आय विकल्प
- (d) Guaranteed Double Benefit Option / गारंटीकृत डबल लाभ विकल्प
- (e) None of the above / उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं

**Answer**: Option D

- Tata AIA Life Insurance has introduced the Tata AIA Shubh Flexi Income Plan, a nonlinked, participating life insurance savings plan.
- The plan offers three options: Endowment, Early Income, and Deferred Income, catering to different financial needs.
- The Endowment option provides a lump sum payout at maturity, while the Early Income option ensures regular cash flow.
- The Deferred Income option is designed for wealth accumulation and early retirement planning.
- Additionally, the plan includes a waiver of premium feature, ensuring financial security for policyholders.

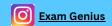


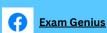
















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Ques: What is the primary objective of ADB's 'Frontier Seed (Pacific)' initiative? एडीबी के 'फ्रंटियर सीड (पैसिफिक)' पहल का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

- (a) Providing large-scale infrastructure financing / बड़े पैमाने पर बुनियादी ढांचे के लिए वित्तपोषण प्रदान करना
- (b) Supporting SMEs with funding and technical assistance / एसएमई को वित्तपोषण और तकनीकी सहायता प्रदान करना
- (c) Developing digital payment solutions / डिजिटल भुगतान समाधान विकसित करना
- (d) Expanding trade agreements among Pacific nations / प्रशांत देशों के बीच व्यापार समझौतों का विस्तार करना
- (e) None of the above / उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is set to launch the 'ADB Frontier Seed (Pacific)' program to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Pacific developing member countries (DMCs).
- The initiative aims to identify and fund high-growth SMEs, fostering economic development in the region.
- The program will focus on transforming and strengthening local industries in Pacific DMCs.
- It will contribute to sustainable and inclusive economic growth by improving access to financing and technical assistance for SMEs.

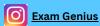


















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Ques: Who is the author of the book Rice: A Global History? पुस्तक चावल: एक वैश्विक इतिहास के लेखक कौन हैं?

- (a) Renee Marton / रेनी मार्टन
- (b) Chitra Narayanan / चित्रा नारायणन
- (c) Amartya Sen / अमर्त्य सेन
- (d) Sudha Murthy / सुधा मूर्ति
- (e) Vikram Seth / विक्रम सेठ

Answer: option A

- Rice: A Global History is a book authored by Renee Marton and published by Reaktion Books.
- It delves into the cultural, historical, and culinary importance of rice worldwide.
- The book traces the journey of rice from ancient civilizations to the present day.
- It highlights different rice varieties and their influence on societies.
- Additionally, the book covers rice cultivation techniques and sustainability practices.
- The book is available at a price of Rs.1,225.

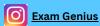


















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# Ques: Which publisher released the book The Sona Story? किस प्रकाशक ने सोना स्टोरी पुस्तक प्रकाशित की है?

- (a) Penguin Random House / पेंगुइन रैंडम हाउस
- (b) HarperCollins / हार्पर कॉलिन्स
- (c) Bloomsbury / ब्लूम्सबरी
- (d) Reaktion Books / रिएक्शन बुक्स
- (e) Rupa Publications / रूपा प्रकाशन

**Answer**: option C

- The Sona Story: The Textile to Tech Journey of Chettiar Industrialist C Valliappa is written by Chitra Narayanan and published by Bloomsbury.
- The book chronicles the entrepreneurial journey of C Valliappa from the textile industry to the technology sector.
- It highlights the business challenges he faced and his contributions to India's industrial transformation.
- The book also provides insights into India's evolving industrial landscape.
- Chitra Narayanan, the author, is a journalist and an editorial consultant with Businessline.
- The book is available in paperback for Rs.499.

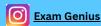


















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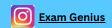


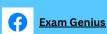
















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Ques: Alphabet has announced the acquisition of which cloud-security startup for \$32 billion?

अल्फाबेट ने 32 बिलियन डॉलर में किस क्लाउड-सिक्योरिटी स्टार्टअप के अधिग्रहण की घोषणा की है?

- (a) CrowdStrike / क्राउडस्ट्राइक
- (b) Wiz / विज़
- (c) Zscaler / ज़स्केलर
- (d) Mandiant / मैंडिएंट
- (e) Palo Alto Networks / पालो ऑल्टो नेटवर्क

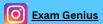
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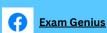
- Alphabet, the parent company of Google, has announced the acquisition of Wiz, a cloud-based cybersecurity startup, for \$32 billion.
- This marks Alphabet's largest acquisition to date, aiming to enhance Google Cloud's cybersecurity infrastructure.
- Wiz, valued at \$12 billion in May 2023, is one of the fastest-growing cybersecurity startups.
- Google initially offered \$23 billion for Wiz, but the deal faced delays due to antitrust concerns.
- Wiz provides AI-driven security solutions and serves clients like Morgan Stanley, BMW, and LVMH, working with major cloud providers such as AWS, Microsoft Azure, Oracle, and Google Cloud.
- The acquisition is expected to be finalized by 2026, with Wiz continuing to operate across multiple cloud platforms.















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## Ques: What was the theme of the Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2025? मोबाइल वर्ल्ड कांग्रेस (MWC) 2025 का विषय क्या था?

- (a) Future of Connectivity / कनेक्टिविटी का भविष्य
- (b) Digital Innovation / डिजिटल इनोवेशन
- (c) AI in Telecom / दूरसंचार में AI
- (d) Converge. Connect. Create. / कन्वर्ज कनेक्ट क्रिएट
- (e) Smart Technology for a Better Future / बेहतर भविष्य के लिए स्मार्ट तकनीक

**Answer**: Option D

- Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2025 Held at Fira Gran Via in Barcelona, Spain
- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, Ministry of Communication (MoC) with 38 Indian Mobile Manufacturer represent India in the congress.
- Theme 2025 is Converge. Connect. Create
- 9th edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC), Asia's largest digital technology forum is set to take place in New Delhi

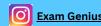


















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Ques: How much funding has the government announced for the creator's economy ahead of WAVES 2025?

सरकार ने WAVES 2025 से पहले क्रिएटर की अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए कितनी धनराशि की घोषणा की है?

- (a) \$450 million
- (b) \$600 million
- (c) \$750 million
- (d) \$1 billion
- (e) \$3 billion

**Answer**: Option D

#### **Explanation**:

- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced a \$1 billion fund for the creative economy as part of the World Audio-Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025.
- The event, which will be hosted in Mumbai from May 1 to 4, will provide a forum for the creator community to develop high-quality content.
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organised the event to engage the international community ahead of the WAVES 2025.

Mr. Vaishnaw also announced that the first Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) would be developed near Film City in Goregaon, Mumbai

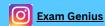


















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Ques: Which organization, along with the National Water Mission (NWM), organized the "Water Sustainability Conference 2025"?

राष्ट्रीय जल मिशन (NWM) के साथ मिलकर किस संगठन ने "जल स्थिरता सम्मेलन 2025" का आयोजन किया?

- (a) Central Water Commission (CWC) / केंद्रीय जल आयोग (CWC)
- (b) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) / ऊर्जा और संसाधन संस्थान (TERI)
- (c) National Green Tribunal (NGT) / राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण (NGT)
- (d) NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
- (e) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change / पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय

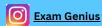
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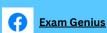
- The Bureau of Water Use Efficiency (BWUE), under the National Water Mission (NWM) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti, collaborated with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) to organize the Water Sustainability Conference 2025, focusing on Industrial Water Use Efficiency.
- The conference took place at the NDMC Convention Centre, Palika Kendra, Sansad Marg, New Delhi, and was inaugurated by Union Minister of Jal Shakti, C R Patil. He emphasized the Government's commitment to promoting industrial water use efficiency through innovative technologies and strategic frameworks.
- The event gathered Ministries, Organizations, Policymakers, Industry Leaders, Experts, and Stakeholders to discuss strategies and technological advancements aimed at enhancing water use efficiency in the industrial sector.















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Ques: Mukhyamantri Balika Samridhi Yojana and the Mukhyamantri Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana two new welfare schemes for female children announced in which state?

मुख्यमंत्री बालिका समृद्धि योजना और मुख्यमंत्री कन्या आत्मनिर्भर योजना लड़कियों के लिए दो नई कल्याणकारी योजनाओं की घोषणा किस राज्य में की गई?

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

**Answer**: Option A

#### **Explanation:**

- Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, Minister of Health and Family assistance (MoH&FW), has introduced two new assistance schemes for female children in Tripura.
- There are two welfare schemes: Mukhyamantri Balika Samridhi Yojana and Mukhyamantri Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana.

## About Mukhyamantri Balika Samridhi Yojana:

- Its aim is to provide financial security and support for higher education or other essential needs
- The Tripura government will deposit a one-time bond of Rs 50,000 in the name of every girl child born in a Below Poverty Line (BPL) family.
- When the girl turns 18 years, she will receive the bond, which is expected to grow to Rs 8-10 lakh by then.

## About Mukhyamantri Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana:

- Scooters will be awarded to promote self-reliance and ease of mobility, helping girls pursue higher education and career opportunities
- Previously, the government awarded scooters to the top 100 girls in the Higher Secondary examinations
- The scheme has now been expanded to include 140 meritorious girl students from all educational boards in Tripura

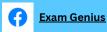
















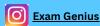
#### **Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes**

- The Delhi government signed an MoU with the National Health Authority (NHA) to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), becoming the 35th state/UT to adopt the scheme. West Bengal remains the only state yet to implement it
- The Odisha government has distributed Rs.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
- 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 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 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















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Ques: When was Prasar Bharati's Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination (PB-SHABD) launched?

प्रसार भारती का प्रसारण और प्रसार के लिए साझा ऑडियो-विजुअल (PB-SHABD) कब लॉन्च किया गया?

- (a) January 2023
- (b) March 2024
- (c) December 2022
- (d) August 2021
- (e) April 2025

**Answer**: Option B

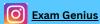
- Prasar Bharati's Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination (PB-SHABD), a 24-hour news center, has celebrated a year since its inauguration in March 2024.
- The site publishes over 1,000 daily stories in more than 50 categories, providing high-quality news material in text, video, image, and audio formats free of branding.
- To better encourage media organizations, particularly smaller ones, Prasar Bharati has declared that access to PB-SHABD will be free until March 2026.
- This effort intends to aid media outlets by offering ready-to-use, logo-free content that saves them time and resources.
- PB-SHABD covers a wide variety of news topics, including agriculture, technology, foreign affairs, and political issues.
- Stories are posted in all major Indian languages, sourced from Prasar Bharati's Regional News Units (RNUs) and the headquarters.

















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Ques: Where was the 353rd Governing Body meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) held?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय श्रम संगठन (ILO) की 353वीं शासी निकाय बैठक कहाँ आयोजित की गई?

- (a) Paris, France / पेरिस, फ़्रांस
- (b) Cali, Colombia / कैली, कोलंबिया
- (c) Rome, Italy / रोम, इटली
- (d) Geneva, Switzerland / जिनेवा, स्विट्जरलैंड
- (e) Nairobi, Kenya / नैरोबी, केन्या

**Answer**: Option D

- The 353rd Governing Body meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) took place in Geneva, Switzerland.
- This meeting gathers representatives from governments, workers, and employers to discuss key issues related to labour rights and global employment policies.
- India extended its support for the UN-led Second World Summit for Social Development in Doha, Qatar, which will focus on strengthening the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Social Development.
- India's remarkable progress in social justice and development was highlighted, as the country has doubled its social protection coverage to 48.8%, surpassing the global average increase of 5%.

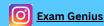


















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## Ques: Where was the final match of the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025 held?

15वीं हॉकी इंडिया सीनियर महिला राष्ट्रीय चैम्पियनशिप 2025 का फाइनल मैच कहाँ आयोजित किया गया?

- (a) Kalinga Stadium, Odisha / कलिंगा स्टेडियम, ओडिशा
- (b) Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, Delhi / मेजर ध्यानचंद स्टेडियम, दिल्ली
- (c) Tau Devi Lal Complex, Haryana / ताऊ देवी लाल कॉम्प्लेक्स, हरियाणा
- (d) Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Jharkhand / बिरसा मुंडा हॉकी स्टेडियम, झारखंड
- (e) Guru Nanak Stadium, Punjab / गुरु नानक स्टेडियम, पंजाब

**Answer**: Option C

#### **Explanation:**

- Hockey Jharkhand won the title after defeating defending champions Hockey Haryana in the final of the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025.
- The final match was held at the Tau Devi Lal Complex in Panchkula, Haryana.
- Hockey Mizoram claimed third place by defeating Hockey Maharashtra, which finished in fourth position.
- Hockey India hosted the tournament at the Tau Devi Lal Complex, with teams divided into four groups. The top team from each group advanced to the quarterfinals.

## **About Hockey India:**

• Hockey India, established in 2009, is the governing body for hockey in India, replacing the Indian Hockey Federation.

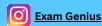
• Headquarters : New Delhi President : Dileep Tirkey

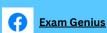
















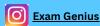
#### **Recent News headlines related to Sports**

- Hockey India honored the 1975 Indian hockey team, which won the Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, with the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award at the 7th Hockey India Annual Awards
- The fifth edition of India's major winter sports event, the Khelo India Winter Games 2025, held its second leg in Gulmarg on March 9-12. The Indian Army won the most medals, with seven golds, five silvers, and six bronze
- Axar Patel, an all-rounder from India, has been named captain of the Delhi Capitals for the 2017 IPL season, replacing KL Rahul, a senior player who has recently joined the squad
- Shubman Gill of India earned the ICC Men's Player of the Month award, while Alana King of Australia took the ICC Women's Player of the Month title
- 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
- Mumbai Indians (MI) clinched their second Women's Premier League (WPL) title by defeating Delhi Capitals (DC) by 8 runs in the final
- 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















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Ques: Which two countries participated in the 1st Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on Agriculture? कृषि पर पहली संयुक्त कार्य समूह (JWG) बैठक में किन दो देशों ने भाग लिया?

- a) India and Brazil / भारत और ब्राज़ील
- b) India and Argentina / भारत और अर्जेंटीना
- c) India and Chile / भारत और चिली
- d) India and Peru / भारत और पेरू
- e) India and Mexico / भारत और मैक्सिको

**Answer**: Option C

- India and Chile had their first joint working group (JWG) meeting on agriculture virtually.
- The conference was co-chaired by Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary (IC), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, and Gabriel Layseca, Director of the Department of International Affairs, Bureau of Agricultural Studies and Policies (ODEPA).
- Both countries, with their vast expertise in agriculture, have the potential to complement each other in enhancing agricultural output, fostering rural development, and improving farmers' welfare.





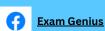
















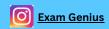
## **Recent News Headlines Related to Summits /** conference

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 10th edition of the Raisina Dialogue, India's premier conference on geopolitics and geo-economics
- 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 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**















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Ques: Which former Indian cricketer, known for his all-round skills, passed away at the age of 83?

अपने हरफनमौला कौशल के लिए मशहूर किस पूर्व भारतीय क्रिकेटर का 83 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया?

- (a) Eknath Solkar / एकनाथ सोलकर
- (b) Salim Durani / सलीम दुरानी
- (c) Syed Abid Ali / सैयद आबिद अली
- (d) Bhagwat Chandrasekhar / भागवत चन्द्रशेखर
- (e) Srinivas Venkataraghavan / श्रीनिवास वेंकटराघवन

**Answer**: Option C

- Former Indian all-rounder Syed Abid Ali died at the age of 83.
- He was instrumental in India's maiden Test series triumphs in the West Indies and England in 1971, most notably scoring the winning boundary against England at The Oval.
- Abid Ali played 29 Test matches for India between 1967 and 1974, and he was regarded for his all-round abilities as a trustworthy batsman and medium-pace bowler.

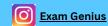


















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Ques: Which of the following organizations collaborated with ISRO to develop the 32-bit microprocessors Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201? निम्नलिखित में से किस संगठन ने ISRO के साथ मिलकर 32-बिट माइक्रोप्रोसेसर विक्रम 3201 और कल्पना 3201 विकसित किए?

- (a) DRDO / डीआरडीओ
- (b) Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) / सेमीकंडक्टर प्रयोगशाला (एससीएल)
- (c) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- (d) BEL / बीईएल
- (e) HAL / एचएएल

**Answer**: Option B

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Chandigarh, have jointly developed two 32-bit microprocessors—Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201. These microprocessors are specifically designed for space applications, ensuring high reliability and efficiency.
- Vikram 3201 is India's first fully indigenous 32-bit microprocessor, qualified for use in the harsh environmental conditions of launch vehicles.
- This development reduces India's dependence on foreign microprocessors for space missions and strengthens the country's self-reliance in semiconductor technology.

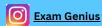


















#### **Recent News Headlines Related to ISRO**

- IIT Madras and ISRO have developed an indigenous microprocessor for space applications that can be utilized in command and control systems as well as other vital operations in space
- ISRO unveiled the latest edition of the Finite Element Analysis of Structures (FEAST) software during the 8th National Finite Element Developers' Meeting at the IIT Hyderabad
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched its new generation satellite, NVS-02, from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F15) carried the NVS-02
- ISRO successfully grew black-eyed pea seeds in orbit using its Compact Research Module for Orbital Plant Studies (CROPS). The CROPS project studies plant growth in space.
- The Union Cabinet approved establishing a third launchpad at Isro's Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota at a cost of Rs.3,985 crore.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) mission. ISRO's PSLV-C60 rocket, carrying two spacecraft for space docking demonstrations, launched from Sriharikota's Satish **Dhawan Space Centre**
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the European Space Agency (ESA) Probe 3 spacecraft from the First Launch Pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed an Implementation Agreement (IA) with the Australian Space Agency (ASA) for further strengthening of cooperation in space activities between the two countries
- ISRO has launched its analogue space mission in Leh, Ladakh.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) Objective To develop and conduct biological and environmental experiments for the planned Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS), expected to be operational by 2028-2035
- ISRO has launched India's first analog space mission from Leh, Ladakh. The mission involves ISRO, the University of Ladakh, IIT Bombay, AAKA Space Studio, and the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.
- EOS-06, commonly known as Oceansat-3, is an Earth observation spacecraft created by ISRO. It was successfully launched on November 26, 2022, using ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLVC54).







